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LANCASTER COUNTY
TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TTAC)
MINUTES

DATE: June 14, 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
David Greineder	Lancaster Chamber of Commerce
David Kilmer	Red Rose Transit Authority
Dennis Groff	Lancaster County Planning Commission
Walt Panko	PennDOT Central Office
Carey Mullins (Alternate)	PennDOT District 8-0
Rob Ruth	City of Lancaster
Paula Jackson (Alternate)	City of Lancaster
Austin Beiler	Lancaster Airport Authority
William Ebel	Environmental Community
Roni Ryan	Elizabethtown Bor. – Non LIMC Municipalities
Beth Hinkle	Transportation Citizen’s Advisory Committee
John Ahlfeld	Lancaster County Transportation Authority

GUESTS:

Chris May	Herbert, Roland & Grubic, Inc.
Lisa Riggs	James Street Improvement District
Bernie Harris	Lancaster Newspapers
Casey Kraus	Mount Joy Township
Bob Krimmel	East Hempfield Township
Ron Beam	Rettew Associates, Inc.
Mitch Hanna	Senator Smucker’s Office
Roy Baldwin	McCormick Taylor
Brandy Heilman	Commuter Services of PA
Tom Willig	Strasburg Township
Bonnie Miller	Business Owner

STAFF:

PennDOT

John Kennedy	PennDOT District 8-0
Jonathan Crum	Federal Highway Administration

LCPC

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

2. Minutes of May 10, 2010 Meeting:

Mr. Kilmer made a motion to approve the revised minutes as drafted. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hutchison and passed unanimously.

3. 2009 Transportation Improvement Program Modifications:

Mr. Panko discussed numerous administrative actions to the highway TIP including the addition of \$6.7 million of federal STP funds to the TIP from the deobligation of funds for the preliminary engineering phase of the US 30 (PA 896-PA41) environmental impact statement.

The highway TIP amendments described were aimed at providing an additional \$10+ million for the US 30 bridge over the Susquehanna rehabilitation project for the added scope of including replacement of the latex modified mortar wearing surface.

Mr. Groff made a motion to recommend approval of the highway TIP amendments as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hutchison and passed unanimously.

Mr. Kilmer reviewed the transit TIP administrative actions as well as the recommended amendment to use \$300,000 in federal Section 5307 funding from FFY 2010 and \$300,000 of State Section 338 funding from FFY 2010 in FFY for operating assistance in FFY 2009.

Mr. Panko made a motion to recommend approval of the transit TIP amendment. Mr. Groff seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

4. 2011-2014 Transportation Improvement Program Adoption:

Mr. Royer gave an overview of the draft 2011-2014 TIP. The Highway TIP consists of 93 projects, 46 are the bridges and 9 are local bridges. There are 30 new projects on the TIP. The highway TIP shows \$215 million in funding of which \$152 million is federal, \$57 million of state and \$6 million of local/private funds. The draft Transit TIP has 57 projects for \$41 million of which \$18 million are federal, \$21 million are state and \$2.5 million are local funds.

Ms. Ahlskog reported on the public review and comment period including the public meeting that was attended by 6-7 people. The comment from the James Street Improvement District was mistakenly omitted from the list of public comments and handed out to the members for their review. She said 20 comments were received during the public review and comment period and staff had already provided responses to them, which were provided in the meeting packet.

Ms. Bonnie Miller shared some concerns in regards to the Harrisburg Pike project and selection criteria used for the TIP. She further said that Harrisburg Pike is one of the least congested corridors. Mr. Cowhey responded that our study shows that it is one of the most congested corridors and the subject of a recent corridor study with improvement recommendations.

Mr. Lutz thanked the TIP communications committee for working with staff on improved communications regarding the TIP. He expressed appreciation for LCPC's staff presentations on the draft TIP at the recent round of LCPC breakfast meetings with municipal officials.

Mr. Kilmer made a motion to recommend approval of the 2011-2014 Highway and Bridge and Transit TIP. Mr. Hutchison seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Royer noted the PA 896 corridor study (Strasburg Borough to US 30) was approved earlier this year by the MPO and that a commitment for a betterment/minor widening project in the corridor has been made by PennDOT and will be the subject of a TIP amendment in the fall.

5. TIP Modification Procedures MOU Adoption:

Ms. Ahlskog explained that this is a part of TIP update which happens every two years. PennDOT, FHWA and FTA execute a memorandum of understanding that establishes their procedures for processing modifications to the STIP (which is all the TIPs from the MPO/RPOs around the state). This outlines the procedures for TIP modifications for the Lancaster MPO, and is identical to the one currently in place. The draft proposes a \$ 2 million threshold before requiring MPO's approval as an amendment. The cost of a project that does not exceed \$ 2 million would be handled as administrative action. Mr. Panko mentioned that Larry Shifflet will be signing the MOU instead of Allen Biehler.

Mr. Groff made a motion to recommend approval of the proposed MOU. Mr. Kilmer seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

6. TIP/LRTP Air Quality Conformity Resolution Adoption:

Mr. Royer summarized of air quality conformity executive summary and proposed resolution related to the county's ozone and particulate matter status. The conformity analysis indicates that the TIP and LRTP are in conformance with the federal air quality requirements.

Mr. Kilmer made a motion to recommend adoption and signing of the air quality conformity resolution. Mr. Groff seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

7. Self Certification Resolution Adoption:

Ms. Ahlskog said that the MPO needs to certify that its transportation planning process is being carried out in conformance with all applicable federal requirements. She reviewed the draft resolution with the committee.

Mr. Kilmer made a motion to recommend the self certification resolution for approval. Mr. Groff seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

8. Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Policy Adoption:

Mrs. Parcels spoke about the federal Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) requirements. The purpose of the requirements is to make sure that woman and minority owned businesses are not discriminated against in the award and administration of contracts involving federal transportation funds. Mrs. Parcels said that the UPWP that the MPO submits to PennDOT each year includes a DBE implementation plan “good faith efforts” section. PennDOT circulated a draft DBE policy statement and recommended its adoption by MPOs and RPOs. This is the policy statement that LCPCC recommends that the Committee adopt.

Mr. Kilmer made a motion to recommend the adoption of the DBE policy for approval. Mr. Groff seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

9. TIGER II Application:

Mrs. Parcels reported that the Notice of the Funding Availability fro TIGER II grants was published on April 26th. There will be \$600 million available nationwide significantly less the \$1.5 billion available under the original TIGER grants. Pre-applications are due July 16th and final applications are due August 23rd. LCPC staff reconvened the TIGER stakeholder committee and presented two options to them for a TIGER II application.

Option 1: Includes the improvement of the US 30/ Harrisburg Pike Interchange, widening, turning lanes and signal improvements to a segment of Harrisburg Pike from the Interchange to the Norfolk Southern RR Bridge, a multi use trail from the City to Long’s Park, and new city street connections through the planned “Eds and Meds” mixed use development on the eastern portion of the relocated NS railroad yard property.

Option 2: Includes all the capital roadway and multi-modal improvements recommended in the Harrisburg Pike Corridor Study except the US 30 Interchange (and PA 283/PA 722 interchange – already fully funded in the TIP).

The TIGER Stakeholder Committee favored Option 1 for many reasons, including the difficulty of funding the capital costs of the interchange through the regular TIP funding.

Mr. Greineder made a motion to recommend option 1 to the MPO for the development of a TIGER II grant application. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hutchison and passed unanimously. Mr. Panko and Mr. Mullins abstained.

10. Environmental Justice & ADA Policies & Practices Report:

Mrs. Parcels said that Lancaster County and the MPO have long-standing commitments to Environmental Justice (EJ) principles and practices. The Environmental Justice & ADA Policies and Practices Report explains the federal requirements related to Environmental Justice, Disadvantaged Business Enterprise and Americans with Disabilities Act and presents the policies and practices of the MPO that demonstrate LCTCC's commitment to and compliance with these mandates. Members were asked to review and comment upon the draft by June 22nd.

11. 2007 US DOT Certification Review Compliance Report:

In July 2007 the US Department of Transportation conducted a team certification review of the activities and policies of the Lancaster County Transportation Coordinating Committee (LCTCC). DOT called for several corrective actions and made 15 findings and recommendations. This report describes the actions that LCTCC has taken to comply with the points raised in the review. Another review will be conducted by US DOT this fall. The committee was asked to review and comment upon the report by June 22nd.

12. Updates and Announcements:

- **Major Projects:** Mr. Mullins updated the committee on the US 222 north preventative maintenance project.
- **Transportation Authority:** Mr. Ahlfeld reported that the LED conversion project for signalized intersections will be underway very soon. The Lancaster Amtrak Station project is moving ahead and expected to be completed in September 2011 and public art is being considered as a component.
- **Bike/Pedestrian Advisory Committee:** Ms. Ahlskog gave an update on Main Street Bridge on PA 462 which will include a bike/ped detour route during construction. The Bike/Ped Committee wanted to highlight this because it is great to see that a bike detour was included.
- **Smart Transportation Task Force:** Report will be presented at the next meeting.
- **Commuter Services of PA :** Brandy Heilman presented an update on the following:
 - 1) Regional Transit Service Coordination Study - consultant was selected: PB Americas & Michael Baker teamed together; project kick-off meeting at the end of June; tentative end date for the Study will be May 2011.

2) Earth Day contest on April 22 - 67 participants from Lancaster reduced 885 miles that day, including 5 who were trying new mode shift, 22 rode the RRTA bus, 16 walked, 14 carpooled, 10 bicycled, 3 rode Amtrak and 2 teleworked; 2 of the top 3 employers were from Lancaster: The County of Lancaster had 34 participants who removed 675 miles, and Mennonite Central Committee had 20 participants who removed 390 miles.

3) Bike to Work Week in late May - 64 total bicycle commuters biked 4,400+ miles; 19 participants from Lancaster biked 1,276 miles (about 30% of participants and miles were from Lancaster).

4) As an item FYI: Commuter Services and PennDOT have agreed to make FFY 2010-2011 Year 1 of the JARC vanpool project and we withdrew our Year 2 application, which was submitted through the York MPO (YAMPO). It will be revised and resubmitted the Year 2 application next year, when we have a better idea of the program specifics and after we have several vans on the road.

Next Meeting: July 12, 2010

Adjournment: Mr. Lutz adjourned the meeting at 2:05 p.m.