

H A T S
Coordinating Committee Meeting
Meeting #258
April 22, 2022
9:00 AM
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1. Welcome and Introductions

The April 22, 2022 HATS Coordinating Committee meeting began at 9:00 AM. Commissioner Haste welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Meeting Minutes

a. Coordinating Committee – February 25, 2022

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

b. Technical Committee – April 8, 2022

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

3. TIP Modifications (FFY 2023-2026)

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.

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 that there is money for the program on the current TIP and we are looking at 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 since they are already in Lancaster and Hershey.

Mr. Bomberger stated that we recently submitted a grant application through DCNR for the development of an Active Transportation Plan. The goal of this plan is to continue our work on the Regional Backbone and to increase the bike/ped facilities and accessibility throughout the region.

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.

Finally, Mr. Bomberger stated that PennDOT announced the TASA awards. HATS has its own pot of money in which we selected the Quarry Road sidewalk in Hummelstown and The Cumberland Valley Rail Trail in Shippensburg. Everything that we didn't select will go to the state-wide round. The Multimodal awards were also announced but the projects in our region were not awarded.

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 and found 6 projects in our region. Those projects are listed in the meeting packet. 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. We are the first MPO in the state to use this application.

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

d. RTP Implementation Grant Program

Mr. Bomberger stated that we received a request from Harrisburg for a project cost increase of \$267,000 for the Capital Gateway project. Issues were identified in the safety review process including the curbing. Mr. Martin stated that the paving was requested to be expanded to the bridge and the cross slopes needed to be leveled, which both led to the increased cost.

Commissioner Foschi made the motion to approve the price increase. Mr. Eby 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. Haste asked if there were any oppositions to approve the updates to the program and to open the next application round. There were no oppositions.

e. Funded Studies

i. I-81 Improvement Strategy

Mr. Deck stated that the I-81 Improvement Strategy is nearing completion. 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

Mr. Deck stated that the other 13 projects are moving forward and are on track with development.

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.

Mr. Bomberger stated that we have added at least 10 projects to the TIP from the pipeline. We will continue to keep the pipeline as up-to-date as possible, so if anyone has a transportation need form please fill out the form online.

b. Projects in Development

The 22/322 project and 11/15 project are set to be let in the near future. He also stated that the Riverlands and Clarks Ferry Bridge projects have been identified as significant and are going through the environmental impact process currently.

6. Status Report

PennDOT

Mr. Walker gave several construction updates:

- Cumberland County:
 - I-81, mile 26-37 final paving, completed by end of July
 - Carlisle Pike resurfacing: Began work on ADA ramps, August 29 completion
 - I-81 Exit 59 to Wade Bridge: Work is continuing, completion Nov 21, 2023
 - SR 11 Carlisle Pike Resurfacing: Began work on ADA ramps, night shift work, completion August 2022
- Dauphin
 - River Relief Project: Waiting on signage, working on milling and paving
 - Paxton/Derry Signal: Work is ongoing, waiting on radios, November 5
 - Chambers Hill Road: Milling and paving continues, September completion
 - The second round of the River Relieve bridges have been let
 - SR 147 demo project: Structures are being demolished, should be completed soon
- Perry
 - SR 34 resurfacing: Retaining wall is being worked on, completing by October
 - US 22 over 34: Work is ongoing
 - SR 10/15 over US 22: Starting the project, temporary traffic signals, September 2022.

7. Status Reports

a. FHWA

Mr. Porochniak stated that earlier this week, FHWA released guidance on the Carbon Reduction Program.

Carbon Reduction Program Fact Sheet: https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/bipartisan-infrastructure-law/crp_fact_sheet.cfm

Carbon Reduction Program Guidance:

https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/environment/sustainability/energy/policy/crp_guidance.pdf

b. CAT

Mr. Bugaile stated that CAT made masks optional for riders.

c. SRTP

Ms. Heilman stated that they have conducted several meetings about the concerns of rising gas prices. April and May will be celebrating Earth Day and Bike month. CSPA Year-End Review, <https://pacommuterservices.org/wp-content/uploads/2021CommuterServicesofPAYearEnd.pdf>

8. Local Reports

City of Harrisburg

Mr. Martin stated that the Capital Gateway is in preliminary engineering and has a planned let date for October. The 2nd Street, 2-way project is under construction and will be open for 2-way traffic during construction but planned to be completed in June.

9. Other Business

Mr. Deck showed the updates to the HATS CC committee members list. If there are any updates, please send that information in writing.

Mr. Walker stated that the public hearing for the I-83 South Bridge will be in late May.

10. Adjournment

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

The meeting was adjourned at 10:05 am.

Next meeting is scheduled for June 24, 2022

ATTENDANCE
Harrisburg Area Transportation Study
Coordinating Committee Meeting
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Name	Affiliation
Coordinating Committee Officers	
Commissioner Jeff Haste, Chairman	Dauphin County
Commissioner Jean Foschi	Cumberland County
Gary Eby	Perry County
Coordinating Committee Members	
Jim Turner	Perry County
Stephen Libhart	Dauphin County
Eric Bugaile	SRTA
Larry Shifflet	PennDOT Central Office
Toby Fauver	Cumberland County
Wayne Martin	Harrisburg City
Nathan Walker	PennDOT District 8-0
Other Attendees	
Andrew Bomberger, AICP	HATS Planning Staff
Steve Deck, AICP	HATS Planning Staff
Diane Myers-Krug	HATS Planning Staff
Pamela Hess	PA Turnpike
Ray Green	PennDOT District 8-0
Jamie Keener	Buchart Horn
Andrew Dudziak	PA Rep. Sheryl Delozier
Tre Peterson	
Jonathan Owens	PennDOT District 8-0
Gene Chabak	Larsen Design Group
Richard Reisinger	PennDOT District 8-0
Gene Porochniak	FHWA
William Peterson	Center for Community Building
Kyle Snyder	HATS Planning Staff
Laura Heilman	Commuter Services
Erin Trone	Lower Allen Township
Matthew Stoneroad	Tri-County Community Action