

**DRAFT
LANCASTER COUNTY
TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TTAC)
MINUTES**

DATE: March 8, 2010

PLACE: 150 North Queen Street, First Floor, Lancaster, PA 17603

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ray D'Agostino (Chairperson)	Lancaster County Planning Commission
Ralph Hutchison (Vice Chairperson)	Lancaster Inter-municipal Committee
John Ahlfeld	Lancaster County Transportation Authority
David Greineder	Chamber of Commerce
David Kilmer	Red Rose Transit Authority
Michael Ridgeway	Bike/Ped Advisory Committee
Dennis Groff	Lancaster County Planning Commission
Leo Lutz	Lancaster County Planning Commission
Dennis Sloand	PennDOT District 8-0
Walt Panko	PennDOT Central Office
Rob Ruth	City of Lancaster
Paula Jackson (Alternate)	City of Lancaster
Austin Bieler	Lancaster Airport Authority
Jay Puschak	Business and Finance Community
William Ebel	Environmental Community
Joseph Holzwarth	Motorized Vehicle Interests
Roni Ryan	Elizabethtown Borough/Outer Municipalities
Beth Hinkle	Transportation Citizen's Advisory Committee

GUESTS:

Chris May	Herbert, Roland & Grubic, Inc.
Lisa Riggs	James Street Improvement District
Bernie Harris	Lancaster Newspapers
Karl Graybill	CS Davidson, Inc.
Casey Kraus	Mount Joy Township
Jonathan Crum	Federal Highway Administration
Brandy Heilman	Commuter Services of PA

STAFF:

PennDOT

Carey Mullins

PennDOT District 8-0

LCPC

James Cowhey

Dave Royer (Secretary)

Carol Palmoski

Executive Director LCPC
Director for Transportation Planning
Senior Transportation Planner

Lauri Ahlskog
Harriet Parcels
Gary Jones
Scott Standish
Kip Van Blarcom
Farah Sadiq

Senior Transportation Planner
Senior Transportation Planner
Assistant Transportation Planner
Director for Long Range and Heritage Planning
Senior Heritage Planner
Administrative Secretary

1. Call to Order:

Chairperson Ray D'Agostino called the meeting to order at 12:30 p.m.

2. Minutes of February 8, 2010 Meeting:

Mr. Hutchison made a motion to approve the minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Mr. Groff and passed unanimously.

3. Reorganization:

Mr. Cowhey reported that Commissioner Martin and Mayor Gray were elected for their second term for MPO as Chair and Vice-Chair, respectively. Mr. D'Agostino indicated he was not interested in chairing TTAC this year. Mr. D'Agostino nominated Mr. Lutz as Chairperson and Mr. Hutchison as Vice-Chairperson. The motion to accept Mr. Lutz as Chairperson and Mr. Hutchison as a Vice-Chairperson was passed unanimously.

Mr. Lutz chaired the meeting.

4. 2009 TIP Modifications:

Mr. Panko mentioned that seven highway projects are identified to get potential Federal Jobs Bill 2 funding. Mr. Holzwarth made a motion to recommend the amendments to the MPO with three conditions: 1: a federal Jobs 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.' The motion was seconded by Mr. Puschak and passed unanimously. An MPO e-ballot will be conducted relative to these amendments.

Mr. Panko further updated the committee on various administrative modifications to the TIP.

5. Lincoln Highway Gateway Enhancement Plan:

Mr. Standish, Director for Long Range and Heritage Planning and Mr. Van Blarcom, Senior Heritage Planner gave a PowerPoint presentation on Lincoln Highway Gateway Enhancement Plan. They described the importance of Lincoln Highway corridor to the Lancaster County as well as some of its problems, the purpose of the plan and process, and its vision, goals and a proposed management structure. They further stated that the business group is encouraged to formalize their status as a 501(C)6 organization. Staff will present the scope and budget for the next step toward implementation – a mobility and streetscape plan development - at the Committee's April meeting.

6. 2011-2014 TIP Update:

Mr. Royer reported that numerous local initiative projects are on the draft TIP including local bridge and Transportation Systems Management/intersection projects. Mr. Panko mentioned that 47 bridge projects and numerous safety improvement projects are on the draft TIP. He further said that a draft TIP for public review and comment will be presented at the April TTAC/MPO meetings. There was some discussion about the clarity of the materials presented and it was decided that a sub-committee would work on these issues. Those interested in serving on this committee were asked to contact Mr. Royer.

7. Bike/Pedestrian Facilities on Bridges:

Ms. Ahlskog reported that there was discussion at the MPO meeting about providing sidewalks on bridges. Staff was asked to draft a policy for MPO adoption regarding the provision sidewalks and shoulders on bridges. Upon further research, staff found that almost all of the functional elements of the County's Comprehensive Plan contained goals, strategies or objectives that support non-motorized accommodations on bridges, although not in those exact words. Therefore, the task was changed to create a process for evaluation non-motorized accommodations on bridges. Ms. Ahlskog explained that the task change resulted in no printed information being presented to the committee today. She said we need to get the Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee involved in this process. The proposed policy will be presented at the next meeting in April.

8. Updates and announcements:

Transportation Authority: Mr. Ahlfeld gave an update on the Lancaster Amtrak Station renovation project and other ongoing projects.

Commuter Services of PA: Brandy Heilman reported on the study of origins and destinations of its database members and the annual database cleansing cycle.

Mr. Sloand announced that the updates on Major Highway/Bridge Projects will be presented in the next meeting on April 12, 2010.

Next Meeting: April 12, 2010

Adjournment: Mr. Lutz adjourned the meeting at 2:20 p.m.