

**LANCASTER COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COORDINATING COMMITTEE**  
**MINUTES OF MEETING**  
**DRAFT**

**DATE:** April 26, 2010  
**TIME:** 12:00 p.m.  
**PLACE:** 150 North Queen Street, First Floor, Lancaster PA

**MEMBERS:**

Rick Gray ( <b>Vice Chair</b> )	Mayor, City of Lancaster
Jennifer Duralja (Alternate)	State Representative Hickernell's Office
Mike Gillespie	Pennsylvania Department of Transportation, District 8-0
David Eberly	Lancaster Airport Authority
Ray D'Agostino	Lancaster County Planning Commission
Kathy Wasong	Lancaster County Planning Commission
David Kratzer, Jr.	Lancaster County Planning Commission
Leo Lutz	Lancaster County Planning Commission
David Zimmerman	Lancaster County Planning Commission
Rob Ruth	City of Lancaster
Sam Wilsker	City of Lancaster
Charlotte Katzenmoyer	City of Lancaster
Karl Graybill	City of Lancaster

**GUESTS:**

Chris May	Herbert, Roland & Grubic, Inc.
Ralph Hutchison	East Lampeter Township
Brandy Heilman	Commuter Services of PA
Bernie Harris	Lancaster Newspapers
Casey Kraus	Mount Joy Township

**STAFF:**

<u>PennDOT</u>	
Beth Raves	Pennsylvania Department of Transportation Central Office
Jim Arey	Pennsylvania Department of Transportation Central Office
Carey Mullins	Pennsylvania Department of Transportation, District 8-0

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James Cowhey	Executive Director
Dave Royer ( <b>Secretary</b> )	Director for Transportation Planning
Lauri Ahlskog	Senior Transportation Planner
Carol Palmoski	Senior Transportation Planner
Harriet Parcels	Senior Transportation Planner
Gary Jones	Assistant Transportation Planner
Farah Sadiq	Administrative Secretary

1. **Call to Order:** Vice-Chairperson Gray called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.
2. **Minutes of March 25, 2010 Meeting:** Mr. Lutz made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Ms. Katzenmoyer seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

3. **2009 Transportation Improvement Program Modifications:**

Ms. Raves briefly reviewed some administrative modifications to the highway TIP.

4. **2011 Transportation Improvement Program Update:**

Mr. Royer reviewed a draft 2011-2014 TIP overview highlighting Long Range Transportation Plan & Commonwealth goals as well as Lancaster County roadway and bridge information. He said the state highway system carries 75% of daily traffic and there were 5665 crashes in 2006. The draft TIP accounts for the non-tolling of I-80. It totals \$215 million in bridge and highway projects and reserve line items. He stated that a newspaper legal add has announced the public review and comment period through the month of May with a public meeting on May 19, 2010.

There are 93 total projects including 46 bridges (9 of these are local) and 30 new projects (20 of which are bridges and 4 of these are new local bridges). 42% of the projects on the draft TIP are local initiative projects. He further discussed the project identification, selection and evaluation process for the draft highway TIP. He said two third of the projects on the Draft TIP are carry overs from the existing TIP. Then he discussed the sources of new projects on the TIP in detail which includes but is not limited to the Long Range Transportation Plan and TIP priorities, municipal suggestions, and MPO studies. He mentioned that the draft TIP packet will be mailed the municipalities, libraries and to the interested parties later this week.

Mr. Zimmerman made a motion to approve the draft highway and transit TIPs for the 30 day public review and comment period during the month of May. Mr. Lutz seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

5. **Smart Transportation Scrapbook:**

Mrs. Parcels gave a presentation on the Smart Transportation Scrapbook in Context, a follow-up to the presentation at the February 2010 meeting. She stated that the Smart Transportation scrapbook is a product conceived and developed in the context of ongoing county planning activities as well as state and federal initiatives. The scrapbook carries forward the vision, goals and strategies in the Comprehensive Plan, in the Long Range Transportation Plan and the Growth Management Plan. The scrapbook demonstrates smart

transportation projects funded through the TIP. It supports the Smart Transportation Task Force (STTF) that was established in November 2009 by the MPO, chaired by Mr. Ray D'Agostino. The scrapbook complements the PennDot revised Highway Occupancy Permit (HOP) policies and procedures that provide trip offset credits for bicycle and pedestrian facilities and finally, the scrapbook also shows how Lancaster County is actively positioning itself to partner with HUD-DOT-EPA on the new Partnership for Sustainable Communities.

## 6. Act 44 Funding:

Mr. Cowhey reported that commonwealth's request to toll I-80 has been denied and was a main funding mechanism of Act 44. A handout provided a listing of the backlogged projects to keep the MPO aware that these projects can not move forward in a timely manner due to inadequate funding. He encouraged meeting participants to contact their legislators to minimally make Act 44 whole.

## 7. Updates and Announcements:

- **Major projects:** Mr. Mullins and Mr. Gillespie gave an update on active and future major projects including the US 222 north highway restoration project, Lititz Pike Bridge and Marietta Avenue Bridge project. The detailed list was distributed.
- **Transportation Authority:** Mr. Zimmerman gave an update on the LED conversion of traffic signal and on the Lancaster Amtrak Station project. He said transportation the county and authority are working on a new three party reimbursement agreement with PennDOT.
- **Bike/Pedestrian Advisory Committee:** Ms. Ahlskog reported that the BPAC Committee decided to meet monthly instead of quarterly and will be a standing item on the TTAC agenda. She further gave an update on the South Duke Street Bridge rehab project which will include sidewalks.

She also reported on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarterly Progress Report for Transportation Enhancements/Home Town Streets/Safe Routes to School. She discussed the following projects: Station Plaza of Downtown Ephrata, Center Square Renovations in Elizabethtown Borough, Bird in Hand Village Streetscape, Columbia Safe Routes to School, and Manheim Railroad Station Renovations.

- **Smart Transportation Task Force:** Mr. D'Agostino reported that the second meeting was held on March 25, 2010 and that definitions and funding sources were discussed. The task force is now focusing on defining smart growth transportation projects. He said Mark Stout, affiliated with 10,000 Friends of PA and a consultant on smart transportation is participating in the meetings.

- **TIP Communication Committee:** Mr. Cowhey said that the committee has met twice to advise the staff on draft TIP materials and on the MPO retreat which will be held on August 5, 2010 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Mr. Lutz indicated he hopes the retreat will benefit all members on the MPO and TTAC committees. He further said that being on this committee is helping him gain more clarity on the TIP process and other procedures and that the retreat is important for all of us.
- **Commuter Services of PA:** Brandy Heilman announced that April 22nd was earth day and CS encouraged employees to use an alternate form of transportation. The regional transit system coordination study is in the process of collecting proposals from the Consultants.

**8. Other business & public participation:**

Mr. Kraus of Mount Joy Township addressed the committee in regard to a traffic signal in the Township which is less than two year old and which had faulty wires – a problem that could be experienced in other municipalities.

Mr. Arey of PennDOT announced that soon the State Transportation Commissions Transportation Advisory Committee will release a transportation funding summary which builds on the work of the Transportation Funding and Reform Commission.

Mr. Royer gave a quick update on a meeting held regarding the recommendations of the PA 896 study (US 30 to Strasburg). He noted that District 8-0 staff committed to a betterment/widening project in the corridor to provide 11' travel lanes and 8' shoulders.

**9. Adjournment:** Vice-Chairperson Gray adjourned the meeting at 1:45 p.m.

**Next Meeting:** June 28, 2010 @ 12:00 p.m.