

H A T S
Coordinating Committee Meeting
Capital Area Transit
CAT Board Room, 2nd Floor
Meeting # 172
February 24, 2006
9:00 AM

Attendance

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

1. Welcome & Introductions

Representative Keller called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM by welcoming everyone to the Capital Area Transit Offices. He then asked attendees to introduce themselves.

2. Minutes of the January 2006 Coordinating Committee and February 2006 Technical Committee meetings

Representative Keller asked if anyone had any comments about the January 27th HATS Coordinating Committee minutes, there were none.

- #172-01: Commissioner Barclay motioned the minutes be accepted, Commissioner Haste seconded, motion passed unanimously.
- Representative Keller noted the February 10th Technical Committee minutes had been included in the agenda packets for informational purposes.

3. 2005 Annual Report (action item)

Mr. Sundara provided a brief overview of the HATS 2005 Annual Report which highlights the activities HATS was involved in, in 2005. Mr. Sundara asked for approval to publish the report after a 2-week comment period to allow board members time to review the report.

- #172-02 Mr. Hoffman motioned to publish the report after the 2-week comment period, Mr. Barclay seconded, motion passed unanimously.

4. FY 2006-2007 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) (action item)

Ms. Myers-Krug provided an overview of the FY 2006-2007 UPWP (*see Draft Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) FY 2006-2007 in handout packet*). The program is set up in the same format as last year.

- Funding for the St. Johns Church Road Interchange Area Study is included in the program
- Mr. Reardon said additional transit funding is available to provide enhanced public outreach (\$21,000 plus local match) for education to municipalities and citizens on our transportation planning process. Conditional approval at this meeting will allow staff flexibility to finalize local match for the work effort without delaying submittal of the UPWP to PennDOT.
- Mr. Link asked why the Regional Goods Movement Study was not included, and it was noted the project is wrapping up and will not need funding in the new UPWP.
- #172-03 Commissioner Haste motioned to approve the Enhanced Public Outreach, Commissioner Barkley seconded, motion passed unanimously.
- #172-04 Commissioner Haste motioned to approve the Draft UPWP, Commissioner Barclay seconded, motion passed unanimously.

5. FFY 2005-2008 TIP

(see blue handout, HATS MPO FFY 2005-2008 TIP Modifications from 1/13/06 to 2/10/06 for overview)

a. Highway Amendments (no Amendments this month)

b. Administrative Actions (info only)

Mr. Panko provided board members with an overview of the administrative actions.

- Representative Keller noted that according to the information he has obtained, repair of the Shermansdale Bridge would not require 10 ROW purchases, as noted by PennDOT previously.

6. FFY 2007-2010 Transportation Enhancements (action item)

Mr. Millard provided an overview of the proposed Transportation Enhancements.

a. Existing Projects

The HATS Transportation Enhancements & Hometown Streets / Safe Routes to School Summary – February 2006 handout provides an overview of each proposed project.

- Derry Township Bicycle/Pedestrian Trail (page 5): The Township would like to use some of the Phase 3 funds on Phase 2 project. This issue will be discussed further at the April HATS meetings.
- Lykens Valley Rail/Trail (page 7): Part of the trail had to be moved to a new location. The project sponsor is working with the impacted parties on this relocation.

The Transportation Enhancements/Home Town Streets/Safe Routes to School Program issues Project Selection Summary Sheet provides an overview of issues staff has identified that may be in issues with some of the projects. Issues with both existing projects and candidate projects are discussed in the summary sheet.

The “Status of TE, HTS, and SR2S Projects” handout provides an overview of existing projects and allocated funds. Projects shown in bold are expected to carry over to the 2007 TIP. Excluding two carryover projects that will be funded using the Secretary’s discretionary TE reserve, the total cost of the projects expected to carry over to the 2007 TIP is almost \$2.7 million. These projects will need to use the HATS area 2007-08 TE allocation to get funded. If more projects get bid and are ready to be constructed in a given year than there are HATS TE funds available in that year, HATS will need to keep the TIP in balance by shifting funds from line items or projects not ready to go to the ready to go TE projects.

b. Candidate Projects

The sheets titled “HATS Planning Comments/Rankings” and “Transportation Enhancements Projects Matrix – 2007 TIP” show information about all the eligible, candidate projects, indicate the county planning commission rankings, show brief HATS staff comments about the projects, and provide key factual information about the projects, including their scores on PennDOT’s objective rating criteria.

- Mr. Millard noted the Technical Committee recommended the Camp Hill Walks project in Cumberland County, the Elizabethville PA 225 Sidewalk/Curbing Replacement, the Swatara Township St. Catherine Laboure School Safety, and the Harrisburg Safe Routes to School crosswalks projects in Dauphin County, and the Marysville Downtown Streetscape Improvements project in Perry County receive HATS area funding. The Cumberland County project and the three Dauphin County projects should be able to start immediately after they receive State Transportation Commission (STC) approval, while the Perry County project is seeking matching funds but should be able to secure those funds before STC approval takes place.

- The Coordinating Committee supported the Technical Committee’s recommendation to forward the Walnut Street Bridge project to the state for consideration for discretionary funding from the Secretary’s TE reserve.
- Commissioner Haste suggested the Steelton Borough Main Street Improvements project also be forwarded to the state to be considered for discretionary funding from the Secretary’s TE reserve.
- #172-05 Mr. Haste motioned to recommend the top 3 Dauphin projects, the top Cumberland project, and the Marysville project receive HATS area TE funding, Commissioner Barclay seconded, motion passed unanimously
- #172-06 Mr. Haste motioned to recommend the Walnut Street Bridge and the Steelton Borough projects be considered for discretionary statewide TE funding, Commissioner Barclay seconded, motion passed unanimously.

7. 5310 Grant Applications (*action item*)

(see *Harrisburg Area Transportation Study (HATS) Comments on the 5310 Grant Applications and Grant Program for 2005 Memo*)

Mr. Dickson provided an overview of the requests by 5310 grant funds by private organizations for 2006.

- Goodwill Industries of Central PA and United Cerebral Palsy of Central PA are requesting funds to add and replace vehicles for the severely handicapped individuals they serve
- Mr. Dickson noted that while HATS endorses this year’s requests for vehicles, HATS, the private organizations who serve the severely handicapped, and the County Transportation providers need to work together to develop a system that shares transportation resources and serves all handicapped individuals, not just those in programs provided by private organizations.
- Mr. Dickson also noted, PennDOT should revise their submission schedule as the deadlines for submitting comments end before HATS, and most likely other MPO’s, has time to take action on any comments, when meetings are only held on a bi-monthly basis.
- #172-07 Commissioner Haste motioned to approve comments to send to PennDOT on the 5310 Grant applications, Commissioner Barclay seconded, motion passed unanimously.

8. Status Reports

- PennDOT (Mr. Hoffman)
 - Paxton Street 2-way construction work will begin in March.
 - Improvements along US 22/322 down to the Farm Show will continue through spring 2007.
 - Mr. Kennedy noted PennDOT has developed a list of candidate projects for the new State Highway Safety Plan required in SAFETEALU. There are about 24 projects in the HATS area, some already on the program and some new. Project funding will be drawn down from a new line item. Mr. Szyborski asked what input MPOs have into the decision-making process for identifying safety projects to include in the program. It was noted that PennDOT would determine the projects for this round, and get concurrence from the MPO’s afterwards. In the next round, the MPOs will be asked for the project lists first before project priorities are decided.
 - It was noted that funded projects could come only from areas with high accident rates. Mr. Turner asked if the Clarks Ferry Bridge would be on the list and Mr. Hoffman responded it is not on the safety list but noted a highway project and an ITS project are planned for the Clarks Ferry area.
- FHWA (Mr. Stevens)

- Mr. Stevens noted the FHWA is very concerned how the state's MPO's & RPO's will address the issue of transit shortfalls, especially when the Governor's Commission on Transportation Funding Reform will make their suggestions in November and the next TIP is to be submitted in October.
- Regional Partners
 - CAT (Mr. Hoffer)
 - CAT is looking into providing vending machines at various locations for the sale of monthly passes.
 - The CAT website now has the ability for people to order monthly passes and 25-punch cards online using a credit card.
 - Amtrak (*No report this month*)
 - Norfolk Southern (*No report this month*)
 - Pennsylvania Motor Truck Association (PMTA) (*No report this month*)
 - Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission (PTC) (*No report this month*)
 - SARAA (Mr. Spaulding)
 - Ridership at HIA is down 6% from last year. This is directly related to the loss of one airline serving HIA, and the reduction in flights serving HIA by existing carriers.
 - US Airways flight fares have been reduced at HIA.
 - Northwest Airlines is adding the flight to Minneapolis that had previously been removed.
 - The Capital City Airport will be replacing their approach lights this summer.
 - The Franklin County Airport Master Plan report has been completed.
- Local Reports
 - City of Harrisburg (Mr. Link)
 - The Harrisburg Transportation Center rehabilitation project has received acceptable bids and contracts will be awarded soon.
 - The Walnut Street Underpass on City Island has had good progress but is running a bit late.
 - The Mulberry Street Bridge ramp is now open.
 - Signal replacements on Maclay and Market Street corridors will proceed soon.
 - The State Street enhancements project was given the notice to proceed on March 1st
- TCRPC
 - Regional Goods Movement Study (Mr. Millard)
 - The last meeting was held February 6th, next meeting will be held May 2nd.
 - Public Outreach to all the MPO's & RPO's is ongoing. There will be a presentation of the study results at the April Technical Committee meeting.
 - A dinner meeting will be held with the south central PA Council of Supply Chain Management Professionals, a professional group composed primarily of private sector shippers and carriers who meet regularly to discuss logistics issues within the region.
 - ITS (*nothing to report currently*)
 - SRTP (*nothing to report currently*)
- Congressional Representatives
 - Congressman Platts' Office (Mr. Reilly)
 - The Bush 2007 budget calls for \$67.7 billion, a 5% increase
 - Highway spending for 2007, \$39.8 billion, a 2% increase

- Transit spending for 2007, \$8.9 billion, a 4% increase in funds, but less than was provided in reauthorization bill.
- Amtrak funding, \$1.3 billion this year, \$900 million next year.
- FAA, \$13.8 billion, 4% less than last year.
- Discussions on budget will be finalized in the fall.
- Mr. Turner asked what the status of the Legislative Subcommittee was. Representative Keller noted the committee needs to move forward with meetings soon.

9. Other Business

- Representative Marsico noted he has written a response letter to issues he brought up with PennDOT at the last meeting.
- Representative Keller noted a copy of House Resolution No. 565, supporting CORRIDORone by an almost unanimous House vote, has been provided to board members.
- Representative Keller noted the letter that was written up stating the issues HATS has with Interstate funds being allocated at the PennDOT level has been sent to Secretary Biehler. A similar letter was also sent to Governor Rendell.

10. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 10:20 AM

ATTENDANCE

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Affiliation		Member Name	Attending?
Voting Members:			
<u>PennDOT</u>			
PennDOT Office of Planning:		Larry King	
Alternate:		Jim Ritzman	<u>X</u>
Alternate:		Larry Shifflet	
Staff: (non-voting member)		Walt Panko	<u>X</u>
District 8-0 Office:		Barry Hoffman	<u>X</u>
Alternate:		Mike Gillespie	
Staff: (non-voting member)		Terry Adams	
<u>Cumberland County</u>			
Commissioner:	Secretary	Bruce Barclay	<u>X</u>
Alternate:		Gary Eichelberger	<u>X</u>
Voting Member:		Don Mowery	
<u>Dauphin County</u>			
Commissioner:	Vice-Chairman	Jeff Haste	<u>X</u>
Alternate:		Skip Memmi	<u>X</u>
PA House of Representatives:		Ron Marsico	<u>X</u>
Alternate:		Eric Bugaile	<u>X</u>
<u>Perry County</u>			
PA House of Representatives:	Chairman	Mark Keller	<u>X</u>
Alternate:		John Amsler	
Planning Commission:		Jim Turner	<u>X</u>
Alternate:		Bob Shaffer	
<u>Harrisburg City</u>			
Mayor:		Stephen Reed	
Alternate:		Jim Close	<u>X</u>
City Engineer:		Joe Link	<u>X</u>
Alternates:		Dan Leppo	
		Terri Martini	
<u>Capital Area Transit</u>			
Member:		Dick Miller	
Alternate:		Jim Hoffer	<u>X</u>
		Bill Simpson	
Advisory Members:			
<u>TCRPC</u>			
		Jim Szyborski	<u>X</u>
		Tim Reardon	<u>X</u>
		Diane Myers-Krug	<u>X</u>
		Chip Millard	<u>X</u>
		Al Sundara	<u>X</u>
		Brian Dickson	<u>X</u>
Other Persons Attending (Guests):			
<u>Federal Reps:</u>			
FWHA – PA Division		Spencer Stevens	<u>X</u>
FWHA – PA Division		Pat Garber	
<u>Congressional Reps:</u>			
U.S. Congressman Todd Platt’s Office		Bob Reilly	<u>X</u>
State Senator Pat Vance’s Office		Mark Ryan	<u>X</u>
State Representative Ron Marsico’s Office		Pat Herigan	
State Representative John Payne’s Office		Todd Pagliarulo	<u>X</u>

Regional Reps:

York County Planning Commission

Don Bubb

X

Planning Partners

Amtrak (National Passenger Railroad Corporation)

Rich Esposito

Norfolk Southern Railroad Corporation

Mike Fesen

Pennsylvania Motor Truck Association (PMTA)

Jim Runk

Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission (PTC)

Tim Smith

Susquehanna Regional Airport Authority (SARAA)

Dave Spaulding

X

Municipality Reps:

Hampden Township

Keith Motts

X

Lower Paxton Township

Michael Gossert

X

Marysville Borough

George Wolfe

X

Silver Spring Township

Ann Simonetti

X

South Londonderry Township

Donald J. Seiple

X

South Londonderry Township

Scott Galbraith

Wormleysburg Borough

Tom Ernharth

Thomas Kanganis

Other Organizations:

PennDOT Dist. 8-0

John Kennedy

X

Center for Community Building

Bill Peterson

X

Cumberland County Redevelopment Authority

Chris Gulotta

Delta Development Group

Crystal Quintin

X

Harrisburg Bicycle Club

Tom Helm

X

Harrisburg Regional Chamber

Jim Willshier

X

Sierra Club

Larry Joyce

X

Benetec Associates

William Scott

HARSCO

Ken Julian

Delta Development Group

Scott Tochtermann

Other Guests

Carlisle Sentinel

John Hilton

X