

**Adams County Transportation Planning Organization (ACTPO)  
Minutes for the Committee Meeting on January 31, 2018**

**Attendance:**

**Voting Members**

Bob Gordon	Hamiltonban Township (Chair)
Skip Strayer	Adams County Planning Commission
David Scotty Bolton	McSherrystown, ACBA (Vice-Chair)
John Lansing	New Oxford Borough Council
Darlene Brown	Gettysburg/Adams County Chamber of Commerce
Marty Qually	Adams County Commissioners
Dave Hazlett	Carroll Valley Borough
Brad Shank	Mount Joy Township
Tom Danner	Berwick Township

**Legislative Representatives**

Jared Cottrill	State Rep. Will Tallman
Bev Frey	State Senator Alloway

**Adams County Office of Planning and Development**

Christopher Caba  
Andrew Merkel  
Sherri Clayton-Williams

**Others**

Bob Rhoads	Mount Pleasant Township (Alternate)
William Cameron	Adams County Bridge Engineer
Dave Arndt	Conewago Township
Coleen Reamer	Hamiltonban Township
Nathan Walker	PennDOT, District 8-0
Adam Grimes	PennDOT, Central Office
Laura Heilman	Commuter Services
Dennis Hickethier	HABPI
Tom Jolin	HABPI
David Laughman	VP, New Oxford Area Chamber of Commerce
Jon Owens	PennDOT District 8-0
Scott Small	Conewago Township
Barbara Underwood	Cumberland Township
Larry Dost	Latimore Township
Susan Naugle	Gettysburg Borough Council
Gus Fridenvalds	Huntington Township
Jack Ketterman	Germany Township
Mario Iocco	Oxford Township

**Media**

Vanessa Pellechio	Gettysburg Times
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## **1. Introductory Comments**

Mr. Merkel called the meeting to order at 1p.m. He stated Mr. Farr was not present, nor would he be able to act as ACTPO Chair due to other obligations. He had all attendees introduce themselves.

## **2. ACTPO Re-organization/ Selection of Officers**

Both the Chair and Vice-Chair positions were up for selection. Mr. Bolton volunteered for the Chair position. Mr. Qually motioned to nominate Mr. Bob Gordon as Chair, and Mr. Bolton as Vice-Chair. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hazlett and the new officers were unanimously appointed by the Board.

## **3. Approval of Minutes**

Mr. Grimes motioned to approve the October 25, 2017 minutes. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

## **4. Staff Updates - ACOPD**

- A.** Mr. Merkel gave an update on the Eisenhower Boulevard Project. He stated it is still in the environmental assessment phase and eminent domain notices were sent to property owners to continue the assessment.
- B.** Mr. Merkel and PennDOT discussed the SR 116 Road Safety Audit. It was announced the safety manager took a new position and this RSA would be managed by someone else. Mr. Caba stated there have been discussions to set up a meeting between the consultant, PennDOT and the three municipalities involved in the study: Hamiltonban Township, Carroll Valley Borough, and Fairfield Borough. Mr. Qually mentioned the recent accidents at the intersection of SR 16 and Orchard Road and asked if that area could be included in the Road Safety Audit. PennDOT representatives responded that it could be considered depending on several factors. Mr Caba gave an update for that specific intersection relative to accident data dating back to the year 2000.
- C.** Mr. Merkel discussed the most recent HOP/Traffic Study/Project Meetings. He gave an update on the Specialty Granule, Charmian Site in Liberty and Hamiltonban Townships, the Mark Gettysburg Retail Development site in Straban Township, Freedom House in Straban Township, and the Renn-Kirby Auto Sales in Straban Township. In reference to the Mark Gettysburg Site project, Mr. Merkel stated the traffic study had been resubmitted. Mr. Merkel also made an announcement regarding the Rapid Bridge Replacement program. Roadwork will begin in April for the Rock Creek Bridge in Gettysburg. Two lanes will remain open.
- D.** Mr. Merkel addressed the US 15/30 Interchange project. He stated the project consultant met with Straban Township and members of the Adams County Office of Planning and Development to discuss the project. Five alternative are under

consideration including a No Build, Modified Existing Interchange, Conventional Diamond Interchange, Single Point Urban Interchange originally introduced in 2003-2004), and a Diverging Diamond Interchange. He noted that the project alternatives range in price from \$12 million to over \$30 million and further discussed the next steps of the project with the ACTPO Board.

PennDOT asked the ACTPO Board if they would like to be shown the Interstate System Status relative to current conditions and needs. Even though Adams County does not have an Interstate which travels through the County, ACTPO members voted yes to seeing this update at the next ACTPO meeting.

**5. Transit Update**

- A.** Ms. Heilman announced on February 6, 2018, Commuter Services would begin a rideshare and reward program and will have an app to go with it to log rideshare miles.
- B.** Mr. Merkel stated there was no update regarding Freedom Transit, but he did suggest appointing an alternative since Mr. Farr would no longer be able to attend the ACTPO meetings.

**6. 2018-2020 UPWP**

Mr. Merkel detailed the 2018-2020 UPWP including the increases in UPWP funds since FY 2012-2013. Asking for a motion to approve the 2018-2020 UPWP, Mr. Strayer motioned to approved, Mr. Qually seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

**7. Presentation on Safety Performance Measures for Adams County**

Mr. Grimes gave a presentation on safety performance measures for Adams County including HSIP Targets comparing 2% Annual Reduction vs. 2% Reduction on the Five-Year Average. He asked if the ACTPO Board wanted to develop their own performance measures or use the performance measures provided by the State. Mr. Qually motioned to approve the use of State performance measures. Ms. Brown seconded and the motion was approved unanimously.

**8. 2019-2022 TIP Update**

- A.** Mr. Merkel turned the floor over to Mr. Walker to discuss the 2019-2022 Draft TIP. Mr. Walker discussed the Draft TIP in detail and stated 8-10 new bridges have been added including the last local SD bridge. He also said 2-3 meetings were held with the County Planning Office to discuss the projects. Mr. Merkel gave an overview of the procedural guidance including dates for adoption and municipalities affected by the new TIP. Mr. Bolton asked if the Beaver Creek Bridge in Abbottstown could be placed on the TIP. He stated there is an issue of ownership with the bridge as well. PennDOT representatives and Mr. Merkel responded since it is not an SD bridge it cannot go on the TIP at this time.

- B. Mr. Merkel continued a discussion on the prioritization of large-scale projects including Eisenhower Boulevard Extension, 15/30 Interchange, and 15/94 Interchange.
- C. Mr. Merkel and PennDOT representatives briefly discussed PennDOT Connects.

**9. 2017-2020 TIP Update - PennDOT**

Mr. Walker gave an update regarding the 2017-2020 TIP. He announced an amendment was made to remove funding from FFY 2018 to fund the Frederick Pike resurfacing project. The funds would be received from the Baltimore Pike Resurfacing Project with an estimated let date in August which would delay the Baltimore Pike project until 2019. Mr. Qually motioned to approve the amendment, Mr. Strayer seconded and it was passed unanimously.

**10. PennDOT Comments**

None

**11. Public Comments**

Several public comments were made at the end of the meeting. Ms. Underwood asked what could be done to improve the intersection of Herrs Ridge Road and US 30 in Cumberland Township. Mr. Jolin and Mr. Hickethier announced in partnership with the Gettysburg Area Recreation Authority (GARA), they received a grant from DCNR to start a feasibility study for the Grand History Trail. Mr. Cottrill asked what could be done regarding illegal signage popping up throughout the County. Discussion ensued between the ACTPO Board and the public on these topics.

**12. Next Meeting, Time, and Place**

The next meeting will take place March 28, 2018 at 1p.m. at the EMS Building. Mr. Bolton made a motion to conclude the ACTPO meeting, Ms. Brown seconded and the meeting ended at 2:30p.m.