

## **MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU)**

### MPO Boundaries and Coordination of Transportation Planning and Programming between Harrisburg Area Transportation Study (HATS) and York Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (YAMPO)

#### **Background and Purpose**

- A. The Year 2020 Census-defined Urbanized Area (UA) for Harrisburg extends into York County, as shown on the attached map. Federal statute requires Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) or coverage by adjacent MPOs where there is a UA.
- B. By virtue of the UA populations, HATS and YAMPO are Transportation Management Areas (TMAs). With TMA status comes additional planning requirements and Surface Transportation Urban (STU) funding based on the UA population.
- C. The Harrisburg Area (composed of Cumberland, Dauphin, and Perry counties) and York County MPO boundaries have coincided with their common county boundaries.
- D. The purpose of this MOU is to establish the MPO boundaries and transportation planning and programming responsibilities as they relate to the portions of the Harrisburg UA that extend into York County.

#### **General**

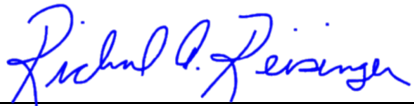
- A. We agree to carry out the transportation planning and programming processes in a cooperative and coordinated fashion and compliance with federal planning regulations, including quadrennial certification reviews by USDOT.
- B. Staff from both MPOs will communicate regularly, share information, and meet as needed to achieve the needed level of cooperation and coordination.
- C. This agreement will be reviewed when either one of the entities identifies the need for a review, but no later than 2033 or when the 2030 UAs are defined.

#### **Specific**

- A. The MPO boundary between HATS and YAMPO will remain at the Cumberland and York County boundary.
- B. YAMPO will assume primary planning and programming responsibility for the portion of the Harrisburg UA in York County, including:
  - UPWP development and accomplishment
  - Update of the Long Range Transportation Plan/Metropolitan Transportation Plan
  - Biennial update of the Transportation Improvement Program
  - Traffic and HPMS data collection
  - Travel demand modeling (external station traffic volume projections should be coordinated and reasonably consistent where there are common external stations)
  - Air quality modeling
  - Special and corridor studies
  - CMP planning and implementation
  - Highway functional class updates

- C. Long Range Transportation Plans/Metropolitan Transportation Plans and Transportation Improvements Programs will continue to be developed for the respective MPOs.
- D. To help ensure the continuity of federal funds and help support project delivery, both HATS and YAMPO agree to abide by the methodology and process used to allocate federal funds to the respective MPOs. The federal and state formulas will continue to follow county boundaries, not the Urbanized Area Boundary. STU funds will be divided between the York MPO and Harrisburg MPO based on the percentage of the Harrisburg UA population within York County and the entire Harrisburg UA population. YAMPO shall use such funds for projects in the Harrisburg UA area of York County.

Adopted by the York Area Metropolitan Planning Organization this 7th day of December, 2023.



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Adopted by the Harrisburg Area Transportation Study this 15th day of December, 2023.



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