

H A T S
Technical Committee Meeting
Meeting #316
February 11, 2022
9:00 AM

1. Welcome and Introductions

The February 11, 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 registration. He informed participants the meeting was being recorded and asked anyone making motions or objecting to motions to state their name before doing so.

Mr. Turner moved to re-elect the current HATS Technical Committee officers, which include Steve Deck as Chairman, Diane Myers Krug as Vice Chairwoman, and Andrew Bomberger as Secretary. Mr. Stoner seconded and it was unanimously approved.

2. Meeting Minutes

a. Technical Committee – December 3, 2021

Ms. Ealer moved to approve the December meeting minutes. Mr. Szymborski seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

b. Coordinating Committee – December 17, 2021

Mr. Deck noted the December Coordinating Committee minutes were included in the meeting packet 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.

b. 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. Green moved to approve the amendment. Mr. Szymborski 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.

b. Operations and Safety

Mr. Snyder provided an update with the partnership with Wayz. 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 Wayz, 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 bipartisan 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. Epstein brought up the topic of warehouse increases and school bus availability/funding and asked whether either were considered in the planning efforts undertaken by HATS. Mr. Deck stated that our I-81 study focused on the prioritization process with warehouses as a main consideration. Mr. Martin mentioned that in the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, there are several grants available – clean school bus program - that will be available in the near future and encouraged meeting attendees to review the programs and consider their own organizations' priorities in applying for the funds.

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.

Mr. Stoner 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. Martin 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. Ms. Ealer 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. Stoner moved to recommend adoption of the PennDOT-provided statewide Performance Measure Targets for PM-1. Mr. Szymborski 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. Hursh 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.

Mr. Stoner moved to accept Camp Hill Borough's requested cost increase. Mr. Walker seconded it. Mr. Martin asked if the adjacent neighbors were notified of the changes. Mr. Deck stated that the property is being rented and the owner and renter were notified. The vote was unanimously approved.

5. Project Development Process

a. Project Pipeline

Mr. Bomberger stated that there are no updates currently.

b. Projects in Development

i. I-83 South Bridge

Mr. Walker stated that they are in the preliminary phases and are working towards the public hearing in the spring. Mr. Stoner stated that there are many concerns about the tolling issue. A letter was sent to the district from municipalities, expressing the concerns. A meeting was also held with PennDOT on the issue.

Mr. Stoner proposed the following motion:

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.

Ms. Ealer seconded the motion. The PennDOT representatives abstained. The motion passed unanimously.

ii. Other

Mr. Walker stated that today (2/11) is the last day for public comment on the Market Street Bridge.

6. Status Report

PennDOT

Mr. Walker stated that they are wrapping up the process for the recommendations of the multimodal applications.

SRTP

Mr. Boyer stated that SRTP did some reorganizing of the leadership team. Outreach is a main project at the current time. 56 new members joined Commute PA in January.

Cumberland County

Mr. Stoner stated that the board of commissioners allowed for the use fee to be put towards bridge projects and other transportation projects.

7. Other Business

a. HATS Annual Report

The report will be sent out via email in the next coming weeks.

8. Adjournment

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

The meeting was adjourned at 11:58 am.

ATTENDANCE

Harrisburg Area Transportation Study Technical Committee Meeting February 11, 2021

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
Kirk Stoner	Cumberland County
Jim Szymborski	Dauphin County
Geoffrey Knight	Harrisburg City
Wayne Martin	Harrisburg City
Stephen Libhart	Dauphin County
Jim Turner	Perry County
Ray Green	PennDOT Central Office
Nate Walker	PennDOT District 8-0
Other Attendees	
Ed Diehl	East Pennsboro Township
Andrew Dudziak	Representative Sheryl Delozier
Eric Epstein	EFMR Monitoring Group
Cindy Foster	Lemoyne Borough
Joseph Gargiulo	Lemoyne Borough
Matt Boyer	S RTP
Sara Gibson	Camp Hill Borough
Gene Porochniak	FHWA
Tim Smith	Gannett Fleming
Beth Nidam	rabbitransit
Justin Gochenauer	Michael Baker International
Mike Hess	Camp Hill Borough
Ryan Hostetter	HRG
Jason Hursh	Camp Hill Borough
Jon Owens	PennDOT District 8-0
Ray Palmer	Silver Spring Township
Trisha Rafferty	Lemoyne Borough
Tree Zuzzio	DCED
Gene Chabak	Larson Design Group
Jason Bono	HRG
Jamie Siles	SARAA
Jim Buckheit	Bike/Ped Advocate
Brian Watson	HDR
Gale Gallo	Lemoyne Borough
William Peterson	Center for Community Building