

**LANCASTER COUNTY
TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TTAC)
MINUTES**

DATE: April 8, 2019
TIME: 12:00 P.M.
PLACE: 150 N. Queen St., Conference Rooms 102/104, Lancaster, PA 17603

MEMBERS/ALTERNATES PRESENT:

Jeff Glisson (Chair)	South Central Transit Authority
Alice Yoder (Vice Chair)	Lancaster County Planning Commission
Terry Martin	Lancaster County Planning Commission
Greg Paulson	Legislative Delegation
Heather Valudes	Lancaster Chamber of Commerce and Industry
Lisa Riggs	Business and Finance Community
Maureen Westcott	Advocate for Persons with Disabilities
Cindy McCormick	City of Lancaster
Kate Gonick	Environmental Community
Bill Swiernik	Bike/Ped. Advisory Committee
Beth Raves	PennDOT Central Office
Adam Grimes	PennDOT Central Office
Michelle Tarquino	PennDOT District 8-0
Jon Owens	PennDOT District 8-0
Jennifer Crobak	Federal Highway Administration

GUESTS:

Commissioner Dennis Stuckey	Board of County Commissioners
Scott Standish	Lancaster County Planning Commission
Mike Domin	Lancaster County Planning Commission
Emma Hamme	Lancaster County Planning Commission
Larry Cohen	Lancaster Parking Authority
Deputy Secretary Jennie Granger	PennDOT
Steve Panko	PennDOT
Brett Brenize	Gannett Fleming
Matt Boyer	Commuter Services
David Hoglund	Rettew Associates
Paul McNamee	KCI Technologies
Michelle Madzellan	ELA Group
Russell Pugh	LAND
Neil Ward	Commuter Rail Association of Lancaster

STAFF:

Robert Bini	Director for Transportation Planning
Lauri Ahlskog	Senior Transportation Planner
Kristiana Barr	Senior Transportation Planner
Gary Jones	Transportation Planner

1. **Call to Order** – Chairperson Glisson called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.
2. **Updates and Announcements**
 - a. **Major Projects** – Mr. Owens mentioned Doug Murphy’s presentation on Rt. 222 Interchange is rescheduled for the June MPO meeting.
 - b. **Transit** – No report.

Chairperson Glisson asked Ms. Valudes to report on the High Concrete/Four Seasons Produce vanpool program. Ms. Valudes noted there were 70 rides through the end of March for employees from the City to jobs at High Concrete and Four Seasons Produce. The program is funded by SCTA and High. From the beginning of April through the second week in March, the van will make every loop and every stop so as to gauge usage and interest. After mid-May, the routes and stops will be evaluated, and adjustments made, as necessary. Some routes and stops may also be adjusted using real-time data, accounting for construction projects in the city, etc. PennDOT has been involved in the process, and the initiative has gotten good news coverage. The cost is \$10/week per passenger; less than the cost of gas to drive to these employers for a week.
 - c. **Federal Highway Administration** – Ms. Crobak reported that the nominee for Administrator of the Federal Highway Administration, Nicole Nason, has been confirmed. National Work Zone Awareness Week is this week. Last year there were 799 deaths in work zones, 29% of which were due to speed, cases which are totally preventable.
 - d. **Bike/Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC)** – Mr. Swiernik reported that at the March 28th meeting the committee voted unanimously to recommend that the MPO consider the ATP for adoption. They also unanimously recommended Will Weismantel for a seat on BPAC. The committee also reviewed the repaving of Church Street in East Hempfield Township and will be submitting recommendations on the project to District 8 for review. The next meeting is May 23rd, when they will discuss ATP implementation and potential BPAC expansion. May is Bike Month, and May 17th is Bike to Work Day.
 - e. **Transportation Authority** – Mr. Bini noted that the Authority is in the final stages of discussion on local project delivery. They are working to better define the authority’s role in the process.
 - f. **Commuter Services of PA** – Mr. Boyer distributed and reviewed the Annual report, “Fulfilling Our Mission, Counting Our Success,” which details statistics and participation, as well as recognizing 2018 Best Workplaces for Commuters. New workplaces are interested in working with Commuter Services and other companies are renewing, including Eurofins Lancaster Laboratories, because they recognize the value. Mr. Boyer acknowledged the value of the High/Four Seasons vanpool program and noted that it was getting attention in neighboring MPOs. He mentioned that the Federal Reserve Bank may be in contact regarding an equitable transit presentation and recommended inviting them to present.

3. Minutes of March 11, 2019 Meeting (Action)

Mr. Paulson made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, and it was seconded by Ms. Riggs. The motion passed unanimously.

4. TIP Revisions (Action)

a. Highway/ Bridge

Ms. Valudes made a motion that TTAC recommends that the Lancaster County Transportation Coordinating Committee approve the TIP amendment for the US222/PA322 Interchange Improvement Project, and it was seconded by Ms. Tarquino. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Gonick made a motion that TTAC recommends that the Lancaster County Transportation Coordinating Committee approve the TIP amendment for the Enola Low Grade Trail – eastern section Project, and it was seconded by Mr. Paulson. The motion passed unanimously.

- b. Transit** – Deputy Secretary Granger specified amended costs for the Mount Joy Train Station at \$5 million, including track protection service and accelerated service on the project. A project for Parking at Lancaster Train Station for \$16 million in two phases is recommended to be added to the TIP. The first phase, in 2019, will be on the old Fulton Bank Lot, across McGovern Avenue from the train station, which currently has 30 spaces, with no charge for parking. Spaces will increase to 61, with a payment structure put into place, yet to be determined. The second phase, on the parcel north of the station, has been pushed to 2021, in light of the court challenge over Turnpike funding. At this point, this phase will include 300 surface spaces and a pedestrian bridge over Norfolk Southern tracks. Currently have 10% plans, but project is not advancing until there is a better idea of where funding will come from, and nothing can happen until a full design is in place, which will require the additional two years. Deputy Secretary Granger is offering the opportunity for a field visit to the Mount Joy train station in the coming weeks, as construction wraps up. She has also offered to come and speak to TTAC again.

Committee members asked questions about public engagement, overall cost of Lancaster Train Station parking, opportunity for regular dialogue, long-range planning, supply/demand analysis, PennDOT Connects model for engagement, whether PennDOT manages parking at Amtrak, whether federal funding is in question based upon potential state funding shortfall, what the impact of the missing \$4.5 million would be, and a mention of the sunset provision in Act 89.

Ms. Riggs made a motion that TTAC recommends that the Lancaster County Transportation Coordinating Committee approve the Transit TIP amendments for the Mount Joy Train Station Project and the Lancaster Train Station Parking Improvement project, and it was seconded by Ms. Tarquino. The motion passed unanimously.

5. **Public Transportation Funding Update** – Deputy Secretary Granger reviewed the status of Turnpike funding for multi-modal projects, as well as discussing transportation funding on a larger scale, and the fact that highway funding is several billion dollars short. Also discussed PennDOT’s subsidy of Amtrak (lines of under 700 miles are required to be subsidized by the state they run through), which is currently \$16.3 million dollars; if that subsidy would have to be reduced, what would service look like through Pennsylvania.
6. **Active Transportation Plan (Action)** – Ms. Ahlskog presented changes to the plan, which were primarily changes that added clarification or detail to existing parts of the plan. Maps were updated to reflect additions or clarifications, as well.

Committee members asked about whether implementation is planned after the ATP is adopted by the MPO, who would be leading the implementation effort, whether the ATP should be a standing item on the agenda, and whether any portions of the plan were cut back based upon comments received. Staff indicated that the ATP would be reviewed and an annual action plan for implementation developed; reporting will be done periodically, as warranted; an advisory committee for implementation would be formed; and that no major substantive changes to the plan were made based on comments received, but rather clarifying information was added.

Mr. Paulson made a motion that TTAC recommends that the MPO adopt the Active Transportation Plan, and it was seconded by Ms. McCormick. The motion passed unanimously.

7. **BPAC Membership Recommendation (Action)** – Ms. Barr reported that Mr. Weismantel had answered all questions posed to him at the March 28th BPAC meeting, and that BPAC recommends appointing him to fill a vacant seat on the committee.

Ms. Riggs made a motion that TTAC recommends Will Weismantel, P.E. to the Transportation Coordinating Committee (MPO) for appointment to fill the current vacancy on the Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC), and it was seconded by Ms. Tarquino. The motion passed unanimously.

8. **Performance-Based Planning and Programming (Action)** – Mr. Bini reviewed general content of written procedures for Performance-Based Planning and Programming, which include descriptions of and criteria for categories of performance measures.

Ms. Valudes made a motion that TTAC recommends that the Lancaster County MPO adopt the jointly agreed upon written provisions governing the roles and responsibilities of PennDOT and the MPO for Performance-Based Planning and Programming, and it was seconded by Ms. Tarquino. The motion passed unanimously.

9. Other Business & Public Participation

- a. **Smart Growth Transportation Program Workshop (flyer attached)** – Will be held April 17th.
- b. **Connected and Autonomous Vehicles** – Will report in May.
- c. **Reserves** – Will report in May.

Mr. Neil Ward of the Commuter Rail Association of Lancaster noted that there could be a new administration at the federal level in 2021, which could bring about a change in the transportation funding scheme.

He asked a question regarding having heard that parking garages take 40 years for return on investment; Mr. Cohen answered that he did not believe that was accurate. Mr. Ward is excited to see the plan for the bridge and 300 parking spaces on the north side of the tracks but wonders what will happen when there is a need for autonomous vehicle parking. How far can we stretch to meet demand?

He has proposed to Amtrak that they park maintenance vehicles on the track right-of-way and have employees park in the Fulton lot, but that Amtrak was not amenable, in part due to employee worries about crossing McGovern Avenue, which Mr. Ward pointed out, is crossed regularly by commuters running to catch trains. He also proposed making the station at McGovern Avenue a transit hub that would connect to Park City Center.

Ms. Yoder reported on an upcoming meeting of a committee convened to discuss the Community Health Needs Assessment, in order to get feedback on transportation and health. This small group will examine what the results mean, and incorporate discussion of the hubs being developed around the county, and their roles in speaking to social isolation – beyond transportation to appointments or for groceries, etc. The meeting will be this week to discuss the local transit system and possibly work toward a local solution.

10. Next Meeting: May 13, 2019, 12:00 p.m.

11. Adjournment – Chairperson Glisson adjourned the meeting at 1:20 p.m.

