

**Adams County Transportation Planning Organization (ACTPO)
Minutes for the Committee Meeting on October 28, 2015**

Attendance:

Voting Members

Rich Farr	York Adams Transit Authority (Chair)
Bob Gordon	Hamiltonban Township (Vice-Chair)
Darlene Brown	Chamber of Commerce
Coleen Reamer	Adams County Association of Township Officials
Skip Strayer	Adams County Planning Commission (Alternate)
Adam Grimes	PennDOT District 8-0 (Alternate)
David "Scotty" Bolton	McSherrystown/Adams County Boroughs Association
Anthony Berger	PennDOT District 8-0
David Arndt	Conewago Township (Alternate)
Stan Wannop	New Oxford Borough (Alternate)
Gerry Richardson	Adams County Industrial Development Authority
David Wheeler	Littlestown/Adams County Boroughs Association

Legislative Representatives

Jared Cottrill	Rep. Tallman
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Adams County Office of Planning and Development

Andrew D. Merkel
Christopher Caba
Sherri Clayton

Others

William Cameron	Adams County Bridge Engineer
Dan Walston	FHWA
Susan Naugle	Gettysburg Borough
Kandi Fox	Commuter Services of PA
Nathan Walker	PennDOT District 8-0
Seth Leitzel	PennDOT Central Office
Tom Jolin	HABPI
Dennis Hickethier	HABPI
Bob Menninger	East Berlin Borough
Jimmy Kingsborough	State Transportation Committee
Ron Drnevich	State Transportation Committee
John Lansing	New Oxford Boro Council
Craig Peterson	Abbottstown Borough Mayor
Matt Boyer	Commuter Services of PA
Mike Gross	Wallace Montgomery Consulting Engineers
Dennis Hickethier	Healthy Adams Bicycle/Pedestrian, Inc.
Eric Meyer	Healthy Adams Bicycle/Pedestrian, Inc.
Robin Crushong	Straban Township
Craig Rockey	Highland Township
Gus Fridenvalds	Huntington Township

Dan Worely
Lawrence Dost
Woody Myers

Latimore Township
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Media
None

1. Introductory Comments- Rich Farr, Chairman

Mr. Farr brought the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. and had all in attendance introduce themselves.

2. Presentation from State Transportation Commission Members James Kingsborough and Ron Drnevich

Mr. Drnevich discussed the role and purpose of the State Transportation Commission (STC), as well as how it functions relative to local MPO's. He stated that the STC has recently designated members of the Commission to serve select groups of MPO's. Each representative is tasked with listening to MPO issues and concerns regarding transportation-related problems. Mr. Drnevich acknowledged he is part of the P3 program and gave information about the program and website.

Mr. Kingsborough acknowledged and further discussed the P3 website. Additionally, he gave an overview of the Twelve Year Program Update Survey Results for Adams County. Stating that the majority of respondents were males (63%) and aged 55-64, they identified twenty (20) issues related to Road Pavement Conditions, Biking/Walking, Transit, Safety, Bridges, and Freight. Furthermore, he discussed that the majority of respondents believe Road Pavement Conditions, Bridges, Safety, and Mobility should be regional priorities.

Mr. Bolton acknowledged how low of a priority the Freight category was and stated how upgrades are needed to accommodate increasing truck traffic and rail freight going through the area. He asked if there was any money for rail upgrades. Mr. Kingsborough responded he was unsure, but would discuss the issue with his board.

Mr. Merkel added that he would send a website link for the locations identified in the map, as well as comments from the County.

3. Approval of Minutes- April 22, 2015

Mr. Boltone motioned the approval and Mr. Strayer seconded the motion. The approval of the minutes was approved unanimously.

4. Staff Updates- ACOPD

- A. Mr. Merkel discussed the Eisenhower Extension project and said project consultants met with ACTPO and YAMPO staff's on modelling and data collection. As of October, the consultants were laying traffic counts for data collection. Mr. Merkel also talked about the US 15/30 Interchange and stated the project is still programmed and in process. He added that the abandonment of the Gettysburg Crossing project does not impact the funding for this improvement project. Lastly, Mr. Merkel discussed the US 15 Safety Improvements and noted the Adams County Planning Department had met with PennDOT and Township officials on multiple occasions to discuss emerging concerns over the project. He then identified a letter written by Latimore Township Supervisors who were present to discuss their concerns.

Mr. Worley talked about a recent US 15 meeting in Carroll Township and stated that Latimore Township has had no input on this project, but they have a lot of concerns. He stated the Supervisors would like an interchange at Latimore Valley Road or they at least would like to see the process started. He also said if there wasn't an interchange built at Latimore Valley Road, then they would be complacent with an interchange at County Line Road if York would partner in the endeavor. He added that it would be a better plan and provide better accessibility than by building jughandles. He also recommended allowing Latimore Valley Road or County Line Road remain open until a decision is made regarding an interchange.

Mr. Dost referred to page 3 of the April 22, 2015 minutes and spoke of the jughandle locations and where the channelized left turns would be taking place. He said he had concerns for how farmers and the road crew would be able to successfully cross the road with the channelized left turns, and recommended a bridge be built at an intersection for the safe passage of larger vehicles and farm equipment, but argued Latimore Valley Road and Mountain Road should stay open.

Mr. Bolton stated there was concern brought up during the April ACTPO meeting and maintained that Latimore Township does have agreement with ACTPO Board members about the US 15 jughandle project. He then asked what the ACTPO Board can do.

Mr. Myers added that tractor-trailer turnarounds at the jughandle locations would be impossible and he believed the jughandles would create more safety issues. He also advocated to keep Latimore Valley and Mountain Road open due to good sight distance at the location.

Mr. Farr asked what the status of the project was. Mr. Berger responded stating the project was in preliminary engineering and PennDOT would be moving forward with the project as is. Mr. Walston asked if PennDOT could leave Latimore Valley and Mountain Road open. Mr. Berger responded saying they could not leave the intersection open based on significant liability for PennDOT. He also added that York County is planning to do a study looking at the best places to cross US 15. Mr. Walston declared, during the NEPA process, it would be important for Latimore Township to comment on any issues they have, and to continue working with the PennDOT project manager for this project.

Mr. Bolton made a motion to keep Latimore Valley Road and Mountain Road open, and to write a letter to PennDOT expressing concerns related to the project. Mr. Farr responded stating he was uncomfortable with the idea of going against PennDOT's safety specs regarding this project. The motion was not seconded.

Mr. Farr recommended that ACOPD staff contact YAMPO about working together on expanding the scope of York's US 15 study to include Adams County. He also asked when the public process will begin. Mr. Berger responded saying the first public meeting will be held some time in December. Mr. Worley asked where it would be held. He said Latimore Township wanted to be part of the public process and have a meeting for their residents.

Mr. Merkel stated that the ACOPD will contact YAMPO to discuss the options associated with joining the US 15 study, but it would require an action for ACTPO to proceed. Mr. Bolton made a motion to approve the action and Mr. Gordon seconded. The motion was passed unanimously.

Mr. Cottrill said that Representative Tallman's office has been in contact with PennDOT and Latimore Township. He stated they have been trying to find a solution, but that there is no quick fix to this area.

- B.** Mr. Merkel briefly discussed a letter received by Hamiltonban Township from PennDOT regarding a P3 Bridge Replacement on SR 116. He then turned the floor over to Mr. Gordon. Mr. Gordon said that Hamiltonban Township had a meeting with the contractor and wrote a letter to the project manager about the proposed road closure associated with the bridge replacement. He stated that there needs to be better communication with the contractor and local municipalities, and that the contractor didn't consider the impact of the detour on emergency services, truck traffic, seasonal festivals, etc.

- C. Mr. Caba gave a brief review of the Functional Road Classification process for Adams County including a description of an updated map of all proposed changes. He stated since the April ACTPO meeting, changes had been made to the submission packet after ACOPD met with PennDOT Officials. The changes included removing US 15 since PennDOT has already designated it as an Other Freeway/Expressway; removing SR 97, 116, and 2035 from the NHS, but they will still be changed to Principal Arterials. The next steps involve resubmitting the formal packet to PennDOT and then submitting to FHWA.
- D. Mr. Merkel stated that Adams County's Long Range Plan Update is due in 2017, and individual plans will be developed for each component of the transportation network including: Highways and Bridges; Bicycles and Pedestrians; Mobility and ITS; Rail and Freight; Public Transit; Aviation; and Safety. Upon completion of the individual plans, they will be incorporated into the main LRTP document. Mr. Merkel turned the floor over to Mr. Caba.

Mr. Caba discussed the Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan and said the project is two-fold- to include the data into the Long Range Plan Update and to be a separate, fluid document to accommodate bicycle and pedestrian facilities throughout Adams County. He then detailed the potential components of the Bike/Ped Plan including existing conditions, vision, recommendations, and implementation. He then gave an example of a Bicycle Traffic Stress Test and how it could be implemented into the plan.

- E. Mr. Merkel gave an overview of the 2014-2015 LTAP Annual Report. He credited Mr. Caba for taking over most of the duties associated with the LTAP Program. He gave an overview of the yearly attendance numbers and mentioned the attendance rate percentage has increased since 2012-2013.

5. Transit Update

- a. Mr. Boyer passed out a Commuter Services of PA handout and briefly talked about the Commuter Services of Pa expansion to Schuylkill, Carbon, Monroe, and Pike Counties. Furthermore, he discussed designating five more employers to the "Best Workplaces for Commuters," as well as the outcome of the annual Earth Day Challenge.
- b. Mr. Farr stated that Cumberland County will be serviced by Rabbit Transit as of January 1, 2016, and announced he was approached about a possible transit route between Gettysburg and Hanover, but nothing official has been decided.

6. 2017-2020 TIP Update

- a. Mr. Merkel talked about the procedural guidance associated with the 2017-2020 Adams County TIP which included an overview of all important dates associated with the new TIP.
- b. Mr. Merkel stated that although the base allocation is up 5% from the Act 44/pre-Act 89 era, it is down 8% from the 2015-2018 TIP. The reasons for the decrease in funds are uncertainty of federal funds from MAP-21, and increased state funds for Department maintenance efforts as well as increased PSP funding.
- c. Mr. Merkel discussed the Candidate Bridge and Resurfacing Project Map, making note of two (2) bridge projects and one (1) resurfacing project along SR 116. He also mentioned a large resurfacing project along SR 94.

7. 2015-2018 TIP Update- PennDOT

- a. Mr. Leitzel updated ACTPO on the 2015-2018 TIP Modifications including: removing \$799,000 from the construction phase of MPMS 58603 "Old Hbg Road Bridge 3" in FFY 2016 due to the low bid amount; adding \$385,000 to the construction phase of MPMS 73602 "234 & 3001 Improvements" in FFY 2017 due to the full reconstruction of the SR 3001 leg of the intersection; adding \$10,000 to ROW phase of MPMS 87418 "Black Lane Bridge" in FFY 2016 due to current ROW estimate; adding \$130,000 to the PE phase of MPMS 94897 "94 & 234" intersection imp in FFY 2015-2016 due to the increase in additional costs associated to archaeology and historic properties within the vicinity of the intersection; increasing FD phase of MPMS 73602 "234 & 3001 Improvements" by \$115,000 due to the agreement amount.

8. PennDOT Comments

Mr. Berger added PennDOT is past the paving deadline on some projects, but noted all paving has been completed for US 15 and 30.

Mr. Grimes announced PennDOT is accepting multimodal fund applications through December 18, 2015. Mr. Wheeler added that current applications are on hold as a result of the budget impasse.

9. Public Comments

Mr. Dost asked if Latimore Valley/Mountain Road could be added to a list of candidate bridges. Mr. Berger responded that the candidate bridges are maintenance only, not new bridge projects.

10. Next Meeting, Time, and Place

- a. **2016 ACTPO Meetings**
 - (a) January 27, 2016
 - (b) March 23, 2016
 - (c) June 22, 2016

(d) October 26, 2016 (tentative until the dates of the 2016 Fall Statewide Planning Partners are known)

11. Adjourn

a. Mr. Farr adjourned the meeting at 2:42 p.m.