

Adams County Transportation Planning Organization (ACTPO)
Minutes for the Committee Meeting on June 8, 2020

Attendance:

Voting Members

Bob Gordon	Hamiltonban Township, (Chair)
David Scotty Bolton	Abbottstown Borough, ACBA (Vice-Chair)
David Laughman	Arendtsville Borough
Robert Jackson	Liberty Township
Jim Martin	Adams County Commissioner
Beth Nidam	CPTA – Rabbittransit
Robin Fitzpatrick	Adams County Economic Alliance
Anthony Sansone	PennDOT Central Office
Michelle Tarquino	PennDOT District 8-0

Legislative Representatives

Bev Frey	Senator Mastriano's Office
Catherine Wallen	Representative Ecker's Office

Adams County Office of Planning and Development

Sherri Clayton-Williams
Andrew Merkel
Laura Neiderer
Harlan Lawson
Lisa Angstadt

Others

Art Becker	York County Citizen
Dan Colgan	McSherrystown Borough Council (Vice-President)
Tom Klunk	Conewago Township Supervisor
Judie Butterfield	Gettysburg Borough
Matt Boyer	Commuter Services
Jonathan Owens	PennDOT District 8-0
Will Cameron	County Bridge Engineer
Emily Kelkis	York County MPO
Caroline Johnson	At Home in Adams County

Media

None

1. Introductory Comments

Mr. Gordon called the meeting to order just after 1:00pm. He explained that given the virtual format of the meeting, a roll-call vote will be implemented for the meeting.

- a. Mr. Gordon turned the opening comments over to Mr. Merkel, whom asked participants to identify themselves prior to comments/remarks. He also explained that those having access to the meeting via video can view the meeting documents being shared virtually.
- b. Mr. Merkel took roll-call of voting members. It was determined that a quorum was in attendance.

2. Approval of Minutes

Mr. Martin questioned the presence of Charlotte Shaffer at the January 22, 2020 meeting, as she was not noted as being in attendance in the minutes. It was confirmed that she was not in attendance. Mr. Martin also questioned the term “let” in item 4.C. Mr. Merkel explained the word “let” also has the same meaning as “bid”. He would substitute the term to clarify in the meeting minutes. With the change, Mr. Martin motioned to approve, and Mr. Bolton seconded. The motion was approved unanimously by roll-call vote.

3. 2021-2024 TIP Update

Mr. Merkel explained that due to COVID-19, the predetermined ACTPO meeting date of March 25, 2020 had to be rescheduled, shifting the timeline for the TIP Public Comment Period and the ACTPO meeting seeking approval of the 2021-2024 TIP Update. He noted that this particular TIP update is lengthier than previous plan years and new sections were added. He indicated that hardcopies will be made available at select county offices and the document is also available in electronic format via the county website. Mr. Merkel noted important dates moving forward.

- a. Mr. Merkel explained the main purpose for this meeting is to seek authorization from ACTPO to advertise the 2021-2024 Draft TIP document for the 30-day Public Comment Period opening June 15, 2020 and ending July 17, 2020. Mr. Bolton motioned to approve, Mr. Laughman seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously by a roll-call vote.

4. 2019-2022 TIP Update – PennDOT

Ms. Tarquino explained that the construction phase of the RT94 & RT234 Intersection safety project requires additional funding. The increase is roughly \$1.8 million. The project consists of left turning lanes, and the increase in road surface requires storm water permits and appropriate design/infrastructure modifications. She explained that an amendment is necessary for the current TIP, so action is needed from the board.

- a. Mr. Martin asked if the project included a left turn signal. Ms. Tarquino replied that she would look into the specifics of the project and get back to the board. Mr. Merkel added that there are left turning lanes planned for all legs of the intersection. Mr. Bolton asked if there would be any conflicts on the TIP update. Ms. Tarquino replied that consideration was given to the TIP update and no conflicts will occur. Mr. Martin motioned, and Mr. Bolton seconded. Approval was unanimous by roll-call vote.

5. PennDOT Comments

Ms. Tarquino noted that construction resumed May 1, 2020 and crews are moving forward to continue through summer. Spring maintenance crews, although delayed, are back in the field. Mr. Bolton expressed gratitude for the remediation efforts in Abbottstown on RT30.

6. FHWA Comments

No Comments – Not represented

7. Public Comments

Mr. Becker, a concerned York County citizen, addressed the board, asking that the TSM Alternative option of the Eisenhower Extension Project be condemned by a board resolution. Mr. Becker noted that some project information, including property setback, published by PennDOT is not accurate. Mr. Becker voiced many other concerns related to the TSM Alternative option, including how it will affect the community and people directly impacted by eminent domain. Mr. Klunk, Conewago Township Supervisor, expressed to the board that he, and Conewago Township at large, are against the Eisenhower Extension Project. He noted that RT116 through McSherrystown has never been improved and the project would accomplish nothing. Mr. Bolton asked both gentlemen if they own property directly impacted by the Eisenhower Extension Project plan. Both gentlemen answered accordingly. Mr. Colgan addressed the board referencing a letter written on behalf of the McSherrystown Borough Council. Mr. Colgan cited that the letter outlines the reasoning why the McSherrystown Borough Council is against both the TSM Alternative option and the 5C option of the proposed Eisenhower Extension Project.

8. Member Comments

Mr. Boyer commented on the current state of Commuter Services. He noted that carpooling/vanpooling has ceased. The entity is conducting virtual meetings and new hire orientation is continuing. Mr. Bolton asked Mr. Boyer on his opinion of public transportation in the current times. Mr. Boyer explained that the goal of public transportation is always to keep SOV's off the road, however, Commuter Services is not promoting carpooling/vanpooling given the circumstances of the pandemic. Carpooling/vanpooling remains vital for those still needing transportation to work. He commented that first time considerations of public transportation by residents will be slower as public transportation begins to move toward normal operations; Everyone will return to "normal" as appropriate for their own needs. Ms. Nidam commented that CPTA has adjusted routes as appropriate and paratransit is operating for life-threatening trips only. Moving forward, bus capacity will be monitored, and measures will be taken to keep both riders and drivers healthy. Drivers are being brought back from furlough to continue select routes as of Sunday June 14, 2020.

Mr. Gordon announced that all comments will be considered by the Board. Mr. Merkel explained that comments received to this point will be forwarded to the Public Comment Period and all comments need to be addressed by the Board in some form or another. Mr. Gordon asked if the comments are to be addressed at the July 29, 2020 meeting. Mr. Merkel confirmed. Ms. Fitzpatrick asked if ACOPD staff will be available to answer questions related to the

Eisenhower Extension Project. Mr. Merkel confirmed that staff can answer project related questions. Ms. Fitzpatrick questioned if the board ultimately approves or disapproves projects. Mr. Merkel explained that the ACTPO approves to fund projects and the board can take a stance. Mr. Martin asked Mr. Merkel how phone conversation comments get recorded. Mr. Merkel explained that in the past, comments relayed via phone were added to the file as a Memo, however, new technology is being explored to capture phone comments.

9. Next Meeting, Time and Place

The next ACTPO Board meeting will be held July 29, 2020. At this point, the format is to-be-determined. Mr. Merkel explained that the county staff was legally advised that e-mail ballots should no longer be conducted, and a revision to the ACTPO by-laws will need to occur in the future. Mr. Gordon suggested that members attend the July 1, 2020 Public Participation Meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 2:13 pm.