

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

**DATE:** April 12, 2010

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

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Leo Lutz (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
Ray D'Agostino	Lancaster County Planning Commission
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
Roni Ryan	Elizabethtown Borough – Non LIMC Municipalities
Beth Hinkle	Transportation Citizen's Advisory Community

**GUESTS:**

David Beachy	LR Kimball
Fran Strouse	LR Kimball
Tom Willig	Strasburg Township
Chris May	Herbert, Roland & Grubic, Inc.
Lisa Riggs	James Street Improvement District
Doug Plank	ELA Group, Inc.
Casey Kraus	Mount Joy Township
Bob Krimmel	East Hempfield Township
Mark Stivers	East Hempfield Township
Rick Stammel	Dutch Wonderland
Roy Baldwin	McCormick Taylor
Bernie Harris	Lancaster Newspapers
Brandy Heilman	Commuter Services of PA

**STAFF:**

<u>PennDOT</u>	
Carey Mullins	PennDOT District 8-0

LCPC

James Cowhey	Executive Director
Dave Royer (Secretary)	Director for Transportation Planning
Carol Palmoski	Senior Transportation Planner
Lauri Ahlskog	Senior Transportation Planner
Harriet Parcells	Senior Transportation Planner
Gary Jones	Assistant Transportation Planner
Scott Standish	Director for Long Range and Heritage Planning
Kip Van Blarcom	Senior Heritage Planner
Farah Sadiq	Administrative Secretary

**1. Call to Order:**

Chairperson Leo Lutz called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

**2. Minutes of March 8, 2010 Meeting:**

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

**3. 2009 TIP Modifications:**

Mr. Walt Panko discussed a number of administrative modifications to both the highway and transit TIPs.

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

Mr. Royer reviewed the Draft 2011-2014 TIP with the Committee. He said the state highway carries 75% of daily traffic and there were 5665 crashes in 2006. He further said the State Act 44 is not fully funded and we need a 50% increases in funding to meet all the needs. There are 46 bridges and 30 new projects on the draft TIP. He said the public review and comment period will be through the month of May with a public meeting on May 19th.

Mr. Panko indicated the draft TIP had missed two projects and didn't include \$5.5 million of "spike" funding for the Lititz Pike Bridge. The two existing TIP projects to be added to the draft TIP are:

- PA 324 Intersection safety improvements in Martic Twp. at the Low Grade Trail
- PA 272 bridge removal over abandoned railroad

Chairperson Lutz appreciated the efforts of the TIP communications committee and encouraged them to keep exploring new communication methods until we hold the MPO/TTAC retreat this summer.

Mr. D'Agostino expressed concern about the use of the project evaluation criteria with respect to the Transportation System's Management intersection improvement projects on the draft TIP.

Mr. Ebel made a motion to recommend approval of Draft TIP for public review/comment. Mr. Groff seconded and it was approved unanimously.

**5. Lincoln Highway (Expressway to PA 896) Gateway Enhancement Plan:**

Mr. Standish, Director for Long Range and Heritage Planning and Mr. Van Blarcom, Senior Heritage Planner presented an overview of the Lincoln Highway Gateway Enhancement Plan. The power point presentation highlighted existing and suggested curb cuts, driveways, lane configurations, pedestrian & bicycle networks, and examples of traffic circle and roundabouts.

Mr. Rick Stammel, General Manager of Dutch Wonderland addressed the committee and said that all the businesses in the corridor are in the favor of the plan and are willing to work for the betterment of the plan. He thanked the committee for supporting the plan.

Mr. Standish mentioned that the cost of the next phase, a mobility and streetscape plan, is estimated to cost around \$150,000 and \$ 75,000 has been secured through the Lancaster County Urban Enhancement Fund. East Lampeter Twp. and private businesses are willing to contribute \$5,000, so that the request to TTAC is for \$70,000 in Surface Transportation Urban funds.

A suggestion was made for the proponents of the planning effort to meet with PennDOT District 8-0 personnel. Mr. Panko indicated there could be an issue with the need to pay back federal funds for a plan or study if a project is not implemented from the plan/study. Mr. Groff expressed concerns about the US 30 corridor from PA 896 to Gap, and staff indicated that this portion of the corridor will be getting attention in the form of projects on the existing and draft TIP's and in the form of a roadway safety audit.

After discussion committee decided to table action on a motion by Mr. Ebel with a second by Mr. Ridgeway. The motion passed unanimously.

## 6. **Updates and announcements:**

**Major Projects:** Mr. Mullins gave an update on active and future major highway/bridge projects. Active projects includes the following large resurfacing projects: Beaver Valley Pike, Lincoln Highway, and Rohrerstown Road. With the Columbia Avenue resurfacing project which is underway, he said most of the work is scheduled to be done at night. The future projects include the resurfacing of Prince and Queen Streets and construction of the Transportation Enhancements streetscape project in the City.

**Transportation Authority:** Mr. Ahlfeld handed out a report on work accomplished by the Authority in 2009 and indicated Authority members recently met with the County Commissioners to discuss the work program and funding.

**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 TTAC agenda. She further gave an update on the S. Duke Street Bridge rehab project which will include sidewalks. She mentioned that a draft policy relative to the need for sidewalks/shoulders on bridges will be presented after the TIP update.

**Smart Transportation Task Force:** Mr. D' Agostino reported that the task force is focusing on defining smart growth transportation projects. He said Mark Stout, a consultant on Smart Growth Transportation is participating in our meetings through conference calls.

**TIP Communications Committee:** The Committee met once to advice staff about the materials being prepared for the TIP update public review and comment period. Mr.

Cowhey suggested August 5th or 6th for the MPO/TTAC. He mentioned that the main agenda items will be:

- MPO/TTAC orientation
- Members responsibilities
- TIP update and modification processes
- Agenda structure

**Commuter Services of PA:** Brandy Heilman announced that Earth day is on April 22<sup>nd</sup> and the program's goal is to motivate commuters to use an alternate form of transportation to get to work on that day/week. She further gave an update on the study of regional transit systems coordination and on the ride share database cleansing.

## **7. Other business & Public Participation:**

Mr. Tom Willig of Strasburg Township addressed the committee regarding the PA 896 Corridor Study. He talked about the traffic, buggy and pedestrian safety issues in the area and noted the townships opposition to having the federal earmark funds for the corridor used at the northern end – at the US 30 intersection. Mr. Royer indicated that interested parties met with District 8-0 staff and got a commitment to a PennDOT betterment/widening project throughout the corridor (Borough to US 30) to resurface and widen the roadway (not touching the bridge), providing 11' travel lanes and 8' shoulders.

**Next Meeting:** May 10, 2010

**Adjournment:** Mr. Lutz adjourned the meeting at 1:40 p.m.