



Lancaster County
Active Transportation Advisory Committee (ATAC)

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, May 18, 2023, at 6:30 p.m.

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Call to Order

Mr. Swiernik called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.

Voting Committee Members

v Bill Swiernik, Chair	v George Tobler	Steve Mohr, Jr.
v Bill Hoffman	Adriana Atencio	v Emily Wilson
v Adam Smith		

x Present v Virtual attendee

Department Staff

Will Clark, Kristiana Barr, Mike Domin, and Faith Gaddie were present virtually.

Other

No members of the public were present.

Call to Audience

No one from the audience addressed the commission regarding an item not on the agenda.

Approval of Minutes

The committee reviewed the minutes from its Thursday, March 16, 2023, meeting.

Mr. Tobler made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. Mr. Hoffman seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

New Business

A. For Action

1. **Vice Chair Appointment** [0:00:36](#)
Bill Swiernik, Chair

Mr. Swiernik appointed Mr. Tobler as Vice Chair of the committee.

Mr. Swiernik moved to approve the appointment. Mr. Hoffman seconded the motion. The motion passed with Mr. Tobler abstaining.

B. For Information

1. **Lancaster Train Station Small Area Plan** [0:01:37](#)
Mike Domin, Lancaster County Planning Department

Mr. Domin gave an overview of the plan, including how the decision was made to update it, including the fact that the Amtrak station was listed as a mobility hub in the Active Transportation Plan. He answered questions about the PennDOT parking lot on the north side of the railroad tracks as well as the designs for the bridges on the east and west sides of the station, as related to pedestrian and bicycle facilities. Mr. Domin noted the plan should be finished by the end of the month and that next steps included asking the City of Lancaster and Manheim Township to adopt the plan, to allow access to funding for zoning changes to create zoning consistency for the affected area.

2. **Lancaster MPO Bylaws Update** [0:31:30](#)
Will Clark, Lancaster County Planning Department

Mr. Clark gave an overview of the recently adopted MPO Bylaws changes, including reductions in voting members on both MPO and TTAC and changes in length of terms for ATAC committee members to four years—all current committee members will be up for renewal, if desired at the end of 2025—and of chair and vice chair roles to two years. He also noted that Mr. Swiernik will continue to represent ATAC on TTAC, while Mr. Hoffman will serve as the alternate.

3. **ATAC Membership Recruitment** [0:39:53](#)
Will Clark, Lancaster County Planning Department

There are two vacancies on the committee that remained unfilled during the update of the MPO bylaws. Staff will reach out initially to people from the past few years who expressed interest in serving on the committee, as well as members of the former TIES committee, stakeholders from the Human Services Transportation Plan, SCTA and Commuter Services. Second outreach will be to municipalities and solicit from current committee membership. Question about

outreach toward a social justice category in order to broaden diversity in the group. There was a suggestion to reach out to SACA; Mr. Tobler will forward contact. Requirements are county residency and active user of active transportation – walk/bike/transit.

4. **Lancaster Active Transportation Plan (ATP) Priority Tasks for 2023 Update** [0:49:53](#)

Kristiana Barr and Mike Domin, Lancaster County Planning Department

- Short-term bike counts
Staff are installing bike counter in the city for short-term counts as part of a three-year cycle. First test is on Christian Street in Lancaster City and counters will be used in other city locations through October. Years two and three will be at sites around the county.
- Permanent trail counters
Two permanent Eco-Counter Urban Multi counters will be installed on trails this year. They will be able to count walkers and bicyclists and to differentiate between the two. Staff is working with County parks staff to install one on the Northwest Lancaster County River Trail in Chickies Rock County Park just north of the bridge over Chiques Creek and another on the Conewago trail at Mill Road near Aberdeen. One was going to be installed on the Enola Low Grade trail, but Manor Township purchased their own. There has never been a counter on Conewago, so staff is excited to have numbers. In the past, there was a counter installed on the Northwest River Trail by the Rails to Trails Conservancy, but when their contract ended, the Township declined to continue. Rails to Trails Conservancy also had a counter on the Enola Low Grade, which Manor Township replaced with their new counter when the contract ended. There was a question as to whether the count data collected would be posted publicly; staff noted that it hadn't been discussed, but will look into the possibility.
- Trail Development
 - Eden Township Enola Low Grade Trail
This section of the trail is directly east of Quarryville Borough and about to go out to bid and should be under construction and completed by the end of this year or early next year.
 - Walnut Street Extension
It is under construction and the trail portion should be completed by the end of September. Drone video on East Lampeter Township Facebook page shows footage of current construction. The trail is 15' wide and will continue past Leola as a bike/ped/buggy path out past Leola. Wanted to put a counter on this trail, but could not, because of East Lampeter Township's agreement with PennDOT.

- Questions

Status of Conestoga Boardwalk—close to full funding for design; TASA funding secured and interested in applying for Connects2040 funding. Boardwalk is part of the Lancaster Heritage Pathway and will be a boardwalk over the river, through the stone arch, similar to Schuylkill Banks in Philadelphia.

Status of Bridge to Conestoga Pines Park—Staff was not sure of status, would ask City at next Lancaster Heritage Pathway meeting.

Status of Conestoga Pines linkage to Pitney Road—There will be a trailhead at Oak Grove Road; East Lampeter Township has funding for a study for design.

Public Comment

No one from the audience provided any comments.

Adjournment

Mr. Smith made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Hoffman seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Link to recorded meeting: <https://vimeo.com/828325074>

Please note: This meeting was recorded to capture the full discussion of the items above. For brevity, minutes have been simplified to focus on action items and key points in the discussion.