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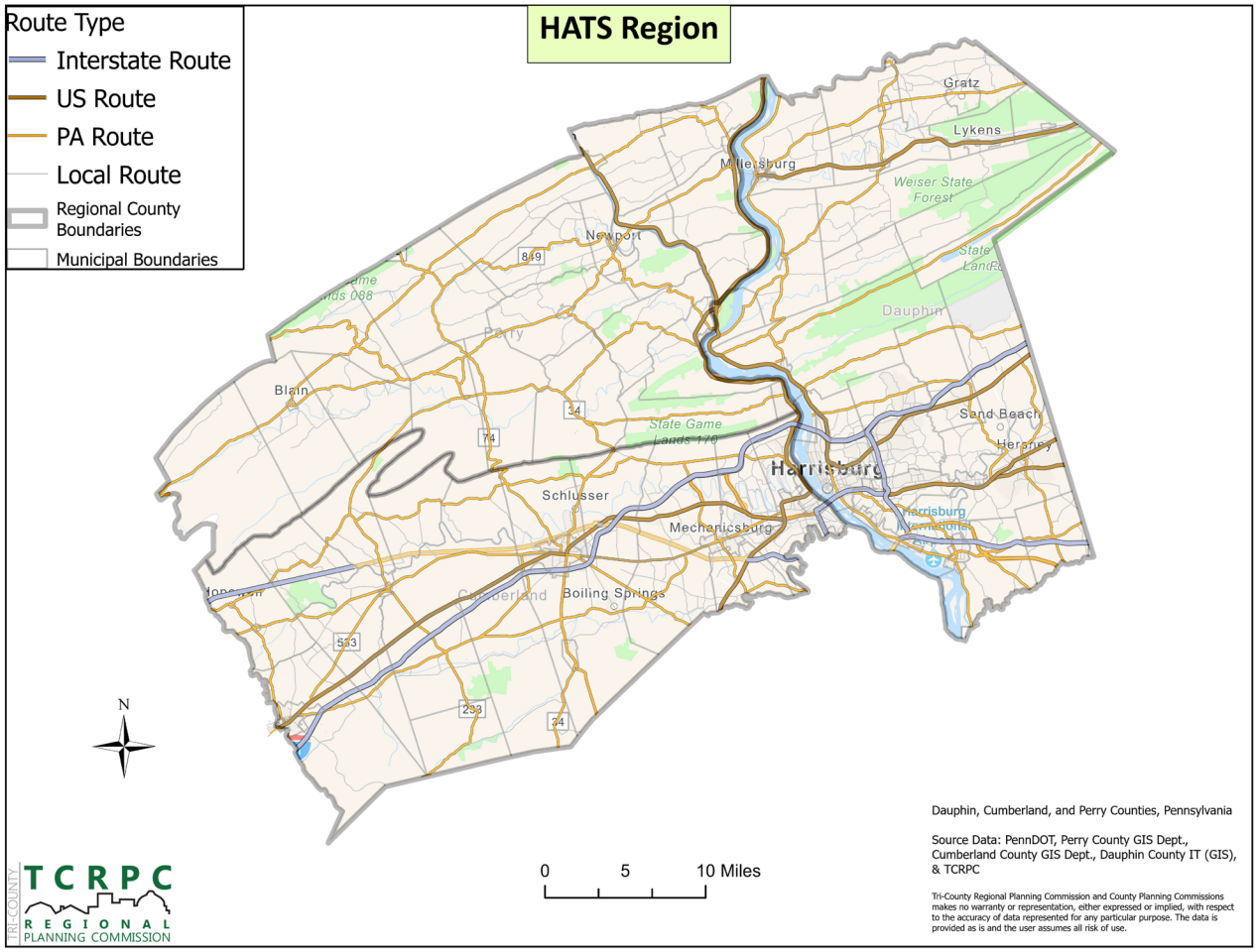
Introduction

Introduction to the Public Participation Plan

The Harrisburg Area Transportation Study (HATS) is the designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for Cumberland, Dauphin, and Perry Counties, responsible for regional transportation planning activities. HATS communicates with interested parties to ensure effective and innovative transportation planning that is representative of the entire region. To achieve this goal, HATS provides the public with an active role in the development of transportation plans, programs, and projects, beginning in the early stages of and throughout the planning processes.



This Public Participation Plan (PPP) serves as a guidebook for the public to engage in the transportation and decision-making process. It provides a framework to ensure that the HATS transportation planning process includes a proactive participation process and complies with federal participation plan requirements. This PPP identifies current and previous outreach efforts and outlines steps to be taken to improve public participation and supersedes any past resolutions or documents related to public participation developed or adopted by HATS. HATS understands the importance of early and continued involvement of the public, relevant public agencies, and stakeholders by providing reasonable access to

information, timely public notices, and full public access to key decisions in the development of the Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP), Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and other plans.

Background

Public education and engagement are essential to effective planning and decision-making. Without meaningful public involvement, there may be a greater risk of poor decisions or unintended negative consequences. Residents, business owners, and property owners should have access to ongoing communication about projects and issues that impact their community. While full consensus is rare, public education and participation may foster understanding and dialogue around planning studies and complex issues.

The public participation process ensures that timely and accessible information is shared with the public, allowing for meaningful input early and throughout the planning and programming stages. HATS provides opportunities for stakeholders to review and comment on these processes, including the PPP itself, and ultimately influence public decisions.

The PPP ensures that HATS' transportation planning activities comply with the public involvement requirements outlined in Title 23 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR). Specifically, public participation requirements are detailed in 23 CFR Section 450.316(a)(1)(2)(3) and (b), which define key elements of the metropolitan planning process. Additional regulations apply to the LRTP are in 23 CFR Section 450.322, outlining public outreach provisions [450.322(f)(7), 450.322(g), 450.322(i), and 450.322(j)]. Public involvement in the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) is addressed in 23 CFR 450.32, as detailed in Section 450.316(a).

The PPP details strategies and procedures HATS will use to achieve its long-standing commitment to participation in regional transportation planning efforts. The PPP applies to transportation planning activities for which participation by interested parties is a required component, and outlines HATS transportation planning activities that comply with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), Federal Transit Administration (FTA), and other applicable standards for collecting and addressing public comments.

MPO Structure

HATS was created in response to the Federal-Aid Highway Act of 1962, which mandated regional transportation planning as a condition for receiving federal funds for transportation projects. HATS is the designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), an organization of federal, state, and local agencies, and officials from Cumberland, Dauphin, and Perry Counties, the City of Harrisburg, and Capital Area Transit. HATS serves over half a million people in 103 municipalities covering almost 1,700 square miles in south-central Pennsylvania, including Cumberland, Dauphin, and Perry Counties.

HATS is comprised of two committees: the Coordinating Committee and the Technical Committee. The Technical Committee oversees analyses and preparation of plans and studies, reviews transportation items brought before HATS to consider, and makes recommendations to the Coordinating Committee. The Coordinating Committee is the policy body, which formally takes action based on Technical Committee input and adopts transportation plans and improvement programs.

Tri-County Regional Planning Commission (TCRPC) functions as the lead staff agency of HATS and provides planning and administrative support services. It has the responsibility to ensure the transportation planning process is being carried out in accordance with federal and state regulations.

State and Federal Regulations

Commonwealth of PA, the Sunshine Law

Act 84 of 1986, as amended June 15, 1993, February 26, 1996, and October 15, 1998, is an act requiring public agencies to hold certain meetings and hearings open to the public, and to provide penalties as listed under this act. This act shall be known and may be cited as The Sunshine Law.

The General Assembly of Pennsylvania finds that secrecy in public affairs undermines the faith of the public in government. Highlights of the Sunshine Law are:

- Official action and deliberation by a quorum of the members of an agency shall take place at a meeting open to the public.
- Written minutes shall be kept of all open meetings of agencies. – Public notice is not required for an emergency meeting or conference.
- The board or council has the option to accept all public comments at the beginning of the meeting.
- A person attending the meeting of an agency shall have the right to use recording devices to record all proceedings.

Public Laws

Public involvement in the transportation planning and programming process has been a priority for federal, state and local officials since the passage of the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act (ISTEA) in 1991; its successor, the Transportation Efficiency Act for the 21st Century (TEA-21); the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU), the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century (MAP-21), and the present Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act. HATS Public Participation and nondiscrimination policies must reflect the mandates of this federal legislation.

Specifically, §23 CFR 450.316 states:

> *The MPO shall develop and use a documented participation plan that defines a process for providing individuals, affected public agencies, representatives of public transportation employees, public ports, freight shippers, providers of freight transportation services, private providers of transportation (including intercity bus operators, employer-based commuting programs, such as carpool program, vanpool program, transit benefit program, parking cash-out program, shuttle program, or telework program), representatives of users of public transportation, representatives of users of pedestrian walkways and bicycle transportation facilities, representatives of the disabled, and other interested parties with reasonable opportunities to be involved in the metropolitan transportation planning process.*

Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and Additional Nondiscrimination Requirements

Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, prohibits discrimination based upon race, color, and national origin. Specifically, 42 U.S.C 2000 states that "*No person in the United States shall, on the ground of race, color or national origin, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving federal assistance."* In operating a federally assisted program, a recipient cannot, either directly or through contractual means, deny program services, aid, or benefits; provide a different service, aid, or benefit, or separately treat individuals in any matter related to the receipt of any services, aid, or benefit on the basis of race, color, or national origin.

In addition to Title VI, other Nondiscrimination statutes afford legal protection. These statutes include Section 162(a) of the Federal-Aid Highway Act of 1973 (23 USC 324) (sex), the Age Discrimination Act of 1975 (age), and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973/Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (disability).

Title VI Statements

HATS has developed two Title VI Statements to include in HATS public documents as a means of informing the public of compliance with Title VI and of the provisions of alternative language services and formats.

1. The first statement is to be added to meeting announcements to which the public and/or outside agencies/or organizations are invited such as public meetings and/or open houses, both on-site and off-site, seminars, and any HATS meetings:

"HATS is committed to compliance with the nondiscrimination requirements of civil rights statutes, executive orders, regulations, and policies. All locations for meetings open to the public will be accessible to people with disabilities and reachable by public transit. With advance notification, accommodation may be provided for those with special needs related to language, speech, sight, or hearing. If you have a request for a special need, wish to file a complaint, or desire additional information, please contact Executive Director, Tri-County Regional Planning Commission, at (717) 234-2639; email: planning@tcrpc-pa.org."

2. The second statement shall be included in all HATS public documents and publications:

"HATS fully complies with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and related statutes and regulations in all programs and activities. TCRPC's website (www.tcrpc-pa.org) may be translated into multiple languages. Publications and other public documents can be made available in alternative languages or formats if requested. For translation, call (717) 234-2639."

Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA)

The Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA, 1990, Public Law 101-336) is a broad civil rights statute that prohibits discrimination against individuals with disabilities in all areas of public life. Title II of the ADA prohibits disability discrimination by State and local government entities. Section 504 of the 1973 Rehabilitation Act (42 USC 126) prohibits discrimination based on disability in Federally assisted programs.

Public entities are required to make programs accessible to individuals with disabilities including conducting meetings and hearings in ADA-compliant buildings. Special accommodation must be provided to ensure communications are equally effective for persons with disabilities in order to participate in meetings, planning, and programming activities.

To ensure compliance with the ADA, HATS' Public Meeting notices and comment opportunities provide multiple input methods. Public meetings are always held in ADA-accessible locations, on established public transportation routes. Anyone who requires an auxiliary aid or service for effective communication, or a modification of policies or procedures to participate in a program, service or activity of HATS, or has a complaint that a program, service, or activity of HATS, or has complaints that program, service, or activity of HATS is not accessible to persons with disabilities should call the Executive Director, Tri-County Regional Planning Commission at (717) 234-2639, email planning@tcrpc-pa.org , or visit our website at https://www.tcrpc-pa.org/tcrpc-titlevi .HATS staff coordinates with local disability advocacy groups to ensure information is readily available to all. HATS may use one or more of the following tools to reasonably accommodate people with disabilities:

- Provide on request, with advanced notice, copies of materials in larger sans-serif type
- Provide on request, with reasonable advance notice (based on document size and complexity), Brialle or raised-print notices and materials
- Provide on request, with reasonable advance notice, sign language interpreters
- Record materials to audio/visual media
- Verbalize information provided through visual presentations or written materials
- Ensure that persons who speak during virtual meetings can be heard
- Provide on request, with reasonable advanced notice, assistance with closed captioning services for virtual public meetings

Representatives of the disabled have been included on our mailings lists and are forwarded surveys to garner their input. At all in-person meetings hosted by HATS, accommodations will be made for wheelchair access. The availability of these services are detailed in Public Notices. Any questions, concerns, request for accommodations or complaints should be made to the Executive Director, Tri-County Regional Planning Commission at (717) 234-2639, email planning@tcrpc-pa.org, or visit our website at https://www.tcrpc-pa.org/tcrpc-titlevi .

Limited English Proficiency (LEP)

Compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 ensures that individuals are not subjected to discrimination based on race, color, or national origin in any program or activity receiving federal financial assistance. Under Title VI, recipients must take reasonable steps to ensure meaningful access for individuals with limited English proficiency (LEP). Agencies and organizations are expected to provide appropriate language assistance services, to ensure that language barriers do not prevent individuals from accessing critical programs and services, and that may limit individuals' participation in the public planning process.

Federal guidelines require that recipients of federal financial assistance take reasonable steps to ensure meaningful access to federally funded programs, activities, and publications for LEP persons. The "reasonable" standard is based on the following four guidelines, as set forth by the federal government, and incorporated into this plan:

- The number or proportion of LEP persons eligible to be served or likely to be encountered by a program, activity, or service of the recipient or grantee.
- The frequency with which LEP individuals come in contact with the program.
- The nature and importance of the program, activity, or service provided by the recipient to people's lives.
- The resources available to the recipient and costs

As indicated in the above guidelines, the intent of the guidelines is to find a balance that ensures meaningful access by LEP persons to critical services and programs while not imposing undue burdens on recipients or sub-recipients.

Top 5 Most Prominent Non-English Languages Spoken in the Tri-County Region

According to the US Census Bureau's 2023 American Community Survey, 5-year estimate (2019-2023), the five most common non-English languages spoken in the three-county region account for about 3.7% of the population and are:

	Language	***Cumberland***	***Dauphin***	***Perry***	***Total***
1	Spanish or Spanish Creole	2,811	7,540	298	10,649
2	Russian, Polish, or other Slavic languages***	3,050	3,201	139	6,390
3	Chinese**	1,811	1,529	71	3,411
4	German or other West Germanic languages*	1,017	917	529	2,463
5	French, Haitian or Cajun	498	853	18	1,369

** Includes Pennsylvania Dutch, Dutch, Afrikaans, Frisian*
*** Includes all Asian and Pacific Island languages*
**** Includes all Indo-European languages*
Source: US Census Bureau, 2023 American Community Survey, 5-Year Estimates

These languages were determined based on the total number of native speakers in the region who noted they speak English less than "very well".

All HATS documents can be translated into any language. Full documents can be translated upon request by contacting TCRPC. The TCRPC website is also accessible to non-English speaking visitors utilizing Google Translator.

For translation of documents or other downloaded material from the TCRPC website, an individual needs to contact planning@tcrpc-pa.org or (717) 234-2639.

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Public Participation Objectives

Overview

HATS encourages input and ideas on regional issues from stakeholders in Dauphin, Cumberland, and Perry Counties and neighboring counties or Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs), as applicable. There are numerous opportunities and levels of engagement available for individuals interested in participating in the regional planning process or addressing the Board directly.

Unless designated as Executive Sessions, all meetings of the HATS Technical and Coordinating Committees are open to the public. These meetings provide opportunities for interested parties to offer comments on both agenda and non-agenda items.

In order to ensure HATS has a proactive and meaningful public involvement process that provides complete information, timely public notice, full public input to key decision-making processes, supports early and continuing involvement in developing regional plans and projects, and complies with current federal surface transportation legislation, HATS shall pursue the following objectives:

- Inform and educate HATS stakeholders, share information, and increase overall awareness of regional planning, land use, and transportation issues and activities in the Tri-County area
- Provide opportunities for interested parties to identify regional concerns and priorities
- Provide public access to technical and policy information used in the development of plans and programs
- Increase the public's awareness of opportunities and activities to participate in the development of HATS plans and programs actively

- Ensure adequate notification and time to allow for public review and comment at key decision points
- Provide feedback to participants as a result of public comments provided during the planning process
- Encourage public participation among HATS's various audiences, including traditionally underserved groups
- Make public information available in electronically accessible formats and means, such as the Internet, to afford reasonable opportunity for consideration and input
- Evaluate the Public Participation Plan to determine if it is effectively providing opportunities for involvement
- Develop transportation plans and programs in consultation with State and local agencies while providing reasonable opportunities for all interested parties to be involved in the planning process.
- Employ visualization techniques to describe HATS' plans and programs
- Conduct a mix of remote and in-person public outreach opportunities through the HATS Region, as appropriate, to optimize public involvement.
- Work with outside agencies such as the Latino Connection and International Service Center to provide any necessary language translations.

Public Comments at Board Meetings

All attendees will be asked to sign in upon arrival at the meeting, or in the case of virtual meetings, to announce their presence for the record. Individuals wishing to provide comments will be asked to indicate their intent either at the time of sign-in or via the meeting's chat feature.

Meetings proceedings are documented in the form of minutes or summaries, which are available on the Tri-County Regional Planning Commission's (TCRPC) website at https://www.tcrpc-pa.org/. Copies are also available for review at the TCRPC's office. For more information, contact TCRPC at (717) 234-2639.

HATS Committees

HATS has several committees that convene on an as-needed basis, providing a platform for citizens, advocates, private sector representatives, and other stakeholders to access the same information made available to representatives of professional planning and transportation agencies involved in HATS activities. These committee meetings offer interested parties the opportunity to gain a comprehensive understanding of the issues under discussion. All meetings are publicly advertised and open to the public to ensure transparency and encourage community engagement.

Public Participation Strategies

Strategy	Public Participation Methods
Document Availability	Via website (Executive Summary & Full Document). County Planning Commission offices, Tri-County Regional Planning Commission offices.

Comment Opportunities	Public Meeting, written comments accepted, online website; HATS Transportation Needs Form also found on the website. Chat comments and poll questions are also documented from Zoom Meetings.
Public Meeting	One meeting prior to recommending adoption by HATS MPO.
Press Release & Public Service Announcements	Press announcements publicized in the Harrisburg Patriot-News, PennLive.com, and other media outlets (see Appendix)
Initial Notice Period	Thirty (30) calendar days prior to public comment period ending (RTP, TIP); Forty-Five (45) calendar days prior to Public Comment Period ending (PPP)
Public Meeting Notice Period	Ten (10) days prior to the Public Comment Meeting
Amendment Notice Period	Thirty (30) days prior to the Public Comment Period Ending (RTP)
Evaluation Technique	Number of Participants at meetings, number of comments received, and website page views and hits.
Comprehensive Plan Review	During the RTP update, county/local plans are used in conjunction with other local input to identify transportation-related issues and concerns of the local communities.
Visualization Techniques	Maps, Handouts, Presentations, Online Apps, StoryMaps, Web-based GIS portals for Public Comment, and Web-based Dashboard tools
Task Forces	Formation and utilization of task forces to guide planning decisions and collect formal comments (ex. Bicycle-Pedestrian-Passenger Task Force; RTP Implementation Work Group)
Social Media and Online Platforms	Social media sites such as Facebook, Twitter (X), YouTube, and LinkedIn. Interactive platforms such as Zoom, ArcGIS StoryMaps, Microsoft Teams, and Microsoft Forms. These platforms have been used by TCRPC/HATS over time for outreach analyses and decision-making.
Mailing Lists	Mass emails on news and events via Constant Contact, Commission-wide Mailing Lists
MPO Meeting Notices and Broadcasts	Municipal Government Notice of MPO Meetings: Four (4) weeks prior to the Technical Committee Meeting; Annual meeting notices publicized in Harrisburg Patriot News, PennLive.com, at the beginning of each year. Meetings and other informational videos are also posted on the TCRPC website and YouTube Channel.
TCRPC/HATS Website	All meeting schedules, minutes and recordings, agendas, and current and draft documents can be found on the TCRPC/HATS website and are available to be accessed at any time.
Virtual Meetings	"Zoom" instructions are located on the website on how to participate in any meeting; meeting links are provided on the website calendar at least one week prior to the meeting; instructions are sent to committee members; recordings are posted to the website after the meeting; phone-only participation is accommodated. Microsoft "Teams" is also used for online collaboration, communication, and virtual meetings. Meeting links are emailed to participants prior to the meeting.

Targeted Outreach Strategies

HATS may employ one or more targeted outreach strategies to involve traditionally underserved populations that a specific project may impact. Targeted outreach strategies may include:

- Notifying agencies that work with minorities, low-income populations, and persons with disabilities of HATS activities.
- Conducting an ongoing dialogue with groups representing potentially underserved populations.
- Seeking opportunities to speak at meetings of groups involving minority/low-income and traditionally underserved populations.
- Organizing small meetings that may be less intimidating for those unfamiliar with the public involvement process.
- Targeting non-traditional media outlets and organizations.
- Posting information and meeting notices at transit stops and in transit/paratransit vehicles.
- Posting information and meeting notices in libraries, recreation centers, and shopping centers.
- Including information on the HATS website about how to request translation services.
- Researching traditional communication methods used by non-English speaking populations.
- Posting flyers or notices, in appropriate languages, in areas identified as having non-English speaking populations.
- Distributing information through religious or community organizations.
- Providing public service announcements in ethnic news media.
- Providing extensive use of visualization techniques, including maps and graphics.
- Identify the locations of underserved populations throughout the region
- Where possible, host public meetings in accessible locations and times within these communities

The following agencies have been identified as organizations that work with traditionally underserved populations and will be included in public outreach activities. Others will be included as they are identified.

- United Cerebral Palsy of Central Pennsylvania
- Vision for Equality – Harrisburg Office
- The Arc of Pennsylvania
- Tri-County Community Action
- Hispanic Chamber of Commerce of Central PA
- Bethesda Mission
- YWCA of Greater Harrisburg
- Hadee Mosque, Harrisburg
- Pennsylvania NAACP
- Asian Indian Americans of Central PA
- Works for Me – PA
- Center for Independent Living Central PA
- Perry County Literacy Council
- United Way of the Capital Region
- Beacon Clinic for Health and Hope

- New Hope Ministries
- Perry County Community Foundation
- Greater Harrisburg Community Foundation

Planning Activities

As the MPO for the Harrisburg Region, HATS undertakes two significant, ongoing planning processes: the development and adoption of a long-range Regional Transportation Plan (RTP), and the adoption and management of the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), as well as the periodic (2-year) Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP).

PennDOT Connects

As part of the overall transportation implementation process and public participation outreach efforts, HATS works with PennDOT and utilizes its new approach, PennDOT Connects. Through this approach, it is the goal to find creative solutions to sustain and expand mobility by considering community needs at the beginning of the planning process. To learn more about this program, click HERE.

https://www.pa.gov/agencies/penndot/research-planning-and-innovation/penndot-connects.html

Regional Transportation Plan (RTP)

HATS has mandated responsibility to develop a long-range strategy plan (20 years) and a capital improvement program developed to guide the effective investment of public funds in multi-modal transportation facilities in the context of the regional vision. The regional plan provides the context

from which the region's *Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)*, a short-range capital improvement program for implementing transportation projects, is drawn. The RTP is updated every four years in consultation with interested parties. Information based on forecasts of population, land use, employment, and travel trends helps determine how federal transportation funds will be spent.

Accompanying the development of the RTP is a public participation component, which may include visioning workshops, other public events, focus group meetings, stakeholder outreach, newsletters, and surveys. Before the long-range plan is adopted, a public comment period of at least 30 days must be held.

The following describes the minimum public participation program required during the review of a draft RTP, or a draft of a major amendment to the Plan. These steps must be taken before HATS acts to adopt the draft document as final.

Transportation Need Form

The HATS Transportation Problem Form is available on the TCRPC website. This allows the public to express concerns about transportation infrastructure and operations in the region, as well as define transportation needs at a regional level. The submittal of this form to HATS staff initiates the project development process. Visit www.tcrpc-pa.org for more information.

Web-Based Project Map

Access to the HATS Web-Based Project Map shall be made available on the TCRPC website. The map shall be updated as necessary to reflect the current listing of projects on the RTP. Project-specific information shall include project type, description, project ranking based on regional need (defined by RTP criteria), and cost estimate.

Public Notice

A public notice shall be printed in the Harrisburg Patriot News and other local newspapers, as appropriate. The notice shall specify the date, time, and location of the forthcoming public hearing to explain the plan and obtain comments and public input. The notice shall include a statement that translator services may be requested in advance. The notice shall also be submitted to each municipality in the Tri-County area.

Comment Period and Public Meeting

HATS shall allow a minimum of 30 days for public comments and shall hold a public information meeting during the public comment period. Opportunities for public comment on the plan shall be provided at every Coordinating and Technical Committee meeting.

Summary and Disposition of Comments

A summary of comments and the disposition of the comments shall be provided in the final document.

As the RTP is developed and implemented by HATS, staff must:

- Include a proactive and ongoing public participation process
- Be consistent with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964
- Identify actions necessary to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990.

- Provide for the involvement of transportation advocacy groups, related agencies, authorities, private operators, and elected officials.
- Provide for the involvement of local, state, and federal environmental resource agencies, as appropriate.

Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

The regional TIP identifies the region's highest-priority transportation projects, develops a multi-year implementation plan, and identifies available federal and non-federal funding sources for projects that are regionally significant. In Pennsylvania, the TIP covers a four-year period and is updated every other year through a cooperative effort of local, state, and federal agencies, including participation by the general public and consultation with interested parties. Transportation projects included on the TIP are to be consistent with the RTP. The entire range of projects in the TIP must conform to federal air quality standards.

The following describes the minimum public participation program required during the review of the draft HATS TIP or the draft of a major amendment. These steps must be taken before HATS acts to adopt a draft document as final or official.

Public Notice

A public notice shall be printed in a newspaper of general circulation as per federal regulations and other local newspapers as appropriate. The notice shall specify the date, time and location of the forthcoming public hearing to explain the plan and obtain comments and public input. The notice shall also be submitted to each municipality in the Tri-County area.

Comment Period and Public Meeting

HATS shall allow 30 days for public comments and shall hold a public information meeting during the 30-day period. Opportunity for public comment on the TIP shall also be provided at every Coordinating and Technical Committee meeting during the comment period.

Summary and Disposition of Comments

A summary of comments and the disposition of the comments shall be provided in the final document.

Major TIP Amendment

A major TIP amendment is defined as one for which an air quality conformity report must be prepared. State and federal guidelines require an air quality conformity report must be prepared if one or more projects is of sufficient size, or of a certain type, that is expected to have a significant air quality impact.

Minor TIP Amendment

Standard procedures for Coordinating and Technical Committee meetings shall satisfy the public participation requirements for minor amendments. Provided the proposed minor amendment is included in the respective Coordinating and Technical Committee agenda packets, and those agendas have been sent to municipalities and respective committee mailing lists seven days in advance of the meeting, the public participation requirements shall be satisfied.

Administrative Modifications

Administrative modifications to the TIP are made when the change involves a simple matter such as moving a project from one year to another, a change in funding source, or an increase in federal funds (not to exceed $ 3 million) with no change in scope, or a decrease in cost. Since these changes are minor in nature and the projects have already been reviewed by the public through an earlier process as previously described, there will be no need for a formal vote by HATS.

PennDOT Section 5307 Program of Projects Satisfaction

Public involvement for the TIP is used to satisfy public involvement requirements for the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation Section 5307 program of projects.

Special Studies

Public participation plans for special studies will be developed on a case-by-case basis. For studies managed by HATS, HATS staff will develop a public participation plan. In the case of special studies conducted by PennDOT or others, the TCRPC staff will emphasize the need for public participation through the project development process.

- Active Transportation Plan
- Freight Plan
- Safety Plan
- CMP
- Other transportation plans or corridor studies

Communication and Outreach Techniques

Overview

HATS employs a comprehensive array of communication strategies and community engagement techniques to ensure meaningful participation from all interested stakeholders. These efforts include:

- Communication via mail, telephone, fax, email, and direct, person-to-person contact
- Maintenance of the TCRPC website, which provides access to planning documents, meeting schedules, agendas and minutes, transportation-related updates, and educational resources
- Opportunities for the public to input through meetings, hearings, and workshops held at accessible and convenient times and locations
- Collaboration with community, civic, and business organizations to host forums and input sessions upon request

- Distribution of planning materials such as brochures, fact sheets, and maps illustrating efforts
- Issuances of public notices and press releases
- Deployment of internet-based and direct mail surveys
- Engagement through TCRPC's Facebook page, and additional social media platforms
- Application of visualization tools to enhance understanding of proposed transportation plans and programs among both decision-makers and the public
- Ongoing consultation with agencies and officials responsible for planning activities within the region that intersect with transportation issues
- Translation of key documents into Spanish, with availability in both digital and printed formats
- Notification on all key materials and on the website indicating which documents are available in Spanish and offering additional translations upon request
- Integration of virtual outreach methods to broaden public engagement opportunities

Interested Parties

HATS staff continually develops and maintains databases of stakeholders, media, and interested organizations and parties. Federal guidelines require the participation of interested parties in the development of public participation plans. "Interested parties" are defined as:

- Residents
- Affected public agencies
- Representatives of public transportation employees
- Freight shippers
- Private providers of transportation
- Representatives of users of public transportation
- Representatives of users of pedestrian walkways and bicycle transportation facilities
- Representatives of the disabled
- Providers of freight transportation services
- Other interested parties

These lists are updated regularly to reflect current information. Contact lists expand throughout the transportation planning process as people, organizations and agencies become involved and offer their opinions or just want more information. To establish new contacts, HATS uses a range of strategies, such as:

- Mailing list registration is available at all public meetings/hearings
- Mailing list registration is available via the TCRPC website or email
- Announcements of public meetings, public hearings, workshops, and other project specific opportunities are made available online, through news releases, email notification, targeted mailings, social media platforms

Public Meetings and Other Events

Public meetings, open houses, workshops, and information sessions will be scheduled, when appropriate, to allow the greatest opportunity for attendance by the general public and interested parties (i.e., evening or lunch meetings) based upon available staff and resources.

A public meeting will be held prior to action on HATS's Regional Transportation Plan, TIP, and other major amendments. When possible, meetings will be conducted in locations that are ADA-accessible and convenient to public transit. Sign language interpreters or other auxiliary aid requests can be accommodated when requested in advance. In addition, there will be a live stream and recording link for the meetings available on *TCRPC's website.*

Where appropriate, visualization techniques will be employed throughout public participation activities to aid the public in understanding proposed plans. Examples of visualization techniques include sketches, drawings, artist renderings, physical models and maps, simulated photos, videos, computer-modeled images, GIS-based scenario planning tools, StoryMaps, and computer simulation.

Privacy Statement

Public sign-in sheets may include the following disclaimer:

"If personal information is requested and volunteered by the user, state law and federal Privacy Act of 1974 may protect it. However, this information is a public record once you provide it and may be subject to public inspection and duplication if not protected by federal or state law."

TCRPC Website and Social Media

TCRPC's website is a continuously updated source of information on every aspect of the regional and transportation planning processes. A wide scope of resource material, covering all of TCRPC's planning areas, is available, as well as an event calendar, regional data, community resources, meeting notices and agendas, information related to public participation activities, and nondiscriminatory policies. The website also includes contact information for staff, Board members, as well as links to local governments, related agencies, and State legislators. The TCRPC website, including this Public Participation Plan, may be translated into multiple languages through Google Translator. Data for the region can be located in the GIS Resources.

TCRPC is connected with various social media platforms including Facebook, Twitter, and LinkedIn. These platforms serve as a gateway for public involvement on efforts pursued by TCRPC and HATS through polls and surveys as well as regular updates on the planning process. TCRPC social media also serves an informational purpose, keeping the region's residents informed on important regional news and happenings.

TCRPC Newsletter

The TCRPC Newsletter is published four (4) times a year. The newsletter provides information about the HATS and the Commission's various projects and activities and includes information on how to contact the Commission and its staff. The newsletter is distributed to over 2,000 contacts, is available in printed format (upon request), and is posted on the TCRPC website.

Annual Reports

TCRPC, HATS, Dauphin County Planning Commission, and Perry County Planning Commission publish annual reports during the first quarter of each year. They summarize the activities of the prior calendar year. The reports are available in hard copy (upon request) and on the TCRPC website.

Annual Obligation Report

HATS' Annual Obligation Report is an accounting of the federal funding spent on transportation projects in each fiscal year. The updated report is posted on the TCRPC website on an annual basis.

TCRPC Resource Center

The TCRPC Resource Center serves as a clearinghouse and repository for the many publications that TCRPC has produced, including a variety of newsletters, studies, and other transportation data and planning-related documents. Many other studies and data are also available in the Resource Center. The Resource Center is open during regular business hours. The use of the Resource Center is free. Some fees may apply to the printing of publications or photocopies of documents.

TCRPC Planning Toolkit

The TCRCP Planning Toolkit provides information on a variety of planning-related topics through downloadable fact-sheets that includes an overview of the topic along with resources available at the local, regional and state levels. The fact-sheets are organized by topic and cover a wide range of policies and techniques that promote Smart Growth principles and good government practices.

Interactive Web Mapping

HATS makes extensive use of interactive web mapping capabilities in many of its transportation plans, programs and outreach efforts, including the Regional Transportation Plan, Transportation Improvement Program, and even HATS meeting materials. These interactive maps allow users to navigate and zoom into specific areas of the region or turn certain data layers on and off, providing an opportunity to convey customized information in a way that isn't possible with traditional maps.

Evaluation Procedures of Public Participation

HATS Public Participation Plan is not a static document, but an ongoing strategy to meet the public outreach needs of HATS plans and programs. There is no singular approach to public engagement. Outreach and participation for specific projects may be different. The residents of this region are not a homogenous entity; therefore, methods of outreach may also be different depending on the intended audience. In order to maintain a successful participation program, HATS will evaluate what worked and what did not work in the public participation process, including the review of public meeting attendance, the number of public comments received, web uses analysis tools, public comments on the plan, and any additional comments and suggestions. The findings will be incorporated into subsequent involvement activities, and the Plan will be revised where appropriate.

This PPP and any subsequent amendments shall be effective immediately upon the adoption by the HATS's Coordinating Committee. This PPP replaces any previously adopted Public Involvement Process resolutions.

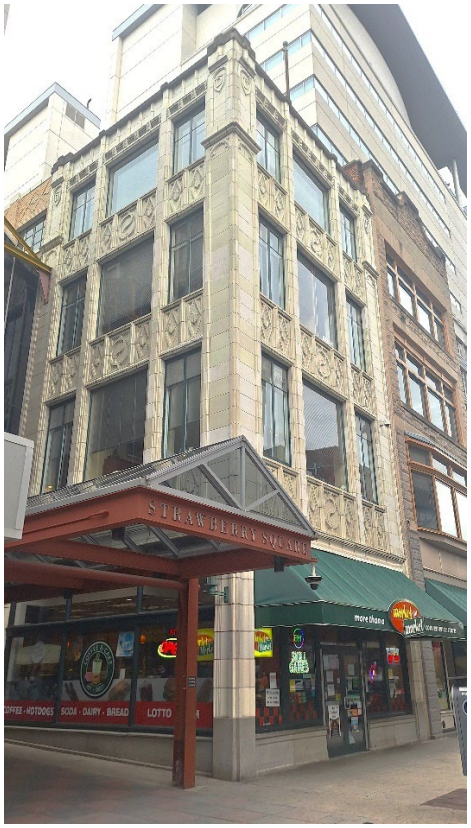
How to Get Involved

The TCRPC provides information to the community via standard mailings, email and the TCRPC website. If you want to get involved in the activities of the TCRPC, you can do the following:

- Visit the TCRPC website at www.tcrpc-pa.org
- Meeting schedules, agendas, and minutes are posted on the website – translations are available
- Sign up for the TCRPC mailing list by contacting TCRPC staff at (717) 234-2639
- TCRPC meeting notices are advertised annually in the Harrisburg Patriot News/PennLive.
- All meetings are open to the public, and there is a public comment item on all agendas.
- The Technical Committee currently meets bi-monthly on the second Friday of the month at 9:00 a.m., at TCRPC Offices, and via Zoom. (See website for exact dates)
- The Coordinating Committee currently meets bi-monthly on the fourth Friday of the month at 9:00 a.m., at TCRPC Offices, and via Zoom (See website for exact dates)
- We recommend confirming all meetings with TCRPC staff or via the website
- For access to the live stream meeting, attendees must register prior to the meeting and follow the guidelines that can be found when you click on the HATS Technical or Coordinating Committee meeting on our calendar page.

Contact Information:

Address	**320 Market St., #301E Harrisburg, PA 17101**
Phone	**(717) 234-2639**
Email	**planning@tcrpc-pa.org**
Website	**http://www.tcrpc-pa.org**
Accessibility	**Offices are ADA accessible**
Transportation	**Offices available via rabbittransit. For route information, contact (800) 632-9063.**



Appendix

HATS Committee Members

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HATS Press Release Distribution List

HATS Response to Public Comment

Harrisburg Area Transportation Study Committee Members

(As of September 30, 2026)

Organization	Coordinating Committee		Technical Committee	
	Member	**Alternate**	**Member**	**Alternate**
Chairman	Commissioner Brenda Watson		Andrew Bomberger, AICP	
Vice-Chairman	Commissioner Jean Foschi		Diane Myers-Krug, AICP (*non-voting)*	
Secretary	Commissioner George Hartwick		Rebecca Wenschhof (*non-voting*)	
Cumberland Co.	Commissioner Jean Foschi	Commissioner Gary Eichelberger	John Owen	Ray Palmer
	Jeff Bergsten	Kirk Stoner, AICP	Kirk Stoner, AICP	Steve Hoffman
Dauphin Co.	Vincent Paese	Raziel Marx	Dan Robinson	Mark Smith
	Commissioner George Hartwick	Mark Santana	Jason Wagner	George Connor
Perry Co.	Commissioner Brenda Watson	Representative Perry Stambaugh	James Turner	Robert Shaffer, Sr.
	James Turner	Robert Shaffer, Sr.	Michael Hartley	Nina Fitchet
Harrisburg City	Joel Seiders	Vacant	Joel Seiders	Mohammed Billah
	Mohammed Billah	Vacant	Geoffrey Knight, AICP	Vacant
CAT	Eric Bugaile	Rich Farr Beth Nidam	Rich Farr	Beth Nidam Miguel Acri-Rodriguez
PennDOT	Ray Green	Ted Sheehe	Ray Green	Ted Sheehe
	Kevin Keefe	Richard Reisinger Carey Mullins Ben Singer	Carey Mullins	Richard Reisinger Ben Singer Jeff Puher
Ex-officio Members	NOTE: the following are on both committees: Gene Porochniak — FHWA Tim Lidiak — FTA Rick Harner — FAA Brian Trowbridge — DEP Rachel Reznick — PA DCED		Holly Gattone/Brad Webber — Amtrak Jeremy Shoemaker — Norfolk Southern Louis Pirozzi— SARAA Rebecca Oyler — PMTA Heather Bitner - York County MPO Jon Fitzkee - Lebanon County MPO	

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MEMBER, PENNSYLVANIA ASSOCIATION OF NOTARIES

NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD
HARRISBURG AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY (HATS) DRAFT PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PLAN

The Harrisburg Area Transportation Study (HATS) is the organization that will consider and approve the plans and programs, and the Federal and State funding for the highway and transit systems in the Harrisburg Urbanized Area and Tri-County Region. Organizational members include: the Counties of Cumberland, Dauphin and Perry, Harrisburg City, the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation and Capital Area Transit. This notice appears pursuant to the HATS Public Involvement Process Resolution of February 28, 1997.

A 45-day public review and comment period for the HATS Draft Public Participation Plan will begin on March 6, 2017 and will end on April 20, 2017. HATS will consider adopting the Draft Public Participation Plan on April 21, 2017 at its Coordinating Committee meeting to be held at 9:00 AM in the 2nd floor Board Room of the Capital Area Transit Offices, 901 North Cameron Street, Harrisburg.

The Public Participation Plan outlines the policies, procedures and processes for all public involvement activities within the MPO. The plan acts as a guide for public participation in the development of regional projects, plans and programs including the long range Regional Transportation Plan and Transportation Improvement Program. The Public Participation Plan provides private citizens and groups an opportunity to participate and influence public decisions. Federal regulations require the plan to include consideration for Title VI Environmental Justice compliance, which is the fair treatment of people of all races, cultures and income levels with respect to development, implementation and enforcement of environmental laws.

The draft Public Participation Plan is available for review on the HATS website: http://www.tcrpc-pa.org/mporesources/ . The document is also available in hard copy at the Tri-County Regional Planning Commission office, 112 Market Street, 2nd Floor, Harrisburg; Perry County Planning Commission's Office – 20 West McClure Street, New Bloomfield; and Cumberland County Planning Commission's Office – 310 Allen Road, Suite 101, Carlisle, between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. A display table at Strawberry Square Mall Atrium, 320 Market Street, Harrisburg will be available on Wednesday, April 12 from 11:30 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. for the purpose of distributing information and allowing additional comment opportunities on the Public Participation Plan.

All comments should be submitted in writing to Casey Baxendale at the above TCRPC Harrisburg address; faxed to (717)234-4058; or emailed to cbaxendale@tcrpc-pa.org, no later than 4 p.m. on April 20, 2017.

HATS is committed to compliance with the nondiscrimination requirements of applicable civil rights statutes, executive orders, regulations, and policies. The meeting location is accessible to persons with disabilities. With advance notification, accommodations may be provided for those with special needs related to language, sight, or hearing. If you have a request for a special need, wish to file a complaint, or desire additional information, please contact Tri-County Regional Planning Commission, 717-234-2639 or hats@tcrpc-pa.org.

HATS Sample Public Meeting Display Ad

MEETING NOTICE
HARRISBURG AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY
TECHNICAL AND COORDINATING COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The Harrisburg Area Transportation Study (HATS) is the organization that will consider and approve the plans and programs and the Federal and State funding for the highway and transit systems in the Harrisburg Urbanized Area and Tri-County Region. Organizational members include: the Counties of Cumberland, Dauphin and Perry, Harrisburg City, the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation and Capital Area Transit.

The Coordinating Committee is the designated Metropolitan Planning Organization for the transportation systems in the Tri-County Region and is the decision-making body of HATS. The Technical Committee advises the Coordinating Committee. Principal agenda items for the meetings include the updates on the 2050 HATS Regional Transportation Plan and FY 2025-2027 UPWP and presentations on local bike/pedestrian studies in Hummelstown Borough and Silver Spring Township.

Visit our website (https://www.tcrpc-pa.org/hats-meetings-and-minutes) for past meeting minutes, current meeting agenda, and materials.

The meetings will be held at the Dauphin County Administration Building in conference room 214, 2 South 2nd Street, Harrisburg. To join the meeting in person, please call 717-234-2639 (or email planning@tcrpc-pa.org) at least two days prior to the meeting.

TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETING —
Friday, December 6, 2024 - 9:00 a.m.
and
COORDINATING COMMITTEE MEETING —
Friday, December 20, 2024 - 9:00 a.m.

Participants also have the option to join the meetings virtually, via Zoom. Instructions to access and participate in the meeting and meeting materials are available on TCRPC's website (www.tcrpc-pa.org/calendar). All participants must register in advance through our website to join virtually.

To join by telephone only, call 717-234-2639 (or email planning@tcrpc-pa.org) at least two days prior to the meeting and leave a message on how to contact you with meeting access information.

The meeting will also be recorded and the recording posted on the website after the meeting.

Public participation in HATS meetings is encouraged and persons wishing to comment on the transportation program will be heard. Public involvement for the TIP is used to satisfy public involvement requirements for the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation Section 5307 program of projects.

HATS is committed to compliance with the nondiscrimination requirements of applicable civil rights statutes, executive orders, regulations, and policies. All locations for meetings open to the public will be accessible to persons with disabilities and reachable by public transit. With advanced notification, accommodations may be provided for those with special needs related to language, speech, sight, or hearing. If you have a request for a special need, wish to file a complaint, or desire additional information, please contact Karen Dixon at Tri-County Regional Planning Commission, 717-234-2639 or kdixon@tcrpc-pa.org.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

HARRISBURG AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY
DRAFT FFY 2021-2024 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM
AND AIR QUALITY CONFORMITY DETERMINATION

The Harrisburg Area Transportation Study (HATS) is the organization that will consider and approve the plans and programs and the Federal and State funding for the highway and transit systems in the Harrisburg Urbanized Area and Tri-County Region. Organizational members include: the Counties of Cumberland, Dauphin and Perry, Harrisburg City, the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation and Capital Area Transit. This notice appears pursuant to the HATS Public Participation Plan adopted April 21, 2017, and public involvement for the TIP is also used to satisfy public involvement requirements for the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation Section 5307 program of projects.

A 30-day public review and comment period for the draft HATS FFY 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and the associated Air Quality Conformity Determination will begin on Monday, May 18, 2020 and will end on Friday, June 19, 2020.

The draft HATS FFY 2021-2024 TIP includes a comprehensive listing of all federally funded transportation highway, bridge, transit and miscellaneous transportation improvement projects in the HATS area programmed for funding over the next four years.

The Air Quality Conformity Determination demonstrates the forecast summer day VOC, NOx and PM2.5, and annual direct PM2.5 and NOx emissions satisfy the applicable conformity tests for ozone and fine particulate standards.

Copies of the draft HATS FFY 2021-2024 TIP and the Air Quality Conformity Determination are available for public review on the web at http://www.tcrpc-pa.org/tip/, and at Tri-County Regional Planning Commission's Office – 112 Market Street, 2nd Floor, Harrisburg; Cumberland County Planning Commission's Office – 310 Allen Road, Carlisle; Perry County Planning Commission's Office – Veterans Office Building, New Bloomfield *provided the offices are reopened to the public based on guidelines set by the state and CDC concerning COVID-19*.

A display table at the Strawberry Square Atrium – 320 Market Street, Harrisburg – will be available on **Wednesday, June 10, 2020 from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm** to allow for additional comment opportunities on the TIP and Air Quality Conformity Determination.

All comments should be submitted in writing to Lauren Weaver, Tri-County Regional Planning Commission, 112 Market Street, 2nd Floor, Harrisburg, PA, 17101-2015; email: lweaver@tcrpc-pa.org, no later than 9:00am on Friday, June 19, 2020.

HATS will consider approving the TIP and the associated Air Quality Conformity Determination at its meeting on **Friday, June 26, 2020** to be held in the 2nd Floor Board Room of the Capital Area Transit Offices, 901 N. Cameron Street, Harrisburg, starting at 9 am. Online access to the meeting is also available. For details visit the TCRPC Calendar at www.tcrpc-pa.org/calendar/

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HARRISBURG AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY

PLANNING STAFF OFFICE: TRI-COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
320 MARKET STREET, SUITE 301E, HARRISBURG, PA 17101
TEL: (717) 234-2639 | EML: PLANNING@TCRPC-PA.ORG

January 14, 2025

To: Municipal Governments of the
HARRISBURG AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY
Cumberland, Dauphin, and Perry Counties

From: HATS Planning Staff

The next meetings of the HATS Technical and Coordinating Committees are scheduled as follows:

Technical Committee - Friday, February 14, 2025 - 9:00 a.m.
Coordinating Committee – Friday, February 28, 2025 - 9:00 a.m.

These meetings are open to the public and you are encouraged to participate. Principal agenda items for the meetings include the updates on regional planning efforts, including the 2050 HATS Regional Transportation Plan, and election of officers.

Meeting agendas and materials are posted on the HATS website https://www.tcrpc-pa.org/hats-meetings-and-minutes one week prior to the Technical Committee meeting.

Final meeting dates are published in the Patriot News at least one week prior to HATS meetings. All meetings will be held at the Dauphin County Administration Building in Conference Room 214, 2 South 2nd Street, Harrisburg, and are accessible to people with disabilities.

Meetings will also be accessible virtually. Instructions to access and participate in the meetings are available on TCRPC's website (www.tcrpc-pa.org/calendar). To join by telephone only, call 717-234-2639 (or email planning@tcrpc-pa.org) at least two days prior to the meeting and leave a message on how to contact you with meeting access information. The meeting will also be recorded, and the recording posted on the website after the meeting.

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