

# HUNTINGDON COUNTY ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

## MINUTES

October 31, 2025

Committee Members: Matt Price, George Conrad, Alisha Grove, Judy Scott, Matthew Bjorkman

Stakeholders, visitors, and ex-officio members: Tom Yoder, Brian Wisser, Laurie Nearhood, James Campbell

### **Review and Action on August 29, 2025 Meeting Minutes:**

Matt Price called the meeting to order at 9:30 AM. A motion to approve the September 26, 2025 meeting minutes was made by George Conrad and seconded by Alisha Grove. The motion carried.

### **9/11 Trail/Main Line Canal Greenway Subcommittee Report:**

Judy Scott provided an update on Segment 1. Judy mentioned the land agreement is at the ACCO corporate offices in Chicago. The corporate office reached out recently regarding questions from their Tax Office. The agreement is being reviewed by their legal team and the subcommittee is waiting to hear back from ACCO before progressing any further. No updates were provided for Segments 13 and 19.

Alisha Grove mentioned the mural that was commissioned along Segment 19 may get completed in the next few weeks depending on the weather.

Matt Price and Judy Scott discussed the the Alexandria Main Street project. PennDOT has installed a box culvert to allow Derry Run to pass under Route 305 that is wide enough to accommodate a 5 foot shoulder on either side of the road. The shoulder is not physically constructed, but the installed culvert is wide enough to support a shoulder. The culvert is located near the boundary of Segments 2 and 3.

Matt also mentioned that there is an agreement between PennDOT and the September 11<sup>th</sup> National Memorial Trail Alliance to do statewide signage for the trail. The Trail Alliance will be working with PennDOT and the municipalities to work out the details and implementation of the signage. Signage installation is likely to begin in early 2026.

### **Outreach and Education Subcommittee Report:**

Matt Price discussed the draft of the America250 Active Challenge that he sent to committee members. He stated the challenge is a way of getting residents out and being active in Huntingdon County to celebrate the 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the United States. The Huntingdon County Visitors Bureau will have an America250 landing page on their website that will list all of the county events including bowling, hiking, backpacking, photography.

Matt Bjorkman mentioned the Community Park Program Exchange event that was held on October 28, at Fort Roberdeau by the Pennsylvania Recreation & Park Society. He noted several attendees from Huntingdon and the neighboring counties. Judy Scott mentioned that the event really focused on the regional aspect and connecting the assets of neighboring counties.

Laurie Nearhood said that Alisha Grove took a copy of the Active Transportation Plan and infographic to the Juniata College Health Fair. Alisha reported she handed out the infographic and a number of individuals looked at the Plan.

Matt Price mentioned the Statewide Active Transportation Summit for 2026. He said they are considering destinations along the Amtrak line west of Harrisburg to serve as a host. Matt will reach out and attempt to be a host location.

**Lifeways Subcommittee Report:**

Laurie Nearhood said the County Planning Commission has received the plans for the Warriors Mark Dollar General. The Planning Commission has not made any comments yet because the project is requesting several zoning variances. The Planning Commission is holding off on actions or comments until the variances are granted or denied. Warriors Mark is concerned about the location because there is high traffic speed in that location and no shoulders for pedestrians to utilize.

**Trail Network Connections Subcommittee Report:**

Matt Price and Matt Bjorkman are on the committee to implement the Saxton Trail Connectivity Study. The committee has met several times to discuss the next steps as well as discussing the need to meet with the municipalities to get local leadership onboard. SAP&DC is in the process of finalizing the Study with DCNR.

The Rothrock Trail Alliance has completed the work on the Musser's Gap project and are constructing the Kubler's Gap project. Phase 3 of the full project is on hold due to State and Federal shutdowns.

George Conrad discussed the need for a trail shelter along the Standing Stone Trail in Three Springs. He has attended the Borough Council meetings and they have approved a motion to consider a tract of Borough-owned land for the shelter. George explained an Eagle Scout is eager to work on this project and the trail club would build and maintain the shelter. He noted an assessment on the new tract acquired in Warriors Mark is needed. He also noted the importance of focusing on other areas of the County, including Trough Creek and Locke Valley; and he acknowledged a lot of projects would not be completed without volunteer effort.

Regarding the Terrace Mountain Trail, it was confirmed there is a shelter along the trail almost directly across from the Seven Points Boat Launch. Matt Price explained overnight camping on Army Corps property is only allowed at designated sites.

**Other Business:**

The grand opening for the Sideling Hill Turnpike Plaza trailhead occurred. The trailhead will serve the TOPP trail and several other trails in the Buchanan State Forest.

Matt Price noted six Committee member terms are expiring in December of 2025. George Conrad stated that he will let his term expire as he has other obligations on trail boards.

Laurie Nearhood distributed information about the draft Mifflin County's Comprehensive Plan and stated comments can be made by December 1<sup>st</sup>. She noted the draft Plan identifies priorities of the Mifflin County Active Transportation Plan.

Brian Wisner discussed the East Broad Top (EBT) Railroad expansion to Saltillo. Keller is working with Saltillo and the EBT Foundation to do sidewalk improvements to replace deteriorating sidewalks and accommodate EBT visitors.

The next ATC meeting will be December 5, 2025.

With no further discussion the meeting was adjourned.