

LANCASTER COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COORDINATING COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING
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DATE: March 25, 2010
TIME: 10:30 a.m.
PLACE: 150 North Queen Street, First Floor, Lancaster PA

MEMBERS:

Scott Martin (Chair)	Board of County Commissioners
Rick Gray (Vice Chair)	Mayor, City of Lancaster
Jennifer Duralja (Alternate)	State Representative
Senator Lloyd Smucker	State Senate
Mitch Hanna	State Senator Smucker'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
Dennis Groff	Lancaster County Planning Commission
Leo Lutz	Lancaster County Planning Commission
Thomas McDermott	Lancaster County Planning Commission
Constantine Mandros	City of Lancaster
Sam Wilsker	City of Lancaster
Charlotte Katzenmoyer	City of Lancaster
Karl Graybill	City of Lancaster

GUESTS:

Dennis Stuckey	County Commissioner
Craig Lehman	County Commissioner
Dave Greineder	Chamber of Commerce
Beth Hinkle	Transportation Citizen's Advisory Committee
Tom Smithgall	Herbert, Roland & Grubic, Inc.
Rob Ruth	City of Lancaster

STAFF:

<u>PennDOT</u>	
Beth Raves	Pennsylvania Department of Transportation Central Office
Robin Metz	Pennsylvania Department of Transportation Central Office
Dennis Sloand	Pennsylvania Department of Transportation, District 8-0
Mike Keiser	Pennsylvania Department of Transportation, District 8-0

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

1. **Call to Order:** Chairperson Martin called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.
2. **Minutes of February 22, 2010 Meeting:** Mr. Mandros made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Mr. Groff seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

3. **Membership:**

Chairperson Martin welcomed Mr. Karl Graybill as a new member nominated by the Mayor to represent the City of Lancaster on the committee.

4. **2009 Transportation Improvement Program Amendments – Preparation for Possible Federal Jobs Bill 2:**

Chairperson Martin gave a brief background about the preparation for the possible federal Jobs Bill 2 funding and noted he understood certain committee members concerns about approving \$29 million worth of projects by an e-ballot (which failed).

Mr. Gillespie from PennDOT discussed the details of all seven projects on the list which totals \$29.1 million. The US 30 Wrights Ferry Bridge and PA 23 projects are on the existing TIP. In the event of the approval of the Jobs Bill 2, the allocated funds for these two projects will be utilized for other projects which will be selected later. He noted that all seven projects for consideration are all shovel ready and are high priority system preservation projects.

Mr. Gillespie stated that at least 50% of each state's allocated funds may have to be obligated within 90 days of the enactment. In one of the early Jobs Bill 2 proposals, a state must obligate the federal funds and award projects within 90 days of the legislation. This time requirement allows for approximately 55 days to have the projects designed and all plans ready for bid advertising. The Department has selected projects which can be designed, federal funds obligated, and projects awarded to contractors within that 90 day time frame.

The members were concerned about whether other state projects were considered and whether local projects can be considered.

Ms. Katzenmoyer suggested adding the streetscape project of Lancaster City to TIP for possible Jobs Bill 2 funding. Ms. Ahlskog indicated that because this is not on the current TIP or on the approved list of Transportation Enhancements eligible projects, this should go through the Transportation Enhancements project selection and prioritization process, which will not likely occur until the new Federal Transportation Act is approved.

Mr. Groff made a motion to add US 30 Wrights Ferry Bridge Preventative Maintenance, New Holland Pike Resurfacing, PA 324 Pequea Blvd. Bridge over the Pequea Creek rehabilitation, Leacock Road Bridge over the Pequea Creek rehabilitation, Harrisburg Pike Resurfacing, McGovernville Road resurfacing and bridges rehabilitation and Little Cocalico Creek Bridge (SR 1051) to the 2009 TIP based on the following three conditions: (1) a federal Job Bill 2 is passed by Congress and signed into law, (2) the amount of federal funds identified in the Jobs Bill 2 (the amount of funds allocated to PA in Jobs Bill 2 will determine the amount of funds and projects to be programmed in the Lancaster MPO area – the listing of projects could change), and (3) local projects will be considered for the Jobs Bill 2 funding, however, these projects must meet all federal requirements and be 'ready for construction'. These projects will be added to the FFY 2009-2012 TIP once legislation is enacted.

Mr. Mandros seconded the motion which was approved with one dissenting vote by Ms. Katzenmoyer.

5. Other business & public participation:

There was some discussion about improving voting procedures by developing some guidelines which also should be the part of orientation/welcome packet for new MPO members.

Chairperson Martin announced that the Planning Commission will hold a retreat for MPO and TTAC members this summer. The purpose of this retreat is to help members better understand their roles and responsibilities and to better understand the TIP development and modification processes.

He asked the members if there is a need to change the day or time for the MPO and TTAC meetings for their convenience and so that meetings are not rushed. It was decided unanimously to change the start time of the scheduled meetings from 12:30 p.m. to 12:00 p.m.

6. Next Meeting: April 26, 2010 @ 12:00 p.m.

7. Adjournment: Chairperson Martin adjourned the meeting at 12:10 p.m.