

**H A T S**  
**Technical Committee Meeting**  
Meeting #323  
June 9, 2023  
9:00 AM

**1. Welcome and Introductions**

The June 9, 2023 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. Presentations**

**a. Post Road Improvement Study**

Ms. Warner Hayman provided an overview of the Post Road Improvement Study, which evaluated existing conditions on Post Road, identified multi-modal transportation needs, and provided recommendations to address those needs. Among the three concepts evaluated, the Study's steering committee came to a consensus that the addition of a sidewalk would be the most cost-effective means of meeting the needs of all roadway users.

Mr. Stoner, who was a member of the Study steering committee, added that he thought the recommendations struck a balance between being "forward looking" and meeting the current needs of the users, while making important connections between the Army Barracks and the surrounding neighborhoods.

Mr. Knight asked why a sidewalk was recommended instead of a wider shared-use path. Ms. Warner Hayman stated right-of-way, utility, and adjacent property concerns lead them to decide on the recommended sidewalk.

**b. Route 39 & 743 Land Use & Transportation Study**

Mr. Emberg provided an overview of the Route 39 & 743 Land Use & Transportation Study, which evaluated transportation capacity/safety needs and land use and provided mitigation recommendations along the identified 20-mile corridor through 5 municipalities in Dauphin County. He summarized the 7 "character areas" analyzed in the Study and noted the full study is available on the Dauphin County Planning Commission website.

Mr. Deck stated no action is being sought from HATS, but that this study will be a tool for use in coordinating with municipalities on TIP development and transportation need identification.

### **3. Meeting Minutes**

#### **a. Technical Committee – April 14, 2023**

Mr. Stoner moved to approve the April Technical Committee meeting minutes. Mr. Reisinger seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

#### **b. Coordinating Committee – April 28, 2023**

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

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

#### **a. Administrative Actions**

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

- 32 total actions
  - 20 increased/decreased funding
  - 13 cash-flowed funds
- Cameron & Maclay Intersection (MPMS 114316)
  - Action is to increase construction phase by \$918,493 to meet low bid amount
  - The project was let April 27, 2023
- US 322 & Chambers Hill Road (MPMS 118027)
  - Action is to increase the construction phase by \$1,923,187 to match the low bid amount
  - The project was let on April 13, 2023

Mr. Owens also noted that the Market Street Bridge actions have been removed from the packet and have been reversed after discussion with MPO planning staff. All administrative actions were presented for information only and did not require approval.

#### **b. Amendments**

Mr. Mullins proposed the following amendments to the FFY 2023-2026 Highway/Bridge:

- Highland St Connectivity (MPMS 115797)
  - Changing the funding source from state 581 to federal STP funds
- Derry Township Ped X-ing (MPMS 115785)
  - Programming \$47,880 of federal STP funds
- I-81 & US 11/15 Lighting (MPMS 119708)
  - Programming \$2,694,384 of federal carbon reduction funds
  - The current lighting facilities for the limited access interchange does not meet current lighting criteria. Additionally, the lighting infrastructure, such as the light poles, arms and foundations, are in poor condition, showing signs of deterioration from age and weather.
  - A Study was done to provide a “clean slate” lighting design for the full interchange and to compare a low-level lighting lay and a high-mast lighting layout for the interchange.
  - New Project broken out from Enola Road (MPMS 113461; This project consists of a concrete patching with bituminous overlay and areas of reconstruction on SR 0011 (Enola Road) from SR 1004 (Valley Road) to SR 1039 (Belle Vista Drive) in East Pennsboro Township, Cumberland County).

Mr. Stoner made the motion to recommend approval of the presented amendments. Mr. Green seconded and the motion was approved unanimously.

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

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

Mr. Bomberger stated the SusqueCycle Bike Share system has returned and is operational with 36 bikes at the initial 6 locations in and around downtown Harrisburg. Three additional locations and 24 more bikes were added to the system in early June. HATS staff is still working on facilitating three more stations. Mr. Deck mentioned a recent meeting HATS staff had with Visit Harrisburg Hershey, who had expressed interest in helping with outreach and publicity. More information is available at [SusqueCycle.org](http://SusqueCycle.org).

Mr. Bomberger also discussed the development of HATS Active Transportation Plan, which was formally kicked off in early April. HATS staff and the consultant team is collecting municipal surveys and existing planning documents, which will be digitized and incorporated into the Plan. A municipal outreach meeting will be held on June 15. A public survey and wikimapping tool is available at [www.tcrpc-pa.org/active-transportation-plan](http://www.tcrpc-pa.org/active-transportation-plan). Any questions or comments can be forwarded to [abomberger@tcrpc-pa.org](mailto:abomberger@tcrpc-pa.org).

Mr. Bomberger also stated the Transportation Alternative Set Aside (TASA) Program is now open for applications. Draft applications are due July 17, final applications are due September 15, and a pre-application meeting with HATS and PennDOT staff is required. As part of that program, HATS needs to submit eligibility and selection criteria to PennDOT Central Office. Mr. Bomberger provided an updated version of both documents, stating no substantive changes were made and they would be submitted to PennDOT if no one objected. No objection was made.

**b. Operations and Safety**

Mr. Deck displayed some of the upgrades HATS staff has made to the online safety application, including municipal filters. When it becomes available, the 2022 crash data will be added to the application. Mr. Deck also discussed the progress being made on the HATS Safe Streets for All (SS4A) Safety Plan. HATS staff has received final approval from FHWA to begin the development of the plan and will soon have a signed agreement. The steering committee is comprised of representatives from emergency responders and law enforcement from all 3 counties, as well as representatives from municipalities, including Carlisle Borough.

Mr. Deck also discussed the Regional Congestion Management Plan. The draft scope of work has been provided to SRTP. Any questions or suggestions can be forwarded to [sdeck@tcrpc-pa.org](mailto:sdeck@tcrpc-pa.org).

Mr. Pittenger discussed some of the changes to funding and oversight with the new Bipartisan Infrastructure Law and how that impacts the timing and interactions between FHWA, PennDOT, and MPO staffs across the country.

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

Mr. Bomberger stated HATS staff has received final General and Procedural Guidance and Financial Guidance for the FFY 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) from PennDOT Central Office. Additionally, HATS staff has begun review of potential candidate projects received from PennDOT District 8-0. In the next few months, HATS staff will work with PennDOT personnel and meet with the RTP Implementation Work Group to further refine the priorities and review proposed project lists.

Mr. Stoner asked about the capacity to add projects to 2025-2028 TIP. Mr. Bomberger replied that it was too early in the process to offer any comments regarding new projects and Mr. Mullins stated changes to the TIP are currently underway, including rescoping many of the bridge projects consistent with the

presentation provided to the Technical Committee in February. Mr. Deck stated HATS staff is working to move the local bridge line item forward and get actual bridge projects programmed.

**d. 2020 Census Urbanized Area Boundary Update**

Mr. Bomberger stated HATS staff has completed the smoothing process consistent with PennDOT guidance and has included the draft changes in the meeting packet, which can be viewed through a [web mapping application](#). The boundary smoothing is used for transportation planning purposes, including functional road classification, and has no impact on the official Census-designated Urbanized Area. Coordination with surrounding MPOs (Franklin, Lancaster, Lebanon, and York Counties) has occurred. Mr. Bomberger clarified that the biggest changes were related to the Census Bureau eliminating the Urban Cluster classification.

Mr. Stoner moved to recommend acceptance of the smoothed boundary and permit HATS staff to forward the required information to PennDOT. Mr. Green seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

**e. Funded Studies**

**i. Downtown Circulation/Market Street 2-way**

Mr. Deck stated that work is continuing on the Downtown Circulation/Market Street 2-way Study, which is analyzing traffic operations and proposed changes related to the relocation of the CAT Transfer Center further east on Market Street. The existing conditions memo is being reviewed and future condition modeling will begin soon.

**ii. RTP Implementation Grant Projects**

Mr. Deck stated that HATS staff has updated the contract with Larson Design Group to provide support to the RTP Implementation Program construction projects. Another round of RTP Implementation Grant applications is due to open in early 2024.

**6. Project Development Process**

**a. Project Pipeline**

Mr. Bomberger stated the Project Pipeline review process has begun to be ready for TIP development later this year. Municipal outreach will follow. Transportation Need Forms can be filled out anytime at <https://www.tcrpc-pa.org/rtp-menu>.

## **b. Projects in Development**

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

- Riverlands Safety Implementation – still waiting to schedule the public meeting
- 21<sup>st</sup>/Center St Intersection – Crash and traffic analysis on-going. Horizontal alignment, existing ROW, and property mosaic are in review. Working on developing alternates for report preparation this summer.
- Sporting Hill Turn Lane – Alternative Analysis report provided to HATS staff and a review meeting is scheduled for next week.
- Route 34 Turn Lanes - Alternative Analysis report for the 4 intersections to be completed in June 2023. Solicit input from Carroll Township and Tri-County in early summer/end of June 2023. After addressing any comments, scoping documents will be finalized for the preferred alternative.

Mr. Reisinger discussed District 8-0's application for discretionary federal funding through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law being prepared for the South Bridge Replacement. Partners throughout the region will be approached to provide letters in support of the application.

Mr. Bomberger mentioned PennDOT's handbook guiding municipalities through the federal discretionary grant process, which is available on the [PennDOT Connects website](#).

## **7. Status Report**

### **Federal Highway**

Mr. Porochniak discussed the update to the Equity Action Plan. Public comment on the Action Plan is open and a public meeting will be held on June 23. He also went over upcoming deadlines for federal discretionary grants.

### **City of Harrisburg**

Mr. Knight stated Jason Graves has been appointed to HATS committees and will be attending future meetings on behalf of the city.

### **Norfolk Southern**

Mr. Deck discussed the coordination meeting between Jeremy Shoemaker, the new NS point of contact, and HATS staff and officers. The meeting went well and we look forward to working together in the future.

## **SRTP**

Mr. Boyer discussed SRTP's ongoing employer outreach program and the work on Bike to Work Month (May). He also mentioned work and coordination on the regional CMP, SusqueCycle Bike Share, and Safe Routes to Schools.

## **DCED**

Ms. Reznick introduced herself as the new DCED representative for HATS.

## **Lemoyne Borough**

Ms. Gallo asked about future expansion of SusqueCycle. Mr. Deck answered that Lemoyne is on our list, among other communities and organizations, and will be considered when expansion of the system occurs.

## **Cumberland County**

Mr. Stoner discussed the Cumberland County Connects (3C) Program recently approved by Cumberland County Commissioners. The Program will leverage the \$5 local use fee to fund transportation improvements including local bridges and general transportation needs. Outreach will be occurring, with HATS staff also participating.

Mr. Stoner also encouraged the review of the Climate Pollution Reduction Program and climate planning for the region in general.

## **8. Adjournment**

Mr. Reisinger moved to adjourn. Mr. Green seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:34 am.

Next meeting is scheduled for September 8, 2023.

## ATTENDANCE

### Harrisburg Area Transportation Study Technical Committee Meeting June 9, 2023

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
Stephen Libhart	Dauphin County
Geoffrey Knight	City of Harrisburg
Ray Green	PennDOT Central Office
Rich Reisinger	PennDOT District 8-0
<b>Other Attendees</b>	
Matt Crea	PennDOT Central Office
Ted Sheehe	PennDOT Central Office
Carey Mullins	PennDOT District 8-0
Jon Owens	PennDOT District 8-0
Sarah McHugh	PennDOT District 8-0
Rachel Reznick	PA DCED
Patrick Pittenger	FHWA
Gene Porochniak	FHWA
Karen Dixon	HATS Planning Staff
Tanner Stroup	HATS Planning Staff
Matthew Stoneroad	PA House GOP staff
Matt Boyer	SRTP
Ross Willard	Recycle Bicycle
Jamie Keener	Buchart Horn
Brian Emberg	HRG
Ryan Hostetter	HRG
Jennifer Warner Hayman	Michael Baker International
Gale Gallo	Lemoyne Borough
Luke Arnold	Mechanicsburg Borough
Chris Guarino	Silver Spring Township
Jeff Bergsten	Carlisle Borough