

H A T S
Technical Committee Meeting
Meeting #317
April 8, 2022
9:00 AM

1. Welcome and Introductions

The April 8, 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 – February 11, 2022

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

b. Coordinating Committee – February 25, 2022

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

3. TIP Modifications (FFY 2021-2024)

a. Administrative Actions

- There were 36 actions:
 - 2 Cashflows
 - 24 increases/decreases
 - 10 – changing the funding source
- Item 58 Big Spring Road Resurfacing – New Start
- Item 60 Scheaffers Valley Road Resurfacing – New Start
- Item 62 Fishburn Road Resurfacing – New Start
- Item 64 Walnut Bottom Resurfacing – New Start
 - All of the mentioned projects are on the Draft TIP
- **IIJA:** Round 2 of the Infrastructure Improvement Jobs Act were approved, the funds went to the line items. These funds will be used for estimate and low bid increases.

b. Amendments

There were no new amendments.

4. Program and Plan Updates

a. Bike-Ped Update

Mr. Bomberger stated that HATS staff is working to re-implement a bike share program. We are in the process of implementing a new program, which is planned to be at a more regional scale than the previous program. A Request for Information was released earlier in 2022 and five proposals were received. The HATS staff reviewed the projects and met with the bikeshare taskforce. It was determined that Tandem Mobility best fit our needs.

The goal of the bikeshare is to be at a more regional scale. Mr. Bomberger discussed the possibility of using CMAQ funds for the program with supplemental funds from sponsorships. Mr. Deck emphasized the importance of the regional scale of the bikeshare and that Tandem Mobility seemed to have the best model for that type of system. Mr. Bomberger also stated the significant price differences among the proposals with Tandem being the most affordable. It was stated that, without any objections, TCRPC staff would initiate negotiations with Tandem Mobility once the Coordinating Committee concurred with the recommendation. No objections were voiced.

Mr. Epstein asked if there are any current studies that will examine the connectivity of the current bike lanes. Mr. Bomberger answered with information about the Active Transportation Plan. HATS staff is working with Gibson Thomas to finalize an application to DCNR for supplemental funding for the Plan. In the next few months, we will reach out to potential partners to form an ATP committee. The goal of the plan is to collect and validate bike/ped data as well as to identify and recommend more bike/ped facilities and routes. The goal is to have this completed by the end of next year.

Mr. Bomberger stated that the spring 2022 HATS Regional Bicycle and Pedestrian Count Program will take place between May 15 and May 21. Counts are performed by volunteers on 5 days, across 21 locations throughout the region. Information and links are available on the TCRPC Bike/Ped Planning webpage. Anyone interested in volunteering should contact Andrew Bomberger.

b. Operations and Safety

Mr. Snyder stated that TCRPC hired Kittelson to evaluate planned, programmed, or Pipeline needs/projects for eligibility to be funded through the HSIP Program. Kittelson evaluated a total of 39 projects. A further detailed analysis was performed to determine a Benefit/Cost (B/C) Ratio, which is part of the HSIP eligibility criteria. HATS will continue to work with PennDOT D8-0 and Central Office in order to advance these identified projects and ultimately complete the HSIP application process.

He also mentioned the Waze program that will be available for municipalities to sign up and enter in local road closures.

Finally, he mentioned the planned approach for the update of the Congestion Management Process (CMP) which will focus on the use of real-time data in a dashboard to help continually identify and assess congestion. TCRPC has been talking to PennDOT about possibly completing this effort through SRTP so it would cover all of District 8 rather than simply HATS. A decision on a HATS-specific or regional approach should be made before the next HATS meeting.

c. FFY 2023-2026 TIP Development

Mr. Bomberger stated that the public comment period is scheduled to be held May 2 through June 2. HATS staff will be conducting an in-person meeting/demonstration at Strawberry Square in Harrisburg on May 11, from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm, as well as online public information sessions (which will be recorded and made available for later viewing) on May 17, from 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm, and May 19, from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm.

The draft 2023-2026 Highway/Bridge, Interstate, and Public Transit TIPs, as well as the draft 2023-2034 Highway/Bridge and Interstate Twelve Year Plans, are included in the meeting packet. Also available is a story map of the TIP projects. <https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/440003ad7994448888b6275181e9ed73>

Mr. Stoner made the motion to recommend proceeding to the required public comment period with the current FFY 2023-2026 HATS TIP pending successful completion of the air quality conformity analysis. Mr. Eby seconded and it was unanimously approved.

d. RTP Implementation Grant Program

Mr. Bomberger stated that the City of Harrisburg is requesting an increase in funding of \$267,527.92 for their Capital Gateway project, selected and programmed through the initial round of the RTP Implementation Grant Program. Project modifications

include extending the paving limits 103 feet west to the bridge joint at the Harvey Taylor Bridge, which was derived from PennDOT comments.

Mr. Syzmborski made the motion to recommend approval of the price increase. Mr. Libhart seconded and it was unanimously approved.

Mr. Bomberger stated that the HATS staff anticipates opening the next application round of the grant program sometime in May 2022 and is currently evaluating adjustments to the program and plans to develop outreach materials in the near future. Possible changes include a minimum project size, required feasibility work, and cost increase guidelines.

Ms. Ealer made the motion to recommend the suggested updates to the program and move forward with outreach materials. Mr. Stoner seconded and it was unanimously approved.

e. Funded Studies

i. I-81 Improvement Strategy

The I-81 Improvement Strategy documentation is being finalized now that the input from the December and January virtual public meeting input has been integrated. An executive summary is being prepared along with website updates and a brief project video that will be used for the website and social media outreach. It is expected that these will be completed in the May timeframe, hopefully leading to a June HATS adoption.

ii. RTP Implementation Grant Projects

There were no new updates.

5. Project Development Process

a. Project Pipeline

Mr. Bomberger stated that there were two new submissions for the pipeline. In Middlesex, a project at Trindle Road and South Middlesex Road was submitted, which is already on the draft TIP as a possible HSIP-funded project. A project at the intersection of Harrisburg Pike and Wolf's Bridge Road was also submitted and is currently under review.

b. Projects in Development

- i. Mr. Walker stated that today is the last day for public comment for the Derry Street Improvements. The South Bridge project is ongoing and there will be advertisement in the near future for public comment. The Cameron/Maclay intersection surveying began. The Riverlands Project is currently undergoing the environmental assessment process.

Mr. Stoner asked about the cost increase for the South Bridge. Mr. Walker stated that it is due to including the viaduct in the project.

6. Status Report

PennDOT

Mr. Green stated that in regards to the 2023-2026 TIP, PennDOT shared the Highway/Bridge/Transit in order for air quality conformity review. Approval will be in the next two weeks. The analysis report will then be completed.

FHWA

Mr. Porochniak stated that there is now a multi-modal discretionary grant available. Applications will be due on May 23rd.

https://www.transportation.gov/sites/dot.gov/files/2022-03/FY22%20Multimodal%20Project%20Discretionary%20Grant%20-%20NOFO_final_0.pdf

S RTP

Ms. Newcomer stated that onsite events are happening again. The 2021 performance measures are now available.

<https://pacommuterservices.org/wp-content/uploads/2021CommuterServicesofPAYearEnd.pdf>

City of Harrisburg

Mr. Knight stated that milling on 2nd street for the 2-way conversion has begun.

Perry County

Mr. Eby stated that the project on Rt. 22/322 is moving along and the project on 34 was delayed over the winter but should be able to begin again.

Cumberland County

Mr. Stoner stated that a bridge bundle for the region was recently let. For the next project, they have identified multiple poor condition bridges to be fixed. He requested for the HATS staff and PennDOT to look into more funding for local bridge projects. Mr. Walker stated that PennDOT will be identifying any adjustments that need to be done after this TIP is completed based on the cashflow.

7. Other Business

Mr. Epstein asked about a warning treatment study. Mr. Deck stated that we have an in-depth safety application but will have to look into that specific type of study. It was clarified by Mr. Walker that warning treatment studies are conducted through the District Traffic Unit.

Mr. Bomberger stated that the HATS Annual Report is available on the TCRPC website.

8. Adjournment

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

The meeting was adjourned at 10:14 am.

Next meeting is scheduled for June 10, 2022.

ATTENDANCE

Harrisburg Area Transportation Study Technical Committee Meeting April 8, 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
Kirk Stoner	Cumberland County
Jim Szymborski	Dauphin County
Geoffrey Knight	Harrisburg City
Stephen Libhart	Dauphin County
Jim Turner	Perry County
Gary Eby	Perry County
Ray Green	PennDOT Central Office
Nate Walker	PennDOT District 8-0
Other Attendees	
Shelly Chilcote	GMS Fundings
Eric Epstein	EFMR Monitoring Group
Brian Emberg	HRG
John Fulponi	PA Sen. John DiSanto
Dan Giles	HDR
Tom Helm	Harrisburg Bike Club
Gene Porochniak	FHWA
Tim Smith	Gannett Fleming
Beth Nidam	rabbittransit
Stacy Newcomer	Commuter Services
Pamela Hess	PA Turnpike
Michelle Tarquino	PennDOT Central Office
Erin Trone	Lower Allen Township
Jon Owens	PennDOT District 8-0
Nina Fitchet	Carroll Township
Ross Willard	Recycle Bicycle
Gene Chabak	Larson Design Group
William Peterson	Center for Community Building