

H A T S
Coordinating Committee Meeting
Meeting #264
June 23, 2023
9:00 AM

1. Welcome and Introductions

The June 23, 2023 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. Presentations

Mr. Deck provided a brief overview of the two presentations – Post Road Improvement Study and Route 39 & 743 Corridor Land Use & Transportation Study – given at the June Technical Committee meeting. Both studies will be used in future TIP development discussions and are available online. No official action is being sought for either Study.

3. Meeting Minutes

a. Coordinating Committee – April 28, 2023

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

b. Technical Committee – June 9, 2023

Mr. Haste noted the June Technical 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

All administrative actions were presented for information only and did not require approval.

Mr. Haste asked if PennDOT had met with Swatara Township to discuss the US 322 & Chambers Hill Road project and its potential impacts on adjacent roads. Mr. Owen was not sure, but stated he would follow up after the meeting.

b. Amendments

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

- 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. Shifflet made the motion to approve the presented amendments. Commissioner Foschi 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, including one in Hummelstown that connects to the Hershey Bikes system, and 24 more bikes were added to the system in early June. HATS staff is still working on facilitating three more stations. Sponsorships are available at a variety of levels. More information is available at 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 was held on June 15 and a regional partners outreach meeting will be held June 28. Resources for the HATS Regional Active Transportation Plan, including a public survey and wikimapping tool, are available at www.tcrpc-pa.org/active-transportation-plan. Any questions or comments can be forwarded to abomberger@tcrpc-pa.org.

Mr. Bomberger also discussed the current open application round for the Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside (TASA) program. Draft applications are due July 17 and final applications are due September 15. Pre-applications meetings are required. As a large MPO, HATS is able to establish project eligibility and evaluation criteria for the regional allocation funds. Mr. Bomberger presented both documents, updated from past versions to reflect current terminology and dates, and stated he would submit these to PennDOT unless any objections were raised. No objections were raised.

Mr. Epstein asked about enforcement to ensure vehicles don't park or drive in a bike lane and how we can better educate our region's non-bike-enthusiast populations. Mr. Bomberger stated enforcement is a municipal police responsibility and will be a topic of focus in our ongoing safety planning efforts.

b. Operations and Safety

Mr. Deck 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 has 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, which will use a data-driven approach. The draft scope of work has been provided to SRTP. Any questions or suggestions can be forwarded to sdeck@tcrpc-pa.org.

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.

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. Mullins moved to accept the smoothed boundary and permit HATS staff to forward the required information to PennDOT. Mr. Shifflet 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:

- I-81 Resurfacing, Exit 59 to Wade Bridge – Roadway is milled down, concrete patching and resurfacing is ongoing, to proceed throughout summer
- I-83 East Shore Demo – Demolition work continues on properties within project limits.
- PA 147 Resurfacing – Work will complete in July, bridge improvements were included in project
- I-83 Resurfacing, Exit 43 to Exit 48 – Major detours in June, paving is complete. More detours and paving will occur in August.
- Front Street Resurfacing, Steelton Borough and Highspire Borough – Repaving began June 12, anticipation completion at end of summer
- US 22/322 Resurfacing – Detours put in place around 11/15 interchange in May, contractor noticed additional necessary repairs. Work will continue through summer and fall

Mr. Shifflet discussed the federal discretionary grant being pursued by PennDOT for the South Bridge Project and stated letters of support will be sought from all regional partners and stakeholders. Mr. Deck stated HATS staff has met with the consultant team developing the grant application and has begun coordination.

7. Status Report

Norfolk Southern

Mr. Haste discussed the recent meeting between HATS Coordinating Committee officers, HATS planning staff, and Norfolk Southern. Improved participation from and coordination with Norfolk Southern is anticipated moving forward.

PennDOT

Mr. Mullins stated Rich Reisinger will be taking over as Acting District Executive and will stay in that role through September, when a final decision is expected.

Highspire Borough

Ms. Matesevac asked about the pavement condition issue she brought up at the April HATS meeting. Mr. Mullins stated he'd follow up, but that he thought a project in that location was expected to go to construction next year.

SRTA

Ms. Nidham stated SRTA staff are working on a new Transit Development Plan.

S RTP

Mr. Boyer discussed the outreach efforts being undertaken by Commuter Services and the events of May's National Bike Month. His staff is also awaiting a response on the National Science Foundation grant application for Perry County and is preparing a regional Safe Routes to Schools application for the current TASA round.

Mr. Deck said a response on the National Science Foundation grant is expected in August.

8. Other Business

Mr. Epstein asked what impacts are expected on the elimination of urbanized clusters. Mr. Bomberger stated the transportation planning impacts are minimal.

9. Adjournment

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

The meeting was adjourned at 10:04 am.

Next meeting is scheduled for September 22, 2023.

ATTENDANCE

Harrisburg Area Transportation Study Coordinating Committee Meeting June 23, 2023

Name	Affiliation
Coordinating Committee Officers	
Jeff Haste, Chairman	Dauphin County
Commissioner Jean Foschi, Secretary	Cumberland County
Coordinating Committee Members	
Perry Stambaugh	Perry County
Jim Turner	Perry County
Beth Nidham	SRTA
Larry Shifflet	PennDOT Central Office
Carey Mullins	PennDOT District 8-0
Other Attendees	
Steve Deck	HATS Planning Staff
Andrew Bomberger	HATS Planning Staff
Karen Dixon	HATS Planning Staff
Ray Green	PennDOT Central Office
Matt Crea	PennDOT Central Office
Nate Walker	PennDOT Central Office
Sarah McHugh	PennDOT District 8-0
Jon Owens	PennDOT District 8-0
Rachel Reznick	PA DCED
Jon Fulponi	PA Senate GOP staff
Matt Boyer	Commuter Services/SRTP
Lauren Zumbrun	HRG
Ryan Hostetter	HRG
Jaime Keener	Buchart Horn
Jeff Bergsten	Carlisle Borough
Dorothy Matesevac	Highspire Borough
Von Hess	Highspire Borough
Jim Buckheit	Harrisburg Bicycle Club
Eric Epstein	EFMR