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**WILLIAMSPORT AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY MPO BICYCLE/PEDESTRIAN
ADVISORY COMMITTEE PUBLIC MEETING**

DATE: Wednesday, April 9, 2025
TIME: 2:00 PM
PLACE: Lyco. Conference Room
Lycoming County Third Street Plaza, 3rd Floor
33 W. Third Street
Williamsport, PA 17701

Virtual Option: Dial-In Number: 1 (267) 332-8737
Conference Code: 740 905 808#

[Microsoft Teams Link](#)

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER Daily

MINUTES:

November 13, 2025 Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee Minutes Vitko

PUBLIC COMMENT Daily

AGENDA ITEMS:

- Introductions / Meeting Purpose Daily
- River Walk Extension Update Picciano
- Williamsport Bike Advisory Committee Initiatives Cooley

OTHER BUSINESS / PUBLIC COMMENT Daily

ADJOURN Daily

All meeting materials also available on [WATS MPO Website \(http://www.lyco.org/WATS-MPO/Committees\)](http://www.lyco.org/WATS-MPO/Committees). The April 9, 2025 WATS Bicycle / Pedestrian Advisory Committee meeting will be recorded. This information is a public record and may be subject to public inspection and duplication if not protected by federal or state law.

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WILLIAMSPORT AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY BICYCLE PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE TELECONFERENCE PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES

*November 13, 2024 Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee Teleconference Public Meeting:
Held at 33 W. Third Street, Lyco. Conference Room, 3rd Floor, Williamsport, PA 17701 and
various locations via teleconference.*

CALL TO ORDER (Regular WATS Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee Public Meeting)

At 1:00 PM Austin Daily called the meeting to order and also mentioned that this meeting will be recorded Sal performed the roll call.

MINUTES

As this was the first WATS MPO Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) there are no meeting minutes for the November 13, 2024 meeting.

There was no public comment.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Introduction / Meeting Purpose

Austin introduced the MPO staff and stated that the role of the MPO dates back to the 1960's and is a federally funded entity. The MPO uses federal funds to conduct key planning products Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP), Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP), and Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Austin stated that the MPO staff creates all of the aforementioned plans in-house and that we partner with SEDA-COG MPO on the Coordinated Public Transit Human Services Transportation Plan. Austin explained the other WATS Committees, Technical Committee, Coordinating Committee, and the Transit Advisory Committee and their roles in the MPO.

Scott Williams gave some of the history of the concept of the Bicycle Pedestrian Committee and how WATS MPO originally added the committee to the WATS By-laws in 2019, and planned to convene a meeting in 2020. However, with the COVID-19 pandemic the meeting was pushed back. Scott stated that the goal of the Committee is to gather feedback and insight from end users of the pedestrian / bicycle infrastructure. Scott stated that the MPO is aware that as an organization, "we will miss things" and the Advisory Committee is crucial to gaining feedback for the MPO planning processes.

Williamsport Bicycle Advisory Committee Initiatives

Rob Cooley presented on the new initiatives from the Williamsport Bicycle Advisory Committee. Rob stated that, the Williamsport Bicycle Advisory Committee began under Mayor Campana's term, but waned off during COVID-19. Rob worked with the current Mayor Slaughter

administration to revitalize the Williamsport Committee and to try to gather information and input from residents on bicycle/pedestrian infrastructure, issues, and needs.

Rob informed the group that the City of Williamsport received a \$360,000 Safe Streets for all grant to use in future City bicycle/infrastructure projects.

2025-27 Unified Planning Work Program Update

Sal Vitko gave a brief overview of the 2025-27 WATS MPO Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP). Sal informed the Committee that the UPWP is a core planning document that all MPOs/RPOs must create. Sal informed the Committee that the UPWP are typically 2-years. However, the current 2024-25 UPWP is a 1-year work program to get “off cycle” with the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) development.

Sal stated that the draft 2025-27 UPWP will be going to the WATS Technical and Coordinating Committees for review and approval for the public comment period. The 2025-27 public comment period will run December 2024 – January 2025, with adoption of the UPWP in January / February 2025.

Sal explained some of the work tasks contained within the draft 2025-27 UPWP such as administration, long range planning, Local Technical Assistance Program (LTAP), and other work tasks. Sal informed the Committee that some of the Bicycle/Pedestrian Committee members sit on the other WATS Committees and will receive emails/updates as the UPWP goes into public comment.

Scott stated that one item that is unique to MPOs/RPOs in general is that the organization is federally mandated and federally funded. Scott stated that the WATS trail counters can be used by municipalities and that WATS can assisted with data collection for future grant applications. Scott mentioned future planning will include a sidewalk inventory to identify deficiencies in the sidewalk system. Scott mentioned that if the Committee members have other ideas/suggestions on data gathering or projects to please let the WATS staff know, and we can work with the municipalities.

2025 BPAC Meeting Dates

Austin stated that one of the functions of the Bicycle/Pedestrian Committee will be as an opportunity for municipalities applying for the PennDOT Transportation Set Aside (TASA) grant to showcase their proposed projects and solicit feedback for those grant applications.

Austin asked the Committee on what dates work best for the 2025 meetings. The Committee agreed upon an April 9 and October 8, 2025 meeting schedule.

Adjourn

Bill Scott, City of Williamsport Engineer, commented on working with Rob on potential bicycle lanes and tying those into the Basin Street Connection project the City is pursuing. Also, Rep. Flick’s representative stated that DCNR grants were awarded for approximately \$600,000.00 for bicycle/pedestrian infrastructure.

Chris King, PennDOT District 3, asked how the ideas/suggestions from the BPAC will be dispersed to municipal applicants, PennDOT, etc. Scott Williams stated that the information/suggestions would flow from the BPAC to the WATS Technical and Coordinating Committees, then be collected and help inform future Long Range Transportation Plans (LRTP) and other planning documents to be used for future funding applications.

Austin asked if anyone had any other comments or additional items. Hearing none, Austin ended the meeting at 1:35 p.m.

WATS MPO Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee
 November 13, 2024 Meeting
 Attendance Sheet

<i>Organization</i>	<i>Name of Participant</i>
Voting Members (Quorum = 6)	
Lycoming County PCD Representative	
PennDOT District 3 Representative	Chris King
PennDOT Center for Program Development and Management Representative	Justin Batiuk
Lycoming County Health Improvement Coalition Representative	N/A
Susquehanna Valley Velo Club	Rob Cooley
Williamsport Bicycle Club	N/A
PTA/PTO President from Lycoming County School District School	N/A
River Valley Transit Authority	Cameron Serafini
STEP, Inc. Office of Aging	N/A
Lycoming College	N/A
Pennsylvania College of Technology	Pat Marty
Non-Voting Members	
SEDA-COG MPO	Bryce Buck
Federal Highway Administration	N/A
PennDOT Bicycle Pedestrian Coordinator	N/A
Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, Recreation and Parks Regional Advisor	Wes Fahringer
City of Williamsport Community Development Director	N/A
Lycoming County Assoc. of Township Officials Coordinating Committee Representative	N/A
Lycoming County Borough Coordinating Committee Representative	Barb Schmouder
MPO Staff	
Transportation Supervisor/WATS Secretary	Scott Williams
Transportation Planner	Austin Daily
Transportation Planner	Sal Vitko
Other Participants	
City of Williamsport Engineer	Bill Scott
State Rep. Jamie Flick's Office Rep.	Alivia Talgiaferri
Williamsport Sun Gazette	Pat Crossley