

**H A T S**  
**Technical Committee Meeting**  
Meeting #322  
April 14, 2023  
9:00 AM

**1. Welcome and Introductions**

The April 14, 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. Meeting Minutes**

**a. Technical Committee – February 10, 2023**

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

**b. Coordinating Committee – February 24, 2023**

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

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

**a. Administrative Actions**

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

- 41 total actions
  - 30 increased/decreased funding
  - 7 changed funding flavor
  - 4 cash-flowed funds
- US 11 Northbound over Conodoguinet (MPMS 99678)
  - Action is to cashflow the construction phase of the project to better match the let date
  - The current estimated let date is February 1, 2024

- State Street Bridge (MPMS 118027)
  - Action is to increase the PE phase to include an in-depth inspection of the bridge
  - The actual let date for this project is not assigned yet, we are waiting on the in-depth inspection to define the Rehab's scope of work to be able to define the PE tasks and a let date
- Mill Race Bridge (MPMS 118027)
  - Action is to increase the construction phase by \$198,605 to match the low bid amount
  - The project was let on February 16, 2023

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 and Public Transit TIP:

- Pedestrian Countdown Signals Safety Project for VRU (MPMS 119233)
  - Add Final Design and Construction for the district-wide pedestrian countdown signals using statewide HSIP funds at 75 locations in Cumberland and Dauphin Counties
- Safe Streets and Roads For All (MPMS 119722)
  - Add \$200,000 in federal funds awarded and \$50,000 in state funds, to serve as required match, to the TIP
  - Funds will be used to complete HATS Safety Action Plan for Dauphin, Cumberland, and Perry Counties
- CAT Operations and Maintenance Facility (MPMS 119741)
  - Add \$40,000,000 in local funds in FFY 2024 and 2025 to the Transit TIP
  - Funds will be used to construct an operations and maintenance facility to support transit in Cumberland County, Dauphin County, and the City of Harrisburg
  - Mr. Farr explained SRTA is pursuing FTA discretionary funding, which is required to be shown as local funds on the TIP. If successful, the funds will be converted to federal, with state funds being added to serve as required match. The location of the facility will be at the current Goodwill site on Cameron Street, next to the existing CAT maintenance and operations facility.

- Mr. Epstein asked for clarification on what is being proposed under the project. Mr. Farr explained that current functions located in their existing building will be shifted to the new facility.
- Mr. Knight stated the City's Planning Department has had discussions with SRTA about the proposed project's consistency with existing planning studies and the City's Comprehensive Plan, and expressed concern over the proposed site.

Mr. Stoner made the motion to recommend approval of the presented amendments. Mr. Libhart seconded and the motion was approved, with Mr. Knight opposing and Mr. Farr abstaining.

#### **4. 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. HATS staff continues to work through the approval and contracting processes for the expansion to 60 bikes located at 11 stations. Sponsorships are available. More information is available at [SusqueCycle.org](http://SusqueCycle.org).

Mr. Bomberger also mentioned the development of HATS Active Transportation Plan, which was formally kicked off a few weeks ago. The focus right now is municipal outreach and compiling as much data on existing bike/ped facilities, plans, and needs as possible. Any questions or comments can be forwarded to [abomberger@tcrpc-pa.org](mailto:abomberger@tcrpc-pa.org).

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

Mr. Deck discussed the progress being made on the HATS Safe Streets for All (SS4A) Safety Plan. The steering committee is being formed with participation from emergency responders and law enforcement from all 3 counties, as well as representatives from municipalities, including Carlisle Borough. HATS staff is still waiting on final approval from FHWA to begin the development of the plan. Mr. Deck also stated the plan will focus on reducing and eliminating crashes resulting in fatalities and serious injuries, and displayed the interactive crash application as an illustration. Any questions or suggestions can be forwarded to [sdeck@tcrpc-pa.org](mailto:sdeck@tcrpc-pa.org).

Mr. Deck also discussed the Market Street 2-way/Downtown Circulation Study being done to facilitate the relocation of the CAT Transfer Center, currently located in Market Square, and the Regional Congestion Management Plan. Both plans are in

**c. Performance Measure Target Setting Letter**

Mr. Bomberger reviewed the target setting letter for Performance Measures for bridge/pavement condition (PM-2) and system reliability (PM-3). As in previous years, there are two options that HATS can make in regards to setting new targets - HATS can either support PennDOT's targets or create our own. In the most recent reporting period (2018-2021) Pennsylvania has met all its targets for both PM-2 and PM-3. For this reason and the ongoing work HATS is undertaking with both local bridges and an update to the CMP, HATS staff recommended supporting PennDOT's targets.

Mr. Crea stated the target setting letter is due back to PennDOT by June 14, 2023.

Ms. Nidham made the motion to recommend following the PennDOT's target goals. Ms. Ealer seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

**d. Funded Studies**

**i. I-81 Improvement Strategy**

Mr. Deck stated that work is continuing on the design phases at the Carlisle auxiliary lanes and Wade Bridge. The I-81 Improvement Strategy will be considered as TIP development begins later this year.

**ii. RTP Implementation Grant Projects**

Mr. Deck stated that HATS staff is in the process of updating the contract with Larson Design Group to provide support to the RTP Implementation Program construction projects awarded in 2022.

Mr. Chabak stated that they have more than half of the initial round projects through technical review with let dates in 2023/24. The second round projects are anticipated to go more smoothly because municipalities are now more familiar with the project development process and its requirements.

**5. 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. Deck discussed the recent municipal stakeholder meeting held for the Lemoyne Bottleneck Project. A public meeting will follow.

Mr. Mullins gave an update for several projects.

- Lemoyne Bottleneck – Input from municipal stakeholder meeting is being incorporated into design options. Public outreach meeting will follow. Anticipated to be let in Fall 2025.
- I-81 Auxiliary Lanes Carlisle – Traffic and environmental data collection is being performed. Field survey is near completion.
- 21<sup>st</sup>/Center St Intersection – Topographical survey is complete. Alternatives under development.
- Sporting Hill Turn Lane – Alternative alignment study is anticipated to be completed and submitted to District very soon.
- Cameron/Maclay Intersection – Project is currently being advertised for bid.
- Riverlands Safety Implementation – will be let along with Clarks Ferry Bridge Preservation Project and will be collectively known as Route 22/322/Clarks Ferry Improvement Project. Environmental Assessment preparation has begun however will need extended due to the addition of the Market Street bridge, SR 147 and 11/15 interchange revisions.
- Route 34 Turn Lanes - Project was combined with MPMS 90708 – SR 0034-059 (structure replacement just north of the Old Mill Road intersection) with SR 0034-060 as the lead project. Coordination meeting with consultant working on the structure placement held 3/27/23. Coordination occurred with Design Services Units to sync up the now-combined projects in March 2023. Field view to occur in May.

Mr. Deck asked for some mapping to illustrate the scope of the Riverlands Safety Implementation Project. Mr. Mullins indicated he could provide it as a follow up to the meeting. Mr. Deck also discussed the ongoing study looking at operational and safety issues anticipated with the Riverlands Safety Implementation project. A public meeting will be held soon to present alternatives.

Mr. Epstein asked if the Riverland Safety Study will examine impacts of the anticipated warehouse development in Dauphin Borough. Mr. Deck indicated it does not, with the project scope ending at the Clarks Ferry Bridge.

## **6. Status Report**

### **PennDOT**

Mr. Mullins stated Mike Riebert was appointed Deputy Secretary of Highway Administration. As a result, Chris Kufro has moved back to District 5-0 as District Executive. To replace Chris Kufro, Kevin Keefe will serve as Acting District Executive for District 8-0 through June and Rich Reisinger will serve in the same role from July until September.

Mr. Crea stated feedback from the Twelve Year Plan survey is being evaluated and will be provided to MPOs in June.

### **Federal Highway**

Mr. Porochniak stated an email will be provided after the meeting containing links to upcoming webinars and grant/funding opportunities.

### **SRTA**

Ms. Nidham discussed the same-day shared ride service and stated SRTA staff is beginning a Transit Development Plan. HATS staff will be involved in the development of the Plan moving forward.

### **SRTP**

Mr. Boyer discussed their ongoing employer outreach program, with representatives having recently visited HACC, PSECU, WebFxPA, and Career Link. Staff is currently working on Earth Month (April) programs and getting ready for Bike to Work Month (May). He also mentioned work and coordination on the regional CMP, SusqueCycle Bike Share, and Safe Routes to Schools.

Mr. Epstein asked about the Safe Routes to Schools program. Mr. Boyer explained there was no current active program in the region, he's working to implement one.

Mr. Farr stated May 3 is Rider Appreciation Day, with free rides on all CAT fixed route service.

### **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.

## **Perry County**

Mr. Turner mentioned the issue of trains blocking access to roads in the region and asked if any outreach has occurred on the issue. Mr. Deck stated HATS staff had not reached out specifically about that issue, but new personnel at Norfolk Southern may provide an opportunity for increase communication and participation in MPO meetings. Mr. Owen stated he's seeing similar issues in East Pennsboro Township. He also asked about any updates on the Market Street Bridge projects. Mr. Mullins said the projects are moving through the design process and an update will be given at a future meeting.

### **7. Other Business**

Mr. Bomberger stated the HATS Annual Report is available on the TCRPC website.

Mr. Epstein stated Scott Weiland at Salzmann Hughes may have a contact at Norfolk Southern.

### **8. Adjournment**

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

The meeting was adjourned at 10:04 am.

Next meeting is scheduled for June 9, 2023.

## ATTENDANCE

### Harrisburg Area Transportation Study Technical Committee Meeting April 14, 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>	
Deborah Ealer	Cumberland County
Kirk Stoner	Cumberland County
Douglas Brown	Dauphin County
Stephen Libhart	Dauphin County
Jim Turner	Perry County
Nina Fitchet	Perry County
Rich Farr	SRTA
Geoff Knight	City of Harrisburg
Matt Crea	PennDOT Central Office
Carey Mullins	PennDOT District 8-0
<b>Other Attendees</b>	
Matt Boyer	SRTP
John Owen	Cumberland County/East Pennsboro Township
Eric Epstein	EFMR Monitoring Group
Gene Chabak	Larson Design Group
Gene Porochniak	FHWA
Matthew Stoneroad	PA House GOP staff
Andrew Dudziak	PA House GOP staff
Mike Hartley	Perry County
Jamie Keener	Buchart Horn
Daniel Long	HRG
William Peterson	Center for Community Building
Ted Sheehe	PennDOT Central Office
Tim Smith	Gannett Fleming
Luke Arnold	Mechanicsburg Borough
Beth Nidam	SRTA
Cheryl Teamann	HDR
Phillip Brath	Gibson Thomas Engineering
Dan Giles	HDR
Percy Bullock	City of Harrisburg
William Schucker	Upper Allen Township