

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

**DATE:** July 10, 2017  
**TIME:** 12:00 p.m.  
**PLACE:** 150 North Queen Street, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor LCPC Meeting Rooms, Lancaster, PA 17603

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Leo Lutz ( <b>Chair</b> )	Lancaster County Planning Commission
Ralph Hutchison ( <b>Vice-Chair</b> )	Inter-Municipal Committee
Jeff Glisson ( <b>Alternate</b> )	South Central Transit Authority
Greg Paulson ( <b>Alternate</b> )	Legislative Delegation
Alice Yoder	Lancaster County Planning Commission
Roni Ryan	Lancaster County Planning Commission
Lisa Riggs	Business and Finance Community
Heather Valudes	Chamber of Commerce
Bill Swiernik	Bike/Ped. Advisory Committee
Cindy McCormick	City of Lancaster
Justin Evans	Outer Municipalities
Beth Raves	PennDOT Central Office
Nate Walker ( <b>Alternate</b> )	PennDOT District 8-0
Kate Gonick	Environmental Community
Ryan Eckert	Motorized Vehicle Interests

**GUESTS:**

Commissioner Dennis Stuckey	Board of County Commissioners
Neil Ward	Commuter Rail of Lancaster
Darrell Becker	New Holland Borough
Charles Kidhardt	New Holland Borough
Quentin Rissler	Larson Design Group

**STAFF:**

James Cowhey	Executive Director
Robert Bini	Director for Transportation
Lauri Ahlskog	Senior Transportation Planner
Harriet Parcels	Senior Transportation Planner
Mike Domin	Principal Countywide Planner
Lindsay Graham	Countywide Planner
Kyle Salage	Administrative Secretary

1. **Call to Order** – Chairperson Lutz called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.
2. **Updates and Announcements**
  - a. **Major Projects**
    - **State Road Interchange** – Mr. Walker reported that PennDOT District 8-0 continues make progress on the project design, and the let date is still anticipated to be either late February or early March 2018. Mr. Bini noted that East Hempfield Township reached an agreement with Amtrak on indemnification terms, and they are now waiting to receive the revised construction contract that incorporates these terms.
  - b. **Transit** – Mr. Glisson distributed a handout to the committee members in attendance. This document summarizes the board-approved RRTA schedule changes going into effect on August 28, 2017. Changes to the schedule will include additional trips for Route 12 to New Holland, Route 14 to Rockvale Square, and Route 17 to Columbia. Mr. Glisson also reported that bids were received for the Queen Street Station resurfacing, and the construction contract was awarded. Work is expected to begin by the end of July.
  - c. **Federal Highway Administration** – No representative present.
  - d. **Bike/Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC)** – Mr. Swiernik reported that, at its June 26<sup>th</sup> meeting, the MPO approved the appointment of George Tobler and Brenda Buescher to BPAC. Additionally, it was noted that the first draft of the Active Transportation Plan (ATP) has been received and is now undergoing internal review by LCPC staff. The public comment period for the plan will take place this fall.
  - e. **Transportation Authority** – No representative was present. However, Mr. Bini noted that although the Authority has not met in the past month, it continues to finalize administrative duties.
  - f. **Commuter Services of PA** – No representative was present.
3. **Minutes of June 12, 2017 Meeting (Action)** – The committee had no suggested additions or corrections to the minutes.

**Ms. Gonick made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, and Mr. Swiernik seconded this motion. The motion passed unanimously, thereby approving the minutes.**

4. **Rt. 23 Traffic Relief Route and Welsh Mountain Hiking/Biking Trail** – Mr. Becker, an engineer for New Holland, gave a presentation to the committee on the borough's proposal for a new route to connect New Holland and Lancaster City. The borough wishes to move forward with this proposal, which would relieve congestion on PA-23. The design outlined by Mr. Becker calls for one lane in each direction, as well as room for bicycles and hiking along the route. The length of this limited-access roadway would be approximately 9.5 miles, with a potential five mile extension to Welsh Mountain. The committee discussed further details of the proposal with Mr. Becker. These details included estimated cost, horse and buggy accessibility, eligibility for SGT funding, phasing of the project, and the steps that would have to be taken in order to incorporate this project into the TIP and the Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP). Mr. Cowhey noted that this route has been considered three times previously, most recently in 2008, and the community never reached a consensus. Mr. Cowhey also noted that this project would be required to undergo another Environmental

Impact Study before it could move forward. Commissioner Stuckey inquired as to how many municipalities are located along the route, to which Mr. Becker replied that there are a total of four. It was suggested by the committee that New Holland obtain support for the proposal from the three other municipalities, at which point this could be discussed further. Mr. Cowhey added that securing public support is the first step of the LRTP update process. The next update cycle, Mr. Bini noted, will be in the latter half of 2018.

**5. Smart Growth Transportation and Transportation Alternatives Quarterly Reports –**

Ms. Parcels summarized the status of projects from FY 2015-2016 and 2017-2018. The projects from FY 2013-2014 are complete, so no quarterly report document was provided for them. Mr. Bini confirmed that Strasburg Township that they will not go forward with their SGT project, and a letter announcing the retraction of funds will be sent to the township. The funds for that project will be officially withdrawn at the September 25<sup>th</sup> MPO meeting. Ms. Parcels noted that the money retracted from Strasburg Township will be included in the overall amount of funding available for this cycle of the SGT program. A kick-off meeting was suggested for the Willow Street and West Lampeter Township projects, and staff is considering incorporating this type of meeting as standard procedure for the program.

Ms. Ahlskog then provided the committee with an update on the two Transportation Alternatives projects in progress. Bids were received for the Enola Low Grade Trail pedestrian bridge over US-222, but a construction time frame is yet to be determined. The hope is that the project can get underway sometime this year. The Safe Harbor Trestle Bridge is still in the early stages of construction, as collaboration with both PennDOT and McCormick Taylor continues. Manor Township plans to apply for state TAP funding, and there will be a meeting with PennDOT to discuss this application process.

**6. Information Items**

- a. BPAC Membership** – Mr. Bini reiterated that, as Mr. Swiernik noted in his BPAC update from Item 2, the MPO officially appointed George Tobler and Brenda Buescher to BPAC to fill the two vacancies on the committee.
- b. Enola Low Grade Trail Funding** – Mr. Bini reported that LCPC staff worked with PennDOT to review previous TA funding. In doing so, it was determined that there were withheld MAP-21 funds amounting to approximately \$1.2 million. This will be used as the matching fund source for the trail's DCNR grant application. At its June 26<sup>th</sup> meeting, the MPO endorsed a letter of support for Bart Township's DCNR application.
- c. Complete Streets Workshop Report** – Mr. Bini referred to the copy of the report provided in the meeting packet. PennDOT will be posting this report, along with presentation materials from the workshop, on its SharePoint website.
- d. Local Government Safety Seminar** – Mr. Bini informed the committee that a copy of the seminar agenda is included in the meeting packet. The agenda was not released prior to the June 12<sup>th</sup> committee meeting. The event is still scheduled to take place on July 19<sup>th</sup>, with registration remaining open.

- 7. Other Business & Public Participation** – Ms. Yoder requested that a TIPUS meeting be scheduled in the near future. Mr. Bini agreed to look into scheduling a meeting for the third week of August.

Mr. Ward, of Commuter Rail Services of Lancaster, provided the committee with his proposals regarding mass transit development in the county. A document outlining Mr. Ward's recommendations was provided to the committee members in attendance. The committee discussed these recommendations and their scope. Ms. Yoder asked for clarification regarding the next step to take with the information presented, and if a position paper should be drafted. Mr. Bini stated that a position paper on these transit issues has not been considered, but relevant information should be derived from the upcoming 283/230 corridor study. Mr. Bini stated that if it is determined that the community supports developments such as those presented by Mr. Ward, they would need to be facilitated within the context of the LRTP process. Follow-up will be provided on both Mr. Ward's proposals and the topic at large.

- 8. Next Meeting: August 14, 12:00 PM**

- 9. Adjournment** – Chairperson Lutz adjourned the meeting at 1:18 p.m.