

H A T S
Technical Committee Meeting
Meeting #320
December 2, 2022
9:00 AM

1. Welcome and Introductions

The December 2, 2022 HATS Technical Committee meeting began at 9:00 AM. Mr. Deck 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. Meeting Minutes

a. Technical Committee – September 9, 2022

Mr. Turner moved to approve the September Technical Committee meeting minutes. Mr. Libhart seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

b. Coordinating Committee – September 23, 2022

Mr. Deck noted the September Coordinating Committee minutes were included in the meeting packet for informational purposes.

3. TIP Modifications (FFY 2021-2024)

a. Administrative Actions

There were 22 actions since the last meeting.

- 18 were increase/decreases
- 4 Cash flowing
- Item 20 Riverlands Safety Implementation is an increase for project environmental clearance increase from a CE level to Environment assessment and additional ramp improvements.
- Item 40 Market Street Bridge-A is an increase due to revising the design from a stone wall to a concrete retaining wall and inflation.
- Item 36 & 37 Market St Bridge East and West is programing the final design on the TIP.

b. Amendments

There were 10 amendments.

The following projects are funded with regional TASA Funds.

1. Cumberland Valley Rail Trail in Downtown Shippensburg
This project consists of extending the CVRT from Fort St to Earl St and continuing south to Dykeman Park, in Shippensburg Township and Borough. Selected last December.
2. Quarry Road Sidewalk Extension
This project consists of the design of sidewalk, 6 ADA ramps, 2 cross walks and a guiderail along Quarry Road from 322 overpass north to Division St in Hummelstown Borough. Selected last December.
3. Phase II Streetscape Improvements – 3rd St
This project consists of improvements on Third st from Norfolk Southern Bridge to the Hummel St in Lemoyne Borough. HATS MPO staff identified as a good candidate for the regional TASA funds

Ms. Ealer made the motion to recommend approval of the TASA related amendments. Ms. Zejcirovic seconded and it was unanimously approved.

The following projects are funded with STU funds, out of the RTP line item. These projects were selected through the RTP Implementation Grant process.

1. Hummelstown Ped Improvements
2. Union Deposit Corridor Improvements
3. Emaus Streetscape Project
4. Perry County Covered Bridge
5. Forge Rd Bicycle Facilities Imp
6. Sidewalks and Curbs Reconstruction Phase 2

Mr. Green made the motion to recommend approval of the RTP Implementation Grant Project amendments. Mr. Libhart seconded and it was unanimously approved.

Laudermilch Road Bridge

- This project consists of a bridge replacement on Laudermilch Road over Conrail Railroad in Derry Township, Dauphin County.
- This project was originally slated to be let in December, but due to inadequate funding had to push back the let date.
- The increase of funds is due to a redesign due to design, railroad issues, and site conditions
- With the redesign, the District Bridge Engineer recommended a different structure style to reinforce the concrete beams.
- Inflation costs of various items in the contract also increased the overall total project cost.
- Additional inspection is needed with the increase in work.

Mr. Szymborski made the motion to recommend approval of the Laudermilch Road Bridge amendment. Mr. Green seconded and it was unanimously approved.

4. Program and Plan Updates

a. Bike-Ped Update

Mr. Bomberger stated that the SusqueCycle program launched in October with 6 locations and 36 bikes. The bikes are now being hibernated for the winter but will return in the spring with more locations. For more information, please contact Lauren Weaver.

HATS also received a grant for \$100,000 from DCNR to create an Active Transportation plan. The grant will be used for HATS staff coordination and analysis for the on-road portion as well as hiring a consultant to handle the off-road portion. We are currently working on administrative work with DCNR and the consultant. Development of the plan will start in 2023. Contact Andrew Bomberger with any questions.

b. Operations and Safety

Mr. Snyder stated that HATS staff applied for the US Department of Transportation's Safety Streets and Roads (SS4A) grant application in September. HATS Staff applied for planning funding in order to develop a qualified safety action plan. Upon completion of the safety action plan, HATS would become eligible for additional implementation funding for construction activities. Application revisions were submitted in late September. Anticipated award announcements are expected to be made by the end of 2022, or in early 2023.

HATS has been working with SRTP and PennDOT on the regional CMP. HATS staff were on a call with other large MPO representatives and PennDOT regarding the procurement of additional data. PennDOT is working towards procuring Origin-Destination Data from INRIX for calendar years 2022/2023. The 2023 data will be released on a rolling basis. HATS will be working with PennDOT and SRTP over the coming weeks to continue the discussion.

c. Proposed Unscheduled Meeting Resolution

Mr. Bomberger stated that we do not currently have a procedure to have an unscheduled meeting if necessary. A proposal of the procedure is provided in the meeting packet. Included in the proposal includes instructions for holding an unscheduled meeting and the deadline for the notification of the meeting.

Mr. Libhart made the motion to recommend the unscheduled meeting procedure proposal, contingent on consistency with federal requirements. Ms. Ealer seconded and it was unanimously approved.

d. Local Bridge Program Discussion

Mr. Deck reminded members of the local bridge line item and said that discussions with District staff resulted in a request to clarify whether HATS wished to go with the 100% federal funding available through the infrastructure bill or the more traditional 80% federal, 15% state, 5% local funding. Staff is recommending the traditional funding approach to be more consistent with past practice, stretch the federal funds further, and make sure that local municipalities share a part of the cost for bridge maintenance. Mr. Bomberger added that it is not clear how long the 100% federal funding will be available either. Elizabeth Grant made the motion to recommend staying with the traditional 80-15-5 funding approach and this was seconded by Mr. Libhart and the motion was unanimously approved.

e. Funded Studies

i. I-81 Improvement Strategy

There is currently a work order to evaluate the Wade Bridge in addition to the I-81 Improvement Strategy.

ii. RTP Implementation Grant Projects

Mr. Deck stated that they continue to work on the 14 projects from the first round of applicants. These projects are all in different stages, with half of them in the design phase and to be completed (design) in the fall. All of the projects are on track with their completion dates.

5. Project Development Process

a. Project Pipeline

Mr. Bomberger stated that we have recently moved 20 projects from the pipeline to the TIP. We continue to update the pipeline so if there are any transportation needs, please fill out a transportation needs form or contact us for information.

b. Projects in Development

Ms. Zejcirovic mentioned the following projects in development.

- Market Street Bridge - working on getting our Environmental Clearance end of the year or early January.
- I-81 Auxiliary Lanes - project just began in September of this year.
 - Initiated project kick off meeting with the district and design consultant
 - Began collecting traffic data
 - Sent out Notice of Intent to Enter letters
 - The project will be performing a lot of data collection and survey throughout the remainder of the year.
- The Environmental Assessment (EA) for the East Shore Section 3 of the Harrisburg Capital Beltway project is available for public review and comment until December 20th.

6. Status Report

PennDOT

Ms. Zejcirovic stated that a bridge inspection is planned for the southbound Interstate 83 John Harris Memorial (South) Bridge from Monday, December 5, through Thursday, December 8, weather permitting. There will be right lane closures from approximately 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Sound wall repairs began yesterday (Dec 1st) along northbound Interstate 81 between the Interstate 83 split and Exit 72 (Paxtonia/Linglestown) in Dauphin County. Work will be performed on or outside the right shoulder weekdays during daylight hours. All lanes of traffic will remain open.

Federal Highway

Federal Highway is currently changing their office location this week. Email is the best way of contact in this week.

SRTA

Ms. Nidham stated that the SRTA is proposing service changes to its fixed route system in the Cumberland-Harrisburg-Dauphin (CAT) service area, to be implemented following public comment, reassessment, and Board approval.

Northfolk Southern

Mr. Deck stated that we are still waiting for them to be able to participate in a meeting to give updates.

S RTP

Mr. Boyer stated that the outreach staff has been busy with healthcare fairs and other contests with colleges, businesses, and counties. A new chairman will be joining S RTP in 2023. He also mentioned the Penn State and Perry county study. They are currently gathering survey data from Perry County residents and will then move forward in the grant process.

Cumberland County

Cumberland is almost close to completing the bridge bundle project.

7. Other Business

Mr. Deck shared the 2023 meeting schedule that is included in the packet.

Mr. Deck also mentioned the Committee Member list. Please send, in writing, any changes that are needed to this list.

8. Adjournment

Mr. Szymborski moved to adjourn. Mr. Libhart seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 am.

Next meeting is scheduled for February 10, 2023.

ATTENDANCE

Harrisburg Area Transportation Study Technical Committee Meeting December 2, 2022

Name	Affiliation
Technical Committee Officers	
Steve Deck, AICP, Chairman	HATS Planning Staff
Diane Myers-Krug, AICP, Vice Chairman	HATS Planning Staff
Andrew Bomberger, AICP, Secretary	HATS Planning Staff
Technical Committee Members	
Deborah Ealer	Cumberland County
Elizabeth Grant	Cumberland County
Jim Szymborski	Dauphin County
Stephen Libhart	Dauphin County
Beth Nidham	SRTA
Jim Turner	Perry County
Geoff Knight	City of Harrisburg
Ray Green	PennDOT Central Office
Kenana Zejcirovic	PennDOT District 8-0
Other Attendees	
Matt Boyer	S RTP
Jon Owens	PennDOT District 8-0
Eric Epstein	EFMR Monitoring Group
Douglas Brown	Dauphin County
Richard Reisinger	PennDOT District 8-0
Gene Porochniak	FHWA
Matthew Stoneroad	PA House GOP
Lauren Weaver	HATS Staff
Cindy Foster	Lemoyne Borough
Pamela Hess	PA Turnpike
Kyle Snyder	HATS Staff
Ryan Hostetter	HRG
Louis Pirozzi	SARAA
Jamie Keener	Buchart Horn
Ross Willard	Recycle Bicycle
William Peterson	Center for Community Building
Carey Mullins	PennDOT District 8-0
John Owen	East Pennsboro Township