

If you could instantaneously make one change (big or small) to the transportation system in HATS region without concern for cost or other potential obstacles, what would it be?

Complete Answers.

COMMENT #1

Better tailor our roadways to match the demands of all modes and incorporate traffic calming where possible. We have many facilities that are oversized (too many vehicle lanes, wider than necessary lanes, etc. , leading to high speeds and unsafe driving practices.

COMMENT #2

A bridge is needed in northern Dauphin County across the Susquehanna River. It should be located south of Millersburg in Upper Paxton Township and follow the current utility line. There is a drastic need for better connectivity in this part of the region, for safety, emergency response, commerce and economic development.

COMMENT #3

make website user-friendly.

COMMENT #4

Widen I-81 to 3 lanes (or make similar improvements) through its length in Cumberland County.

COMMENT #5

Some sort of regional trolley/rail or tracked transportation to link up all the little towns surrounding Harrisburg. Also replace the company managing Harrisburg Parking System, they are terrible and not even from PA.

COMMENT #6

An extensive and comprehensive light-rail and commuter rail network

COMMENT #7

More transit and transit information available to elderly who may not have computer access - I have an elderly (80s) neighbor who still drives and regularly gets into car accidents (I find out after the fact) - she has no cellphone or internet access and I can see transit is increasing, but I know my neighbor isn't the only one in this situation. Flyers with schedules and phone numbers to call at the local supermarket (Weis) or the library could be helpful for elderly, especially if there are direct routes to grocery stores.

COMMENT #8

Big change (and I know on the state level not something HATS can undertake independently) make those who use the roads more responsible for paying for their upkeep - ie tolls or higher gas tax. strong believer in user taxes. Small change - develop an integrated traffic signal system throughout the region. Also need funding for local municipalities to maintain and support them.

COMMENT #9

Add a light rail system linking Carlisle, Harrisburg and Hershey and the communities along that route. This could've already been up and running, but Cumberland County is full of NIMBYs and short-sighted commissioners.

COMMENT #10

Cumberland, Perry & Dauphin counties need train/transit systems that feed into Harrisburg as the hub!

COMMENT #11

Increase the availability and convenience of public transportation to communities around Harrisburg and other cities. Connected bike routes, and safe routes to schools to encourage non-motorized student transportation to schools.

COMMENT #12

Improving our transit system to make it more accessible and timely so more folks could utilize it as a resource. Though beyond our HATS region, improvements to regional rail from HBG to PGH and to DC/BAL would be optimal.

COMMENT #13

Improving walkability around and near big roads. In some areas its impossible to walk across the road safely and in a timely manner. Walkable areas are necessary for a thriving community. There are restaurants and shops extremely close to me that I avoid visiting because of the lack of crosswalks.

COMMENT #14

consistent and timely maintenance of all roads

COMMENT #15

Regional Light rail system

COMMENT #16

Add a light rail from the west shore through Harrisburg to Hershey. Replace the ever growing number of all-way stops with traffic circles.

COMMENT #17

Improve infrastructure for micro mobility transportation and pedestrians.

COMMENT #18

Make the cost of car registration based on miles driven and weight of vehicle billed quarterly if possible (automatic is best).

COMMENT #19

bus or rail service everywhere

COMMENT #20

Preserve and protect natural areas to live together with nature.

COMMENT #21

Effective public transportation that charged you the rate it cost to operate.

COMMENT #22

Increase public transit options between Harrisburg and Shippensburg/Chambersburg.

COMMENT #23

TRANSIT! RELIABLE, FREQUENT, ACCESSIBLE AND FREE!

This will help with the congestion on 81 too by siphoning commuters to transit if it was as easy and accessible as driving.

COMMENT #24

Increase frequency for all bus routes to every 15 minutes

COMMENT #25

Make sure all roads are safe for bikes and pedestrians

COMMENT #26

widen 81 in the Carlisle area between Exit 44 and Exit 52 to three lanes in each direction

COMMENT #27

To reduce congestion and improve air quality by making it safe for people to make greater use of active transportation and transit.

COMMENT #28

I would want to be able to get anywhere in the region reliably and efficiently without a car. Rail between cities, busses within cities, walkable/bike-able cities built for people, not moving and storing cars. I live in Hershey and I'd love to be able to have my kids ride their bike around town without a worry that they're going to get killed by a car. As a means to achieve this I would like to see minimum parking mandates eliminated or flipped to become maximum parking mandates, considerable traffic calming measures installed on arterial roads through populated areas, and money spend on infrastructure improvement to prioritize making walking, cycling, and public transit safer and a more convenient option than driving/parking a car.

COMMENT #29

Bring back the trolleys and light rail including a penn stater for games that stops at the stadium and has tailgate trains

COMMENT #30

To have the ability to get wherever I want, whenever I want, however I want (safely).

COMMENT #31

Address failing infrastructure (i.e. - roadway base and surfaces, re-signaling failing intersections, restructuring bridges/overpasses).

COMMENT #32

Keep distribution centers near major highways. Prohibit them from being constructed miles off the major arteries.

COMMENT #33

increase the capacity of rail to take more of the freight off the roads and have rail companies be more participatory in the planning process and open to sharing the lines.

COMMENT #34

Ensuring that traffic signals are timed appropriately to move traffic, rather than stopping at every intersection and creating long delays and angry drivers.

COMMENT #35

Separate trucks from cars. Let the trucking industry build their own Highway.

COMMENT #36

Less congestion from trucking and rail.

COMMENT #37

Offering public transportation routes for visitors, residence and workers to commute easily between Harrisburg and Hershey.

COMMENT #38

Expand Interstate 81 to 3 or more lanes from Maryland border to 78/81 split

COMMENT #39

Trail/sidewalk connectivity - prioritizing pedestrian safety within communities which immediately has down stream benefits to congestion and conflicts.

COMMENT #40

Improve safety in the area...

COMMENT #41

Create a functional, 7 day/week bus system connecting current communities (such as airport to Middletown to Hershey)

COMMENT #42

Better highways in rural area

COMMENT #43

Email any changes of the routes and email an information page about delays and traffic changes.

COMMENT #44

Eliminate congestion at 283 interchange (near turnpike)

COMMENT #45

better access to public transportation for further reaching communities

COMMENT #46

Jitney bus service in Carlisle

COMMENT #47

minimize construction zones

COMMENT #48

Better quality of the roads and highway in the region.

COMMENT #49

More connectivity to the surrounding areas

COMMENT #50

Increase transportation options for people with disabilities in off (non-traditional, beyond standard business) hours albeit with additional costs and revenue streams which cross county lines beyond 10am-2pm

COMMENT #51

Increase walkable and bikeable areas

COMMENT #52

Safety is a priority

COMMENT #53

Dedicated bike lanes that do NOT cross over/through existing automobile traffic. Example: The Greenway should be a contiguous bike path, with pedestrian/bike bridges above or below any and all traffic intersections.

COMMENT #54

Interstate 81 needs widened to 3 lanes.

COMMENT #55

Develop commuter/passenger rail service between Carlisle and Harrisburg (at least), a co-strategy suggested by the ca.2005 PennDOT I-81 widening study as an impactful alternative to road widening to alleviate congestion, as road widening would only create induced demand. Help free us from our auto-dependency and destructive carbon footprints!

COMMENT #56

Light rail regional system

COMMENT #57

Make I-81 Three Lanes from Newville to Mechanicsburg

COMMENT #58

Rail service connecting regional population centers to Harrisburg, Hershey and points of interest like tourist destinations and the airport.

COMMENT #59

Make the City of Harrisburg bus system easier to use and more frequent buses.

COMMENT #60

Establishment of a rail system that connects Dauphin, Cumberland and maybe Franklin counties. This would alleviate a lot of car traffic in and out of the Harrisburg area.

COMMENT #61

making Hersheypark Drive the 322 through route with "complete streets" and making Chocolate Avenue a "business" route. Should include pedestrian overpass in the area of Hersheypark Drive.

COMMENT #62

Eliminate the narrowing of the Lemoyne roadway with extended bike paths under the railroad bridges.

COMMENT #63

Reduce speed and increase enforcement

COMMENT #64

Safer streets in midtown and uptown Harrisburg.

COMMENT #65

Widespread protected bike lanes so you could easily go between all cities and towns by bike.

COMMENT #66

#1 More lanes on I-81 South of Carlisle.

#2 Pedestrian overpasses and/or tunnels to connect communities divided by interstates and railroads.

#3 Bike lanes and sidewalks in Harrisburg and surrounding communities.

COMMENT #67

Increase capacity along I-81 throughout the entire area. Increase acceleration lanes for on ramps on I-81.

COMMENT #68

Increase number of lanes on I-81

COMMENT #69

Provide greater accessibility to crossing the Susquehanna River. Current 81/83 bridges tend to have regular accidents and backups

COMMENT #70

Provide additional capacity on interstate and arterial roadways to reduce congestion and improve safety.

COMMENT #71

I 81 should be 3 lanes each way between I-76 and I-78

COMMENT #72

Increasing capacity of the Transportation system. Our region is one of the fastest growing in the state based on population. More and more housing are being developed along with continued expansion of distribution centers which increases the heavy truck traffic in our area. Our roads and bridges need to be updated and upgraded to keep up with the continued growth in our region.

COMMENT #73

Separate Interstate System (I-81 & I-83) entirely from Rt 581 and the rest of our local transportation network.

COMMENT #74

Reduce congestion on I-83

COMMENT #75

Rebuild the failed spans of walnut street bridge west spans. The failed bridge is an eyesore and reflects poorly on the region.

Widen I-81, too many trucks.

COMMENT #76

Decrease congestion

COMMENT #77

widen the south bridge immediately

COMMENT #78

could commuter/passenger train service from Harrisburg to Newport be a possibility?

COMMENT #79

Active transportation facilities

COMMENT #80

Improve public transportation options to reduce the number of single occupant vehicles on the roads.

COMMENT #81

Reduce the number of potholes and uneven surfaces that damage cars.

COMMENT #82

Maintain existing transportation system to the maximum level as possible.

COMMENT #83

A public transit system with a mix of modes (light rail, subway, bus, tram, etc.) with high frequency (every 7 minutes or less) that runs at least 18 hours a day 7 days a week. A system that could truly replace car ownership.

COMMENT #84

Dependable, fast and efficient public transportation between Carlisle and Harrisburg both for office workers travelling to downtown Harrisburg for work and shift workers travelling to Carlisle area warehouses for work. The daily bus from Carlisle to Harrisburg should NOT take an hour, and there need to be more frequent and convenient options to help shift workers get to area warehouses.

The availability of affordable housing in Cumberland County has hit a crisis point, and many low income workers are being priced out of the market and forced to move to Dauphin, Adams or Perry county in order to find housing that they can afford. If they do not have a car, they therefore are no longer able to maintain employment at Carlisle warehouses.

COMMENT #85

Create a transportation system that actually makes sense. Years ago, when I tried to use the bus system to get from uptown Harrisburg to just across the river to the east side of Camp Hill, it was going to take me 1.5 hours to take the bus, transfer to a different bus and go across the river. And heaven forbid one of my connecting busses was delayed, then my trip would take twice as long. To drive the same distance took me 15 minutes. I didn't mind taking my commute from 15 to 30 minutes if it meant helping the environment, but an hour and a half for a 15 minute drive? That didn't make any sense. Also, trying to figure out the bus routes, costs and guidelines for simply crossing from one county to another was mind boggling. It didn't make any sense. I've traveled in other cities that make it very simple. They had apps and systems on the computer where you could plug in where you started and where you wanted to go and it told you which routes to take along with time tables. It was VERY user friendly. I feel if we made the systems more user friendly for new users, and make the transit systems makes sense to use them, you would get more people to use the mass transit systems out there.

COMMENT #86

Require site (both commercial and residential) developers to make road improvements to account for increased traffic due to their project.

COMMENT #87

Better planning for the I-81 Corridor from Maryland to I-78. The warehouse boom is not consistent with the I-81 transportation system, land use resulting in many heavy truck traffic, congestion, and traffic accidents

COMMENT #88

Add another bridge crossing of the Susquehanna River

COMMENT #89

Improve abandoned RR bridge, just south of Market Street Bridge in Harrisburg, PA to provide a Pedestrian/Bicycle connection from Riverfront Park (Harrisburg) to City Island (South End) and Market Street (Wormleysburg).

COMMENT #90

Maintain the condition of the current roads and bridges.

COMMENT #91

Make communities safer and less at the mercy of railroads and highways.

COMMENT #92

Expand into rural areas

COMMENT #93

Improving the intersection of 283 and 83

COMMENT #94

Increase the area of consideration.

COMMENT #95

Additional bus routes that connect townships with schedules being easily accessible. I lived in cities in the past that had bus schedules in places like grocery stores, libraries and government buildings. The younger generations use phone apps but having that written schedule to learn to use public transport can be such help. Schools could also have this available to older kids entering the workforce.

COMMENT #96

Free transit ridership

COMMENT #97

Sidewalks for pedestrians. Close second would be beatification to roadways to promote stormwater management & pollinators.

COMMENT #98

better public transportation - accessible to everyone, not just those who live near a bus stop (or potentially train line)

COMMENT #99

no more building of warehouses or developments in the tricounty area

COMMENT #100

Improve roadways to make them safe for ALL users, not just motor vehicles.

COMMENT #101

Drastically increase the amount of bike/ped infrastructure within Harrisburg and connecting Harrisburg to the surrounding populations.

COMMENT #102

Wider shoulders for roads to make cycling safer

COMMENT #103

Reducing carbon emissions.

COMMENT #104

Provide a network of bicycle lanes

COMMENT #105

Congestion management, pavement, and safety improvements on I-81. The section on NB in Carlisle is extremely uncomfortable to drive with the concrete issues and bumpiness. 81 throughout Cumberland County is

congested and the on/off ramps are extremely short/unsafe. With the increased truck traffic the past few years, this has become an uncomfortable and stressful drive.

COMMENT #106

improve current infrastructure - including bridges as well as surfaces on existing roads (fix what we have already)

COMMENT #107

Need more pedestrian and bike mobility options; this area relies too much on vehicles, let's walk or bike to our parks and be able to walk areas that we shop.

COMMENT #108

Put people at the center of the solution instead of the car

COMMENT #109

Passenger rail to the greater metropolitan area. We already have rail running through most cities in the region.

If I could take a cheap train into Harrisburg, have a couple of drinks, and take it back home, I'd do it every weekend. I don't do that currently because I have to drive, find parking, and stay sober enough to drive home.

COMMENT #110

Eliminate tractor trailer traffic on our smaller roads (2 lane and local) and stop additional warehouse development.

COMMENT #111

Prevent crossover accidents

COMMENT #112

More routes & buses in rural areas... not every one in PA has a car!!

COMMENT #113

Provide a public transportation option similar to the DC "Metro" connecting Harrisburg, Lancaster, and Philadelphia.

COMMENT #114

Keep from trucks taking over our roads

COMMENT #115

Improve interstate highway interchanges.

COMMENT #116

Widen and improve I-81 corridor

COMMENT #117

Train service from Carlisle to HIA.

COMMENT #118

Vastly increase the use of railroads and vastly decrease the use of trucks to move freight in and through the region.

COMMENT #119

The safety of bus stops along busy roads.

COMMENT #120

Have more left turn lights

COMMENT #121

More bike lanes

COMMENT #122

More bus routes connecting towns within the region which include less populated areas such as townships.

COMMENT #123

Reducing congestion in high traffic systems.

COMMENT #124

STOP USING HAWBAKER - they're immoral and do poor work! Communicate to oordinate utility work and municipal/utility projects so that alternate routes are not all torn up/closed/detoured at the same time.

COMMENT #125

Fix potholes & rough poorly graded roads

COMMENT #126

Take train out of residential areas

COMMENT #127

Limit interstate tractor trailer traffic to 8pm to 6am

COMMENT #128

Less congestion on highways

COMMENT #129

The main corridors Rt 22, Union Deposit, Linglestown Rd, Derry Street should be opened up for increased traffic flow

COMMENT #130

Light rail

COMMENT #131

Ease the congestion of the major interstates of the area, especially 81 and 83.

COMMENT #132

Add a third lane in both directions on I-81 from Maryland through Harrisburg

COMMENT #133

Roadway lighting installed during LED streetlight conversion programs would adhere to the Illuminating Engineering Society's Five Principles of Responsible Outdoor Lighting. Particularly, by

1. Using warmer color lights where possible to limit the amount of shorter wavelength (blue-violet) light to the least amount needed. In residential districts, use LEDs having a color temperature of no more than 2700K, and lower if possible, and no more than 3000K in other districts.
2. Minimizing glare and light trespass from street lights by using house-side shields to keep direct illumination off of the windows and doors of residential uses.

3. Roadway luminaires would have a BUG Rating of B1-U0-G1, and if possible, a B0 rating. While it's not possible to eliminate glare, it should be minimized to avoid harm to the quality of life in the community being illuminated.

COMMENT #134

Have (tractor trailer) trucks use their own segregated lane on Interstates

COMMENT #135

Enhancing bike/ped connectivity within the region.

COMMENT #136

Turn more car lanes into bike lanes

COMMENT #137

A rail transit system using existing freight rail right of ways. I would run a York-Harrisburg line along the Susquehanna, a Carlisle-Mechanicsburg-Harrisburg line, and a Hershey-Harrisburg line. Rail transit investment should be the number one focus of this commission.

COMMENT #138

Running public transit on Sundays.

COMMENT #139

All the bus routes become rail lines. **Poof!**

COMMENT #140

More frequent bus service

COMMENT #141

Build more protected bike lanes.

COMMENT #142

Improving the public transit system to best accommodate the needs of those who utilize the service.

COMMENT #143

Plant native trees and flowers along routes

COMMENT #144

Multi use trail from Hummelstown to downtown Harrisburg

COMMENT #145

High speed rail for the East coast corridor

COMMENT #146

Increased public transportation.

COMMENT #147

Public transit that makes sense - more busses, more spots, high speed rail connecting to major cities (Philly, NYC, Washington DC)

COMMENT #148

Better active transportation infrastructure: sidewalks, protected bike lanes, raised crosswalks at every intersection, lower speed limits and no right turn on red for cars anywhere near cities.

COMMENT #149

Make sure all users are paying their fair share towards systems they utilize

COMMENT #150

Additional bike paths and safer bike routes.

COMMENT #151

Make public transportation available to all residents (rural, suburban, urban) without limitations to time, mode of transportation, or cost.

COMMENT #152

Widen I-81 to 3 lanes from Carlisle to Wertzville Road and PA 581 to 3 lanes from I-81 to I-83. This would solve both congestion and safety issues.

COMMENT #153

Get a light rail line to downtown Harrisburg so that we don't have to take the congested highways in.

COMMENT #154

Offer regular, fast, electrified, and reliable Public Transit between boroughs in Cumberland County and Harrisburg. That would run on nights and weekends.

COMMENT #155

Upgrade all traffic signals to the latest technology to move vehicles as efficiently as possible as possible.

COMMENT #156

Light rail system, or trolley line, similar to what was in the area in the past. As having a system to transit in the area would be great for commuting. Along with building/ revitalizing areas by placing a platform.

COMMENT #157

Silver Spring Twp CV High school main entrance with Carlisle Pike adaptive or traffic responsive controller of signal phasing for school and special events traffic.

COMMENT #158

Make mass transit a viable option for workers, especially relating to time needed to travel between home & work without spending half a day on the system.