

H A T S
Coordinating Committee Meeting
Meeting #257
February 25, 2022
9:00 AM

1. Welcome and Introductions

The February 25, 2022 HATS Coordinating Committee meeting began at 9:00 AM. Commissioner Haste welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Mr. Libhart moved to re-elect the current HATS Coordinating Committee officers, which include Mr. Haste as Chairman, Commissioner Eby as Vice Chairman, and Commissioner Foschi as Secretary. Mr. Turner seconded and it was unanimously approved.

2. Meeting Minutes

a. Coordinating Committee – December 17, 2021

Mr. Shifflet moved to approve the December meeting minutes. Commissioner Foschi seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

b. Technical Committee – February 11, 2021

Mr. Haste noted the February Technical Committee minutes were included for informational purposes.

3. TIP Modifications (FFY 2021-2024)

a. Administrative Actions

There were 18 administrative actions on the current FFY 2021-2024 TIP. These actions included 2 cash flows, 11 increases/decreases, and 5 changes of funding source. Full details are included in the tables provided in the meeting packet.

Amendments

There was one proposed amendment to the FFY 2021-2024 TIP. The Tourist Park Road Bridge over Gurdy Run in Halifax Township, Dauphin County will be changing the funding source and increasing the construction phase to better utilize the funds. Funds are coming from the IJA.

Mr. Libhart moved to approve the amendment. Mr. Shifflet seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

4. Program and Plan Updates

a. Bike-Ped Update

Mr. Bomberger stated that TCRPC has recently began discussions to re-implement a bikeshare program. Prior to 2020, the bikeshare was run through Zagster, which went out of business when COVID hit. We are in the process of implementing a new program, which is planned to be at a more regional scale compared to the previous program. We are currently having discussions with FHWA and PennDOT to determine if and how we can utilize CMAQ funds. We have also developed a Request for Information that we will be sending out to vendors soon. We will be reviewing that document with a committee that was previously involved with bikeshare discussions. If anyone is interested in being a partner, being part of the discussions, or to have bikeshare locations in their municipality, reach out to Lauren Weaver.

We are also beginning the process to create an Active Transportation Plan for the region. It is in the very beginning stages and we are applying for a grant from DCNR. In the next few months, we will reach out to potential partners to form an ATP committee so if anyone is interested, contact Lauren Weaver. As part of the application, a letter of support from the HATS CC will be submitted.

Commissioner Foschi made the motion to accept and submit the letter of support for the Active Transportation Plan. Mr. Libhart seconded and it was unanimously approved.

b. Operations and Safety

Mr. Snyder provided an update with the partnership with Waze. The plan for next HATS meeting is to have a report that outlines the operations within the region related to congestion and safety. We can also share data in real time with Waze, so we will have a program that municipalities can share road closures. It is now a live program and we are the first MPO to have this type of program in PA. Mr. Snyder stated that the data collected includes alerts (point locations from major roads) and traffic jams from local roads.

c. FFY 2023-2026 TIP Development

Mr. Bomberger stated that we have received new financial guidance from the bi-partisan Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act. He shared the updated funding table

and stated that the major increases are in the existing NHPP program and the new bridge program.

Mr. Walker stated that there were some changes in the program from the last update due to the infrastructure bill. There is now \$336 million in the construction program and \$100 million in the entire program. There are 70 new projects and 62 carryover projects. Mr. Walker shared the breakdown of the finances and project categories, which is included in the packet. He stated that the infrastructure bill helped to reduce the cash flow timeframe to be closer to the construction timeframe, particularly in the Market Street Bridge and Chambers Hill Road projects.

Mr. Bomberger stated that the draft FFY 2023-2026 TIP included 11 projects originating from the 2045 HATS RTP Project Pipeline. He reviewed Project Pipeline, discussing how the High and Medium Priority Needs would be addressed or were considered through the TIP development process. He also stated that the RTP Work Group consensus was to forward the draft TIP to the HATS Technical and Coordinating Committees and request official action to proceed to Air Quality Conformity Analysis, which would keep TIP development on schedule for a June adoption. Mr. Bomberger stated the public comment period take place May 2 to June 2, allowing all comments received to be provided to and considered by the Technical Committee prior to any formal action regarding adoption being sought.

Commissioner Foschi moved to recommend moving forward with the draft TIP for Air Quality Conformity. Mr. Libhart seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

d. Transportation Alternative Set Aside Program

Also discussed at the January 13 RTP Implementation Work Group, the passage of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act provided a significant increase in HATS Large MPO TA Set Aside allocation, going from \$465,000 per year to approximately \$1.1 million per year. In December 2021, HATS officially selected 2 projects for a total of \$795,937. With increase in TA Set Aside allocation, there will be funds remaining in the FFY 2023 line item and, due to TA Set Aside program requirements, HATS will be at risk of having those remaining funds go unused. After consultation with PennDOT District 8-0 staff, HATS staff presented the option to offer a commitment to PennDOT Central Office to provide the balance of FFY 2023 line item (approximately \$340,000) to fund the Cumberland County portion of the CVRT Franklin Extension, contingent on PennDOT Central Office committing to funding the Franklin County portion. The consensus among the RTP Implementation Work Group was this would, given the situation, be an appropriate

use of TA Set Aside funds and that formal action should be sought at the February HATS meetings.

For more information on the discussion, see the January 13 RTP Implementation Work Group meeting summary, beginning on page 46 of the meeting packet. For information on the TA Set Aside applicants in the HATS region, please see the interactive story map. For any other questions, please contact Andrew Bomberger.

Mr. Bugaile moved to recommend communication to PennDOT that HATS commit the remaining funds in the FFY 2023 TA Set Aside line item to the CVRT Franklin Extension TA Set Aside project. Commissioner Foschi seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

e. Performance Measure Target Setting Letter

Mr. Bomberger stated that HATS is required to annually adopt Performance Measure Targets related to safety. In the past, HATS has agreed to accept the statewide targets and program projects that contribute to the state meeting that target. Mr. Green stated that from a state-wide approach, the numbers have increased, so the state did not meet the goals. Therefore, the HSIP implementation must be updated and the state must have a set-aside amount for HSIP funds.

Mr. Libhart moved to adopt the PennDOT-provided statewide Performance Measure Targets for PM-1. Mr. Shifflet seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

f. Funded Studies

i. I-81 Improvement Strategy

Mr. Deck stated that two virtual public meetings were held in December and a Legislators' Briefing was held on February 2nd. The project is expected to be wrapped up sometime in March. The I-81 Improvement Strategy Implementation line item placed on the 2021 TIP is proposed to include preliminary design activities for the Carlisle and Greater Harrisburg focus areas, with final design and construction funded through Interstate funds.

ii. RTP Implementation Grant Projects

Camp Hill Borough is requesting an increase in funding of \$198,523 for their RTP Implementation Grant project due to project modifications deemed necessary through local coordination efforts. Mr. Chaback stated that they are

working with the borough and are receiving project applications. Mr. Deck provided an overview of the changes. There was a revision for the driveway in order to increase connectivity. It will be relocated and redesigned – as shown on the plan in the meeting packet. There will also be additional sidewalks included in the project. Mr. Hess also stated that new pedestrian facilities are also being constructed and updated.

Commissioner Foschi moved to accept Camp Hill Borough's requested cost increase. Mr. Shifflet seconded it and it was unanimously approved.

5. Project Development Process

a. Project Pipeline

Mr. Bomberger gave a reminder to fill out a Transportation Need Form on our website at any time.

b. Projects in Development

i. I-83 South Bridge

Mr. Deck reviewed the motion that was made at the Technical Committee Meeting: The Harrisburg Area Transportation Study (HATS), while it supports the replacement of the I-83 South Bridge, opposes the use of tolling as the funding mechanism because of the undue burden it places on the residents of our region and the extensive impacts that would result through the diversion of approximately one third of the traffic onto the secondary road network as estimated by PennDOT's own study. Should tolling take place, we call for a detailed baseline analysis and traffic impact assessment to be completed during the pre-construction phase(s) of the project that can be used throughout the projected 30-year timeframe for tolling to ensure that all transportation improvements necessitated by the tolling of the South Bridge, in whole or in part, are funded in full using toll revenues or funds from the Interstate Maintenance Program and that such improvements be completed in a timely manner once identified, so that extensive impacts to our residents and communities can be minimized as much as possible. HATS will not approve funds from its local allocation or regional formula funds to engineer or construct transportation projects needed to support diversionary traffic resulting from the tolling of the I-83 South Bridge.

There will be a public hearing in the near future on this issue. One recent proposal was to have one-way tolling as opposed to both ways. Questions on

diversion costs and impacts, the P3 process, and the other 18 potential solutions were raised.

Commissioner Foschi moved to approve the motion made by the Technical Committee. Mr. Turner seconded the motion. Mr. Shifflet and Mr. Kufro opposed. The motion passed 6-2.

6. Status Report

PennDOT

Mr. Walker stated that Spring and Calvary Road is under design developments. It has a let date of May 2, 2022. The Cameron St and Cameron McClay projects are under preliminary design. US 322 and Chambers Hill Road will have a utilities coordinating meeting in March. It has a current let date of February 2023.

The construction updates were given on current projects.

CAT

Ridership in February has started to rise and has been improving since COVID. In November, a problem with the bus garage was found. Emergency repairs were completed.

7. Local Reports

City of Harrisburg

Mr. Deck stated that a public presentation for the Capitol Gateway Project is available online.

<https://harrisburgpa.gov/city-engineer/vision-zero/>

8. Other Business

a. HATS Annual Report

Mr. Bomberger stated that the Annual Report is available to view and to provide any questions to him.

9. Adjournment

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

The meeting was adjourned at 10:38 am.

Next meeting is scheduled for April 22, 2022

ATTENDANCE
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Name	Affiliation
Coordinating Committee Officers	
Commissioner Jeff Haste, Chairman	Dauphin County
Commissioner Jean Foschi	Cumberland County
Coordinating Committee Members	
Jim Turner	Perry County
Stephen Libhart	Dauphin County
Eric Bugaile	SRTA
Gary Eby	Perry County
Larry Shifflet	PennDOT Central Office
Toby Fauver	Cumberland County
Christopher Kufro	PennDOT District 8-0
Other Attendees	
Andrew Bomberger, AICP	HATS Planning Staff
Steve Deck, AICP	HATS Planning Staff
Diane Myers-Krug	HATS Planning Staff
Mike Hess	HRG
Nathan Walker	PennDOT District 8-0
Ray Green	PennDOT Central Office
Andrew Dudziak	PA Rep. Sheryl DeLozier
Matthew Lena	HRG
Jonathan Owens	PennDOT District 8-0
Gene Chabak	Larsen Design Group
Cindy Foster	Lemoyne Borough
Gene Porochniak	FHWA
William Peterson	Center for Community Building
Beth Nidam	SRTA
Louis Pirozzi	SARAA
Perry Stambaugh	PA Representatives
Sara Gibson	Camp Hill Borough