

H A T S
Coordinating Committee Meeting
Meeting #267
April 26, 2024
9:00 AM

1. Welcome and Introductions

The April 26, 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.

2. Meeting Minutes

a. Coordinating Committee – February 23, 2024

Commissioner Foschi moved to approve the February Coordinating Committee meeting minutes. Mr. Walker seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

b. Technical Committee – April 12, 2024

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

3. 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 February HATS meetings:

- 17 total actions
 - 11 increased funding
 - 3 decreased funding
 - 3 changing funding source

Highlights of the administrative modifications included the following:

- Scheaffers Valley Road Resurface (MPMS 108605)
 - Increasing the PE phase of Scheaffers Valley Rd Resf in FFY 2024 for \$176,254. This is for additional costs to complete the project design.

- This project consists of a resurfacing on SR 233 (Scheaffers Valley Road) from the Cumberland County Line to SR 850 (Montour Road) in Madison and Tyrone Township and Landisburg Borough, Perry County.
- The current estimated let date is March 13, 2025.
- Capital Gateway (MPMS 115784)
 - Increasing the CON phase of Capital Gateway in FFY 2024 for \$328,265 to the pre-bid estimate.
 - This project consists of a lane-diet and widening of sidewalks along the 100 block of Forster Street, widening sidewalks and crosswalks, installing ADA compliant bump outs and pedestrian and cyclist islands, and adding a sidewalk and additional landscaping at intersections of Front and Forster Street & 2nd and Forster Street.
 - The current estimated let date is April 18, 2024.
- Big Spring Road Resurface (MPMS 105346)
 - Decreasing the CON phase of Big Spring Road Resurface in FFY 2024 for \$670,130 to the low bid amount.
 - 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.
 - This project was let on March 14, 2024.

b. Amendments

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

- PA 34 Safety Improvements and Resurfacing (MPMS 114321)
 - Approve a \$3,230,482 PE phase cost increase
 - This project consists of Intersection safety improvements (left turning lanes, increasing sight distance, signs, and pavement markings) and resurfacing on PA 34 (Spring Road) from Perry/Cumberland County Line to just north of Rambo Hill Road and Mountainview Road intersection in Carroll Township, Perry County.
 - The purpose of the project is to...
 - Address deterioration of the roadway to provide sustainable access for motorists and emergency services
 - Improve the current level of service and reduce crash frequency at the five existing intersections within the corridor
 - Address slope erosion.
 - The reason PE increased...
 - There are 2 phases of PE for this project. The PE costs expended so far were used for the first phase of PE which was to compete an

alternatives feasibility analysis report to identify the preferred safety improvements at 4 intersections.

- After obtaining approval from TCRPC and the township for the intersection safety improvements recommended by the report, we completed the E&E (Engineering & Environmental) Scoping for those intersection improvements as well as for the other necessary improvements needed throughout the almost 7-mile long corridor.
- The \$3M increase is needed for a supplement to complete the second phase of PE, which is to progress the design of the improvements and the necessary environmental studies to obtain NEPA Approval for the project.
- Funding for the requested increase is available from...
 - The region's Highway Reserve Line Item (MPMS 88061),
 - the FD/UTL/ROW phases of PA 34 Safety Improvements and Resurfacing (MPMS 114321)
 - Riverlands Safety Implementation (MPMS 106554), and
 - Spring Road over Little J (MPMS 101093).
 - These projects are fully funded on the 2025 TIP and will not have any deliverability impacts in the future.
- Estimated Let Date – January 1, 2028

Commissioner Foschi moved to approve the Highway/Bridge amendment.
Commissioner Hartwick seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

c. Transit TIP

Mr. Green presented two administrative modifications to the SRTA 2023-2026 Transit TIP:

- Transit Bus Purchase
 - Increase the project by \$685,253 in FFY 2024.
 - \$548,202 (5307), \$132,631 (OTH-S) and \$4,420 (Local).
 - SRTA is moving available FFY 2019 Section 5307 apportioned funds of \$548,202 to FFY 2024 and will be applying for those funds with the FTA.
 - SRTA, on behalf of CDH is planning to purchase replacement fixed route vehicles under this MPMS project using Federal, State, and Local funds.
 - The vehicles to be replaced by this project are 2011 Hybrids, 40' in length.
- Harrisburg Transit Center Improvement

- Adding \$635,000 in IIJA/Earmark funding in FFY 2024 for the Harrisburg Transit Center to the HVAC system by replacing the cooling tower and associated components.
- The cooling tower is located on the exterior of the building in the Amtrak parking lot and is needed to provide cool air to the building.
- The funding comes from the Community Project Funding under CFDA 20.534.

4. Program and Plan Updates

a. Bike-Ped Update

Mr. Bomberger discussed the ongoing Regional Active Transportation Plan, stating that the development of the plan has been slower than expected, but is progressing well. The final plan will be web based with a series of web pages and a StoryMap. The plan should be ready for adoption at the June HATS meetings.

Mr. Bomberger shared updates regarding SusqueCycle, stating that a supplemental funding request was approved. The system will be receiving all new bikes in the coming weeks. There will be one new bikeshare location at Transitpark at 10th and Market Streets with headway being made for a possible location at North Street and Commonwealth Avenue. SusqueCycle sponsorships are still available.

b. Operations and Safety

Mr. Deck stated that HATS staff worked with SRTP to apply for a demonstration grant to try and reduce DUI crashes throughout the region. Another demonstration application is in the works for temporary materials for quick-build projects with participation from multiple municipalities. Conversations with Harrisburg City are ongoing about another possible application for SS4A funding through their own Vision Zero plan. A second round of public meetings will be held in Camp Hill and Lower Paxton in June. HATS SS4A Action Plan is looking at a completion date sometime in July. Progress is being made toward initiating the regional Congestion Management Process. The scope of work was sent to FHWA and comments have been received. Those comments have now been addressed work should begin soon.

c. Status of Norfolk Southern Lemoyne Project

Mr. Deck shared that, as a result of conversations between Lemoyne Borough, Norfolk Southern, Cumberland County, HATS, etc., Lemoyne Borough and Norfolk

Southern have signed an MOU regarding measures for rail trail projects and other related items. HATS staff are satisfied with the provisions outlined in the MOU. Looking for an action to allow this process to move forward as outlined in the signed MOU.

Commissioner Foschi made the motion to allow the process to move forward as documented in the MOU. Commissioner Hartwick seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

d. Performance Measure Target Setting GHG

Mr. Bomberger shared that, due to guidance from requirements in the Investment in Infrastructure and Jobs Act, HATS must set two new performance measure targets specifically related to greenhouse gas emissions. PennDOT has done analysis and set statewide targets for these performance measures. Due to a recent federal lawsuit, there has been a pause in the implementation of these requirements. More information to come at future HATS meetings.

e. FFY 2025-2028 TIP Development

Mr. Bomberger stated a draft of the TIP Air Quality Conformity Analysis has been received. TIP Submission of Public Review documents are currently being prepared including a StoryMap. The public comment period is tentatively scheduled for May 1st thru June 1st including an outreach event in Strawberry Square on May 15th from 11:30am – 1:00pm. There will also be two virtual public meetings on May 7th 6pm – 7pm and May 23rd 12pm – 1pm. Asking for action to send the HATS FFY 2025 – 2028 Draft TIP to public comment.

Commissioner Foschi made the motion to approve sending the draft FFY 2025-2028 TIP onto Public Comment. Commissioner Hartwick seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

f. Letters of Support

Mr. Bomberger shared that HATS has recently been receiving numerous requests for letters of consistency and support for grant applications. HATS staff are looking to develop a consistent approach to handle these requests in two forms. Small, more localized projects would receive a letter of consistency with the RTP and other regional plans, signed by the executive director, and reviewed by the RTP Implementation Work Group. Larger regional/statewide projects would receive a letter of support which would need to be reviewed by the HATS committees and signed by the chairman of the Coordinating Committee. Asking for a motion to approve this proposed policy.

Mr. Deck noted that a letter of support request for the I-83 South Bridge project has been asked of HATS. A letter of support was previously submitted for the project but due to an updated submission for funding, PennDOT is asking to reuse the previously submitted letter for this submission.

Commissioner Foschi made the motion to approve the policy. Commissioner Hartwick seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

g. HATS 2050 Regional Transportation Plan

Mr. Bomberger stated that the official kickoff meeting for the HATS 2050 Regional Transportation Plan was held Friday 4/19. A general scope and outreach approach has been developed. Several focus groups are being established. Outreach will take place this summer and fall, mostly online with some in-person events. The RTP Implementation Work Group will serve as the steering committee for this RTP update. Regular updates will be given at future HATS meetings regarding the status of the RTP development process. Official Adoption of the RTP will be September 2025.

h. Funded Studies

Mr. Deck stated that there has been a pause in discussions about the Downtown Circulation Study with the City of Harrisburg due to turn over in City staff. Talks are now continuing with the City concerning outreach with the plan.

5. Project Development Process

a. Project Pipeline

Mr. Bomberger stated that a fresh look will be taken at the project pipeline to ensure it is structured properly and as useful as possible for project development. Municipal outreach will also be conducted to ensure the needs currently on the Pipeline are still aligned with their priorities.

b. Projects in Development

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

- I-81 Resurfacing, Exit 59 to Wade Bridge
 - All the projects new overhead signs along with the post mounted signs have been installed.

- The remaining work on the project, which includes the full depth reconstruction of the roadway on, off approaches at the Conodoguinet Bridge, is scheduled for weekend single lane closures in both the Northbound and Southbound directions, on the weekend of May 3-5.
- The installation of the Traffic Count Monitoring Sites (CAVC) loop sensors, along with the other associated hardware for the those sites, will be performed following the completion of the work at the Conodoguinet Bridge.
- SR 34, Spring and Calvary Roads
 - Reconstruction work at the intersection of Spring and Calvary Road is complete.
 - With the intersection reconstruction work completed, contractor will perform final paving for the remaining portion of SR 34 south of the intersection at Calvary Road along with resurfacing of Calvary Road and install the new traffic signal poles, mast arms, and other items associated with the new traffic signals.
 - Project completion date is July 25, 2024.
- I-83 East Shore Demo 2
 - Demolitions continue. We anticipate about 20 or so more demolitions that should be completed by next Summer 2025.
- US 322 & Chambers Hill Road
 - Contractor has performed excavation at Grayson Road and Milroy Road intersection during the day and continued excavation and pipe installation at the SR 9402 jughandle.
 - Contractor placed base and binder along the shoulder of Milroy Road in front of the CubeSmart Storage facility and will continue with curb, grade, and paving operations for the reconstruction at Milroy Road through the end of April 2024.
 - The Stage 1C traffic switch along Milroy and Grayson Road occurred on April 11, 2024.
 - The project completion date is August 18, 2027.
- Cameron Street Resurfacing
 - An initial Project Control Meeting will be set up in the Spring.
- I-83 East Shore Section 3
 - Class 1 Excavation operations are continuing to progress adjacent to Cameron Street (Basin 1 & 2) and 29th Street (Basin 5), and the I-83 northbound widening area. Rock blasting operations in the area of Cameron Street are ongoing in order to facilitate the excavation work. Portions of the excavation areas contain identified contaminated fill, which is being hauled to a disposal facility.
 - Approval has been obtained from the DEP for a temporary discharge permit. An onsite water treatment system was set up onsite the week of April 15th. Any subsurface water encountered while constructing the

- Paxton Creek U-channel and drainage pipes will need to be treated due to the presence of elevated levels of metals.
- Preparatory work has begun for the 60in pipe U-channel outfall adjacent to Paxton Creek. Shoring and excavation for this structure is anticipated to begin the week of April 22nd.
 - Jack and Bore drainage work adjacent to Cameron Street is ongoing. Drainage is also being installed along the I-83 northbound widening area.
 - Demolition work is progressing for the buildings along Paxton Street.
 - Aerial and underground utility relocations are progressing along Cameron Street and 29th street.
 - Once the utility relocation work has been completed, and approval of the demolition plan has been obtained, the detour will be placed to close 29th street. Structure demolition operations will begin directly thereafter. Current projections place the detour installation in the middle of May timeframe.
 - Clarks Ferry Interim Repairs
 - Falcon survey performed by D-8 Environmental Unit indicated falcon's nesting on the eastern steel girder section.
 - Project is in shutdown for falcon nesting season. All work is scheduled to resume August 1, 2024.
 - Laudermilch Road Project
 - Demolition work and excavation has begun.
 - The project completion date is July 7, 2025.
 - SR 147 Market Street Bridge
 - Demolished the garage on Parcel No. 4 and backfilled operations were completed.
 - Saw cut the existing pavement, performed excavation and the installation of the new water main valves required for the existing water main relocation.
 - Performed excavation of the site for Retaining Wall No. 1.
 - Performed drilling operations and set piles for the temporary excavation support system.
 - The project completion date is November 1, 2024.
 - US 22/322 Resurfacing
 - Contractor resumed work operations on March 15, 2024, 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.
 - Contractor anticipates being completed with the project on or about mid-July, weather permitting.

6. Status Report

PennDOT

Mr. Walker gave an update on the National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (NEVI) Formula Program. Four awards were granted in round 1A in the HATS region, three of which are in PA Turnpike plazas. Round 1B is now open through July 10th.

Transportation Alternative Set Aside awards were announced with Carlisle Borough, City of Harrisburg, and Lower Paxton Township receiving funds.

Mr. Mullins shared that the Dauphin County legislative briefing will be held on May 2nd. Kevin Keefe has been named the new District 8 Executive.

Mr. Keefe introduced himself and shared information on his 32 year career with PennDOT.

Mr. Walker shared that the next meeting for the State Transportation Commission will be held May 15th in Erie and can be attended virtually.

SRTP

Mr. Boyer stated that 2024 marks 20 years of service. Commuter Services of PA has now rebranded as Commute PA. They are celebrating Earth Month with various activities. Looking forward to Bike Month in May with many planned activities to promote bicycling across the region. SRTP was selected as one of 15 national TDM organizations to become part of a pilot program being done by the Association for Commuter Transportation looking to set up and accreditation for TDM organizations. This would provide SRTP with the opportunity to guide the policy for the program while earning this new accreditation.

Legislators

Mr. Reynolds shared that there is some confusion related to signage for a detour in place on SR 641 for a culvert replacement in North Newton Township, Cumberland County.

Mr. Keefe stated that more signage has been ordered. The contractor should be done with this project in about a week.

PA SILC

Mr. Iseman shared that a Rally for Public Transportation funding will be taking place on April 30th in Harrisburg. Disability Pride Day which includes advocacy for public transportation funds is on May 1st.

7. Other Business

No Other Business

8. Adjournment

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

The meeting was adjourned at 10:18 am.

Next meeting is scheduled for June 28, 2024.

ATTENDANCE

Harrisburg Area Transportation Study Coordinating Committee Meeting April 26, 2024

Name	Affiliation
Coordinating Committee Officers	
Jeff Haste, Chairman	Dauphin County
Commissioner Jean Foschi, Secretary	Cumberland County
Coordinating Committee Members	
Commissioner George Hartwick	Dauphin County
Jim Turner	Perry County
Jeff Bergsten	Cumberland County
Nate Walker	PennDOT Central Office
Kevin Keefe	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
Ray Green	PennDOT Central Office
Ted Sheehe	PennDOT Central Office
Rich Reisinger	PennDOT District 8-0
Carey Mullins	PennDOT District 8-0
Jeff Puher	PennDOT District 8-0
Kyle Paicz	PennDOT District 8-0
Rachel Reznick	PA DCED
Gene Porochniak	FHWA
John Fulponi	PA Senate staff
Sarah Keller	PA Senate staff
Andrew Dudziak	PA House staff
Joshua Reynolds	PA House staff
Matthew Stoneroad	PA House staff
Adam Thompson	PA House staff
Matt Boyer	CommutePA/SRTP
Ryan Hostetter	HRG
Dan Long	HRG
Lauren Zumbrun	HRG
Ross Willard	Recycle Bicycle
Jeff Iseman	PA SILC
Brian Kimmett	Rock the Capital
John Kennedy	Public