

**HUNTINGDON COUNTY ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
MINUTES**

June 27, 2025

Committee Members: Matt Price, George Conrad, Matt Bjorkman, Jane Sheffield, Nathan Querry

Stakeholders, visitors, and ex-officio members: Laurie Nearhood, James Campbell, Brian Wiser, Jeff McCauley

Review and Action on May 30, 2025 Meeting Minutes:

Matt Price called the meeting to order at 9:30 AM. A motion to approve the May 30, 2025 meeting minutes was made by Jane Sheffield and seconded by Nathan Querry. The motion carried.

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

Matt Price gave a brief update on Segment 1. The presentation for ACCO is still being reviewed by the local plant manager before it is presented to the corporate offices of ACCO in Chicago. Nathan provided an update on Segment 17. He stated that he has continued to try to contact Ben Ramsey, a property owner along the segment. He has continued to be unsuccessful in trying to establish contact. Nathan has contacted a close friend to Ben Ramsey several times, as well as Mike Corbin, a resident of Mapleton. Unfortunately, he has still not heard from Mr. Ramsey. Nathan will continue to reach out in hopes of getting in touch of him. Brian discussed Segment 19 briefly. He mentioned that the transfer of ownership on the land is still holding up the process. He expects that once the transfer is completed, the project can begin moving forward. Jane asked if there was signage that could be put up to deter squatting in campgrounds in Mount Union and Mapleton. Brian said the campgrounds could issue free permits that are active for a select period of time. Matt Price said there also needs to be a municipal ordinance in place to help manage user activity at those sites.

Jeff McCauley reported the September 11th National Memorial Trail Alliance has secured funding for signage statewide. He mentioned the Alliance has a statewide agreement to install and maintain the signage in PennDOT right-of-way and they are waiting for approval on where the signage will be placed on the state and municipal level. They hope to have as many signs as possible installed by the 25th Anniversary.

Outreach and Education Subcommittee Report:

Matt Bjorkman mentioned that SAP&DC hosted a grant workshop focusing on ARC grant programs. He also mentioned that a public meeting was held for the Saxton Trail Connectivity Study and there are two more steering committee meetings before completion of the study by the end of summer.

Lifeways Subcommittee Report:

Matt Price said that the Dollar General project in Broad Top City is almost completed and would add a new lifeway destination to that community. Laurie reported engineers were inquiring regarding submission of plans to Warriors Mark Township for a proposed Dollar General. The plans would then go to the County for review.

Jeff McCauley asked if there has been any success in contacting representatives of Northeast Track Solutions. Matt Price explained he has not had any recent contact with Northeast Track Solutions. He had started a conversation with them, but will reach back out to continue the discussion regarding right-of-way and crossing for Segment 13.

Trail Network Connections Subcommittee Report:

Matt Price discussed the Rothrock Trail project. He said that the Musser's Gap project is nearing completion. Construction began on the 2nd segment of the project, towards Whipple Dam State Park, on June 4, 2025. A grand opening of Phase 1 will be held on July 10, 2025. George said he is planning to attend the grand opening. Jane mentioned that Explore Altoona has been decertified. She did pass on the importance of the water trails and their connections to Steve McKnight of ABCD Corp. She also mentioned the need to reprint Juniata River Water Trail maps, specifically the lower section; and that she has been in contact with Ilona at Penn Stte regarding cartography services. Matt Price announced that more funding is available for the trail maintenance grants provided by the Visitors Bureau. He stressed that the program is for maintenance and not new trail development. He highlighted some of the projects the program helped fund last year, including the resurfacing of the Riverwalk Trail in Mount Union, purchase of an ebike and tolls for the Allegrippis Trail and a trail clinic sponsored by the Keystown Trail Association.

Other Business:

Jane reported she submitted an RFP for a Management Action Plan update. She expects the project to begin sometime in the Fall. The plan will allow for talks with communties along the Main Line Canal Greenway.

Matt Bjorkman mentioned that the FLAP program deadline is approaching, of which areas around Raystown Lake are eligible to apply. He also mentioned that the Transportation Alternates Set-Aside (TASA) program was announced for the year. The deadline for draft applications is September 5, 2025, with final applications being due on October 31, 2025. The program is construction only with no match, and has funded streetscape and sidewalk projects in Huntingdon County during previous rounds. Brian mentioned the GTRP program closed on May 30, 2025, and encouraged the committee to start thinking about project for next year's GTRP round. He also mentioned that PennDOT Multi-Modal funding will be opening in the fall, which does require a 30% match for projects. Matt Bjorkman reported SAP&DC has submitted grant applications to help fund the regional Greenways Plan update and also plans to submit to DCNR in the spring of 2026.

The July meeting was postponed due to several officers and committee members being unable to attend. The next ATC meeting will be August 29, 2025. With no further discussion the meeting was adjourned.