

**HUNTINGDON COUNTY ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
MINUTES**

May 30, 2025

Committee Members: Matt Price, Matt Bjorkman, Laura White, Judy Scott, Nathan Querry, Jim Pruss

Stakeholders, visitors, and ex-officio members: Commissioner Patrick Reeder, Laurie Nearhood, James Campbell, Jim Lettiere

Review and Action on April 25, 2025 Meeting Minutes:

Matt Price called the meeting to order at 9:30 AM. Minor corrections to the meeting minutes, specifically typos, were noted. A motion to approve the April 25, 2025 meeting minutes was made by Laura White and seconded by Matt Bjorkman. The motion carried.

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

Judy Scott provided updates on Segment 1. She stated that the final presentation for Segment 1 has been submitted to the ACCO plant manager, but no feedback has been received yet. If necessary, a representative of the subcommittee will travel to Chicago to present the plan to the ACCO corporate office. Nathan Querry provided an update on Segment 17. He spoke with Mike Corbin, who suggested reaching out to a woman from the American Legion that is willing to contact Ben Ramsey. Mr. Ramsey has still not been contacted, but Nathan will continue the effort to speak to him.

Outreach and Education Subcommittee Report:

Matt Bjorkman had no updates regarding outreach and education.

Lifeways Subcommittee Report:

The definition of lifeways was restated for the committee members and guests. It was mentioned how active transportation and lifeways in rural Huntingdon are mostly centered around dollar stores and convenience stores as residents are often seen walking or biking to them to shop or work. It was explained that one of the goals of the Active Transportation Committee is to promote connections to these types of locations that serve residents' daily needs. The committee is monitoring when new Dollar General stores, and similar establishments, are being proposed for construction in the County.

Trail Network Connections Subcommittee Report:

Matt Bjorkman provided a brief update on the Saxton Trail Connectivity Study. He mentioned a public meeting being held in Saxton at the end of June to gather public input on the proposed connections. The project is estimated to be completed in July or August of this year.

Matt Price provided updates that the construction of Phase 1 for the Rothrock Trail Alliance project in Musser Gap is complete, or almost complete. A contractor has been selected for Phase 2 of the project and will begin this summer. Matt Price mentioned that the Visitor's Bureau awarded three maintenance grants that are all nearly complete. One of the awards was for a resurfacing project at the Mount Union Riverwalk, which has since been completed.

Commissioner Reeder asked Jim Pruss if the Borough or PennDOT owned the land under the Mount Union Giacobello Bridge (Route 747) over the Juniata River. Jim stated that PennDOT typically owns the ground under the bridge, but he would have to look at maps to provide more specifics on ownership. Jim said he would look in to how far PennDOT ownership extends and provide the information to Mount Union.

Recreation and Trails Authority:

Laura White reported she reached out to Silas Chamberlain at York County about their trail authority founding documents. Laura also asked Jeff McCauley for other potential contacts to reach out to. Commissioner Reeder found some examples of trail authority founding documents and shared them with members of the committee.

Other Business:

Jim Lettiere, Mifflin County Planning Director, noted that Mifflin County does not currently have an active transportation committee. He also shared that Mifflin County completed phase 2 of their Juniata River project that aims to create connections along the River. Additional phases of the project are being planned.

James Campbell provided updates for the EBT Foundation. Interior work on the Saltillo station will begin soon and a new diesel engine was introduced.

Laurie Nearhood mentioned that Bedford County is reviewing the Bedford County Hazard Mitigation Plan and asked surrounding counties if they had any comments or input. She will forward the Bedford request to committee members.

Nathan Query shared information on the Mount Union Color Run. It will be on June 21st at Riverside Park.

Matt Price said that the Visitor's Bureau is still accepting applications for the trail maintenance fund. He also mentioned that the amount of funding will be increased in the next fiscal year.

Matt Bjorkman shared that SAP&DC is beginning the process of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan update, as well as an update to their Long Range Transportation Plan.

Laura White noted this is her last meeting and indicated her continued willingness to help review documents as needed.