

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

**DATE:** February 22, 2010  
**TIME:** 12:30 p.m.  
**PLACE:** 150 North Queen Street, First Floor, Lancaster PA

**MEMBERS:**

Scott Martin ( <b>Chair</b> )	Board of County Commissioners
Rick Gray ( <b>Vice Chair</b> )	Mayor, City of Lancaster
Dave Hickernell	State Representative
Mitch Hanna	State Senator Smucker's Office
Walt Panko	Pennsylvania Department of Transportation Central Office
Tucker Ferguson	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
David Kratzer	Lancaster County Planning Commission
Constantine Mandros	City of Lancaster
Sam Wilsker	City of Lancaster
Charlotte Katzenmoyer	City of Lancaster

**GUESTS:**

Chris May	Herbert Roland & Grubic, Inc.
Thomas Willig	Strasburg Twp.
Doyle Heisey	Sight & Sound
Cliff Lewis	Newslanc.com
Karl Graybill	CS Davidson Inc.
Lisa Riggs	JSID
Keith Orris	F&M College
Rick Crawford	Norfolk Southern
Brandy Heilman	Commuter Services of PA
Sara Gibson	Rapho Township
Bernie Harris	Lancaster Newspapers
Roy Baldwin	McCormick Taylor
Mark Stivers	East Hempfield Township
Steve Geisenberger	Citizen

**STAFF:**

<u>PennDOT</u>	
Dennis Sloand	PennDOT District 8-0
Carey Mullins	PennDOT District 8-0
Jim Arey	PennDOT Central Office

## LCPC

James Cowhey  
Dave Royer (**Secretary**)  
Carol Palmoski  
Lauri Ahlskog  
Harriet Parcels  
Farah Sadiq

Executive Director  
Director for Transportation Planning  
Senior Transportation Planner  
Senior Transportation Planner  
Senior Transportation Planner  
Administrative Secretary

1. **Call to Order:** Chairperson Martin called the meeting to order at 12:30 p.m.
2. **Minutes of November 23, 2009 Meeting:** Chairperson Martin made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Mr. Groff seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

### 3. **Reorganization:**

Mr. Cowhey asked for the nomination of Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson for 2010 and indicated that current Chairperson Martin and Vice-Chairperson Mayor Gray have agreed to continue in these positions. A motion to keep the officers the same as in 2009 was passed unanimously.

### 4. **Membership Changes:**

The Chairperson said that the Lancaster County Planning Commission members, Ray D'Agostino, Dennis Groff and Leo Lutz will continue to serve as TTAC members. Also Rob Ruth, City Engineer and Roni Ryan of Elizabethtown Borough as the non-Lancaster Inter-Municipal Committee member, were confirmed as TTAC members. The Transportation Citizen Advisory Committee nominated Beth Hinkle from Upper Leacock Township and Chris Snyder as her alternate to TTAC and these were confirmed.

The Chairperson further said that Kathy Wasong and David Kratzer are new LCPC members of the MPO. Mr. Dan Zimmerman was nominated by the Lancaster County Transportation Authority as an MPO member with John Ahlfeld as his alternate, and these were confirmed.

Chairperson Martin welcomed all new members.

### 5. **Norfolk Southern Update:**

Rick Crawford gave power point presentation on Norfolk Southern's operations and plans in Lancaster County. He covered the need for the Dillerville Yard relocation in some detail, as well as the Crescent Corridor project (which extends from New Orleans to New England).

### 6. **2009 TIP Modifications:**

Mr. Panko summarized a number of administrative modifications.

He offered two amendments to the Transit TIP. The first one relates to the regular federal FTA funding the Department receives - \$9.8 million per year for Amtrak's Keystone Service from Harrisburg to Philadelphia. For the last three years PennDOT has accumulated that money and now plans to apply \$9.675 million of federal funds and \$2.419 million of state funds to all phases of the improvement of the Mount Joy Amtrak Station. The project is anticipated to be let in late 2010.

He further reported that some of the Department's federal high speed rail stimulus funds it applied for will be used for the grade crossing elimination projects in Lancaster County. Other funds will be used in the Keystone Corridor to do a study of the corridor between Harrisburg and Pittsburgh.

Mayor Gray made a motion to amend the TIP by adding all phases of the Mount Joy Amtrak Station improvements to it and to add funds to the transit TIP for the elimination of the three at grade Keystone Corridor crossings in the County. The motion was seconded by Mr. Mandros and was approved unanimously.

Mr. Panko also noted that PennDOT is preparing for the possibility of a new federal Jobs Bill containing transportation funding similar to the first stimulus bill. Quick action, including the possibility of an e-ballot, on this may be needed, because the time frames may be shorter than in the first stimulus package.

#### **7. 2010-2011 Transportation Planning Work Program:**

Mr. Royer reported that the UPWP draft for next fiscal year is similar to the current years and that funding has not changed for three years. The UPWP provides \$33,000 in federal funds to RRTA for transit planning work. The total amount of base work funding is \$476,000. These funds are to be used to cover LCPC and RRTA support staff costs of our transportation planning program.

The City Cordon study task has been eliminated but some aspects of it will be covered by the Congestion Management Process which is being updated.

We still have a pending special study (development of a county traffic signal program) funded in this years UPWP which we plan on moving forward soon.

The Lincoln Highway Mobility and Streetscape Plan development was added to the draft UPWP as a special study request to PennDOT after the February 8, 2010 TTAC meeting. The request is for \$75,000 in federal funds to match \$75,000 in the County Urban Enhancement Funds to accomplish the study. This study was not reviewed/approved by TTAC. The Committee had a number of reservations about the study.

Commissioner Scott Martin made a motion to approve the UPWP excluding the special study - Lincoln Highway Mobility and Streetscape Plan Development. Mr. Mandros seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

**8. PA 896 Corridor Study:**

Mr. Chris May of HRG gave an overview of the PA 896 Corridor Study (US 30 to Strasburg Borough). He explained various aspects of the study including: the existing transportation system, existing and future traffic analysis, bridge analysis, improvements and recommendations as well as access management recommendations. He further mentioned that federal earmark funds are available for improvements in the corridor and could be used to advance two high priority recommendations (Rockvale Road intersection signalization and shoulder widening on the Pequea Creek Bridge). There was some discussion about the provision of sidewalks and shoulders on the bridge.

Mr. Willig, Strasburg Twp. Supervisor, indicated a need for simply improving existing shoulders, for non-motorized traffic as soon as possible. Mr. Heisey of Sight and Sound concurred that buggy traffic and the lack of adequate shoulders creates safety problems near his business.

Mr. D'Agostino made a motion to recommend endorsement of the study. Mayor Gray seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

**9. Highway Functional Classification Change:**

Mr. Royer mentioned that a roadway functional classification technical correction is proposed for the Colonel Howard Boulevard/ Spur Road (SR 1040) from "local" to "minor arterial". The proposed designation will place it on the federal aid system.

Mr. Mandros made the motion to recommend the change to PennDOT and FHWA for re-classification from local to minor arterial and a second was made by Ms. Katzenmoyer and passed unanimously.

**10. Smart Transportation Scrap Book:**

Harriet Parcels explained that the scrapbook was a follow-up project from two successful Smart Transportation workshops held on October 7, 2009 by LCPC and PennDOT. The scrapbook opens with a definition of smart transportation and the principles behind it. It then presents, in largely pictorial format, examples of ten categories of smart transportation projects in the county, including; greater road connectivity, transit and Amtrak station improvements, bicycle and pedestrian projects, support of smart growth mixed use developments and others. The scrapbook will be a useful resource for municipal officials, planners and other interested individuals. TTAC had the opportunity to review and comment upon the document.

**11. 2011-2014 TIP Update:**

Mr. Panko mentioned that \$197 million is allocated for the 2011-2014; TIP - \$140 million Federal and \$57million are State funds. The amount of \$76 million is recommended for 37 State and 11 local bridges projects. A detailed project summary list was distributed to all the members. A number of local initiative local bridge and intersection projects are on the draft TIP.

The draft Transit TIP was also reviewed with the Committee.

## 12. Updates and announcements

➤ Smart Transportation Task Force:

Mr. D'Agostino said that the task force is working on its aims and objectives.

➤ County ITS Project Update:

Mr. Sloand gave a brief update on 26 CCTV cameras, 6 highway advisory radio transmitters and 11 message boards. By the middle of this year 13 cameras will be installed and their video available at the District 8-0 Traffic Management Center and on the PA 511 website.

➤ Transportation Authority:

Mr. Royer gave an update on the Lancaster Amtrak Station renovation project and on the traffic signal coordination improvement projects on four corridors including: the Lititz Pike, Rohrerstown Road, Columbia Avenue and Centerville Road.

➤ Transportation Enhancement Projects:

Ms. Ahlskog gave an update on the status of transportation enhancement projects. She stated that the Heritage Trail Bike Path, Manheim Township project all the bids for this project were rejected last year. It was re-bid and the new bid was approved. She further gave a brief overview on the City projects and Station Plaza of Downtown Ephrata, Bird in Hand Village Streetscape and Roadway Improvement, Columbia Safe Routes to Schools, Center Square Renovations and Manheim Railroad Station Renovations.

**Next Meeting:** April 26, 2010

**Adjournment:** Chairperson Scott Martin adjourned the meeting at 2:45 pm.