

Welcome!

HATS Regional Active Transportation Plan

County Open House Meetings

January 9 – Cumberland County

January 10 – Dauphin County

January 11 – Perry County

Open House Format



**First 30 minutes – Open House –
talk with the ATP planners**

**Next 45 minutes – Presentation
Future Outreach/Events**

**Last 45 minutes – Open House –
Talk with the ATP planners**

Presentation Agenda



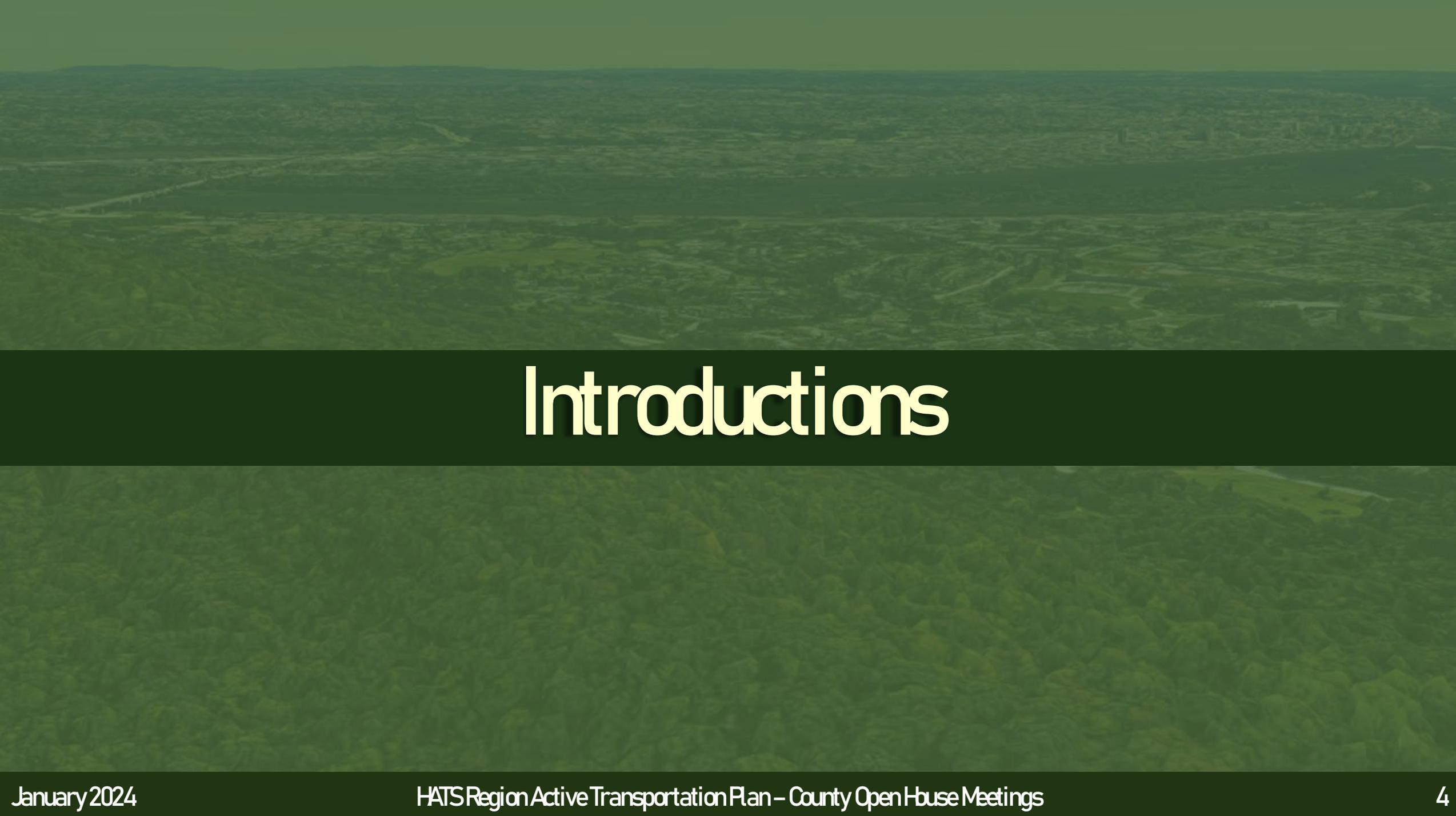
1. Welcome and Introductions

2. Project Process

- a) Public Outreach
- b) Document Research
- c) Analysis

3. Mission Statement & Action Items

4. Next Steps



Introductions

Project Team



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Project Process

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Work Initiated: February 2023 – Planned Completion: April 2024

- **5 Steering Committee Meetings**
- **2 Regional Partners Meetings**
- **2 Municipal Outreach Meetings**
- **3 County Open Houses**
- **2 Meetings with HATS**
- **6 Community Events**
- **13 Key Person / Key Agency Interviews**

Schedule

H.A.T.S Regional Active Transportation Plan Meeting Schedule			M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	J	F	
Steering Committee Meeting #1	Wednesday, May 31, 2023		■										
Steering Committee Meeting #2	Wednesday, July 26, 2023				■								
Steering Committee Meeting #3	Wednesday, Sept 27, 2023					■							
Steering Committee Meeting #4	Wednesday, Dec 6, 2023	2-3pm								■			
Steering Committee Meeting #5	TBD, March TBD, 2024	TBD											
Regional Partners Meeting #1	Wednesday, June 28, 2023			■									
Regional Partners Meeting #2	Wednesday, January 31, 2024	2-3pm											
Municipal Outreach Meeting #1	Thursday, June 15, 2023			■									
Municipal Outreach Meeting #2	Tuesday, January 23, 2024	2-3pm									■		
Public Mtg. / Open House - Draft Plan	Tuesday, Jan. 9, 2024	4-6pm, 7-9pm									■		
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Public Mtg. / Open House - Draft Plan	Thursday, Jan. 11, 2024	4-6pm, 7-9pm									■		
HATS Meeting	Friday, September 8, 2023						■						
HATS Meeting	Friday, April 12, 2024											■	
Key Person / Agency Interviews	June - October, 2023			■									
Events Attendance (5-6)	TBD by TCRPC						■						



Public Outreach

Municipal Survey

- Survey sent to all municipalities within Cumberland, Dauphin, and Perry Counties
- **27 Responses** to date
- Requesting following information where available:
 - Comprehensive Plans
 - Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Plans
 - Trails and Greenways Plans
 - Bicycle and Pedestrian Plans
 - Active Transportation Plans
 - Existing Trail Plans
 - Proposed Land Use Plans/Development Plans that include trails

9. Does your municipality have a Parks, Recreation and Open Space Plan?  0

- Yes
- No
- In Development

10. If yes, please attach a file here  0

Choose File

No file chosen

11. If located online, please provide a link here  0

Public Outreach

Public Opinion Survey

- SurveyMonkey Platform
- Survey available through QR Code and link
- **119 Responses** to date



What are we hearing?

- *“South Hanover and Derry Township (Dauphin County) are totally Car-Centric communities. There needs to be a safe way for people to get to the Hershey, HERCO and other employers in this area.”*
- *“Rye Township (Perry County) does not need mass transit or more commercial business. Keep the existing structures in good repair including wide shoulders, that would be helpful.”*
- *Many drivers, including law enforcement, do not know or practice rules regarding bicycles on the road. Education via signs, public service announcements would be very helpful for both cyclists and motorists.*

Tri-County Regional Planning Commission would like to know where you want to see improvements trail connectivity within **Cumberland County**. This study will focus on your county's interconnectivity with Dauphin County and Perry County in regards to on-road and off-road trails.

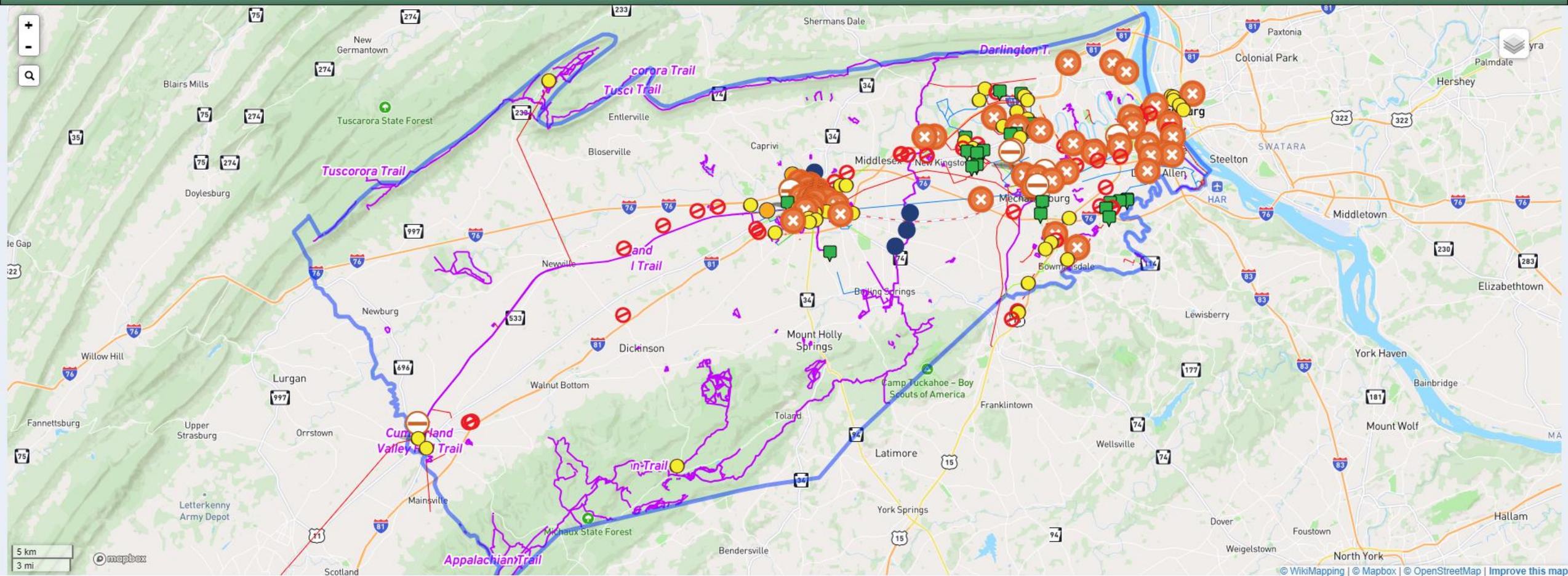


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 to draw existing and desired sidewalks, trails, and more.



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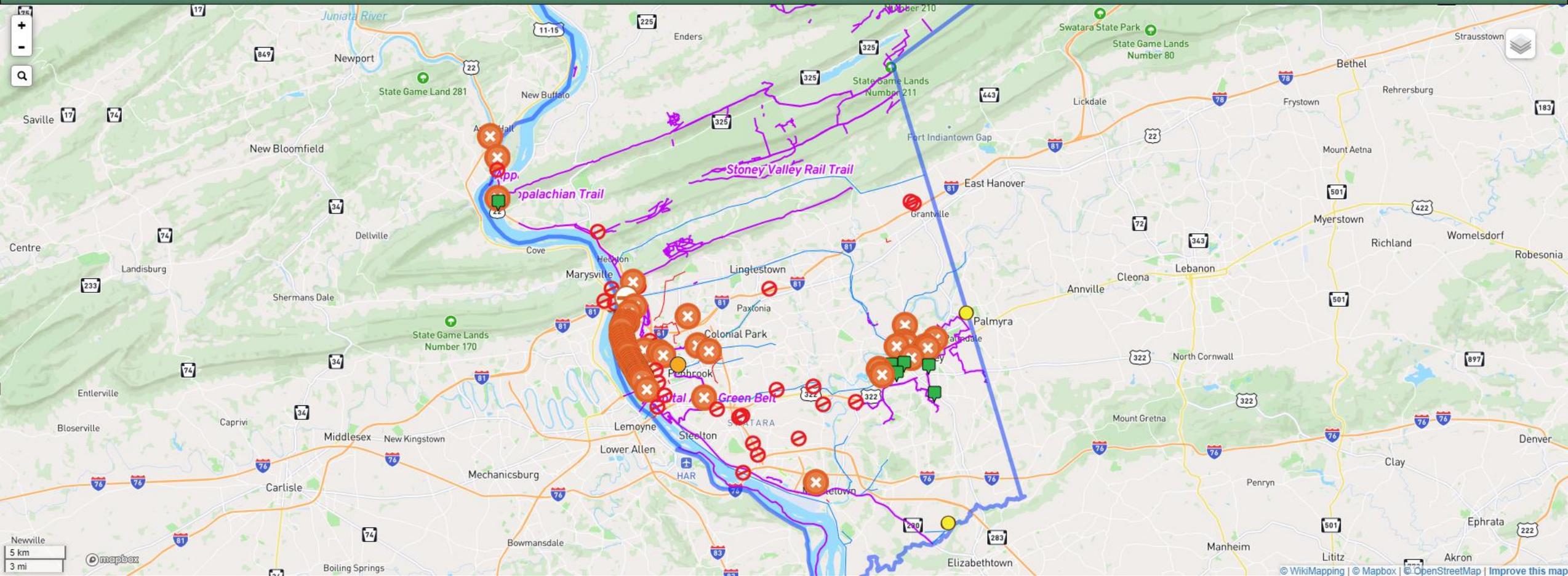


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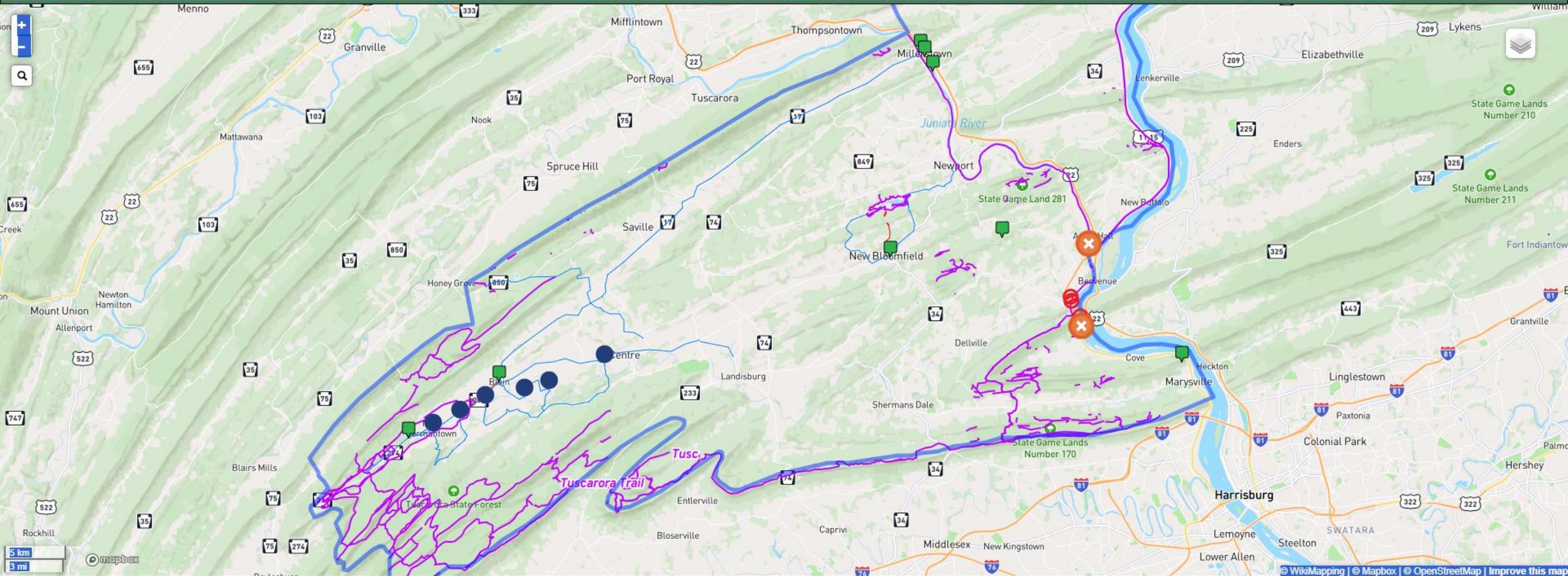


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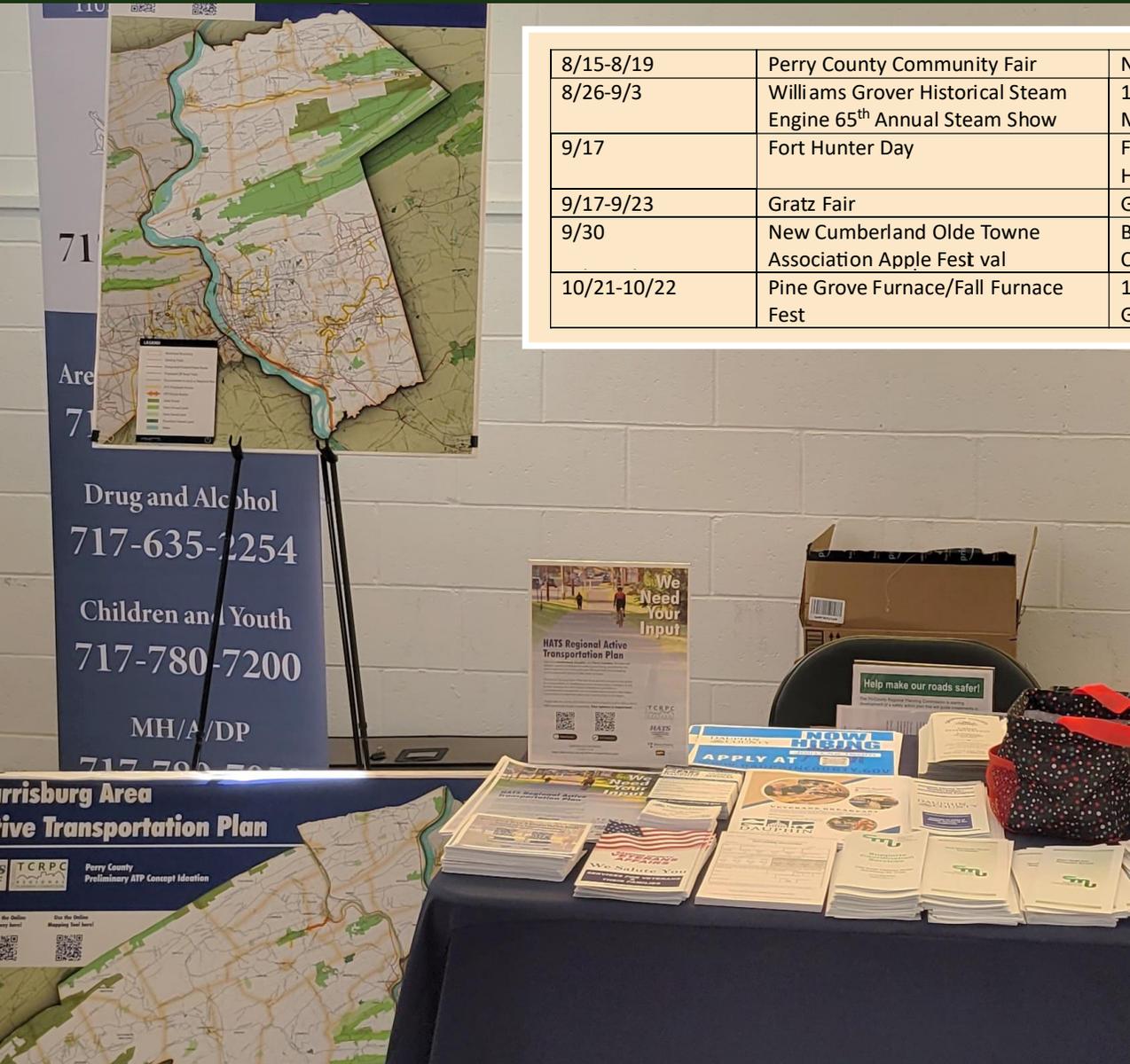


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8/15-8/19	Perry County Community Fair	Newport, PA	Perry County Community Fair Newport, PA (pecofairpa.com)
8/26-9/3	Williams Grover Historical Steam Engine 65 th Annual Steam Show	1 Steam Engine Hill, Mechanicsburg	Annual Steam Show Mysite (wghsea.org)
9/17	Fort Hunter Day	Fort Hunter Mansion, Harrisburg	Fort Hunter Day - Fort Hunter Mansion & Park
9/17-9/23	Gratz Fair	Gratz 9/30	Gratz Fair – Since 1873
9/30	New Cumberland Olde Towne Association Apple Festival	Borough Park, New Cumberland	Apple Festival – In Olde Towne New Cumberland (applefestivalnewcumberlandpa.com)
10/21-10/22	Pine Grove Furnace/Fall Furnace Fest	1100 Pine Grove Rd, Gardeners, PA	Friends of Pine Grove Furnace State Park Friends of Pine Grove Furnace State Park

Center for Independent Living	Pam Auer	Director of Advocacy and Community Engagement	Regional
Susquehanna Regional Transit Authority	Dave Juba		Regional
Tri-County Community Action	Darius Davenport	Community Planning Coordinator	Regional
DCNR	Lori Yeich	Recreation and Conservation Manager	Regional
Capital Area Greenbelt Association	Diane Kripas	Board Member	Dauphin
	Scott Shepler	Board Member	Dauphin
Cumberland Valley Rail Trail	Garret Stahlman	Board President	Cumberland
Appalachian Trail Conservancy	Katie Hess	Director SMP	Regional
	Julia Chain	Program Manager SMP	Regional
South Mountain Trolley Greenway	David Maher		Cumberland
Regional Bicycling Advocates	Marilyn Chastek	President, BSCPA	Dauphin
	Dick Norford	Board Member	Dauphin
	Ross Willard	Chief Mechanical Officer	Dauphin
	Jim Buckheit	Board Member	Dauphin
SAMBA	Bob Johnston		Regional
	Nick Loftus	President	Regional
PA Downtown Center	Sam Pearson		Regional
Susquehanna Rovers Volksmarch	Marcy Lucas	Vice President	Regional
City of Harrisburg	Geoffrey Knight	Planner	Dauphin

In Person
 Events
 Key Person
 Interviews

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In Person Events

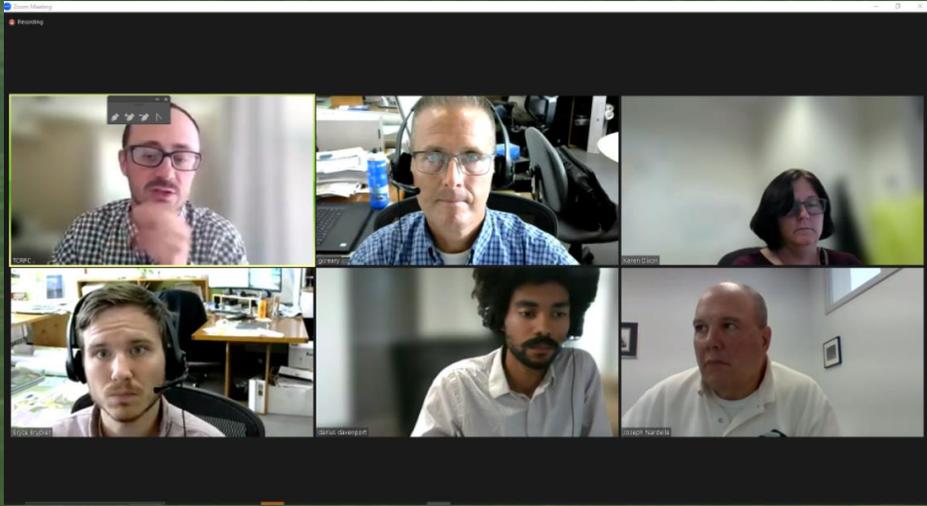
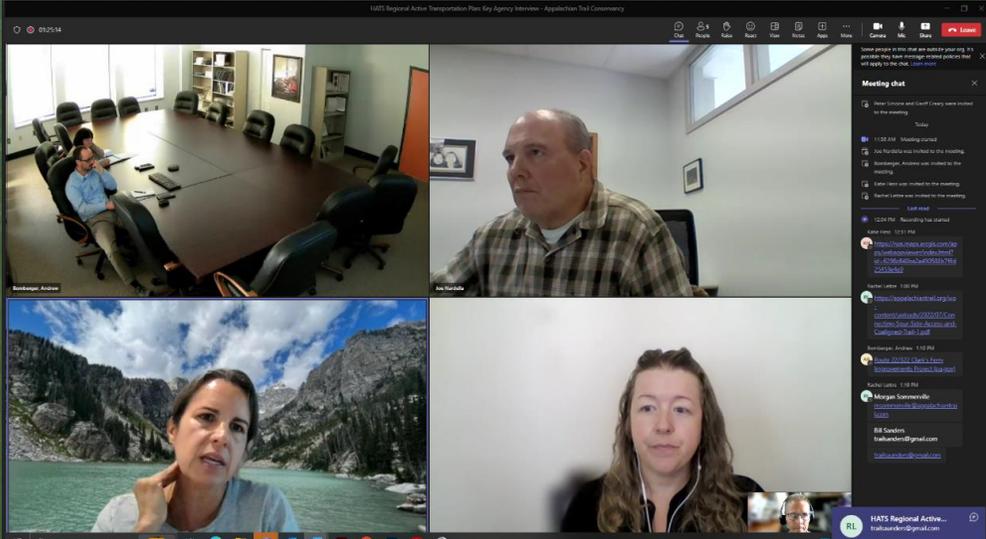
Pine Grove Furnace Fall Fest



New Cumberland Apple Festival

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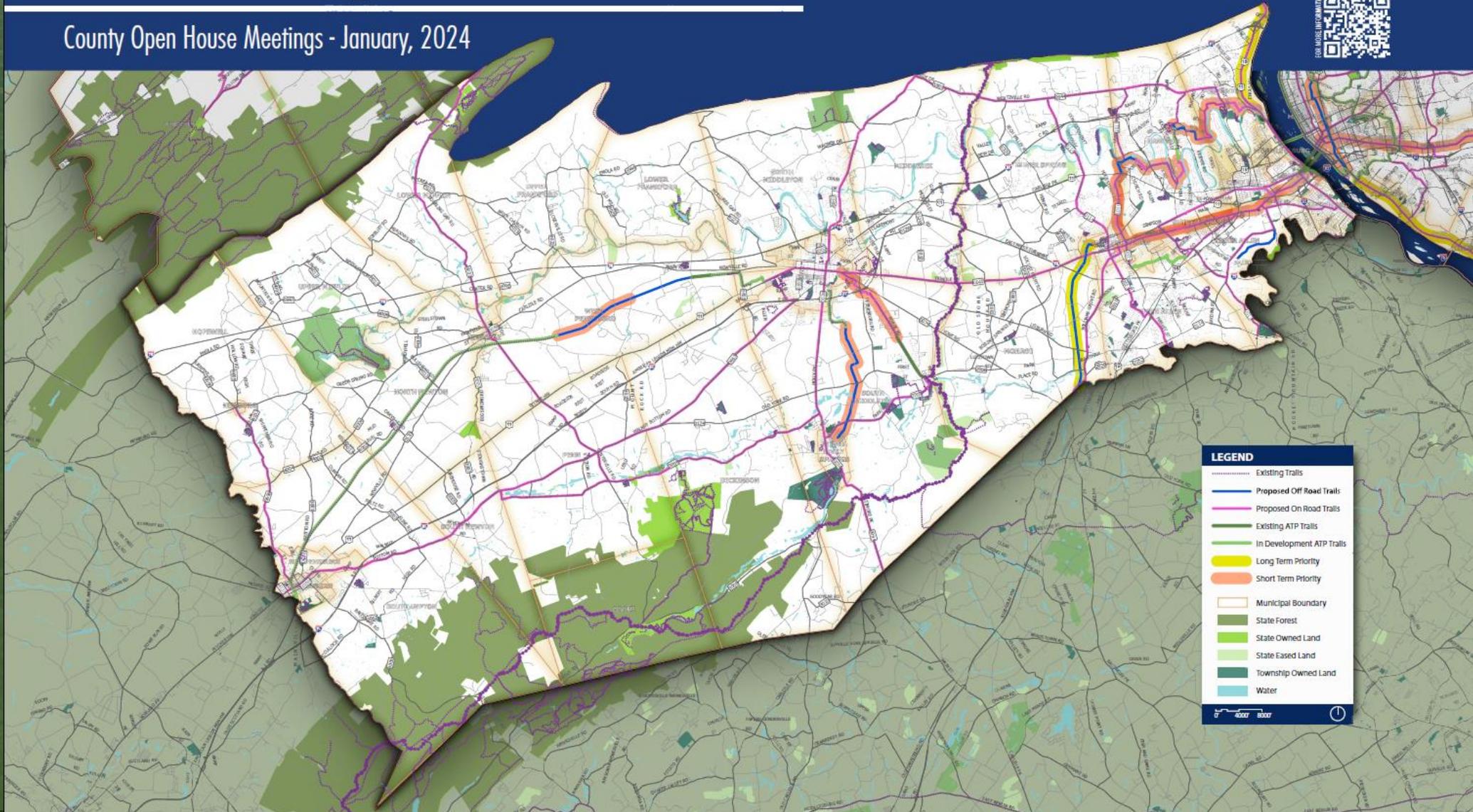


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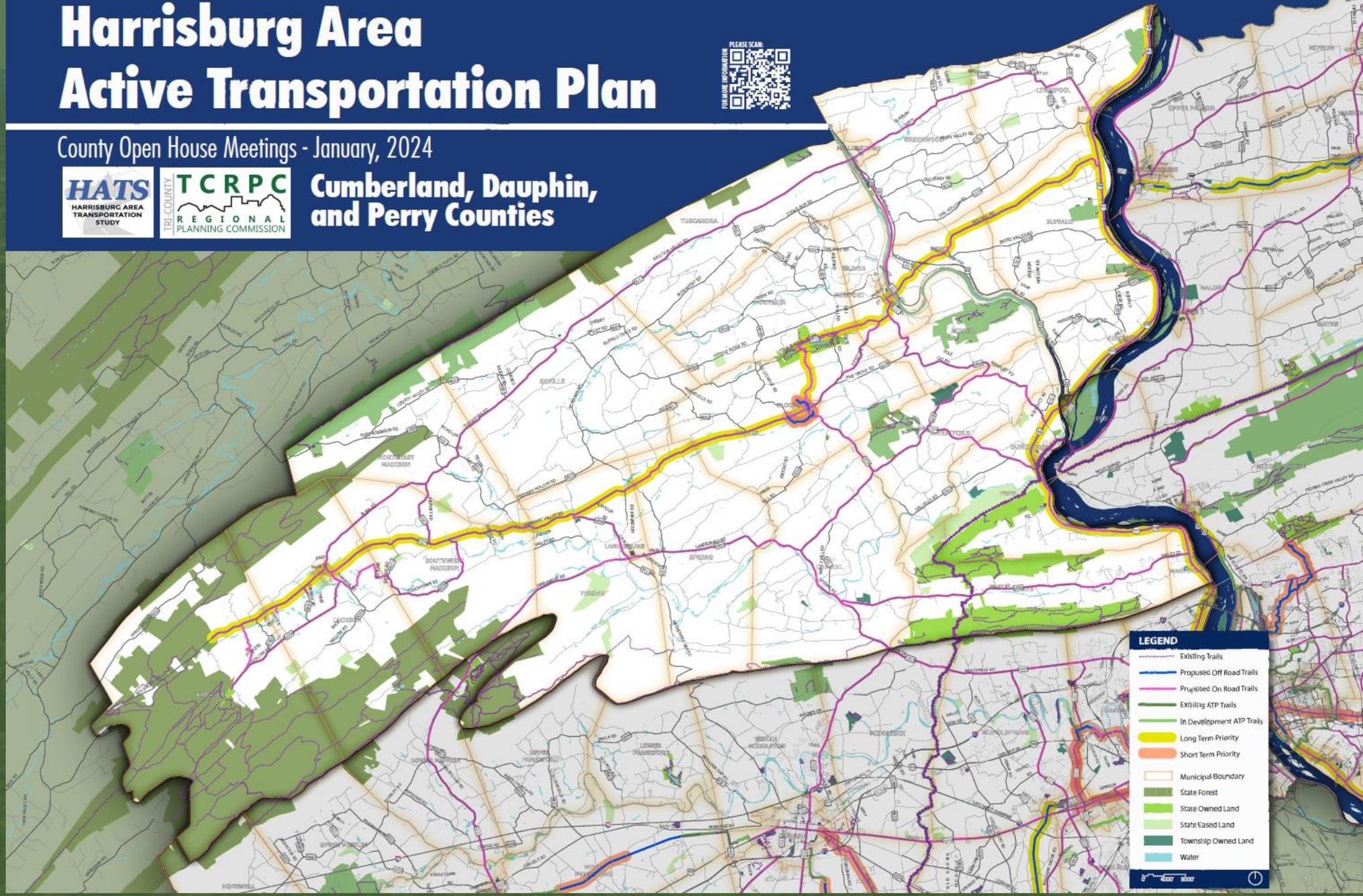
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LEGEND

- Existing Trails
- Proposed Off Road Trails
- Proposed On Road Trails
- Existing ATP Trails
- In Development ATP Trails
- Long Term Priority
- Short Term Priority
- Municipal Boundary
- State Forest
- State Owned Land
- State Eased Land
- Township Owned Land
- Water

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Mission Statement & Action Items

Mission Statement



This Active Transportation¹ Plan will identify, and continually update, a network of existing and proposed cycling and pedestrian routes connecting places to live, work, shop, and recreate, while facilitating coordination, education, engagement, and funding among partners and stakeholders to promote a culture of Active Transportation in the Tri County Region.

¹Active transportation is any self-propelled human-powered mode of transportation, such as walking or bicycling.

Action Items



Short Term Priorities

Prioritize improvements that fill gaps or barriers in the established regional network (The Active Transportation Backbone) and/or are on designated regional or area bike routes and greenways (PA State Bike Route J, US Bike Route 11, 911 Trail), and others.

- Immediate focus of implementation, TIP programming, and project development.
- Documented need, municipal/stakeholder support, feasibility/planning study completed.
- Ongoing or potential candidate TIP project.
- Connecting to or expanding existing facility.



Long Term Priorities

Further study of non-motorized connections to be implemented over the long term for regional or area networks (Greenbelt expansion, CVRT, SMTG, and others).

- Important regional connection or state-identified bicycle route requiring significant coordination among municipal partners and regional stakeholders.
- No feasibility/planning study (or significant issues found in feasibility/planning study).



Cumberland County Priorities

- **Short Term Priorities**
 - Forge Road (South Middleton & Carlisle Borough)
 - Cumberland Valley Rail Trail
 - Conodoguinet Greenway
 - Gettysburg Road/Hummel Ave/Bike Route J
 - LeTort Trail
- **Long Term Priorities**
 - South Mountain Trolley Greenway
 - Carlisle to Mechanicsburg Connection



Dauphin County Priorities

- **Short Term Priorities**

- CAT Bridge
- Greenbelt - Front Street / Riverfront Gap
- Derry Street / Main St. / Walton Avenue Corridor
- Middletown Road (connecting Middletown & Hummelstown)
- Paxton Creek Trail / Black Run Trail
- Paxton Creek Greenway

- **Long Term Priorities**

- Lykens Valley Rail Trail
- Dauphin Narrows/ Norfolk Southern RR overpass
- River Road (Middletown to Northeast Lancaster County River Trail)
- Swatara Creek Greenway
- Route 230 Harrisburg to Middletown



Perry County Priorities

- **Short Term Priorities**
 - Bloomfield Borough Hiking/Biking Trails
 - PCEDA Downtown Plans
- **Long Term Priorities**
 - Route 274 Corridor
 - Little Buffalo State Park Connections
 - PA Bike Route J
 - Route 34 Corridor

Action Items

Incorporate bicycle-friendly measures and pedestrian connections in evolving land development and transportation projects (subdivision and developments, local road improvements, state highway maintenance).

- Collaborate with PennDOT District 8-0 and municipalities to pinpoint cost-effective enhancements for non-motorized transportation.
- Identify opportunities in roadway resurfacing projects (local or state), shoulder widening, travel lane reductions, and other proven traffic calming measures.
- Advocate for municipal ordinances mandating sidewalk facilities and wider cartway shoulders as alternatives to subjective SALDO waivers. If deferments are unavoidable, mandate escrow funding to ensure the construction of Active Transportation facilities later.
- Prioritize bike/ped access to parks and schools through municipal ordinances, Official Map inclusion, and grant pursuit for planning and implementation.
- Utilize PennDOT and local police crash data to inform Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Action Plans.

Action Items

Build municipal awareness and capacity for non-motorized transportation.

- Encourage adoption of active transportation policies and plans (Complete Streets, Vision Zero, local/corridor-specific bike/ped plans, transit-oriented design).
- Promote adding proposed Active Transportation facilities to the Official Map.
- Convene annual roundtables with State Agencies, MPOs, County Planning Agencies, municipalities, and other stakeholders to discuss and coordinate Active Transportation efforts.
- Provide educational outreach to municipalities on creating Active Transportation plans and accessing federal/state funding.
- Enhance grant-writing and management capacity through collaborative multi-municipal efforts.
- Offer Active Transportation mapping and data resources for regional and local planning.
- Highlight economic benefits from "Return on Environment" studies in promoting Bike/Ped transportation opportunities.

Action Items

Actively engage under-represented groups in Active Transportation Planning & Identify rural corridors for widened shoulders accommodating both horse and buggy routes and bike/ped needs.

- Ensure equitable distribution of Active Transportation infrastructure.
- Prioritize safe routes to schools and parks for children.
- Promote healthy living for older citizens through Active Transportation.
- Focus on prioritizing routes in urban neighborhoods.
- Support education and policy changes for a walking and biking culture.
- Incorporate Active Transportation goals in zoning and SALDO ordinances.
- Integrate eco/agro-tourism and economic development into bike and pedestrian planning.
- Engage local businesses, hospitality networks, and tourism agencies as stakeholders



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Next Steps

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- **Review ATP Draft Recommendations**
- **Provide Feedback & Comment to the ATP Team**
- **Revisions to create the “final” ATP**
- **Presentation to HATS in April**
- **Periodic Updates to the ATP**



Thank You! Contact Us Anytime

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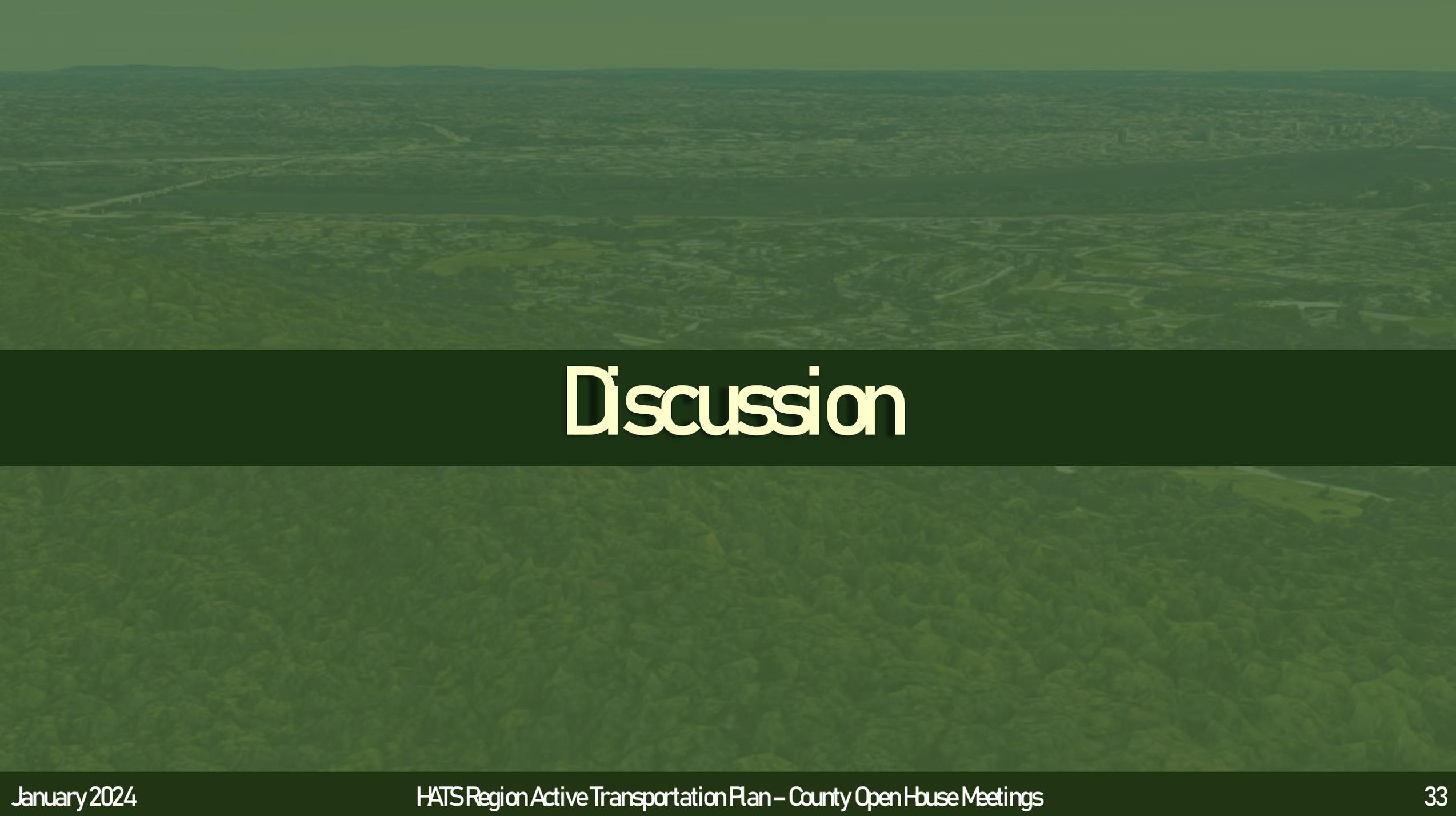
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