

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

**DATE:** May 13, 2019  
**TIME:** 12:00 P.M.  
**PLACE:** 150 N. Queen St., Conference Rooms 102/104, Lancaster, PA 17603

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Jeff Glisson (Chair)	South Central Transit Authority
Alice Yoder (Vice Chair)	Lancaster County Planning Commission
Greg Paulson	Legislative Delegation
Roni Ryan	Lancaster County Planning Commission
Terry Martin	Lancaster County Planning Commission
Heather Valudes	Chamber of Commerce
Lisa Riggs	Business and Finance Community
Ralph Hutchison	Lancaster Inter-Municipal Committee
Cindy McCormick	City of Lancaster
Jennifer Teson	Environmental Community
Bill Swiernik	Bike/Ped. Advisory Committee
Beth Raves	PennDOT Central Office
Adam Grimes	PennDOT Central Office or District 8-0
Michelle Tarquino	PennDOT District 8-0
Austin Beiler	Lancaster Airport Authority

**GUESTS:**

Commissioner Dennis Stuckey	Board of County Commissioners
Doug Murphy	PennDOT
Angela Melvin	AECOM
Don Blough	AECOM
Neil Ward	Commuter Rail Association of Lancaster

**STAFF:**

James Cowhey	Executive Director
Robert Bini	Director for Transportation Planning
Lauri Ahlskog	Senior Transportation Planner
Kristiana Barr	Senior Transportation Planner
Gary Jones	Transportation Planner
Faith Gaddie	Administrative Secretary

1. **Call to Order** – Chairperson Glisson called the meeting to order at 12:01 p.m.
2. **Updates and Announcements**
  - a. **Major Projects** – Ms. Tarquino reported on the State Road project, which is under construction as of March 17<sup>th</sup>. On May 6<sup>th</sup> the Route 283 eastbound ramp has been closed and a detour has been established. She

also reported that the final design for 322/222 is nearly completed. Let date of 9/26/19 at a cost of \$9.5 million to convert the interchange to a Diverging Diamond Interchange/DDI. There should only be one weekend detour, and expected completion by Fall 2021. South Jacob Street Bridge Removal in Mount Joy Borough was Let in January 2019, with Notice to Proceed in March 2019 with an anticipated completion in July 2019. Holland Street Bridge Removal in East Hempfield Township is still waiting on an agreement with Amtrak to be finalized. Let date is Dec. 12, 2019.

Mr. Martin asked if lane restrictions on US 222 were related to bridge work. Ms. Tarquino answered that it is due to work on a few bridges over US222.

- b. **Transit** – Mr. Glisson reported that during National Bike-to-Work Week – May 13 to 17 – RRTA will offer free rides to customers who bring bikes on buses. RRTA schedule changes will be announced after its May 16<sup>th</sup> board meeting. There will be a public meeting at the June board meeting, and the changes will become official in August. Mr. Glisson asked Ms. Valudes to provide an update on the vanpool service between the city and High/Four Seasons. Ms. Valudes reported a doubling of ridership between March and April, which includes riders using the service to attend interviews, as well as employees trying it before officially signing up. There are ongoing adjustments to the schedule, including adding stops in the southern part of the city to alleviate long walks to current stop locations. As the service is growing, it is being studied to see if it can be duplicated for other corridors with large employment centers, but without enough volume for regular bus service. Ms. Valudes expects approximately five more riders to begin using the service in the next two weeks.
- c. **Federal Highway Administration** – No representative present.
- d. **Bike/Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC)** – Mr. Swiernik reported that the next BPAC meeting is May 23<sup>rd</sup>. Agenda items include evaluating the Lancaster Amtrak parking plans, specifically around multi-modal transportation issues; expanding BPAC membership; and BPAC’s role in ATP implementation. Will Weismantel has been appointed by the MPO and will begin serving on the committee. May is Bike Month. Open Streets in Lancaster on May 19<sup>th</sup>, on Water and James Streets. PennDOT will be holding a Statewide Bike/Ped Master Plan Open House on May 30<sup>th</sup> at 4pm.
- e. **Transportation Authority** – Mr. Cowhey reported that administrative contract matters are being resolved.
- f. **Commuter Services of PA** – No representative present.

3. **Minutes of April 8, 2019 Meeting (Action)** – Minutes to be accepted with the following corrections: “Adrian Grimes” should be “Adam Grimes,” and the report on major projects was presented by Mr. Owens, not Mr. Grimes.

**Ms. Valudes made a motion to approve the minutes with requested changes, and it was seconded by Ms. Tarquino. The motion passed unanimously.**

4. Route 222 Project Presentation – Mr. Murphy of PennDOT and Mr. Blough of AECOM presented an update on the US 222 and US30 Interchange which included the following
  - a. Project overview
  - b. US 30 Weave Areas
  - c. US 222 Conversion

TTAC members had questions about the safety of the new eastbound ramp curve versus the current one, whether the speed of the curve would be changed by the design, and where the level-of-service would be by 2042, the year upon which traffic projections were based.

Mr. Blough responded that the curve would be safer by virtue of having an extra lane, and by being converted to a spiral curve, rather than the simple curve it uses now. The curve speeds will see little change, because the speed is dictated by the curve. The curve can not be straightened without losing weave area and major reconstruction, which would add significantly to the cost of the project. Level of service currently is F on both ramps; by 2042, eastbound would be at E and Westbound would be D.

Committee members also asked whether this project would alleviate traffic on westbound 30 east of the interchange and if thought had been given to eliminating the Oregon Pike exits entirely.

Mr. Blough responded that US 30 had not been studied east of the interchange for this project. Elimination of Oregon Pike exits would add to public controversy on a plan with very little currently, as well as requiring restarting the design phase.

After the presentation, there was lengthy discussion about the process involved in PennDOT projects and public input (including TTAC and MPO) or lack thereof in early design phases, and whether there was enough consideration of community needs or preferences, as well as, specific to this project, whether there would be enough improvement in the interchange to justify the \$40 million price tag.

5. **Act 13 Bridge Request (Action)** – Mr. Bini reported the proposal to use Act 13 (Marcellus Legacy Funds) funding bridge rehabilitation. At \$385,00 – \$510,000 per

year, it takes time to accrue enough for a project. The proposal is to use \$850,000 funds for rehabilitation of the Conowingo #2 Bridge. The fund is managed by the County Commissioners but needs MPO approval.

**Ms. Riggs made a motion that TTAC recommends that the Lancaster County MPO endorse the County's use of \$850,000 in Act 13 funds to replace the Conowingo #2 Bridge. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hutchison. The motion passed unanimously.**

6. **User Friendly TIP/Reserves Update** – Ms. Ahlskog reviewed the User-Friendly TIP, noting that projects are listed by project type, and that recent updates took the total from \$217 to \$226 million due to adjustments and amendments, and that reserves have been reduced to cover cost increases. The Transit TIP is organized in a similar way. The only change to the Transit TIP were the amendments adopted on April 8<sup>th</sup>.

Ms. Yoder asked about a definition of “new” projects. Ms. Ahlskog and Mr. Bini explained that projects designated as “new” are projects that had not been listed on a prior TIP.

## 7. Other Business & Public Participation

- a. **Connected and Autonomous Vehicles (Update)** -- Mr. Bini invited TTAC members to attend the MPO meeting on June 24<sup>th</sup> to hear a presentation on Connected and Autonomous Vehicles by Roger Cohen from PennDOT. Staff will provide follow-up after the presentation for interested members who are unable to attend the MPO meeting.
- b. **Reminder about Mount Joy Train Station Site Visit** – Mr. Bini and Ms. Barr mentioned the June 6<sup>th</sup> field visit and encouraged any additional members who are interested in attending to RSVP immediately.

Ms. Riggs asked if there was a one-pager available for the project with an overview of work done. PennDOT representatives directed her to [www.planthekeystone.com](http://www.planthekeystone.com) website for updates and information.

- c. Mr. Bini reported that the MTP contract was approved by the County Commissioners; there will be a meeting with the consultant Tuesday, May 21<sup>st</sup>. The MTP will be an agenda item going forward as TTAC is the advisory body for its development.
- d. Mr. Bini reported that the next Smart Growth Transportation (SGT) Program funding cycle is underway. A workshop was held on April 17<sup>th</sup>, and Notices of Intent (NOI) are due May 31<sup>st</sup>. Letters will be reviewed for eligibility to determine who will be sent the application. The first SGT Task Force meeting will be June 19<sup>th</sup>.
- e. Ms. McCormick reiterated that May is Bike Month, and that Lancaster City's Zagster bike share is offering 50% off annual memberships for the month of May. Memberships will be \$12.50, and the first two hours of

riding is at no charge. The charge is \$2.50/hour for additional hours, or per hour if you do not have an annual membership.

- f. Ms. Yoder requested to revisit the issue of the PennDOT project from earlier in the meeting. There was a lengthy discussion among committee members about whether there had been adequate public engagement in early stages of the process, and how TTAC could better engage PennDOT earlier in the planning process of projects with potential high impact on the community.
  - g. Public Comment by Mr. Neil Ward of Commuter Rail Association of Lancaster. Mr. Ward suggested that the Oregon Pike exit from westbound US 30 be moved to the west side of Oregon Pike and be routed through Northpointe Blvd. Obstacles to this plan are the Outback Steakhouse and a small cemetery on parcels necessary for this to work.
8. **Next Meeting:** June 10, 2019, 12:00 p.m.
9. **Adjournment** – Chairperson Glisson adjourned the meeting at 1:36 pm.

