

Adams County Transportation Planning Organization (ACTPO)
Minutes for the Committee Meeting on October 27, 2021

Attendance:

Voting Members

Bob Gordon	Hamiltonban Township (Chair)
Beth Nidam	CPTA – Rabbittransit (Vice-Chair)
Raymond Green	PennDOT Central Office
Nathan Walker	PennDOT District 8-0
Anne Geiger	East Berlin Borough
Charles “Skip” Strayer	Adams County Planning Commission
Robin Fitzpatrick	Adams Economic Alliance
David A Hazlett	Carroll Valley Borough
Jim Martin	Adams County Commissioner

Legislative Representatives

Ashleigh Presnar	Congressman Joyce’s Office
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Adams County Office of Planning and Development

Sherri Clayton-Williams
Andrew Merkel
Laura Neiderer
Harlan Lawson

Others

Judie Butterfield	Gettysburg Borough
Matt Boyer	Commuter Services
Jeff Puher	PennDOT District 8-0
Ronique Bishop	FHWA PA Division
Jack Ketterman	Germany Township Supervisor
Darrin Catts	Oxford Township Manager
Chris Caba	York County Planning Commission
Will Cameron	County Bridge Engineer

Media

None

1. Introductory Comments

Ms. Nidam called the meeting to order at 1:02pm. It was established that a quorum was present.

2. Approval of Minutes

Mr. Green motioned to approve the July 28, 2021 minutes. Mr. Strayer seconded, and the minutes were approved by a unanimous vote.

3. Staff Updates – ACOPD

a. HOP/Traffic Study/Project Meetings

Mr. Merkel reported that staff attended the following meetings since the last ACTPO board meeting:

- Cambridge Crossing (Cumberland Township) Traffic Impact Study meeting
- Fall PennDOT Planning Partners meeting sessions (virtual). Another session is scheduled in November and staff will be attending.
- York MPO Coordinating Committee meeting
- SRTP/PA Commuter Services Board meeting
- LRTP municipal outreach meetings

b. Mr. Merkel reported that the 2021 biennial County bridge inspections were completed. No additional bridges were added to the list of “poor” condition bridges. He also reported that Shorb’s Mill Road Bridge rehabilitation project is currently under construction and is set to be completed by December 2021. Also, the bridge maintenance project for the County-owned bridges is set to be completed by November 2021.

4. Transit Update

- Mr. Boyer reported for Commuter Service of Pennsylvania. He noted that businesses are opening back up and on-site events at employer locations have resumed. He noted activities with their partners, including the Adams County Housing Authority and Gettysburg College. He noted that there will be a second annual “Clash of the Counties” competition, which Adams County would like to partake in this year. The long-term offices of AEComm and SRTP will be closing down and staff will be teleworking. A storage facility is being procured. Mr. Boyer offered recent stats of Commuter Services. Mr. Gordon commended the work of the organization.
- Ms. Nidam reported that the merger between Rabbittransit and Capital Area Transit is moving forward and will likely be complete by the next ACTPO meeting. She noted that little will change in regard to services offered or ridership, as result of the merge.

5. Long Range Transportation Plan Update – Adams County

- Ms. Neiderer reported that the Long Range Transportation Plan subcommittee met for a third time on October 18, 2021. The main focus of the meeting was to review the public feedback results to date. She discussed the main points of feedback, using the online dashboard as tool to summarize the feedback.
- Ms. Neiderer provided a brief overview of the survey responses to date. She thanked the Gettysburg Times for running a second publication regarding the article and noted that there

was a spike in responses as a result of the publication. Ms. Nidam asked if any of the responses were “surprising” to staff and Mr. Merkel responded regarding particular results.

- c. Mr. Merkel explained the financial projections scenarios that are being considered for the LRTP update. He asked the board if there were any suggestions or concerns related to the financial projection scenarios, just as general guidance. Ms. Nidam noted that using the mid-range figure that staff is suggesting makes sense. Ms. Geiger agreed that the mid-range scenario seems most reliable. She also asked if the survey results impact planning scenarios going forward. Mr. Merkel explained that the results are a way to incorporate public priorities into the planning process. Further, the priorities identified through the survey will be used to link funding to the needs identified.

6. Priorities for 2022-2024 UPWP – Adams County

Mr. Merkel explained that the Unified Planning Work Program is the agreement between the county and PennDOT that identifies planning tasks and the expected funding for each task. He explained that due to Covid-19 and the delay in census results, many of the tasks identified in the current work program did not get completed. Those tasks will be forwarded onto the 2022-2024 UPWP. Mr. Gordon motioned to develop the 2022-2024 UPWP as presented and Ms. Geiger seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

7. 2023-2026 TIP Development Process

- a. Mr. Walker discussed the 2023-2026 draft TIP for Adams County. He noted that many of the projects are on the current TIP and latter phases of the projects are being forwarded to the next TIP. He noted that three new projects were added to the next program. He explained that District staff in conjunction with Adams County are looking to consider the next round of candidate projects early in the process for the following TIP program update. Mr. Merkel mentioned that projects may be shuffled around if a federal infrastructure bill is passed and more funding becomes available as a result. He also noted that identifying candidate projects earlier in the process, as Mr. Walker suggested, aids in coordinating with local municipalities during project development. Ms. Nidam mentioned that the draft TIP will be shared at the next ACTPO meeting, prior to going out for public comment. Mr. Martin asked a question regarding the Peepytown Rd project. Mr. Walker responded.

8. 2021-2024 TIP Update – PennDOT, Adams County

- a. Mr. Puher discussed the administrative modifications made to the 2021-2024 TIP since the July 2021 ACTPO meeting. There is no vote required for administrative modifications.

9. PennDOT Comments

- Mr. Walker provided an update for the Eisenhower Extension project. A public hearing will be held in the December to January timeframe. Notice of the meeting will be provided three weeks before the date of the meeting. A 45-day comment period will be held in conjunction, and the meeting ideally will be held sometime in the middle of the comment period. Ms. Nidam asked if staff could send out an email when the meeting and comment period commence.
- Mr. Walker noted that the Highway Safety Improvement projects will go out for advertisement and consultant selection in late winter or early spring.
- Mr. Green

- Mr. Green announced the Green Light-go funding program round and provided a link to the announcement. He noted that \$40 million is available for the program.
- Mr. Walker noted that the TA Set-Aside application round just closed. There were no applications submitted from Adams County.
- The Multimodal (MTF) funding program is available. Applications are being accepted through November 5, 2021.

10. FHWA Comments

- Ms. Bishop noted that FHWA released a pedestrian-bicycle crash analysis tool. Ms. Clayton-Williams asked if there was any indication that the federal infrastructure bill will be passed. Ms. Bishop responded that there is anticipation that a bill will be passed by October 30, 2021.

11. Public Comments

- Ms. Butterfield thanked Ms. Neiderer for attending the Gettysburg Borough Council meeting for municipal outreach.

12. Member Comments

13. Next Meeting, Time and Place

- a. Mr. Merkel noted the schedule for ACTPO meetings in 2022. He explained that there may potentially be a meeting June 22, 2022, due to the TIP timeline being pushed forward. A motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:15pm was moved by Mr. Martin.