

**H A T S**  
**Technical Committee Meeting**  
Meeting #326  
February 9, 2024  
9:00 AM

**1. Welcome and Introductions**

The February 9, 2024 HATS Technical Committee meeting began at 9:00 AM. Mr. Deck welcomed everyone to the meeting and stated the attendance list would be taken from the online registrations. He informed participants the meeting was being recorded and asked anyone making motions or objecting to motions to state their name before doing so.

**2. Reorganization**

**a. Officer Nominations**

Mr. Deck reminded everyone of the current slate of Technical Committee officers - Mr. Deck as Chair, Ms. Myers Krug as Vice Chair, and Mr. Bomberger as Secretary - and asked for nominations for officers for 2024.

Mr. Stoner made the motion to keep the current slate of officers for 2024. Mr. Green seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

**3. Meeting Minutes**

**a. Technical Committee – December 1, 2024**

Ms. Zejcirovic moved to approve the December Technical Committee meeting minutes. Mr. Green seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

**b. Coordinating Committee – December 15, 2024**

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

**4. TIP Modifications (FFY 2023-2026)**

**a. Administrative Actions**

Mr. Puher provided the following overview of the administrative modifications made to the FFY 2023-2026 Highway/Bridge TIP since the December HATS meetings:

- 27 total actions
  - 20 increased and decreased funding

- 1 cash-flowed funds
- 1 changing funding source
- 1 phase removal
- 4 adding phases

Highlights of the administrative modifications included the following:

- Hempt Road Bridge (MPMS 102271)
  - Increasing the construction phase of Hempt Road Bridge by \$588,838 to match the most recent estimate.
  - This project consists of a bridge rehabilitation on T-551 (Hempt Road) over Hogestown Run in Silver Spring Township, Cumberland County.
  - The current estimated let date is January 25, 2024.
- Horse Valley Road over Horse Valley Run (MPMS 117252)
  - Removing the construction phase of Horse Val Rd over Horse Val Run this project is going to be done by County Maintenance Forces.
  - This project may consist of a bridge rehabilitation/replacement on Horse Valley Road over Horse Valley Run in Toboyne Township, Perry County.
  - The current estimated let year is 2026.
- Big Spring Road Resurface (MPMS 105346)
  - Increasing the construction phase of Big Spring Road Resurface for \$825,000 to match the most recent estimate.
  - This project consists of resurfacing, drainage, and guiderail updates on PA-274 from Franklin County line to Shearer Dug Trail in Toboyne Township, Perry County.
  - The current estimated let date is scheduled on March 14, 2024.
- Clarks Ferry Interim Repairs (MPMS 119484)
  - Increasing the CON phase of Clarks Ferry Interim Repairs in FFY 2024 for \$800,000 to jacket two additional piers based on inspection reports.
  - This project consists of an early action bridge preservation on the Clarks Ferry bridge Susquehanna River in Reed Township, in Dauphin County.
  - This project consists of a bridge preservation (Clarks Ferry Bridge) on US Route 22 over the Susquehanna River in Reed Township, Dauphin County.
  - This project was let on Sept. 14, 2023.

**b. Amendments**

Ms. Zejcirovic proposed 1 new amendment to the FFY 2023-2026 Highway/Bridge TIP:

- Maclay Street Bridge (MPMS 74521)
  - Increasing the right-of-way phase of Maclay Street Bridge in FFY 2024 by \$4,321,850 to match the most recent estimate.
  - This project consist of a bridge replacement on Maclay Street (State Route 3022) over Norfolk Southern Railroad in the City of Harrisburg, Dauphin County.
  - The current estimated let date is June 5, 2025.
  - As project progressed and the right of way plan was developed and refined, it included property acquisition from the gas station facility at the corner of Maclay and 7<sup>th</sup> Street and land rights needed from Norfolk Southern.
  - It became apparent that the \$750,000 estimate was insufficient.
  - The estimated value of the properties needed total a little over \$3.6 million and the remaining estimates are for relocation and moving expenses, appraisals, etc.
  - This is funded by the Highway Reserve Line Item.

Mr. Stoner moved to recommend approval of the Highway/Bridge amendment.  
Mr. Green seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Mr. Green presented an amendment to the SRTA 2023-2026 Transit TIP:

- SRTA Operations Maintenance
  - Funda added to the program totaling \$144,593,512 for the construction of an Operations/Maintenance/Admin facility to support transit in Dauphin, Cumberland, and the City of Harrisburg.
  - The new facility on Cameron Street will be approximately 225,000 square feet.
  - It will allow SRTA to convert to CNG fuel as well.
  - SRTA is plying for a RAISE grant, and the requested amount must be programmed on the 2023-2026 SRTA TIP.

Mr. Farr gave some background on the above project stating it was originally programmed with all local funds based on old estimates. These new numbers are based on a more recent 60% design soon to be completed. He stated that they are pursuing the RAISE Grant as well as a Bus & Bus Facilities Grant from the FTA which both require the project to be programmed on the transit TIP.

Mr. Green asked if SRTA has received any letters of support from HATS or PennDOT.

Mr. Farr stated that they have not received a letter from HATS but used the opportunity to do so. He also stated that PennDOT/Commonwealth of PA will be a joint applicant for the grants. They have received approximately 30 letters of support thus far but welcome more.

Mr. Bomberger asked about and Mr. Green clarified that these funds being programmed on the transit TIP do not affect the Highway/Bridge TIP.

Mr. Owen moved to recommend approval of the Transit amendment. Ms. Zejcirovic seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

## **5. Program and Plan Updates**

### **a. Bike-Ped Update**

Mr. Bomberger discussed the ongoing Regional Active Transportation Plan, stating open house public meetings were held in January in each county to present draft recommendations and solicit public input. Virtual municipal and stakeholder meetings were also held with great attendance overall for all meetings and outreach. The final plan will be web based with a series of web pages and a StoryMap.

Mr. Bomberger shared the SusqueCycle annual report, stating that there were over 2,000 rides for the first full year of the program. Outreach is currently being conducted to potential sponsors. The bikes are currently in hibernation during the winter months and returning in April. Staff is working with Tandem Mobility to facilitate the replacement of the fleet with new bikes that enable tracking, which will assist in data collection as well as improve security.

### **b. Operations and Safety**

Mr. Deck stated that progress is being made toward initiating the regional Congestion Management Process. The third SS4A Steering Committee meeting was held in January with the focus of finishing up crash data analysis and beginning to look at potential countermeasures. FHWA has reached out to encourage HATS to apply for demonstration grants due to underutilization of program funding. HATS staff has been working on ideas for demonstration projects and encourages other ideas.

Mr. Reigner shared additional information on demonstration grants and projects and how that differs from implementation style projects and funding. There is a public meeting scheduled for February 28<sup>th</sup> at the Swatara Township Building from 4pm – 8pm to share the progress of the plan and solicit public input.

**c. Performance Measure Target Setting**

Mr. Bomberger discussed the process of performance measure target setting, stating that not much has changed in the past year and that the same two options of HATS adopting its own performance measure targets or agreeing to PennDOT's statewide performance measure targets. The ongoing safety plan should give a better understanding of targets for the HATS region once it is completed.

Mr. Deck summarized that at this time, HATS staff recommends continuing to agree with the state's set target for 2024 and reevaluate next year after the adoption of the safety plan and potential changes to the frequency of target setting by the federal government.

Mr. Green stated the PM1 safety target will be integrated into the HATS TIP and RTP.

Mr. Stoner made the motion to recommend acceptance of the PennDOT statewide PM-1 targets. Mr. Green seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

**d. FFY 2025-2028 TIP Development**

Mr. Bomberger shared the TIP summary and stated that there was no substantial feedback from the committee on the TIP documents. They were then submitted to PennDOT Central Office for review. Looking for action to move the draft 2025 – 2028 TIP onto Air Quality Conformity Analysis. All projects on the 25-28 TIP are carryover from the 23-26 TIP with the exception of 2 significant highway improvement projects on US 11/15 and US 22/322. Should be back from Air Quality Conformity by the April HATS meetings, at which time action will be taken to send for public comment in May. Then again at the June HATS meetings for official adoption of the TIP.

Mr. Owen made the motion to recommend sending the draft FFY 2025-2028 TIP onto Air Quality Conformity. Ms. Zejcirovic seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

**e. FY 2024-2025 UPWP**

Mr. Bomberger stated that the draft FY 2024-2025 UPWP was provided to the committee, FTA, and FHWA for comment in December. No comments were received from the committee, but FTA and FHWA comments have been incorporated into the draft. Asking for action to recommend adoption of the proposed final draft of the FY 2024-2025 UPWP as shown. Also note that this

UPWP is only covering a one-year timeframe to separate it from the TIP cycle. Future years will revert back to the two-year cycle.

Mr. Green made the motion to recommend adoption of the FY 2024-2025 UPWP. Mr. Stoner seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

**f. Funded Studies**

Mr. Bomberger discussed the 5 studies awarded through the previous round of the RTP Implementation Grant Program, stating the Millerstown Bike/Ped Feasibility Study is progressing, the Susquehanna Township Active Transportation plan is complete or nearly complete, and the Camp Hill Pedestrian Feasibility, Hummelstown Borough Active Transportation Plan, and Carlisle Pike Pedestrian Accommodation studies are all underway. HATS staff will be meeting with business leaders from the Market Street corridor in Harrisburg to discuss the completed Downtown Circulation Study to gather their input.

**6. Project Development Process**

**a. Project Pipeline**

Mr. Bomberger stated that there are no major updates regarding the Project Pipeline. HATS staff are in the process of starting the 2050 RTP update which is scheduled to be adopted by September 2025.

Mr. Stoner stated that they are working to identify the top 100 local roadway projects which could be incorporated into the project pipeline/RTP update.

**b. Projects in Development**

Mr. Deck stated that HATS staff have started to meet with PennDOT prior to the Technical Committee meetings to discuss agenda items and projects updates to share with the committee. He encouraged committee members to reach out if there are any specific projects they want covered.

Mr. Puher gave an update for several projects, including the following:

- Lemoyne Bottle Neck (MPMS 114202)
  - Norfolk Southern RR will be removing two of their RR bridge abutments from the western and central RR bridges (closest to Lemoyne) and adjacent to the westbound Market St lanes, shaving the embankment area, and adding a retaining wall.

- This goal of this is provide extra width to functionally improve upon each of the design alternatives and to improve sight distance.
  - 3 Alternatives were presented at a public meeting on January 29th in Lemoyne.
  - The public comment period is also open until February 29th on the PennDOT Website.
  - Alternative 2 was recommended by PennDOT which consisted of...
    - Three 11' lanes (2 WB and 1 NB),
    - Two 3' shoulders,
    - Two 8' shared use paths on each side of road and connecting into the Market Street Bridge proposed Utility Bridge.
    - Advancement of single alternative into more detailed engineering and environmental studies will occur after the comment period closes and comments are assessed.
    - The comment period remains open.
  - Coordination and refinements with the Market Street Bridge Team also continues.
  - Environmental Clearance is anticipated in the Summer of 2024.
  - Current Estimated let date is 11/6/2025.
  - Construction duration anticipated to be less than one year, Spring through Fall of 2026.
- I-83 South Bridge Project (MPMS 113754)
  - The project team is working through Preliminary Engineering and finalizing the comment responses for the FONSI in February.
  - The Public Website FAQ has been updated based on comments from FHWA.
  - We are also coordinating with Amtrak since they have catenary lines on the viaduct side.
- I-81 Auxiliary Lanes from Exits 47 to 48 (MPMS 117799)
  - District met with S. Middleton Township to discuss area
  - Progressing traffic models
  - Developing interchange concepts based on traffic model results
  - Design team is working on scheduling listening sessions with Carlisle Borough and S. Middleton to gather feedback/data/concerns for improvement
  - Online truck survey to be sent out soon.

- Center/21st Intersection (MPMS 114319)
  - Consultant has completed an alternatives analysis and will be presenting alternatives to the District on 02/11/24.
  - After an alternative is selected, will meet with municipality to discuss.
  - Look to start preliminary engineering by April.
  
- Market St (MPMS 93176)
  - The District and MPO staff are coordinating on a future meeting to discuss funding and MPO staff questions.
  - The District is working through environmental 6F process

## 7. Status Report

### **PennDOT**

Mr. Green gave an update TSMO funding round stating PennDOT Central Office released \$48 million statewide for draft TIPs for TSMO related projects using Carbon Reduction Program funding. There is one approved project in the HATS MPO totaling \$82,416 plus local match.

### **FHWA**

Mr. Porochniak shared that RAISE Grant applications are due February 28<sup>th</sup> and the Bridge Investment Program Planning and Bridge Project Grant applications are due March 19<sup>th</sup>.

### **SRTA**

Ms. Nidam shared that their same day shared ride pilot program has been extended. The program has been a success thus far and the initial \$1 surcharge has now been removed. This program can also allow paratransit riders to get same day rides as capacity allows.

### **SRTP**

Mr. Boyer provided an update, sharing their 6-month program update and stating that they had their reorganizational meeting in January. This year is the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of SRTP and with that comes a rebranding from Commuter Services of PA to CommutePA. Background work is being done to get the regional CMP update moving along. Two entities from the Tri County region secured the national status of Best Workplaces for Commuters.



## **DCED**

Ms. Reznick shared that they have hired on more people to the DCED planning office and look forward to working with TCRPC more in the future.

## **Cumberland**

Mr. Stoner reported that they are working on a small bridge program for bridges 8 to 20 feet in length. About half the bridges have been inspected and issues are being found resulting in possible load postings and closures. He also S and PennDOT for the local bridge line item funding.

## **8. Other Business**

### **a. Annual Report**

Mr. Bomberger stated the annual report will be ready for review at the Coordinating Committee meeting and will be provided to the Technical Committee members for reference.

### **b. Annual Obligation Report**

Mr. Bomberger noted that the annual obligation report was posted up on the website at the beginning of the year.

### **c. RTP Implementation Grant Program**

Mr. Bomberger stated the RTP Implementations Grant is on the TIP. The program schedule will be delayed for this round due to waiting for the completion of the Active Transportation Plan and the Safety plan to better focus the program on needs identified in those plans.

### **d. HATS Membership Changes**

Mr. Bomberger reminded the groups participating in the HATS Technical Committee or Coordinating Committee to review their membership and send in any changes via writing.

### **e. Ross Willard – I-83 South Bridge**

Mr. Willard voiced concern about bicycle, pedestrian, and micro-mobility accommodations for ADA on the John Harris Memorial (South) Bridge and how PennDOT is handling transportation equity and non-motorized accommodations generally throughout the region.

## **9. Adjournment**

Ms. Zejcirovic moved to adjourn. Mr. Stoner seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:17 am.

Next meeting is scheduled for April 12, 2024.

## ATTENDANCE

### Harrisburg Area Transportation Study Technical Committee Meeting February 9, 2024

Name	Affiliation
<b>Technical Committee Officers</b>	
Steve Deck, AICP, Chairman	HATS Planning Staff
Diane Myers-Krug, AICP, Vice Chairman	HATS Planning Staff
Andrew Bomberger, AICP, Secretary	HATS Planning Staff
<b>Technical Committee Members</b>	
John Owen	Cumberland County
Kirk Stoner	Cumberland County
Douglas Brown	Dauphin County
Mike Hartley	Perry County
Geoffrey Knight	City of Harrisburg
Rich Farr	SRTA
Ray Green	PennDOT Central Office
Kenana Zejcirovic	PennDOT District 8-0
<b>Other Attendees</b>	
Ted Sheehe	PennDOT Central Office
Rich Reisinger	PennDOT District 8-0
Jeff Puher	PennDOT District 8-0
Rachel Reznick	PA DCED
Gene Porochniak	FHWA
Karen Dixon	HATS Planning Staff
Tanner Stroup	HATS Planning Staff
Ben Warner	HATS Planning Staff
Dan Robinson	Dauphin County
Morgan Wagner	PA Senate staff
Matthew Stoneroad	PA House staff
Joshua Reynolds	PA House staff
Andrew Dudziak	PA House staff
Beth Nidam	SRTA
Matt Boyer	SRTP
Ross Willard	Recycle Bicycle
Jeff Riegner	Kittelson & Associates, Inc.
Ryan Hostetter	HRG
Lauren Zumbrun	HRG
Sinha Namita	Pennoni
Adam Melewsky	Pennoni
William Peterson	Center for Community Building, Inc.
Brian Kimmett	RTC
Jeff Iseman	PA SILC
Cynthia Gibbs-Pratt	CILCP