



**Lancaster County Citizen's
Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory
Committee (BPAC)**

MEETING MINUTES

DATE: 18 February 2010

TIME: 4:00 p.m.

PLACE: 150 N. Queen Street, Binn's Park Annex, Room 102

Members Present: Bill Hoffman, Mike Ridgeway, Tony Robalik, Mark Stivers

Members Absent: Bill Swiernik

Staff: Lauri Ahlskog, Gary Jones

Guests: Bernie Harris, Richard Moyer

ORDER OF BUSINESS:

- 1 Call to Order: the meeting was called to order at 4:05pm
- 2 Minutes from November meeting: One correction – under Lititz Pike Bridge discussion, it should be McGovern Avenue not McGovernville Road. Bill Hoffman motioned to approve the minutes as amended. It was seconded by Mark Stivers. Motion passed unanimously
- 3 Low grade line – new Amtrak pole placement: Lauri Ahlskog told the committee that Amtrak is planning to replace the electric transmission poles along the low grade line trail. Amtrak has caused concern by planning to place the poles closer to the center of the trail than the current pole placement. Staff will provide BPAC with more details as to the exact location of the poles and the materials used in the poles.
- 4 Lititz Pike Bridge – pedestrian access: Richard Moyer brought up the need for sidewalks on both sides of the bridge and the addition of a pedestrian underpass below the bridge. The current design for the bridge only allows for sidewalks on the west side of the bridge. Staff had previously discussed a pedestrian underpass with Manheim twp. officials, who at the time seemed cool to the idea.
- 5 State Road Bridge- pedestrian access: Mark Stivers said he will follow up with Brandy Rotz of McCormick Taylor regarding the apparent lack of the PennDOT bike-ped checklist being performed for this project.
- 6 Smart Transportation Scrapbook: Lauri Ahlskog wanted to remind the committee that if they had any comments to submit them. Mr. Stivers asked what the distribution will be. Ms. Ahlskog will find out and let the committee know.



7 Harrisburg Pike bike/ped path: BPAC raised questions regarding the exact starting location and track crossing location of the proposed path. Mark Stivers will provide more information about this project.

8 TIGER Grant – did we get it? No, Lancaster County did not receive a TIGER grant. Lauri Ahlskog passed around a list of the grant awards. She mentioned that Philadelphia did receive \$23 million to expand their pedestrian and bicycle network.

9 Discussion of BPAC mission/function

The committee discussed whether BPAC needs a Chair? There were a variety of views on the need for officers: arguments opposed to officers were concerns about the need for formality in a small committee and the fact that staff presented most of the agenda items. Arguments favoring officers were the concern to mirror TTAC/MPO structure, a chair to run meetings in the possibility of contentious meetings or meetings with a large presence, linking the chair to representation to representation on TTAC.

There was also discussion about the need to meet more frequently than 4 times a year. If the committee meets more then we need to have things to discuss. Other questions that were raised were: Do we meet enough to comment on TTAC adequately? What are BPAC's limits and how can BPAC be most effective? Do we need a new Bike Ped plan? A motion was made by Mark Stivers to request that BPAC have a standing agenda item on TTAC's agenda. Tony Robalik seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Ms. Ahlskog will make the request.

BPAC should ask to be officially charged with performing Bike Ped checklists for projects.

10 PA Bikes and Walks: This item was not discussed because the citizen who wanted the issue on the agenda was not present to discuss it.

11 Other Business & Public Participation

Mark Stivers mentioned that the MPO's Smart Growth Transportation Task Force met on 2/18.

12 Next Meeting: **20 May 2010, 4:00 pm**

13 Adjournment – the meeting was adjourned at 6:07pm.