

**YORK COUNTY
TRANSPORTATION COALITION
MARCH 20, 2008
WINDSOR TOWNSHIP**

1. Opening Remarks - Co-Chairmen, Representative Stan Saylor and Representative Eugene Depasquale opened the meeting at 9:13 am. Representative Saylor welcomed the group to his district. A self-introduction was conducted.
2. Minutes from the January 17, 2008 Meeting - There being no comments or corrections, Mr. Phipps made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Zerbe seconded the motion.
3. Presentation: Bruce Funk, Assistant Director of Human Services; Dianna Benaknin, Director of Area Agency on Aging; Rich Farr, Executive Director of rabbittransit.

Ms. Dell gave a brief description of why this is on today's agenda. The York County Human Services Division, the City of York, United Way of York County, and York County Planning Commission formed a collaborative initiative to assess the current performance of human services programs in meeting residents' needs. Over the past several years, the clientele of these agencies increased from approximately 300,000 to 1.4 million. This is the first assessment that has been conducted since 1999. The results can be seen at www.ychsd.org. A lengthy discussion ensued regarding the need for seniors to remain independent for longevity, family involvement trends, residents and vets living longer because of advances in medicine and resources that are not currently being utilized to their fullest.

It is difficult to determine how many York County residents benefit from the various human services programs offered in the County. The population accessing human services in York County is, by and large, comprised of low-income individuals. There are differing perceptions concerning the adequacy of transportation for human service consumers. While providers perceive transportation as a serious concern, consumers who responded to the survey did not place as much importance to the issue. An overall increase in the use of public transportation is projected in York County by 2020.

The recommendation from the study to address the transportation issue is to establish a task force to explore issues concerning transportation within York County as they relate to human service delivery. The task force should consider: Expanding coverage area of fixed route buses; Expanding availability of paratransit services; Using the Veterans Affairs model of volunteer drivers to serve older adults seeking rides that are not eligible for MATP services; Coordinating efforts between human services agencies' transportation resources and needs; and Projected costs and financing options.

At this point, true coordination of all transportation programs is what is needed. A central office/position, Mobility Coordinator, should be created. All funds would funnel through this office/position. The funds should be more flexible in requirements, then delegated to the respective transportation agencies in a more coordinated manner.

Mr. Farr noted that Transit portion of Act 44 is a good one. The Department of Public Welfare (DPW) program is not fully integrated with any other services and is now considering implementing a corporate model to run these programs. While this may work in other areas, it will not work for York County.

Representative Miller asked that a letter should be drafted explaining what we discussed today regarding the DPW recommendations. Because they are anticipating awarding an RFP in June, this must be addressed as soon as possible. The delegation will then meet to discuss, then request a meeting with the Secretary of the DPW to stop this. If we try to intervene after it is a done-deal, it will be a mess.

4. Other Business:

- Update on Act 44 - No legislation is moving because they are waiting to piggy-back the repeal of Act 44. We are programming projects like the funding is there and we know it is not. Representative Saylor added that there will be no changes to Act 44 until after the November elections.

Ms. Dell noted that we are developing the TIP with Act 44 funding, what if it doesn't pass? Who will pay for those projects? Representative Saylor added that you have to move forward, but it would be wise to have one plan if it gets passed and another if it does not.

Mr. Farr noted that all of his dollars are in one basket. Transit funding should not decrease, unless Act 44 folds. A discussion ensued regarding state and federal gas tax, the increase in vehicle registration and other possible avenues to increase funding for projects.

- Transportation Madness - Ms. Nidam noted that we had 308 survey responses. This public involvement survey was used for input into the LRTP planning process. She had a chart that indicated the standings from this survey. Maintenance, Safety and Capacity were, by far, the top three that were transportation priorities for York County residents.

5. Next Meeting - May 15th, 2008 - Representative Nickol - 193rd District, Location: Guthrie Memorial Library 2 Library Place, Hanover, PA 17331

6. Adjournment - There being no additional business or comments, the meeting was adjourned at 11:05 am.

Respectfully submitted,



Kelly Hildebrecht
Recording Secretary

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ATTENDANCE

<u>NAME</u>	<u>REPRESENTING</u>
Representative Ron Miller	93 rd Legislative District
Representative Stan Saylor	94 th Legislative District
Representative Scott Perry	92 rd Legislative District
Bob Reilly	Congressman Todd Platts's Office
Mark Zerbe	Representative Saylor's Office
Heather Hallman	Representative Mackereth's Office
Jack Potter	Representative Nickol's Office
Missy Werner	Representative Miller's Office
Seth Grove	Representative Gillespie's Office
Jo Anna Shovlin	Representative Saylor's Office
Rich Farr	rabbittransit
Bruce Funk	Human Service Department
Dianna Benakin	Area Agency on Aging
Joe Stafford	Bicycle Access Council
Jim Phipps	Verizon
Gwen Loose	Rail Trail Authority
Jennifer Gunnet	Windsor Township
Dan Brady	Hanover Chamber of Commerce
Felicia Dell	York County Planning Commission
Don Bubb	York County Planning Commission
Jeph Rebert	York County Planning Commission
Heather Bitner	York County Planning Commission
Will Clark	York County Planning Commission
Beth Nidam	York County Planning Commission
Joe Marczyk	York County Planning Commission
Kelly Hildebrecht, Recording Secretary	York County Planning Commission