

H A T S
Coordinating Committee Meeting
Meeting #265
December 15, 2023
9:00 AM

1. Welcome and Introductions

The December 15, 2023 HATS Coordinating Committee meeting began at 9:00 AM. Mr. Haste welcomed everyone to the meeting and stated the attendance list would be taken from the online registrations. He informed participants the meeting was being recorded and asked anyone making motions or objecting to motions to state their name before doing so.

2. Presentations

Mr. Deck provided a brief overview of the Harrisburg Downtown Circulation Study. He mentioned the presentation that was given at the December Technical Committee meeting by Kittelson & Associates, Inc that showed the feasibility of converting Market Street from Second Street to Fifth Street in the City of Harrisburg, which is driven by the future relocation of the CAT transfer center to Cameron Street. The study also looked at a lane diet on the Market Street Bridge among other improvements. Analysis of Chestnut and Walnut Streets were also included in the work, including the feasibility of two-way traffic on Walnut Street. He mentioned that outreach will continue with the city, businesses, and the public.

Mr. Haste asked about the timeframe for the movement of the transfer center. Mr. Deck stated that the move would occur in about 3 years.

3. Meeting Minutes

a. Coordinating Committee – September 22, 2023

Commissioner Foschi moved to approve the June Coordinating Committee meeting minutes. Mr. Turner seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

b. Technical Committee – December 1, 2023

Mr. Haste noted the December Technical Committee minutes were included in the meeting packet for informational purposes.

4. TIP Modifications (FFY 2023-2026)

a. Administrative Actions

Mr. Owens provided the following overview of the administrative modifications made to the FFY 2023-2026 Highway/Bridge TIP since the September HATS meetings:

- 57 total actions
 - 49 increased/decreased funding
 - 5 cash-flowed funds
 - 3 changed funding source
- Clark's Ferry Interim Repairs (MPMS 119484)
 - Increasing the construction phase of Clarks Ferry Interim Repairs by \$995,620 to match the bid amount.
 - May consist of an early action bridge preservation on the Clarks Ferry bridge on US Route 22 over the Susquehanna River in Reed Township, in Dauphin County.
 - This project was let on September 14, 2023.
- Systemic Low-Cost Improvements for Stop Controlled (MPMS 114559)
 - Increasing the construction phase of Systemic Low-Cost Improvements for Stop Controlled \$65,921 for additional pavement markings and flashing warning devices on SR 274 and SR 74 in Spring and Tyrone Township(s).
 - This project was let on October 6, 2022.
- I-81/I-83 Noise Walls (MPMS 105864)
 - Increasing the construction phase of I-81/I-83 Noise Walls by \$73,621 for sound wall repairs. May consist of installing Noise Walls along Interstate 81/83 NB merge to Mountain Road in Lower Paxton Township, Dauphin County.
 - This project was let on July 23, 2020.

All administrative actions were presented for information only and did not require approval.

b. Amendments

Mr. Mullins proposed five total amendments to the FFY 2023-2026 Highway/Bridge TIP, with one separated out as follows:

- Bridge
 - Spring Road over Little J (MPMS 101093)
 - Changing the funding source and increasing the construction phase of Spring Road over Little J to match the most recent estimate and better utilize the funds.

- Increased from \$848,720 to \$2,419,533, but no longer using state funds for CON phase
 - Overall increase of \$1,570,813
- This project consists of a bridge replacement on PA 34 (Spring Road) over Little Juniata Creek in Centre Township, Perry County.
- The current estimated let date is July 11, 2024.

Mr. Bugaile moved to recommend approval of the proposed bridge amendment. Mr. Green seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

- Carlisle Connectivity related Amendments
 - Perry County Covered Bridge (MPMS 119311)
 - Decreasing the construction phase of Perry County Covered Bridge for \$563,338 to better utilize the funds. The construction phase is programed on the 2025 Draft TIP.
 - This project consists of bridge rehab on 6 covered bridges in Perry County
 - Hummelstown Ped Improvements (MPMS 119305)
 - Removing the construction phase of Hummelstown Ped Improvements for \$732,504 to better utilize the funds. The construction phase is programmed on the 2025 Draft TIP.
 - This project consists of pedestrian improvements in downtown Hummelstown Borough, Dauphin County.
 - Emaus Streetscape Project (MPMS 119310)
 - Removing the construction phase of Emaus Streetscape Project for \$868,650 to better utilize the funds. The construction phase is programed on the 2025 Draft TIP.
 - This project consists of pedestrian improvements on Emaus Street between Wood Street and Union Street intersections in Middletown Borough, Dauphin County
 - Carlisle Connectivity RTP – (MPMS 115783)
 - Increasing the construction phase of Carlisle Connectivity RTP for \$1,700,000 to match the low bid amount.
 - This project consists of the reconstruction/realignment/installation of a roundabout at the intersection of N. Hanover Street, East and West Penn Street and Fairground Avenue and a realignment of the intersection of Carlisle Springs Road and N. Hanover Street
 - This project was let on October 19, 2023.

Commissioner Foschi made the motion to approve the four Carlisle related amendments. Mr. Turner seconded and the motion was approved unanimously.

5. Program and Plan Updates

a. Bike-Ped Update

Mr. Bomberger discussed the ongoing Regional Active Transportation Plan, stating initial public event attendance has concluded and both staff and consultants are focused on developing the recommended network and priorities. Moving forward, open house public meetings will be held in January in each county to present draft recommendations and solicit public input. Outreach and publicity for those meetings has begun.

Mr. Bomberger stated SusqueCycle bikes have now been hibernated for the winter and staff is working with Tandem Mobility to facilitate the replacement of the fleet with new bikes that enable tracking, which will assist in data collection as well as improve security. This is reflected with an increase in funding on the draft FFY 2025-2028 TIP, which will also allow for modest expansion of the system.

b. Operations and Safety

Mr. Deck stated that work on the HATS Safe Streets For All Qualified Safety Plan continues and that a very good working group has been put together as a steering committee for the plan. Moving forward, more specific locations and strategies will be looked at to go into the plan. He also reminded everyone that there is an upcoming update of the Congestion Management Process, and that it will encompass all of PennDOT District 8-0 and not just the HATS region. Work is expected to commence in the coming months.

Any questions or suggestions can be forwarded to sdeck@tcrpc-pa.org.

c. FFY 2025-2028 TIP Development

Mr. Bomberger stated the draft FFY 2025-2028 TIP materials are provided in the meeting packet, along with a memo summarizing the development process, current status and upcoming important dates/milestones. Overall, the majority of the project programmed on the draft TIP are carried over from the FFY 2023-2026 TIP, with the exception of two highway reconstruction projects in northern Dauphin and Perry Counties. Other highlights of the draft FFY 2025-2028 TIP include the bridge rescoping consistent with lowest life cycle cost considerations as presented at previous HATS meetings, local bridge bundles in each county, the continued RTP

Implementation Grant Program, increased bike share funding, and the CAT Bridge being programmed for final design in 2031 and construction in 2032.

Mr. Bomberger referenced the interactive mapping available for review, encouraged any questions or comments to be forwarded to him and stated the draft FFY 2025-2028 TIP will be back before the committees in February for official action to begin Air Quality Conformity Analysis. Formal adoption is anticipated for June 2024.

Mr. Reisinger reminded the committee that PennDOT has over \$2.5 billion worth of interstate investment in the HATS region. The focus of which is I-83 and the South Bridge.

Mr. Green stated that PennDOT Central Office released their 2025-2028 TIP Spike decisions and reiterated the investment in, and benefits to, the HATS region.

d. Transportation Alternative Set Aside

Mr. Bomberger provided a brief overview of the Transportation Alternative Set Aside (TASA) program and the applications received from the HATS region. Based on the evaluations and discussion from the HATS RTP Implementation Work Group meeting on November 14, the Paxtang Parkway Phase 3 project is being recommended for funding through the regional TASA allocation. The other projects would be forwarded to the statewide round for consideration, with support for selection expressed for the Walnut Street Multimodal, Prince Street Pedestrian Mobility, and Route 74 Shared Use Path projects. The HATS Technical Committee then further recommended the selected and supported projects.

Mr. Bugaile made the motion to approve the TASA project ranking and selection as recommended by the Technical Committee. Commissioner Foschi seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

e. HATS-YAMPO MOU

Mr. Bomberger gave a brief description of the HATS-YAMPO MOU and stated that it was due for minor updates. YAMPO has already voted to approve the updated MOU.

Mr. Green moved to approve the updated MOU. Commissioner Foschi seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

f. ADA Coordinator Designation

Mr. Deck stated that there are federal requirements to designate an ADA Coordinator for the region. TCRPC designated the Executive Director, currently Steve Deck, as the ADA Coordinator for the Tri County region.

For more information or to submit an accommodation request or complaint, please reach out to planning@tcrpc-pa.org or by calling 717-234-2639.

g. Funded Studies

Mr. Deck discussed the Riverlands Safety Improvement project and stated that public meetings have been conducted and a will be summary compiled.

Mr. Deck mentioned the 5 studies awarded through the previous round of the RTP Implementation Grant Program, including Susquehanna Township, Mechanicsburg Borough, and Hummelstown Borough Active Transportation Plans, the Carlisle Pike Pedestrian Accommodation, and the Millerstown Bike/Ped Feasibility Study.

6. Project Development Process

a. Project Pipeline

Mr. Bomberger stated there were some minor changes made to the Project Pipeline following municipal outreach done at the early stages of TIP development.

Transportation Need Forms can be filled out anytime at <https://www.tcrpc-pa.org/rtp-menu>.

b. Projects in Development

Mr. Mullins gave an update for several projects including the following:

- I-81 Resurfacing, Exit 59 to Wade Bridge
 - All bituminous paving has been completed.
 - Contractor is scheduled to continue work, weather permitting, performing the necessary shoulder backup along the I-81 mainline and the exit 61, exit 65 interchange ramp shoulders.
 - The projects ITS camera installations to the existing DMS sites have been completed and the required test periods for the cameras is ongoing.
 - The remaining work on the project, which includes the full depth reconstruction of the roadway on, off approaches at the Conodoguinet Bridge, along with the installation of the Traffic Count Monitoring Sites (CAVC) loop sensors, will be performed in the Spring 2024.
 - Project is expected to be completed Summer of 2024
- SR 34, Spring and Calvary Roads

- Project is in a winter shut down and is scheduled to restart in Spring 2024 with the intersection reconstruction work along with the milling, paving along Calvary Road, the remaining 0.6 miles of milling, paving, on SR 34, which is south of the intersection of Calvary Road to the overhead turnpike bridge, along with the shoulder backup, line painting, legends, and other associated work items to complete the project.
- Work anticipated to be completed in July 2024.
- I-83 East Shore Demo
 - Parcel demolitions continue on Derry, York and Wayne streets.
 - The original project completion date is November 18, 2022. A Time extension will be submitted at a later date for the additional building and billboard demolitions added to this project.
- US 322 & Chambers Hill Road
 - The contractor placed wall panels on Retaining Wall No. 1 and backfilled with stone along the SR 2019 WB Bypass.
 - Hydroseeding of Witmer Drive, Basin No. 2 and 82nd Street was completed.
 - The contractor poured inlets along SR 322 WB shoulder and also performed temporary paving on the Westbound Route 322 shoulder between Kunkle Avenue and Chambers Hill Road.
 - Excavation for the jug handle has started from Eastbound onto Witmer Drive.
 - The project completion date is August 18, 2027.
- Cameron Street Resurfacing
 - NTP was issued on June 7, 2023.
 - Field staff is currently laying out concrete patching locations.
 - JDE will not be starting work until the Spring of 2024.
 - The project completion date is September 1, 2026.
- I-83 East Shore Section 3
 - The prime contractor is New Enterprise Stone & Lime Co., Inc of New Enterprise, PA.
 - The project cost is \$154,667,126.19.
 - NTP was issued October 12, 2023.
 - 83 NB Stage 1 barrier was set closing the right shoulder in late October 2023.
 - Clearing operations are ongoing.
 - The project completion date is October 12, 2027.
- Clarks Ferry Interim Repairs
 - The prime contractor is JVI Group Inc., of York Springs, PA.
 - The project cost is \$1,927,570.57
 - NTP was issued October 18, 2023.
 - Removal of deteriorated concrete on piers is ongoing.
 - Installation of falcon netting/screening is ongoing.
 - The project completion date is August 30, 2024.

- **Laudermilch Road Project**
 - Work began in early November 2023
 - Bridge is currently closed and a detour is in place using E Derry Rd, 422, N Lingle Ave, and Hersheypark Dr.
 - Expected project completion July 2025
- **US 22/322 Resurfacing**
 - Contractor began tree trimming, tree removal operations on December 4, 2023, and is expected to perform this work for the next three weeks.
 - Upon completion of work in the 2023 season, contractor will go into project winter shutdown and resume work operations in Spring 2024 to complete the remaining two miles of the project for both 22/322 EB and WB from the Millerstown exit interchange to the Perry/Juniata County lines.
 - Anticipated work restart will be March 2024.
 - Contract completion date is October 18, 2024.

Mr. Mullins noted that there is an expected weekend closure beginning at 9pm 12/15/2023 on southbound I-83 South Bridge. Expected reopening no later than 6am 12/18/2023. Detours were noted using I-83, I-81, and 581.

7. Status Report

PennDOT

Mr. Reisinger introduced Gavin Gray as the new acting PennDOT District 8-0 Executive though at least Spring 2024. He stated the Mr. Owens will be moving into a new position with the district bridge unit and thanked him for his work with HATS. He thanked everyone for the support that was received for the South Bridge project. There are currently two grant applications in for the project.

FHWA

Mr. Porochniak stated that US DOT released three new resources including the announcement of the new Office of Multimodal Freight Infrastructure & Policy, an updated version of the Promising Practices for Meaningful Public Involvement and Transportation Decision Making Guidebook, and a new report entitled 2022 Survey of Equity Practices in the Transportation Planning Process.

SRTA

Mr. Bugaile stated SRTA will be submitting a RAISE grant application and are seeking letters of support.

SRTP

Mr. Boyer discussed the outreach efforts being undertaken by Commuter Services and the events including health and wellness fairs for various employers. He stated their involvement in giving comment on plans to various MPOs. Dauphin County participated in a Clash of Counties event held by SRTP.

PA SILC

Mr. Iseman gave an overview of PA SILC and the SIL of Central PA. He also shared information on the PA Transportation Alliance and the issues they address and looks forward to participating in HATS more in the future.

8. Other Business

Mr. Bomberger shared information on the Draft 2024-2025 UPWP and stated that it was sent out for stakeholder comment. Those comments will then be incorporated and the UPWP will be sent to FHWA for comment and finally adoption by HATS at the February meetings.

Mr. Bomberger clarified that SRTA Regional Safe Routes to School TASA application is a regional application and the Lancaster MPO was chosen as the lead MPO. HATS sent a comment in support of the application in the statewide selection round. He also clarified why it was best for the program to be funded from the statewide round rather than a specific MPO.

Mr. Deck noted the 2024 HATS meeting dates included in the packet. HTAS committee members we asked to review their membership and submit any changes that need to be made.

9. Adjournment

Mr. Green moved to adjourn. Commissioner Foschi seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:21 am.

Next meeting is scheduled for February 23, 2024.

ATTENDANCE

Harrisburg Area Transportation Study Coordinating Committee Meeting December 15, 2023

Name	Affiliation
Coordinating Committee Officers	
Jeff Haste, Chairman	Dauphin County
Commissioner Jean Foschi, Secretary	Cumberland County
Coordinating Committee Members	
Representative Perry Stambaugh	Perry County
Jim Turner	Perry County
Toby Fauver	Cumberland County
Eric Bugaile	SRTA
Ray Green	PennDOT Central Office
Rich Reisinger	PennDOT District 8-0
Other Attendees	
Steve Deck	HATS Planning Staff
Diane Myers-Krug	HATS Planning Staff
Andrew Bomberger	HATS Planning Staff
Tanner Stroup	HATS Planning Staff
Karen Dixon	HATS Planning Staff
Ted Sheehe	PennDOT Central Office
Gavin Gray	PennDOT District 8-0
Carey Mullins	PennDOT District 8-0
Kenana Zejcirovic	PennDOT District 8-0
Jon Owens	PennDOT District 8-0
Gene Porochniak	FHWA
Beth Nidam	SRTA
Sarah Keller	PA Sen. Rothman staff
John Fulponi	PA Sen. DiSanto staff
Andrew Dudziak	PA Rep. DeLozier staff
Representative Barbara Gleim	PA House
Kim Morewood	PA Rep. Gleim staff
Matt Boyer	Commuter Services/SRTP
Geoffrey Knight	City of Harrisburg
Sean Schultz	Carlisle Borough
Mark Malarich	Carlisle Borough
Jeff Bergsten	Carlisle Borough
Ross Willard	Recycle Bicycle
Jim Buckheit	Harrisburg Bicycle Club
Bill Peterson	Center for Community Building
Jeff Iseman	PA SILC