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Coordinating Committee Meeting

Meeting #266

February 23, 2024

9:00 AM

1. Welcome and Introductions

The February 23, 2024 HATS Coordinating Committee meeting began at 9:00 AM. Mr. Haste 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.

1. Reorganization

Mr. Haste reminded everyone of the current slate of Coordinating Committee officers - Mr. Haste as Chair, Commissioner Watson as Vice Chair, and Commissioner Foschi as Secretary - and asked for nominations for officers for 2024.

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

1. Meeting Minutes
	1. Coordinating Committee – December 15, 2023

Commissioner Foschi moved to approve the December Coordinating Committee meeting minutes. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

* 1. Technical Committee – February 9, 2024

Mr. Haste noted the February Technical Committee minutes were included in the meeting packet for informational purposes.

1. TIP Modifications (FFY 2023-2026)
	1. 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.

* 1. 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 7th 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. Bugaile moved to approve the Highway/Bridge amendment. Commissioner Foschi seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

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

* SRTA Operations Maintenance
	+ Funds 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 applying for a RAISE grant, and the requested amount must be programmed on the 2023-2026 SRTA TIP.

Mr. Bugaile added that they have apply for a CNG facility and that the project will be located at their current facility and include neighboring property.

Mr. Haste asked about the timeframe of completion for the project.

Mr. Bugaile stated that the project will be completed in 2027.

Commissioner Hartwick noted that Dauphin County in conjunction with staff from Senator Fetterman and Senator Casey have offered a letter of support of the RAISE Grant for this project.

Commissioner Hartwick moved to approve the Transit TIP amendment. Commissioner Foschi seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

1. Program and Plan Updates
	1. 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.

* 1. 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. The next steering committee meeting will be held in early March and two public meetings coming up in Swatara Township and Carlisle.

Any questions or suggestions can be forwarded to sdeck@tcrpc-pa.org.

* 1. 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. 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

Commissioner Foschi made the motion to accept the PennDOT statewide PM-1 targets. Commissioner Hartwick seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

* 1. FFY 2025-2028 TIP Development

Mr. Bomberger shared the TIP summary documents. 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. Looking for action to move the draft 2025 – 2028 TIP onto Air Quality Conformity Analysis. 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.

Commissioner Watson made the motion to send the draft FFY 2025-2028 TIP onto Air Quality Conformity. Mr. Turner seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

* 1. 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. Comments from FTA and FHWA have been incorporated into the draft. Asking for action to adopt 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.

Commissioner Hartwick made the motion to adopt the FY 2024-2025 UPWP. Mr. Bugaile seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

* 1. 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. The scope of the study was slightly expanded due to left over funding to incorporate a analysis of converting Walnut Street to two-way traffic.

Mr. Deck noted that the study shows that there would not only be transit benefits, with the planned move of the transfer center, but overall benefits from the suggested changes.

1. Project Development Process
	1. 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. Green asked about a kickoff meeting date for the RTP update.

Mr. Bomberger stated that no date has been set yet but should be sometime in March.

* 1. Projects in Development

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

* I-81 Resurfacing, Exit 59 to Wade Bridge
	+ Contractor is scheduled to continue work, weather permitting, performing the necessary shoulder backup along the I-81 mainline and the exit 61, exit 65 interchange ramp shoulders, along with removal of existing guiderail and installation of new guiderail throughout the project.
	+ Installing of new signage along with new overhead signage, is currently being performed as weather permits. The projects ITS camera installations to the existing DMS sites have been completed and the required test periods for the cameras is ongoing.
	+ The remaining work on the project, which includes the full depth reconstruction of the roadway on, off approaches at the Conodoguinet Bridge, along with the installation of the Traffic Count Monitoring Sites (CAVC) loop sensors, will be performed in the Spring 2024. Tentative dates for the weekend lane restrictions are weekend of April 19-21st and April 26-28th.
* SR 34, Spring and Calvary Roads
	+ Project has been in winter shutdown since November 2023.
	+ The contractor anticipates resuming work operations beginning in mid-March, weather permitting.
* I-81 River Relief Bridge 2
	+ All structure painting is completed.
	+ Minor work remains on concrete sign structures foundations.
* US 322 & Chambers Hill Road
	+ Utility relocations are ongoing along with excavation and grading.
* Cameron Street Resurfacing
	+ Field staff is currently laying out concrete patching locations.
	+ JDE will not be starting work until the Spring of 2024.
	+ The project completion date is September 1, 2026.
* I-83 East Shore Section 3
	+ Clearing operations are complete except for the minor areas that will be cleared in future stages.
	+ Class 1 Excavation operations are continuing to progress adjacent to Cameron Street (Basin 1 & 2) and 29th Street (Basin 5). Rock blasting operations in the area of Cameron Street are ongoing in order to facilitate the excavation work.
	+ Excavation for a Jack and bore drainage pit has started in the area of Cameron Street just south of the I-83 bridge.
	+ Demolition work is progressing for the buildings along Paxton Street. Specifically, operations are ongoing at the 2550 and 2750 Paxton Street parcels.
	+ Aerial and underground utility relocations are progressing along Cameron Street. Aerial relocations along 29th Street are expected to begin in the coming weeks.
	+ The project completion date is October 12, 2027.
* Clarks Ferry Interim Repairs
	+ Removal of deteriorated concrete on piers is complete.
	+ Installation of falcon netting/screening is complete.
	+ Project is in shutdown for falcon nesting season. All work is scheduled to resume
	+ August 1, 2024.
* Laudermilch Road Project
	+ The prime contractor is Deblin, Inc., of Mechanicsburg, PA.
	+ The project cost is $10,673,551.13.
	+ NTP was issued April 19, 2023.
	+ Contractor implemented detour on November 7, 2023.
	+ All clearing operations are complete.
	+ Demolition activities are suspended pending approval of amendment to agreement with Norfolk Southern.
	+ The project completion date is July 7, 2025.
* SR 147 Market Street Bridge
	+ The prime contractor is Farhat Excavating, LLC, of Duncannon, PA.
	+ The project cost is $3,589,657.00.
	+ NTP was issued September 19, 2023.
	+ Clearing operations for utility relocations are complete.
	+ The project completion date is November 1, 2024.
* US 22/322 Resurfacing
	+ Contractor has completed tree trimming, tree removal operations, and are currently in winter shut down.
	+ Contractor has indicated, weather permitting, they intend to resume in mid-March with milling of the existing bituminous material down to existing concrete, perform the necessary concrete patching, begin bituminous paving operations for the remaining portion of the project, which is 22/322 Eastbound and Westbound from the Millerstown interchange to the Perry / Juniata County line.
1. Status Report

PennDOT

Mr. Mullins stated that there will be lane restrictions on the South Bridge. Work will begin Monday February 26th and continue for three weeks.

SRTA

Mr. Bugaile stated SRTA will be submitting a RAISE grant application with PennDOT and have already received over 30 letters of support. They will also be applying for a Low or Now Emissions and Bus and Bus Facilities Grants jointly with PennDOT.

Commissioner Hartwick emphasized the importance of a regional approach when applying for transportation funding.

SRTP

Mr. Boyer stated that SRTP had their reorganizational meeting in January and that 2024 marks 20 years of service. Commuter Services of PA has now rebranded as Commute PA. He stated that outreach continues and are looking forward to future promotions. SRTP is in the process of a region-wide Congestion Management Process update in cooperation with HATS and PennDOT and are awaiting an update from PennDOT regarding a TASA application.

PA SILC

Mr. Iseman noted the Representative John Joyce has supported transportation related initiatives in his district in the past and mentioned that the state budget has recently been released.

1. Other Business

Mr. Bomberger stated that the TCRPC/HATS Annual Report and the annual Obligation Report are complete and available on TCRPC’s website.

Mr. Bomberger noted that the RTP Implementation Grant Program will be delayed allowing time for completion of the Active Transportation Plan and Safe Streets for All Action Plan.

1. Adjournment

Commissioner Foschi moved to adjourn. Commissioner Hartwick seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:22 am.

Next meeting is scheduled for April 26, 2024.

ATTENDANCE

Harrisburg Area Transportation Study

Coordinating Committee Meeting

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| Name | Affiliation |
| Coordinating Committee Officers |
| Jeff Haste, Chairman | Dauphin County |
| Commissioner Brenda Watson, Vice Chairman | Perry County |
| Commissioner Jean Foschi, Secretary | Cumberland County |
| Coordinating Committee Members |
| Commissioner George Hartwick | Dauphin County |
| Jim Turner | Perry County |
| Jeff Bergsten | Cumberland County |
| Eric Bugaile | SRTA |
| Nate Walker | PennDOT Central Office |
| Rich Reisinger | PennDOT District 8-0 |
| Other Attendees |
| Steve Deck | HATS Planning Staff |
| Diane Myers-Krug | HATS Planning Staff |
| Andrew Bomberger | HATS Planning Staff |
| Tanner Stroup | HATS Planning Staff |
| Karen Dixon | HATS Planning Staff |
| Ben Warner | HATS Planning Staff |
| Ray Green | PennDOT Central Office |
| Ted Sheehe | PennDOT Central Office |
| Carey Mullins  | PennDOT District 8-0 |
| Kenana Zejcirovic | PennDOT District 8-0 |
| Jeff Puher | PennDOT District 8-0 |
| Beth Nidam | SRTA |
| John Fulponi | PA Sen. DiSanto staff |
| Andrew Dudziak | PA Rep. Delozier staff |
| Joshua Reynolds | PA Rep. Gleim staff |
| Kim Morewood | PA Rep. Gleim staff |
| Matt Boyer | CommutePA/SRTP |
| Representative Perry Stambaugh | Perry County |
| Staci Morgan | Lower Allen Township |
| Jim Frank | Lehman Engineers |
| Ryan Hostetter | HRG |
| Dan Long | HRG |
| Lauren Zumbrun | HRG |
| Namita Sinha | Pennoni |
| Ross Willard | Recycle Bicycle |
| Jim Buckheit | Harrisburg Bicycle Club |
| Bill Peterson | Center for Community Building |
| Jeff Iseman | PA SILC |
| Cynthia Gibbs-Pratt | CILCP |
| Brian Kimmett | Rock the Capital |