

H A T S  
Coordinating Committee Meeting  
Capital Area Transit  
Dick Miller Board Room, 2nd Floor  
Meeting # 198  
April 23, 2010, 9:00 AM  
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The April 2010 HATS Coordinating Committee meeting began at 9:00 AM. Representative Keller welcomed everyone to the meeting and welcomed Tim Smith as the newest member of HATS planning staff. He asked members, staff, and guests to introduce themselves.

### **Attendance**

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

### **1. Meeting Minutes**

The minutes from the February 26, 2010 Coordinating Committee meeting were reviewed.

- #198-1: Mr. Haste moved to accept the minutes as submitted; Mr. Hoffer seconded the motion, and the motion was unanimously approved.

The minutes from the April Technical Committee meeting were available for informational purposes.

### **2. TIP Modifications (FFY 2009 – 2012)**

#### *a. Amendments*

Camp Hill Underpass — project cost increase of \$354,000 to refurbish two underpasses and make the facilities ADA-compliant. Increase will come from STU reserve.

Mr. Keller asked if there is full cooperation from Camp Hill Borough. Mr. Panko said there is.

- #198-2: Mr. Haste moved to adopt the amendment; Mr. Turner seconded the motion, and the motion was unanimously approved.

#### *b. Administrative Actions*

Mr. Panko provided an overview of the TIP Administrative Actions since the last meeting (*see HATS MPO FFY 2009-2012 TIP Modifications from 2/12/10 to 4/9/10 for details*).

#### *c. FY 2010-2011 JARC/New Freedoms application*

CAT is submitting an application for job access/reverse commute (JARC) and New Freedoms funding. The JARC funding would continue fare assistance and shared ride services. The New Freedoms funding would be used for technological improvements to coordinate three shared ride providers.

- #198-3: Mr. Haste moved to endorse CAT's application; Mr. Gossert seconded the motion, and the motion was unanimously approved.

### **3. Draft FFY 2011-2014 TIP Update**

*Please see the attached:*

- *Draft FFY 2011-2014 Hwy-Brg TIP 3 25 10*
- *Draft FFY 2011-2014 Hwy-Brg TIP Narrative*
- *Bridge Summary FFY 2011-14 TIP 4 1 10*
- *2011-2014 TIP Act 44 Discretionary Projects*
- *Draft FFY 201-2014 Transit TIP 3 25 10*
- *Draft FFY 2011-2014 Transit TIP Narrative*
- *Draft FFY 2011-2014 Interstate TIP 3 29 10*
- *Draft Interstate TYP - 2nd 4 years - 3 10 10*

Mr. Panko gave an overview of the highway and bridge portion of the draft TIP. He discussed the procedures used to develop the TIP and briefly reviewed the highway and bridge projects on the draft TIP. Of particular note, there is a feasibility study of the Maclay Street Bridge to resolve ownership issues of the bridge. The next step in the TIP process is air quality conformity analysis and public review. Mr. Hoffer presented an overview of the transit portion of the draft TIP.

Mr. Keller asked about the use of funds from the potential I-80 toll. Mr. Panko said the TIP was built without considering those funds. The Department did develop a list of projects to be added to the TIP if the I-80 toll funds became available. Mr. Hoffer added that the transit TIP was also built using only guaranteed funding. Transit has unmet needs that could have been addressed using those funds, had they become available.

The interstate maintenance (IM) TIP contains two new projects in the HATS region: the I-81 resurfacing project and improvements to the I-83/PA 581 Bottleneck (the "York Split"). The York Split project is an interim project that will address safety and congestion problems at the interchange and is consistent with the improvements specified in the I-83 master plan. The project is added to the draft IM TIP, and it does not use local funds. The project will need to be amended to the current Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) so that the IM TIP and RTP will be consistent.

- #198-4: Mr. Haste moved to approve the proposed York Split project Regional Transportation Plan amendment for air quality conformity determination and public comment; Mr. Sloand seconded the motion, and the motion was unanimously approved.
- #198-5: Mr. Haste moved to approve all portions of the TIP for air quality conformity and public comment; Mr. Turner seconded the motion, and the motion was unanimously approved.

### **Draft TIP Modification Procedure**

The *Memorandum of Understanding: Procedures for FFY 2011-2014 STIP and TIP Modifications* was presented for adoption. The MOU establishes procedures for modifying the TIP, establishing (among other things) the threshold for TIP amendments, which require action from the HATS committees, and administrative actions, which do not require actions. The draft MOU sets the threshold at \$2 million or a change in excess of 50% of the total project.

- #198-6: Mr. Haste moved to approve the draft MOU for public comment; Mr. Hoffer seconded the motion, and the motion was unanimously approved.

#### **4. 2035 Regional Transportation Plan**

Mr. Ames discussed the regional transportation needs, how they were identified, and how they are being used in the RTP project ranking criteria. HATS staff held a series of eleven meetings at the end of 2009, where they solicited locations and descriptions of transportation problems from local officials, municipal engineers, and the general public. More than 100 people, total, attended the meetings. HATS staff mapped the transportation problems/needs and categorized them into six broad regional needs to be used as an assessment tool for the RTP. The Technical Committee was asked to put the six categories of needs in order of importance based on their knowledge and perspective of the region's transportation system. The resulting ranking was safety, congestion, and maintenance in the upper tier; geometry, land use, and continuity in the lower.

HATS staff have updated the project ranking criteria to address several issues or initiatives that have emerged since the last RTP update. The updates are not major changes, but they do address, for example, freight movement and the environment to a greater extent than before. The local priority criterion was removed and the local commitment priority was beefed up. The new, 17<sup>th</sup>, criterion assesses how well a proposed project meets the identified transportation needs. The results of the technical committee's ranking of needs will be incorporated into the 17<sup>th</sup> criterion.

Mr. Eichelberger asked about the relationship of projects to needs, and why a project might be proposed that doesn't meet an identified need. Mr. Ames said the previous system for proposing projects was not based on identifying needs first, so as the new planning-NEPA system is installed there may be some projects found that don't meet an identified need.

Mr. Haste said the ranking should be more proactive – instead of the focus on the immediate problems of safety and congestion the focus should be on the long range problem of linking transportation planning and land use. Ms. Myers-Krug said land use is also considered in other ranking criteria. Mr. Szyborski said transportation projects are connected to local land use planning because local plans feed into county comprehensive plans, which are used to create the Regional Growth Management Plan, which is linked to the development of the Regional Transportation Plan. Mr. Szyborski said the land use-transportation project link has been shown to be important by area and corridor studies done in the past. The projects proposed by studies that had local commitment to land use recommendations are more successful than projects proposed by studies that do not. Without commitment to land use recommendations in transportation studies, the studies become quickly out of date when land use is radically changed.

Mr. Eichelberger asked if giving land use a higher consideration in this criterion will throw off the ranking balance because it is given consideration elsewhere. Mr. Ames said it will not.

Mr. Hoffer spoke in favor of giving land use a higher consideration.

Mr. Turner asked that staff and committee members not allow the ranking criteria to become biased toward urban projects.

- #198-7: Mr. Gossert moved to approve giving land use a 10 point value; Mr. Memmi seconded the motion, and the motion was unanimously approved.
- #198-8: Mr. Haste moved to approve the overall ranking system; Mr. Hoffer seconded the motion, and the motion was unanimously approved.

## **5. Capital Red Rose Corridor (CRRC) Letter of Support**

Mr. Szymborski presented a draft letter of support to send to legislators in our region. The letter urges legislators to support operational funding for the CRRC so that \$10.9M in funds dedicated for the project are not forfeited in September 2010. A similar letter from Rep. Ron Buxton to Governor Ed Rendell was also presented.

Mr. Eichelberger said the Cumberland County position is that while they have no problem with the CRRC project, they do not want to imply any support for an extension of the corridor into Cumberland County. Therefore Cumberland County does not want to be involved in an MPO effort to support the CRRC, will be asking Cumberland County representatives in the state legislature not to endorse the project, and advises Perry County to do the same.

- #198-9: Mr. Haste moved to recommend HATS sign onto the letter; Mr. Memmi seconded the motion, and the motion was approved with the HATS members from PennDOT and Cumberland County abstaining.

## **6. Status Reports**

### *PennDOT*

- The Rt. 743 project in Hershey is on track for a September let date; the 5<sup>th</sup> St./University Drive project near Penn State Harrisburg is on track for a June let date.
- The 7<sup>th</sup> St. widening project in Harrisburg is waiting for a completed reimbursement agreement and utility clearance. The May let date will most likely be moved back.

### *Capital Area Transit*

- CAT is working to add bike racks to the busses. CAT thanks Tom Helm and the Harrisburg Bicycle Club for their assistance.
- The Hershey route summer schedule goes into effect May 17<sup>th</sup>.
- Surveying and engineering have started on the Hummelstown park and ride lot.

### *Commuter Services*

- An RFP will be issued soon for the regional transit study.
- Active commuters are now over 13,000
- Bike to Work Week is upcoming.
- Park and ride surveys are being returned at a good rate.

*HATS Staff*

- RGMP – the land use and environmental overview sections are completed. Work is nearly completed on updating the community service areas. There will be a roundtable seminar on growth management on April 28<sup>th</sup> from 3-5 pm at the HACCC Wildwood Conference Center. An RGMP website will be going up.
- Park and Ride Study – Initial screening is complete, eight sites will be going to conceptual engineering.

**7. Adjourn**

- 198-10: Mr. Hoffer made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Memmi and passed unanimously.

## 8. Attendance

Name	Affiliation
<b>Coordinating Committee Members</b>	
Representative Mark Keller, Chairman	Perry County
Commissioner Jeff Haste, Vice Chairman	Dauphin County
Commissioner Gary Eichelberber, Secretary	Cumberland County
Walt Panko	PennDOT Office of Planning
Carey R. Mullins	PennDOT District 8-0
Dennis Sloand	PennDOT District 8-0
Michael Gossert	Cumberland County
Skip Memmi	Dauphin County
Jim Hoffer	Capital Area Transit
James Turner	Perry County
<b>Other Attendees</b>	
Jim Szymborski, AICP	HATS /TCRPC Executive Director
Tim Smith	HATS Planning Staff
Diane Myers-Krug, AICP	HATS Planning Staff
Drew Ames	HATS Planning Staff
Mike Kmiecinski	HATS Planning Staff
Terry Adams	Michael Baker Inc.
Joe Link	Parsons Brinckerhoff
Daniel Flint	Lower Allen Township
Drew Lyons	Rep. Sheryl Delozier's Office
Tom Helm	Harrisburg Bicycle Club
Lou Roth	Delta Development Group
John Rautzahn	McCormick Taylor, Inc
Pat Herigan	Rep. Ron Marsico's Office
George Wolfe	Lower Paxton Township
Chris Ramsey	Senator Piccola's Office

\* Non voting member