

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU)

MPO Boundaries and Coordination of Transportation Planning and Programming between York Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (YAMPO) and Adams County Transportation Planning Organization (ACTPO)

I. Background and Purpose

- a. The Year 2020 Census defined Urbanized Area (UA) for Hanover extends into Adams County along the US Route 30 corridor and includes a part or all of the Boroughs of Abbottstown, New Oxford, and Gettysburg. By federal statute, an MPO, or coverage by adjacent MPOs, is required where there is an Urbanized Boundary.
- b. The York Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (YAMPO) and the Adams County Transportation Planning Organization (ACTPO) recognize that the Hanover, Pennsylvania Urbanized Boundary extends into Adams County, Pennsylvania. The purpose of this agreement is to define the roles and responsibilities of the Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs).
- c. This agreement provides the framework for the responsibilities of the YAMPO and ACTPO relative to the federally mandated transportation planning, programming, and funding for the Hanover Urbanized Area within Adams and York Counties. Each MPO will coordinate with the other on planning and programming of studies and projects that will affect the economy, environment, transportation systems, and quality of life for the citizens within their respective planning areas.

II. General Points of Understanding and Agreement

- a. We agree to collaborate in the planning, conduct, and reporting of transportation-related information at the state and regional levels. We agree to share information and plans in order to achieve the goals of state and regional transportation plans, and to assist, where appropriate, in the joint selection of projects, and improve the coordination of investment across borders.
- b. We agree to work together to achieve compliance with all applicable federal planning regulations and guidance. We will work collaboratively to address the certification review that take place every four years, as scheduled by the U.S. Department of Transportation – Federal Highway Administration and Federal Transit Administration – Region 3, in order to continually improve upon our transportation Planning processes.

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- c.** We agree that staffs of both MPOs will meet as needed to review progress of cooperative efforts, to discuss key findings from program activities, and to discuss the scope, plans and implementation of activities under consideration for the next planning cycle.
- d.** This agreement will be reviewed when either agency identifies the need for review.

III. Specific Points of Understanding and Agreement

- a.** MPO Boundary
 - i.** The York Area MPO/Adams County MPO boundary is now and has been coincident with the common boundaries between York and Adams counties (and by this MOU is proposed to remain so).
- b.** Long Range Transportation Plans (LRTP)
 - i.** We recognize the currently adopted GOYORK 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) the transportation plan for York County, Pennsylvania. This includes the portion of the Hanover Urbanized Area in York County.
 - ii.** We recognize the currently adopted ONWARD2050, Adams County MPO Long Range Transportation Plan, is the transportation plan for Adams County, Pennsylvania. This includes the portion of the Hanover Urbanized Area in Adams County.
 - iii.** We agree the York County MPO will address the planning and programming needs of the Hanover Urbanized Area within York County. Findings of the York County MPO concerning its portion of the Hanover Urbanized Area will be incorporated into the Long Range Transportation Plans for both MPOs.
 - iv.** We agree the Adams County MPO will address the planning and programming needs of the Hanover Urbanized Area within Adams County. Findings of the Adams County MPO concerning its portion of the Hanover Urbanized Area will be incorporated into the Long Range Transportation Plans for both MPOs.
- c.** Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)
 - i.** We agree to work together on planning and programming projects for the Hanover Urbanized Area within Adams County and assure that applicable funds are spent on projects and programs that improve the transportation system.
 - ii.** We agree to work together on planning and programming projects for the Hanover Urbanized Area within York County and assure that applicable funds are spent on projects and programs that improve the transportation system.

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- iii. To help ensure continuity of federal and state funds and help support project delivery, i.e. Transportation Improvement Program, both the York County MPO and Adams County MPO agree to abide by the methodology and process used within Pennsylvania to allocate federal and state funds to the respective MPO's. The federal and state formulas will continue to follow county boundaries and not by the Urbanized Area Boundary. Surface Transportation Program Urban (STU) funds will not be divided between the York and Adam's County MPOs. Carbon Reduction Funds will be divided between the York County MPO and Adams County MPO based on the percentage of the Hanover Urbanized Area population within Adams County and York County as parts of the entire Hanover Urbanized Area population. Such funds will be used for projects in each County's portion of the Hanover Urbanized Area.
- d. Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)
 - i. As part of the UPWP process, the Adams County MPO and York County MPO will develop and submit a work plan for all work related to the use of the Carbon Reduction Funds within their respective portions of the Hanover Urbanized Area.
 - ii. To help ensure the continuity of federal funds and help support the planning process between the two existing MPO planning area boundaries, each agency agrees to abide by the methodology and process currently used to allocate planning funds to the respective MPOs.
 - e. Other Planning Activities
 - i. We agree to work together to identify the need for corridor projects that cross the MPO boundary.
 - ii. We agree the Adams County MPO will address urban area boundary issues and review the functional classification of all public roads and streets within Adams County. This review will be completed using the National Function Classification System guidelines.
 - iii. We agree the York County MPO will address urban area boundary issues and review the functional classification of all public roads and streets within York County. This review will be completed using the National Function Classification System guidelines.

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