

**LANCASTER MPO
TRANSPORTATION IMPLEMENTATION AND ENGAGEMENT SUBCOMMITTEE (TIES)
MINUTES**

DATE: June 2, 2022
TIME: 1:30 P.M.
PLACE: 150 N. Queen St., Conference Room 102, Lancaster, PA 17603

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ray D'Agostino	Lancaster County Commissioner
Bonnie Glover (virtual)	South Central Transit Authority Board Member
Ralph Hutchison	Transportation Technical Advisory Committee (TTAC)
Rebecca Denlinger (virtual)	Elizabethtown Borough Manager
Tom Kifolo	Rohrer's Quarry
Cindy McCormick	Transportation Technical Advisory Committee (TTAC)
Scott Russell	East Hempfield Township Supervisor
Mark Hansen	At-Large

GUESTS:

Benjamin Herskowitz	Lancaster Emergency Management Association
Scott Spencer	AmeriStarRail
Jeff Glisson	South Central Transit Authority
Lauri Ahlskog (virtual)	South Central Transit Authority
Juli Wolfe	Rettew
Cindy Schweitzer	East Hempfield Township
Diane Garber	East Hempfield Township
Nathan Walker (virtual)	PennDOT District 8-0
Jeff Puher (virtual)	PennDOT District 8-0

STAFF:

Will Clark	Director for Land Use and Transportation
Kristiana Barr	Senior Land Use and Transportation Planner
Michael Domin (virtual)	Principal Land Use and Transportation Planner
Faith Gaddie (virtual)	Senior Administrative Secretary
Mark Huber (virtual)	Senior Land Use and Transportation Planner
Gary Jones	Land Use and Transportation Planner
Alex Rohrbaugh (virtual)	Senior Planning Services Planner

Order of Business:

1. **Call to Order** – Commissioner D’Agostino called the meeting to order at 1:30 pm.
2. **Minutes of the April 7, 2022, Meeting (Action)** – Mr. Hansen moved to approve the minutes as written. Mr. Hutchison seconded. The motion carried unanimously.
3. **2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Update (Information)**
-- This agenda item was originally listed as number five, but it was moved up due to technical difficulties for Scott Spencer from AmeriStarRail.
 - a. **Public review and comment period – update, promotion assistance** – Mr. Clark updated the committee on public outreach efforts for the draft TIP, noting that no member of the public attended the June 1 Virtual Public Comment Session.
 - b. **Safety Patrol – emergency service provider feedback** – Mr. Clark asked Benjamin Herskowitz from the Lancaster County Emergency Management Agency to provide an update on his efforts to communicate with local first responders about the proposed Highway Safety Patrol program. Mr. Herskowitz reported that he will be sending a survey to gauge interest to first responders as well as local emergency management agencies. He indicated that there does seem to be some positive interest in a safety patrol.
4. **AmeriStarRail presentation (Information)** – Mr. Spencer gave a presentation on his company’s vision for providing complementary rail service on routes that Amtrak currently serves, focusing specifically on the Keystone line, which runs through Lancaster County. Discussion included how AmeriStarRail would attract ridership and how stations would be built at Bird-In-Hand and Lehman Place.
5. **connects2040 Implementation Program Eligibility (Action)** – Commissioner D’Agostino introduced the topic by noting that NOIs had been received and one – from East Hempfield Township – had been deemed ineligible after staff review. He asked that Mr. Russell recuse himself from the discussion of that project. Ms. Barr reviewed the process and noted that the Marietta Avenue and Stony Battery Road intersection project did not meet the program guidelines because it did not include significant multi-modal improvements.

Points of discussion raised by the committee included:

- Concern about the committee reviewing selections at this time; staff should review and select based upon NOIs and committee should review at the application stage.
- Disagreement that the project was ineligible for the program, because it met the program core criteria.

Commissioner D’Agostino opted not to take a vote, so no action was taken.

6. Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Selection Process (Discussion)

-- This agenda item was originally listed as number seven, but it was moved up because Commissioner D'Agostino needed to leave for another meeting.

Mr. Clark reminded TIES members that the TIP tool is only one piece of the project selection process for the TIP. Mr. Clark led the committee in a discussion of funding priorities related to adopted plans and safety targets. Additional suggestions for the TIP tool were provided by committee members.

Commissioner D'Agostino left the meeting, but the discussion continued. Mr. Clark acted as Chair for the remainder of the meeting.

7. Local Project Delivery Update

- a. March 2022 Progress Report**
- b. April 2022 Progress Report**
- c. Cost Estimation for Project Duration (Action)**

Ms. Wolfe reviewed the status of projects from the March and April 2022 progress reports and then presented the cost estimation for project duration to the committee for approval. Mr. Clark noted that not all of the funds are allocated on the TIP for the coming fiscal years, so staff are recommending that TIES recommend that the funding be allocated in October, once the TIP takes effect.

Mr. Russell moved that TIES recommend the MPO increase funding for MPMS 110972 "Planning Assistance Line Item" on the 2023 TIP by \$80,000 in 2023, \$204,000 in 2024 and \$42,000 in 2025. Mr. Kifolo seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

8. Other Business & Public Participation – Cindy Schweitzer, East Hempfield Township Manager, provided an update on the Route 72 (Lancaster Road) and Lititz Road intersection. The township is seeking state funding for this project.

9. Next Meeting: July 7, 2022 @ 1:30pm

10. Adjournment – Mr. Clark asked for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Kifolo made the motion. Meeting adjourned at 3:17pm.

Meeting video link: <https://vimeo.com/716781886> (Due to technical difficulties, the call to order and approval of minutes were not recorded.)