DATE: May 23, 2019
PLACE: 150 N. Queen Street, Conference Room 104

Members: Brenda Buescher, Bill Swiernik, George Tobler, William Weismantel
Staff: Robert Bini, Kristiana Barr
Guests: Joshua Deering, David Morrison

ORDER OF BUSINESS:

1. **Call to Order** – The meeting was called to order at 5:00 PM.

2. **Call to Audience** – Mr. Deering detailed his experience in Mount Joy Borough with public backlash from residential property owners against paying for the construction of new sidewalks. He expressed concern for local implementation of County plans like the Lancaster Active Transportation Plan (ATP) and places2040. Committee members spoke to prior professional experience with various municipalities as examples of how to overcome obstacles as well as the future role of BPAC in advocating for and potentially assisting municipalities. Mr. Bini noted that this conversation is related to discussion of ATP implementation later in the meeting agenda.

   Mr. Morrison expressed an interest in seeing long-term trail connections from the existing Warwick to Ephrata Rail Trail (WERT) to Landisville and then along Swarr Run to Park City Center. He also questioned the lack of considerations for multimodal users in the design for the updated 283 and State Road interchange, which is currently under construction.


   Mr. Swiernik made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, and this motion was seconded by Mr. Tobler.

4. **Review the Role of BPAC** – Mr. Bini and Ms. Barr reviewed the current role of BPAC, as outlined in the adopted mission statement included in the meeting packet.

5. **Discussion of ATP Implementation and BPAC’s Role** – Committee members were asked to review Chapter 7 – Implementation of the Lancaster ATP prior to the meeting. MPO staff would like to hear from Committee members on what recommendations from pages 7-4 to 7-8 they think BPAC has the potential capacity and interest to work on.

   Mr. Swiernik noted the constrained function of BPAC as part of the Lancaster MPO. However, he expressed an interest in not defining every task allowed or to be completed by BPAC in order to provide future flexibility for BPAC to evolve as ATP implementation
occurs. Ms. Buescher identified five recommendations from Chapter 7 that she believes BPAC can accomplish: draft design guidelines based on national standards to create infrastructure uniformity county-wide, recommend the MPO formally adopt, educate consultants and municipalities on these accepted best practices; develop bicycling parking guidelines to address placement and security concerns; encourage municipalities to create and adopt official maps that include multi-modal considerations; provide cost estimates for maintenance of bicycle infrastructure; and, update the county bicycle map to include terrain, facilities, and education. Mr. Tobler stated that he does not want the resurfacing project reviews to suffer if/when BPAC has additional tasks to complete. Mr. Swierink suggested future BPAC meetings should be held more frequently and scheduled before TTAC meetings.

6. **Discussion of BPAC Membership and Reorganization** – Staff suggested increasing the membership of BPAC from 5 to 9 individuals. Committee members offered additional membership ideas, such as recruiting individuals with particular personal experience like knowledge of Plain Sect communities or non-native English speakers; specific professional affiliation like higher education or school district staff; or, desired skillsets like grant writing. MPO staff also recommend re-branding the group as the Active Transportation Advisory Committee (ATAC) to align with the recent adoption and future implementation of the Lancaster Active Transportation Plan (ATP).

Staff will draft the proposed changes to BPAC as well as a list of first year ‘action items’ for ATP implementation and present them at the next meeting.

7. **Review Lancaster Amtrak Station Parking Improvements** – Committee members discussed how to improve the safety of Amtrak customers crossing McGovern Avenue from the Fulton parking lot. The installation of a staircase on the corner of McGovern Avenue and North Duke Street would encourage people to use the existing crosswalk at the signalized intersection. Otherwise, the creation of a high-visibility pedestrian crossing at McGovern Avenue and North Christian Street should be considered. The City of Lancaster should be consulted regarding any improved pedestrian connections to the train station planned as part of the Christian Street bikeway project. The addition of bicycle storage, preferably bike lockers, should be considered as part of the new north parking lot design.

Currently, pedestrian gateways to the train station are inadequate, especially coming from downtown Lancaster. The experience of walking to and from the train station is not comfortable or welcoming. The Lancaster Amtrak train station was identified in the Lancaster Active Transportation Plan (ATP) as a primary mobility hub. Therefore, any accessibility, connectivity, or mobility improvements should be comprehensive – considerate of all users, not just motorists. Members wondered where people are traveling to and from when using the Lancaster train station because that would provide an insight into the necessity and location of any improvements.

8. **Review Resurfacing Projects** – Ms. Barr and Mr. Bini led the Committee in a discussion of the Horseshoe Road resurfacing project (MPMS ID: 108530). They discussed the existing conditions of the project area and developed recommendations for the various segments.
MPO staff will prepare the recommendations and submit them to the assigned PennDOT District 8-0 project manager for review and feedback. Once that is received, MPO staff will reach out to the municipalities involved to notify them and be sure to include them in future conversations.

9. **Updates on previous BPAC Recommendations** – Mr. Bini updated the Committee on the status of the Centerville Road Interchange and Corridor Improvement project. Ms. Barr discussed the status of the Church Street resurfacing project recommendations, particularly reaching out to East Hempfield Township to ask for their input and involvement.

10. **Other Business & Public Participation** – None.

11. **Next Meeting:** August 22, 2019 at 5:00pm

12. **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 7:19 PM.