

**Meeting Minutes**  
Huntingdon County Active Transportation Committee  
Friday, October 28, 2022

**Attending:**

Charles Harper, Matt Price, Laura White, Alisha Grove (for Wendy Melius), George Conrad, Brian Wisner, Zack Lee, Judy Scott, Jen Bellis and Jayme Reck

**Not in attendance:**

Debra Clark-Loner, Vince Greenland, Jane Sheffield and James Lettiere

**Minutes**

Matt Price called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M. There was no discussion/action taken on the September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022 minutes because they are currently pending completion.

Matt started the meeting by reviewing the draft of the Review for Proposals (RFP) for an Active Transportation Plan for Huntingdon County. There were a few minor corrections suggested and Laura had sent James an email with her comments/corrections.

George suggested that since this is a proposal to look for a consultant for active transportation we should highlight more of our active transportation infrastructure in our background information. He mentioned including our trails, state forests, public lands and game lands. Matt mentioned three nationally designated trails including the Juniata River Water Trail, The 9/11 Memorial Trail and the Main Line Canal Greenway Trail. Brian suggested including the Southern Alleghenies list of potential projects as well.

There was some discussion about Task 3 (Page 8, 3<sup>rd</sup> paragraph). It states, “The County and the consultants will also conduct interviews with individual stakeholders and/or focus groups with stakeholders throughout the three-day charrette schedule as detailed in Task 4.” James had highlighted three-day for the charrette schedule. The discussion was if it should be limited to 3 days or should the timeframe be extended. Brian had suggested up to 5 days and Matt agreed to a range of 2-5 days.

There was also some discussion about Task 4 (Page 9, 2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph). It states, “County staff and the steering committee may participate in fieldwork as appropriate.” Judy was concerned if the thoughts/ideas discussed within the Active Transportation Committee would be given to the consultant teams that would be providing the ATC with a proposal. Matt referenced Page 3 Paragraph 2, which states the focus will be to develop projects identified in the most recent Southern Alleghenies Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan for Huntingdon County, the development of segments 1, 13 and 19 of the Feasibility Study for the Main Line Canal Greenway Trail (segment of the 9/11 National Memorial Trail) Huntingdon and Mifflin counties and other projects formulated throughout the preparation of this plan. Matt asked if the ATC wanted to limit the proposal to those activities or would they like to consider the consultants ideas as well. Brian agreed that they should look at the consultant’s ideas/suggestions too.

A motion was made by Matt Price to approve the RFP (pending a few corrections). The motion was seconded by Laura White and Zack Lee. The Committee unanimously approved the motion.

Matt pointed out that according to The Daily New and verified by the Planning staff that the extension of the PA Ave Linear Park to the Kistler Bridge was recommended by the County Commissioners for the Southern Alleghenies RPO TIP (Transportation Improvement Program) for PennDot. Our County Commissioners recommendations will be paired with three other counties (Bedford, Fulton and Somerset.)

Matt mentioned that last month Zack had asked for volunteers to serve on the RPO Technical Committee. This would include the counties of Bedford, Fulton, Huntingdon and Somerset. PennDot groups these counties together for transportation projects. Carl King is stepping down from his position on this committee. Matt said that he submitted his name for this position, but if anybody else would be interested please let Zack know.

George spoke about attending the Rothrock Trail Alliance meeting (formerly known as Friends of Rothrock). The subject of the meeting was about bringing in the hiking community. The Rothrock Trail Alliance is trying to raise money more on the Centre County side of Rothrock State Forest to extend hiking trails into Huntingdon County and the Whipples Dam area. They want to be multi-use trails to have equipment installed by a contractor. George said they are solely focused in the Centre County region and he's trying to bring their attention to the fact that Rothrock State Forest is throughout Huntingdon County and they also want to shut down some trails. George feels that's a concern for active transportation because that's less trails for the public to use. Matt mentioned inviting Mark Potter (District Forrester) to an Active Transportation Committee meeting.

George also mentioned that the Standing Stone Trail at the Rt. 22 crossing by the Thousand Steps is completed and signs are up by the highway now. The curbing work along the Thousand Steps is almost complete. The next meeting for the Standing Stone Trail is November 5<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 A.M. in Greenwood Furnace. He also mentioned that they plan to have community hikes in 2023.

The next two meeting dates are December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2022 and January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Both meetings will start at 9:30 A.M.

Matt inquired about the title search from our solicitor for segment 13 to see if PennDot still had the access to cross the tracks.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 AM

Respectfully submitted,  
Jayme Reck  
Assistant Community Development Administrator