

Active Transportation Summit Schedule | June 25-26, 2026

Tuesday, June 25

1:30-4:00 PM | AT SUMMIT MOBILE WORKSHOP – BY INVITATION ONLY (see Wednesday AM for open option)

Pedestrian Dignity Session & York Walk Audit

Inspired by Jonathon Stalls, Walking Artist with Intrinsic Paths and Walk2Connect; led by Jonathan Desmarais
Shuttle from south entrance

The workshop features the lived experience and on-the-ground reality for people walking, rolling, and taking transit to get to everyday destinations. It is an opportunity to foreground the segments of the transportation system that are often glossed over by those who have other transportation options. The group will be out in the field walking, talking, and documenting the challenges and opportunities for improvement in areas that are not top-of-mind for planners and promoters, but are barriers and dangers to everyday folks. The group will explore a route to a key destination on the outskirts of York and then take public transit to return to downtown.

This event is being offered to accommodate people who will be unable to participate in the larger Wednesday Workshop. It will entail walking along roads in some locations that lack adequate provisions for pedestrians and those in wheelchairs, standing, and riding a public bus. People with mobility challenges are welcome to participate, but please let us know about your issues so that we can plan accordingly. The event will take place outdoors even in rain.

4:00-6:30 PM | ADAPTIVE CYCLE EXPO – Free and open to the public, no registration required

All Ages and Abilities Riding Options

WalkWorks, PA Center for Adaptive Sports, IMable Foundation, Kennett Outdoors, Lancaster Recumbent, and the Center for Independent Living Opportunities of York, Adams, and Franklin
Wellspan Park, Brooks Robinson Plaza

Riding a bicycle is sometimes seen as an activity that is exclusive and inaccessible. The reality is that while there are some barriers to riding, many can be overcome, whether with infrastructure design or bicycle design. Attendees are invited to visit displays set up by multiple different non-profit organizations and purveyors of Adaptive Cycles. The PA Center for Adaptive Sports will feature a variety of adaptive road bikes, whether hand cycles, tandems, recumbents, or a combination of all three. The IMable Foundation will display a complementary selection of adaptive mountain bikes, including e-bikes, recumbents, and hand cycles. Kennett Outdoors will exhibit a cargo bike, an adult bicycle trailer, and a bicycle tri-shaw, all of which permit non-rider passengers to participate in rides. Lancaster Recumbent will offer fat bikes and wheelchair-adaptive tandems. The PDC Micro-Fleet, including e-bikes and an e-trike will also be on hand. Come check out all the options and imagine the possibilities.

DINNER ON YOUR OWN

Wednesday, June 26 – (presentation slides available online [here](#))

7:00 AM-12:00 PM Registration Desk Open

Ballroom Entrance | Yorktowne Hilton

8:00-9:15 AM | Breakfast Keynote 8:30-9:15 AM

Anna Zivarts, Director of the Disability Mobility Project, Disability Rights Washington
WellSpan Ballroom

Anna Zivarts is the author of *When Driving is Not an Option* and co-founder of the Week Without Driving campaign. She will discuss the reality for nondrivers and explain how improving our transportation system with nondrivers in mind will create a better quality of life for everyone. One third of people living in the United States do not have a

driver license. The majority of involuntary nondrivers are disabled, lower income, unhoused, formerly incarcerated, undocumented immigrants, kids, young people, and the elderly. They are also largely invisible due to a mobility system designed almost exclusively for drivers. When the needs of involuntary nondrivers are viewed as essential to how we design our transportation systems and our communities, not only will we be able to more easily get where we need to go, but the changes will lead to healthier, climate-friendly communities for everyone. Communities across the United States are using the Week Without Driving challenge to build consensus around the urgent need for more inclusive and accessible communities.

9:45-10:45 AM | CONCURRENT SESSIONS

FHWA and PennDOT Overview of Complete Streets, Government Funding Opportunities and Current Progress on Safety Initiatives

Ronique Bishop and Bill Houpt, Federal Highway Administration, and Patricia Meek, PennDOT
YCCE, Community Room

FHWA will present an overview of the National Roadway Safety Strategy (NRSS), Safe System Approach (SSA), Complete Streets model, and share the various funding sources available that can be used to support projects and programs that advance complete streets and safety. Then, PennDOT will share how the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation is advancing the SSA.

Ride, Roll & Stroll Lancaster - Youth Volunteers and Active Transportation

Laura Pauls-Thomas and Caleb Bornman, Global Shapers Lancaster Hub
YCCE, Fireplace Room

Join young adult volunteers from the Global Shapers Lancaster Hub to learn about their efforts to increase active transportation in their community. Learn about the Ride, Roll & Stroll Lancaster campaign that they launched in May 2023 to encourage Lancaster County residents to explore their active transportation options using a passport available in 6+ languages. Bring your ideas and questions about ways that your community can advocate for robust active transportation options within your community.

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11:15 AM-12:15 PM | CONCURRENT SESSIONS

Collaboration and Demonstrations: Partner Cultivation and Creative Community Engagement for Safer Streets

Miranda Pace, NeighborWorks Northeastern Pennsylvania and Jennilyn Schuster, Interior Designer
Conference Room-2nd Floor

NeighborWorks in West Scranton, PA and the Bellefonte Historic Preservation Society in Bellefonte, PA both engaged their communities to reimagine safer streets in 2023. They cultivated partnerships to foster improvements on public streets in their respective communities. This session will explore methods of forming partnerships and the impacts of demonstration projects for safer streets.

Paint, Policy, and Pragmatism: Connecting Local Pedestrian and Cyclist Needs with Regional Planning Efforts

Mike Pritchard, York County MPO

YCCE, Community Room

The York Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (YAMPO) adopted a new county-wide Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan in June 2023. This session will cover the framework used to develop the plan, a high-level review of critical analyses within the plan, best practices for collaboration and implementation, and key takeaways for downtown/neighborhood advocates and municipal staff looking to improve multi-modal transportation options in their community.

Empowering Communities: Building Program Evaluation Capacity for AT Planning

Matt Spindler, Penn State University

YCCE, Fireplace Room

It would be challenging to overstate the importance of informal transportation related education and outreach activities that are used to engage diverse audiences, share knowledge, and promote innovation. However, strengthening education and outreach design, growing accessibility, identifying realized outcomes, and measuring impacts requires evaluation. Through case studies and discussions, attendees will develop a deeper understanding of how to: employ UDL; define measurable outputs, outcomes, and impacts; and plan the design and implementation of meaningful evaluations.

12:30-1:45 PM | LUNCH KEYNOTE & CONFERENCE FAREWELL MESSAGE

Jess King, ED of the Steinman Institute for Civic Engagement

WellSpan Ballroom

Learn how the Steinman Institute for Civic Engagement is expanding efforts that connect, educate, and inspire residents of Central Pennsylvania by creating and supporting spaces and structures that allow for civic discourse and greater collaboration in our communities. Jess King, MBA, is a values-driven systems thinker with 20+ years of experience leading equity-driven organizations. She has worked in community and economic development, local government, and media, and has experience starting, building, and leading organizations and campaigns, leveraging financial and social capital, building volunteer and staff teams, and developing and growing programs. She is passionate about innovation and the common good.

2:00-2:45 PM | AT SUMMIT CONCURRENT SESSIONS

Regional Bike Share Collaboration

Karl Graybill, City of Lancaster, Andrew Bomberger, Tri-County Regional Planning Commission, Laura Heilman, Commute PA

YCCE, Community Room

Susquehanna Regional Transportation Partnership (SRTP)/Commute PA took the lead to create a Regional Bike Share committee. The committee, has worked to implement a regional bike share initiative across South Central PA. As of today, a commuter can purchase a universal annual membership for the 4 active bike share systems, in Harrisburg, Hershey, Lancaster, and Wyomissing. This session will explore the steps taken to create a cohesive transportation network using a regional bike share approach.

Newtown Borough Walk

Erika Morgan and Tamara McLaughlin, McCormick Taylor

YCCE, Fireplace Room

Traffic violence is affecting Pennsylvania small towns and big cities alike. Between 2019 and 2022, Pennsylvania's traffic fatalities increased 12% from 2019 to 2022 (according to a Stateline analysis). Learn how Newtown Borough, a 0.6-mile borough in Bucks County with a historic district, pursued a safety and walkability review to create a list of pedestrian and bicycle safety improvements and their next steps to implement them.

The Other Historical Inequity in Active Mobility Infrastructure Planning & Investments: Building a Bridge to Older Adults

Carol Kachadoorian, dbTilde CORE, Inc., and Mineta Transportation Institute
Yorktowne, Pullo Room

Active modes are often left out of transportation planning for older adults (OAs), yet we know that remaining physically active and independent affects health and quality of life. This session shares three ways to consider AT for OAs, then a study of AT for residents in 10 older adult communities, including jurisdictional planning practices. We'll end by discussing how specific changes to AT planning and investments can result in a better outcome for OAs.

2:00-3:15 PM WORKSHOP

Redesign a Main Street With Us

Matt Ludwig and Ramya Sivakumar, NV5

Yorktowne, Yorktowne Private Dining Room next to the Registration Desk (runs through break, snacks will still be available!)

Active Transportation on Pennsylvania Main Streets can achieve health and mobility goals for residents, and economic development and sustainability for downtowns. Staff from NV5 will show how enhancing Main Streets can support these goals through case studies and discuss implementation strategies with the group. Once equipped with a toolkit of design treatments participants will redesign a real-life Main Street. Class designs will be shared with the larger group and NV5 will facilitate a discussion.

3:15-4:00 PM | AT SUMMIT CONCURRENT SESSIONS

Transportation Demand Management – Active Transportation Strategies

Laura Heilman and Stacy Newcomer, Commute PA
YCCE, Community Room

Learn how Commute PA conducts outreach and provides educational tools to achieve success in the active transportation space. They will dive into the importance of data collection and how collaboration with local partners has been a key to growing awareness locally.

Using Data and Technology to Improve Bicycle Safety

Clark Haynes, Velo AI, and Armin Samii, Dashcam for Your Bike
YCCE, Fireplace Room

Learn about technological solutions to road safety being rolled out for urban cyclists in Pennsylvania. Hear from Dashcam for Your Bike and Velo AI. Dashcam.bike uses crowdsourced hazard reporting to help the City of Pittsburgh prioritize its limited resources without waiting for crash data to accumulate. And Velo AI has developed Copilot, an AI-powered bike light and camera, to help keep you safe on your bike. Copilot is constantly collecting data on bike rides and the Velo team is partnering with cities to analyze data and provide actionable insights for infrastructure policy making.

Delco Safety Ambassadors: Neighbor to Neighbor for Road Safety

Cathy Spahr and Brittani Hales, Delaware County Planning
Yorktowne, Conference Room, 2nd Floor

Delaware County embarked on a County-wide Vision Zero Traffic Safety plan with the goal of including a rigorous community engagement component. Achieving the grassroots level community engagement the county was looking for would be difficult. The County decided to try something new, launching a pilot program called the

“Delco Safety Ambassador program”. We will review this program- the collaboration it took to get started, selecting residents to participate, training provided, and designing tools for success.

Community Engagement Through Intergenerational Mobility: All Ages and All Abilities on Bikes

Rick Holt, Early Childhood Mobility Coalition

Yorktowne, Pullo Room

Children and older adults need opportunities to engage in active travel and interact with other members of the community. To do so we need to support safety awareness and create opportunities for these groups to learn more about the transportation network, and get outdoors, and active on bikes. Traffic gardens, bike education, bike bus, and intergenerational mobility events, all serve as platforms for raising awareness and engaging all ages and abilities in active transportation.

4:00-4:30 PM | WRAP UP

YCCE, Community Room

4:30-6:00 PM | POST-SUMMIT TOURS

Walking Tour of Downtown Active Transportation Infrastructure

Mike Pritchard, York County MPO

Starting from the sidewalk in front of the YCCE along Market Street – Participants should wear comfortable shoes and be prepared to walk between 1 and 2 miles. If anyone wanting to participate has a mobility challenge, please let us know so we can plan accordingly.

The group will walk and look at what works and what needs work to address the needs of people using active modes in downtown York. Participants will get to see a range of active transportation infrastructure installed in recent years, including a two-way cycletrack, separated multi-use trail, sidewalks, Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons, and the alley network.

Bike Tour of Downtown Active Transportation Infrastructure

Marvin Ta, Pennoni, and Sam Pearson, PDC/WalkWorks

Starting from the south entrance of the Yorktowne Hotel -- Participants should plan to bring their own bikes. A limited number of loaners will be available by prior arrangement. In addition, one or two passenger seats for non-riders will be available, by prior arrangement. – Tour will travel between 3 and 7 miles on a combination of downtown routes, including some portions riding with traffic.

PennDOT Connects staff will help lead the tour, visiting a variety of different bicycle facilities in the immediate area, including shared, visually separated, and physically separated. This will provide an opportunity to identify the different bicycle groups that can be accommodated by the different types of facilities. Main references include both PennDOT Design Manual Part 2 – Contextual Roadway Design and FHWA Bikeway Selection Guide.

CROSSING THE ROAD SUMMIT SCHEDULE

8 to 9:15	Keynote -- Anna Zivarts, Disability Mobility Advocacy, Week Without Driving			
9:15 to 9:45	Break			
9:45 to 10:45	FHWA and PennDOT Overview	Ride, Roll & Stroll Lancaster	Clean and Green Solutions	Walkshop
10:45 to 11:15	Break			
11:15 to 12:15	Paint, Policy, and Pragmatism	Empowering Communities: Program Evaluation	Collaboration and Demonstrations	
12:15 to 12:30	Break			
12:30 to 1:45	Lunch Speaker -- Jess King, Steinman Institute for Civic Engagement			
1:45 to 2	Break			
2 to 2:45	Regional Bike Share Collaboration	Newtown Borough Walk	Building a Bridge to Older Adults	Redesign a MS with Us (75)
2:45 to 3:15	Snack Break			
3:15 to 4	Transportation Demand Management	Using Data and Technology to Improve Bike Safety	All Ages and All Abilities on Bikes	Neighbor to Neighbor for Road Safety
4 to 4:30	Wrap-up	Tour Prep	Snacks	
4:30 to 5:30	Walking Tour	Bike Infrastructure Tour		