

**H A T S**  
**Technical Committee Meeting**  
Capital Area Transit  
CAT Board Room, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Meeting # 241  
February 9, 2007  
9:00 AM

Chairman Szymborski welcomed everyone to the February HATS Technical Committee Meeting. Members and guests present are noted on the attached attendance sheet.

**1. Election of Officers**

Mr. Reardon asked for nominations for officers. Mr. Adams made a motion to retain the same slate of officers as last year, Mr. Szymborski, Chairman, Mr. Reardon, Vice-Chairman and Mr. Millard, Secretary. Mr. Hoffer seconded, motion passed unanimously.

**2. SRTP Board of Directors – HATS Representative and Alternate**

On a motion by Mr. Adams, seconded by Mr. Hoffer, Mr. Szymborski was nominated to continue as HATS representative for SRTP and Mr. Reardon as alternate. The motion passed unanimously.

**3. Meeting Minutes**

*a. Technical Committee – December 1, 2006*

- Mr. Szymborski asked if anyone had any comments about the December Technical Committee minutes.
- Mr. Panko motioned to approve the December minutes as drafted, Mr. Blair seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

*b. Coordinating Committee – December 15, 2006*

- Mr. Szymborski noted the December Coordinating Committee minutes had been included for informational purposes only.

**4. Draft Annual Report**

Mr. Sundara noted the HATS Annual Report includes a summary of all the major tasks HATS has been involved with over the last year. He asked the Technical Committee members to review the Annual Report and send comments before February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2007. Mr. Adams suggested references to the St. John's Church Road Area Circulation Study should be changed to the Camp Hill-Lower Allen-Shiremanstown-Hampden (CLASH) Circulation Study. Mr. Stoner made a motion to endorse the annual report to the Coordinating Committee for approval contingent on addressing all comments received by February 23<sup>rd</sup>, Mr. Memmi seconded, motion passed unanimously.

**5. Draft UPWP FY 2006-2007 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)**

Ms. Myers-Krug presented the UPWP for July 2007 – June 2008 (*see Draft Unified Planning Work Program FY 2007-2008 for details*).

- The UPWP lists a summary of 2006 accomplishments
- The UPWP lists tasks and end products
- Some new tasks were identified which include: outreach efforts to Dauphin and Perry

counties coordinated with the County Planning Commission's program and PennDOT's LTAP program

- Mr. Panko noted PennDOT approved phase 2 of the St. John's Church Road Interchange Area Study
- On a motion by Mr. Panko, seconded by Mr. Link, the UPWP was recommended for approval.

## **6. FFY 2007-2010 TIP**

### *a. Amendments*

Mr. Panko provided an overview of the Highway Amendments for this period (*see "HATS MPO FFY 2007-2010 TIP Modifications from 12/1/06 to 2/9/07" Amendments - Highway for details*).

- East Main Street/Walton Avenue intersection and pedestrian-crossing realignment project in Hummelstown, funds were added from earmarks.
- I-81 Bridge Preventive Maintenance Group 2 project includes improvements on 11 bridges over I-81 from US 11 to the Susquehanna River in Cumberland County. Funds were added from the HATS bridge reserve to address the cost increases.
- Lykens Railroad Station Rehabilitation project TE funds were added from deobligated funds from the HATS TE reserve to cover the bid costs.
- Steelton Main Streetscape project was added to the TIP with the allocated TE funds and additional expenses being covered by the borough.
- Capital Area Greenbelt project was added to the TIP.
- Mr. Adams noted Capital Area Greenbelt will be added to the TIP contingent to the City obtaining ROW and environment clearance prior to the February 23<sup>rd</sup> Coordinating Committee meeting.
- Mr. Link motioned to recommend approval of the amendments, Mr. Stoner seconded, motion passed unanimously.

### *b. Administrative Actions*

Mr. Panko provided an overview of the Administrative Actions performed during the period (*see "HATS MPO FFY 2007-2010 TIP Modifications from 12/1/06 to 2/9/07" - Administrative Actions - Highway for details*).

- Funds transferred from HATS Bridge Reserve to the PA 441 Swatara Creek bridge project
- Funds moved from PA 743/US 422 Square improvements project to US 15/ PA 581 project due to construction cost increase.
  - Mr. Szymborski asked if there would be any impacts on the PA 743/ US 422 Square Improvements project, Mr. Panko answered there would be no impacts.
- Add \$1.8 million from HATS Bridge Reserve to I-81 Bridge PM Group 1 project to address low bid cost increase.
- Mr. Adams noted \$3.2 million added to the I-81 Bridge PM Group 2 project are additional funds not money from the HATS base allocation, hence, should be treated as administrative action not as amendment.
  - Mr. Link noted HATS resolution states that all transaction over \$2 million should be treated as amendments unless HATS changes the resolution.
  - Mr. Adams mentioned if the project is treated as an amendment, the project has to go through the eSTIP process and federal approval, might delay the

project and because of the delay increase the costs.

- Mr. Memmi noted since the funds are not a part of HATS base allocation, HATS could treat it as administrative action. Because we've discussed the transfer of these funds publicly (i.e. at a HATS meeting), the action suggested, although out of the normal routine, is open for scrutiny and addresses any transparency issue. This action might be more of a concern to Lancaster County, who is losing the funds, and HATS is relying on PennDOT to communicate the situation to Lancaster as well.
- Mr. Szyborski added HATS staff should take a look at the resolution and suggest changes, if necessary.

*c. Transportation Enhancements / Hometown Streets / Safe Routes to School*

Mr. Millard stated he recently found out cost increases for statewide, discretionary fund TE/HTS/SRTS projects would primarily be the MPO/RPO's responsibility, not PennDOT's. He was told discretionary TE/HTS/SRTS funds could be used to cover cost increases for discretionary-funded projects, but in most cases it was unlikely projects would receive this funding. He also mentioned that due to regulation changes with the TE/HTS/SRTS Program, it would be difficult for HATS to fund cost increases for HATS-funded TE projects, unless the cost increase was very small. Mr. Millard noted that besides asking PennDOT to use discretionary TE money to fund cost increases, there are a few other options the MPO might consider. They include recommending the applicants to scale back the project, suggesting the applicant find other funding sources, using money set aside from next TE program, using non-TE/HTS/SRTS money from the TIP, or deprogramming the project.

- Mr. Szyborski noted some of the approved discretionary fund projects were recommended by HATS and some were not recommended.
- Mr. Link mentioned statewide projects are usually larger projects which have a high cost, and cost increases for those projects would be high and beyond the MPO's funding availability.
- Mr. Blair said the MPO should not consider funding cost increases for statewide projects.
- Mr. Stoner added the statewide projects bypassed the local project selection and recommendation process and hence, HATS should not be responsible to fund the cost increases.
- Mr. Adams noted the applicants should be noted upfront the MPO would not fund any cost increases for statewide projects.
- Mr. Stoner made a motion that HATS send a letter to PennDOT stating TE discretionary fund projects did not receive funding from HATS in part because HATS did not have sufficient funding to cover the costs of those projects and because of this, PennDOT should consider funding cost increases. Mr. Memmi seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

*d. Project Presentations and Discussion*

Shippensburg Signal Improvements

Mr. Stoner noted the Shippensburg signal timing project should be added to the TIP. He informed the Committee Shippensburg University would pay \$400,000 upfront to cover the federal earmark designated for signal timing project in Shippensburg Borough and Shippensburg Township. Ms. Myers-Krug noted the project would need air quality approval from the Federal agencies before being added to the TIP, and the project was included in the

latest conformity analysis for the 2030 RTP Update, which is pending approval. Mr. Turner made a motion to add the project to the TIP contingent on receiving air quality approval, Mr. Hoffer seconded, motion passed unanimously.

### Jednota Phase 1

Mr. Emberg made a presentation on the Jednota project which includes reconfiguring access to Penn State University Harrisburg campus, building a new road behind Olmstead Plaza and reconfiguring the Rosedale Avenue intersection. He noted the design phase is 20% complete and expected construction to begin in 2008. He asked the new proposed roadways be added to the federal aid system. Mr. Adams asked if there were any issues with ROW or environmental clearance. Mr. Emberg answered there are some wetland issues and an assessment is being done. Regarding ROW, Lower Swatara Township has an agreement with property owners. Mr. Panko noted a letter of clarification should be received from FHWA to use earmark.

## **7. FFY 2009-2012 TIP – info**

### *a. Schedule*

Ms. Myers-Krug provided draft TIP update schedule and noted key deadlines and pointed out draft TIP should be sent to PennDOT by next January. She informed HATS will not ask for project suggestion forms, projects will be selected based on updated RTP.

### *b. HATS Planning Process Committee*

Ms. Myers-Krug suggested a TIP task force should be formed to address NEPA and SAFETEA-LU regulations. The task force would likely meet in early spring to work on linking planning and NEPA regulations and prioritizing projects.

## **8. Status Reports**

- PennDOT (Mr. Adams)
  - US 15/PA 581 project is on schedule, would be let in March.
- CAT (Mr. Hoffer)
  - January 2007 saw the third continuous year of fixed route ridership increases from the same month the year before.
  - CAT is encouraged by the funds allocated for transit in the proposed Pennsylvania budget, but is working on contingency plans, should the proposed funds not appear.
  - Mr. Hoffer noted CAT has printed a new system map, which is the first system map available in many years. He thanked the TCRPC staff for all their work in creating the new system map.
  - PennDOT has approved an increase in the CAT Paratransit fares, and these new fares will become effective in March.
- SARA (Mr. Spaulding)
  - US Airways proposed 35 - 65% price reduction to 75 cities.
  - United added a new flight to Chicago.
  - Work is progressing on the new HIA / Amtrak train station design. The design of the station will include a pedestrian bridge of PA-230.
- Amtrak – no report this month.
- Norfolk Southern – no report this month.

- PA Motor Truck Association – no report this month.
- PA Turnpike Commission – no report this month.
- City of Harrisburg (Mr. Link)
  - All exterior work on the Harrisburg Transportation Center is completed, with work now focusing on interior modifications.
  - The new traffic lights on Maclay St. corridor and Market St. corridor completed
- Derry Township (Mr. Memmi)
  - US 422/Lingle Avenue project will probably be delayed due to ROW issues, which include about 67 partial or full takings.
  - The Derry Township Intermodal Center is under construction. During construction, some underground wiring ducts were discovered, which will have to be moved and will most likely result in some cost increases and delays in the completion date.
- TCRPC
  - St. John’s Church Rd. Study (Mr. Millard)
    - The name for the study has been changed to the Camp Hill, Lower Allen, Shiremanstown, and Hampden (CLASH) Circulation Study.
    - McCormick Taylor was selected as the consultant to do the study.
    - The contract with McCormick Taylor, for the study, is currently under review.
  - Regional Goods Movement Study (Mr. Millard)
    - Looking at various funding sources to publish truckers guide and collect updated data.
  - ITS Regional Operations Forum (Mr. Millard)
    - Meeting with regional stakeholders to be held on February 13<sup>th</sup> to discuss incident management, traffic signals, traveler information, and goods movement needs.
  - Bicycle/Pedestrian Task Force (Mr. Dickson)
    - The B/P Committee continues to meet on a quarterly basis, focusing on reviewing and overseeing projects on the TIP to ensure bicycle and/or pedestrian needs are incorporated into the design.
    - The committee is also looking at other regional Bike / Pedestrian Plans and has invited the Lancaster MPO Bike / Ped coordinator to attend the next meeting.
  - Susquehanna Regional Transportation Partnership (Mr. Szyborski)
    - Provided monthly activity report.
    - Board reorganized.

## **9. Other Business**

### **10. Adjourn**

On a motion by Mr. Stoner, seconded by Mr. Turner, meeting adjourned at 11:00 AM

**ATTENDANCE**

**Harrisburg Area Transportation Study  
Technical Committee Meeting  
February 9, 2007**

**Voting Members:**

**Attending**

PennDOT

PennDOT Office of Planning:  
    Alternate:  
District 8-0 Office:  
    Alternate:

Larry Shifflet  
Walt Panko            X  
Terry Adams           X  
Mike Gillespie

Cumberland County

Planning Commission:  
    Alternate:  
Planning Commission Staff:  
    Alternate:

Jack Blair            X  
Bruce Rosendale  
Kirk Stoner           X  
Rick Rovegno

Dauphin County

Commissioner:  
    Alternate:  
Planning Commission Staff:  
    Alternate:

**Chairman**  
**Vice-Chairman**

Jeff Haste  
August "Skip" Memmi   X  
Jim Szymborski        X  
Tim Reardon           X

Perry County

Planning Commission:  
    Alternate:  
Planning Commission Staff:  
    Alternate:

Jim Turner            X  
Bob Shaffer Sr.  
Diane Myers-Krug     X

Harrisburg City

Department of Engineering  
    Alternate:  
Director of Public Works:  
    Alternate:

Joe Link              X  
Dan Leppo  
Jim Close             X  
Terri Martini

Capital Area Transit

Member:  
    Alternate:

Jim Hoffer            X  
Kent Haberle

York County

Fairview Township:  
    Alternate:

Mike Crocenzi  
Don Bubb

**Non-voting Members:**

Amtrak (National Passenger Railroad Corporation)  
Norfolk Southern Railroad Corporation  
Pennsylvania Motor Truck Association (PMTA)  
Susquehanna Regional Airport Authority (SARAA)

Rich Esposito  
Mike Fesen  
Jim Runk  
Dave Spaulding        X

**Advisory Members:**

TCRPC Staff:

**Secretary**

Carl (Chip) Millard, III   X  
Al Sundara                X  
Brian Dickson             X

Federal Reps:

Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)

Matt Smoker

State Reps:

State Representative Perry's Office  
*PA House Transportation Committee*  
Executive Director  
Staff

David Brinton

Eric Bugaile  
Ryan Webber

Municipality Reps:

Lower Swatara Township  
Lower Allen Township

Ron Paul X

Daniel Flint X

Other Organizations:

PennDOT District 8  
Buchart Horn, Inc.  
Herbert, Rowland & Grubic, Inc.  
Herbert, Rowland & Grubic, Inc.  
Shippensburg University  
Delta Development Group  
Harrisburg Bicycle Club  
Sierra Club

Jonathan Ranck X

Larry Graeff X

Tim Brubaker X

Brian Emberg X

Tim Ebersole X

Jason Yakelis X

Tom Helm X

Larry Joyce X