

H A T S
Coordinating Committee Meeting
Capital Area Transit
Dick Miller Board Room, 2nd Floor
Meeting # 190
February 27, 2009, 9:00 AM

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The February 2009 HATS Coordinating Committee meeting began at 9:10 AM. Representative Keller welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked members, staff, and guests to introduce themselves.

Attendance

Members and guests present are noted on the attached attendance sheet.

1. Committee Organization

a. Election of Coordinating Committee Officers

Representative Keller stated 2009 officers should to be selected.

- 190-01: Commissioner Haste nominated Representative Keller to continue as Chairman; Commissioner Haste to continue as Vice Chairman; and Commissioner Rovegno as Secretary. Mr. Bugaile seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

b. SRTP – Board Appointments and Name Change

Mr. Szymborski informed the committee Berks County was added to the Commuter Services of South Central PA. Due to the expansion and potential for expansion in the future Commuter Services of South Central PA name will be changed to Commuter Services of PA.

- 190-02: Mr. Turner motioned to approve the name change to Commuter Services of PA. Commissioner Haste seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Szymborski asked for a motion to nominate the current member (himself) and alternate (Mr. Reardon) to the SRTP Board.

- 190-03: Commissioner Haste motioned to nominate Mr. Szymborski and Mr. Reardon (alternate) as HATS representative to the SRTP Board. Commissioner Rovegno seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

2. Meeting Minutes

a) Coordinating Committee

Representative Keller asked if there were comments concerning the December 5, 2008 Coordinating Committee minutes.

- 190-04: Commissioner Haste motioned to approve the minutes as drafted. Commissioner Rovegno seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

b) Technical Committee

Representative Keller noted the February 13, 2009 Technical Committee minutes had been included for informational purposes only.

3. HATS Annual Report

Mr. Sundara presented the draft HATS Annual Report for 2008. He noted the report highlights all the major tasks HATS has been involved with in 2008, he asked the committee to submit comments by March 13th

- 190-05: Commissioner Haste motioned to approve the Annual Report for publication and distribution contingent on addressing all comments received by March 13th. Commissioner Rovegno seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

4. Memorandum of Understanding with LebCo

Ms. Myers-Krug reviewed a proposed MOU with Lebanon MPO, which will move the transportation planning responsibilities for Palmyra Borough, North and South Londonderry Townships to LebCo. This is similar to the agreement HATS maintains with the York MPO. STU funds will be transferred based on population, similar to the MOU with York MPO. US 22/Lingle Avenue project will be on the HATS TIP till completion. She informed North Londonderry Township and Palmyra Borough are OK with the transfer to Lebanon MPO and have taken official action, South Londonderry Township is expected to take action in March. Commissioner Haste asked if there was coordination with the district office; Mr. Christie said Lebanon County is also under District 8.0 jurisdiction.

5. Unified Planning Work Program

Ms. Myers-Krug presented the proposed UPWP for FY 2009-2010 (*see Draft Unified Planning Work Program FY 2009-2010 for details*). She noted the funding is the same as this year and the structure is similar to last year, with three main tasks: Administration, Regional Transportation Plan and Plan Implementation. All the tasks have detailed descriptions, end products and accomplishments from previous year. Under Special Studies the second phase of RGMP is included. The continued funding for Susquehanna Regional Transportation Program is included in Special Projects.

- 190-06: Commissioner Haste motioned to adopt the UPWP. Mr. Bugaile seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

6. Current TIP (FFY 2009-2012)

a. Amendments

Mr. Ames presented the Stella Street project (*see Stella Street and 2nd Street Intersection for details*). He noted Wormleysburg Borough would contribute up to \$150,000 for the pre-construction phases; the construction would be 100% federal money from earmarks. He also presented the Craighead Bridge project (*see Craighead Bridge Project for details*); the project would be funded with 80% federal, 15% state and 5% local funds. Both projects have gone through the HATS project development process. There are few potential environmental impacts for either project, however the Craighead Bridge may be a historic resource, resulting in the project requiring analysis under Section 4(f) of the USDOT Act. The costs of the environmental analysis are included in the project cost estimate.

Mr. Panko summarized the highway amendments as listed below:

- Add \$150,000 of local funds for PE, FD and Utilities for Stella Street project.
- Add Lykens Valley Rail/Trail project to the TIP for \$120,000 of federal TE funds, there was a cost increase of \$72,000 which would come from the HATS TE Reserve.

- Add funds from Berks County MPO TIP to HATS TIP and then to the HATS UPWP for the SRTP program.
- Add PE phase of Craighead Bridge project to the TIP, with \$200,000 federal bridge funds, \$37,500 of state bridge funds and \$12,500 local funds from Cumberland County.

Mr. Panko also noted the Stella Street and Craighead Bridge projects will be added contingent on the approval from the Department.

- 190-07: Commissioner Rovegno motioned to approve the amendments to the HATS TIP. Commissioner Haste seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

b. Administrative Actions

Mr. Panko provided an overview of the TIP Administrative Actions (*see HATS MPO FFY 2009-2012 TIP Modifications from 11/22/08 to 2/13/09 for details*)

- Act 44 money was used for many resurfacing projects.
- Add \$600,000 for the Utility phase of Exit 44 project.
- Add \$80,000 in federal and \$20,000 in state funds to the PA 34/Sunnyside Drive project.
- Add \$700,000 for construction increase to the 5th Street/University Drive project.

c. Economic Recovery TIP

Mr. Panko summarized the economic stimulus legislation and gave an overview of the projects added to the TIP with Economic Recovery funds (*see HATS MPO FFY 2009-2012 TIP Modifications Economic Recovery – Highway and Transit Projects*).

- \$46.7 billion is available for transportation projects from the economic stimulus legislation; of this money PA’s share is \$1.026 billion.
- All projects are 100% federal and funds should be used for capital projects only and all funds should be obligated by September 30, 2010.
- States have 120 days from March 2nd to spend the money and after that there will be a redistribution of any unused money.
- Commissioner Rovegno noted there might be delays with the Lemoyne grade separation project due to the coordination with Norfolk Southern.
- Ms. Myers-Krug asked for confirmation that the time frame to use economic recovery funds for transit projects is 180 days not 120 days like the highway projects.
- 190-08: Commissioner Rovegno motioned to approve the amendments to the HATS TIP for the Economic Recovery. Commissioner Haste seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

7. Smart Transportation Project Applications

Mr. Ritzman informed PennDOT received several applications for the PCTI program, he noted the Department received projects whose cost was more than \$600 million and the program has only \$60 million. He also noted that 15 projects were received from the HATS region. The department is going through the projects and would send the information to the MPO for review and comment.

8. Status Reports

PennDOT (Mr. Christie)

- US 11 in Carlisle ADA work in progress
- Rich Valley Road bridge contract bid

- US 15/PA 581 project construction going on, phase two let, new traffic patterns during construction
- New Kingstown Bypass work to begin in March

City of Harrisburg (Mr. Link)

- State Street Lighting project awarded.

CAT (Mr. Hoffer)

- For the month of January, 2009, average weekday ridership increased 3.3% percent over January, 2008.
- For the first six months of the current fiscal year (July through December, 2008) ridership increased 11.4% as compared to the same six month period of the previous fiscal year.

SARAA (Mr. Spaulding)

- Air traffic for passengers down 1% in January this year compared to 2008
- AirTran direct service to Orlando three flights a day
- Continental Airlines four flights a day to Newark
- Funding in place to demolish old terminal building
- Working with FAA to expand the air cargo area

HATS Staff

- CAT Service Study (Mr. Kmiecinski)
 - Evaluating alternatives from recent steering committee meeting, including bus movement enhancements
 - Considering a Carlisle circulator
 - Looking at north/south service in Dauphin County along Progress Avenue
- Regional Goods Movement Forum (Ms. Green)
 - First 2009 quarterly meeting held on 2/26 at PMTA
 - RGMF helping implement FHWA Intermodal Connector initiative (in conjunction with RTP processes) and HATS/PennDOT performance measurement
- Regional Action Plan (Mr. Szyborski)
 - Looking at various ways to share resources in the eight counties of South Central PA.
 - Avant Consultant conducting focus group meetings on economic development, community development/affordable housing, education, intergovernmental cooperation, environmental, infrastructure and tourism. Consultants will prepare results/analysis of focus group meeting, results to be reviewed at March meeting.

Legislators Reports (Mr. Reilly)

- More emphasis on transportation and infrastructure improvements beyond the economic stimulus legislation.
- Stimulus goal is to create 3-4 million jobs
- \$450-500 billion of needs for next reauthorization

9. Other Business

- HATS certification review to be held on May 6th and 7th, 2009.

10. Adjourn

- The Coordinating Committee meeting was adjourned at 10:30 AM

Attendance

Name	Affiliation
Coordinating Committee Officers	
Representative Mark Keller, Chairman	Perry County
Commissioner Jeff Haste, Vice-Chairman	Dauphin County
Commissioner Rick Rovegno, Secretary	Cumberland County
Coordinating Committee Members	
Jim Ritzman	PennDOT Office of Planning
Mike Gossert	Cumberland County
James Turner	Perry County
Joseph Link	Harrisburg City
Eric Bugaile	Dauphin County
Scott Christie	PennDOT District 8-0
James Close (Alternate)	Harrisburg City
James Hoffer (Alternate)	Capital Area Transit
Skip Memmi (Alternate)	Dauphin County
Other Attendees	
Jim Szymborski	Tri-County Regional Planning Commission
Tim Reardon	Tri-County Regional Planning Commission
Diane Myers-Krug	Tri-County Regional Planning Commission
Alfred Sundara	Tri-County Regional Planning Commission
Karen Green	Tri-County Regional Planning Commission
Drew Ames	Tri-County Regional Planning Commission
Mike Kmiecinski	Tri-County Regional Planning Commission
Walt Panko	PennDOT Office of Planning
Dennis Sloand	PennDOT District 8-0
Dave Spaulding	SARAA
Carey Mullins	PennDOT District 8-0
Bob Reilly	US Congressman Todd Platts Office
Drew Lyons	Rep. Sheryl Delozier's Office
Laura Conrad	Rep. Glen Grell's Office, Cumberland County
Dorothy Matesevac	Highspire Borough
Tom Helm	Harrisburg Bicycle Club
Jessica Toomey	Sen. Piccola's Office
Jason Yakelis	Delta Development Group
Jody Harpster	Cumberland County
Rob Lauriello	Rettew Associates
Brandy Heilman	Commuter Services of PA
Ben Scott	Northern Dauphin Revitalization Project
Rachel Cornman	Harrisburg Regional Chamber – CREDC
Bill Peterson	Center for Community Building
Don Seiple	Silver Spring Township