

H A T S
Coordinating Committee Meeting
Meeting #270
September 27, 2024
9:00 AM

1. Welcome and Introductions

The September 27, 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. Presentation

a. HATS Regional Safety Action Plan

Ms. Martin presented information on the HATS Regional Safety Action Plan, which looks to enhance ongoing safety and equity work as a result of its engagement, collaboration, and project selection efforts. The plan provides an overview of the Safe System Approach and details on the existing conditions of our system, identified focus areas, and potential countermeasures for those focus areas.

Mr. Haste asked what timeframe the data that was used in the plan was from as well as if the plan was going to be kept up to date. Mr. Bomberger stated that safety planning will be an ongoing effort. Ms. Martin shared that the crash data used for analysis was from 2018 – 2022 which was the most recent available at the start of plan development.

Commissioner Foschi moved to adopt the HATS Regional Safety Action Plan. Commissioner Hartwick seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

b. Susquehanna Township Comprehensive Bicycle, Pedestrian, and Greenway Study

Mr. Bomberger shared a brief overview of the Susquehanna Township Comprehensive Bicycle, Pedestrian, and Greenway Study. The study was funded through the RTP Implementation Grant program. A full presentation was given to the Technical Committee as a condition of their contract.

3. Meeting Minutes

a. Coordinating Committee – June 28, 2024

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

b. Special Meeting – August 9, 2024

Commissioner Foschi moved to approve the August Special meeting minutes. Mr. Turner seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

c. Technical Committee – September 13, 2024

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

4. 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 June HATS meetings:

- 53 total actions
 - 14 increased funding
 - 3 decreased funding
 - 6 adding/removing phases
 - 4 cashflow/changing funding source
 - 26 reserve line items/deobligations

Highlights of the administrative modifications included the following:

- Brandt Avenue Pedestrian Improvements (MPMS 115792)
 - Increasing the CON phase of Brandt Ave Ped Imp in FFY 2024 for \$181,326 to the low bid amount.
 - This project consists of the installation of 23 ADA ramps along Brandt Avenue, repaving Brandt Avenue, installation of traffic control device at intersection of 7th Street and Brandt Avenue in New Cumberland Borough, Cumberland County.
 - This project was let on June 6, 2024.
- Spring Run Bridge (MPMS 100080)
 - Increasing the CON phase of Spring Run Bridge in FFY 2024 for \$89,070 to the low bid amount.

- This project consists of a bridge replacement on PA 34 (Spring Run Road) over Tributary to Spring Run in Middlesex Township, Cumberland County.
- This project was let on Aug 8, 2024.
- Sporting Hill Turn Lane (MPMS 114315)
 - Increasing the PE phase of Sporting Hill Turn Lane in FFY 2024 for \$1,148,043.
 - This is needed for a supplement to complete the second phase of PE, which is to progress the design of the scoped improvements and complete the necessary environmental studies to obtain NEPA Approval for the project.
 - This project consists of resurfacing, adding turn lanes, coordinated signal replacements at 4 intersections and updating bicycle and pedestrian accommodations on South Sporting Hill Road (SR 1013) from Trindle Road (PA 641) to Carlisle Pike (SR 1010), in Hampden Township Cumberland County.
 - This project has a current estimated let date of June 1, 2027.

b. Amendments

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

- Enola Road Pavement Preservation (MPMS 113461)
 - Action: Adding the CON phase of Enola Road Pavement Preservation in FFY 2025 for \$7,735,493 to the current estimate.
 - This project was previously funded with 409 funds.
 - The project will need to be funded with federal TIP funds due to the increased construction costs estimated through the PE phase and the 409 budget limits.
 - Project Narrative: 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.
 - This project has a current estimated let date of June 5, 2025.
 - This was approved on 9/11/2024 by our PMC (Program Management Committee) process in Central Office.
 - This project was originally programmed on the 2021 TIP with federal funds. The project was removed from the 2023 TIP and funded with Maintenance A-409 funds. The project progressed through PE and the construction cost was estimated at more than what the A-409 program for Cumberland County was able to fund. After discussing with the

Harrisburg MPO staff, The District made a decision to fund the construction phase with 2025 TIP funds to move forward with the construction phase.

- Funding will be utilized from the construction phase of Market St Bridge West (MPMS 93176) and the construction phase of Market St Bridge East (MPMS 93177). These project phases will be cash flowed to better align with the current estimated let date (12/3/2026). This will not impact the deliverability of these projects.

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

Mr. Bomberger shared information on a second amendment to the FFY 2023-2026 Highway/Bridge TIP. HATS staff, in coordination with Cumberland County and Lemoyne Borough, is pursuing a Feasibility Study for the trails leading from the SRTA/CAT Intermodal Bridge to 10th Street and Lowther Street in Lemoyne Borough, consistent with MOU established between Lemoyne Borough and Norfolk Southern. In June, HATS Coordinating Committee authorized a letter of support to be submitted as part of an application for a South Mountain Partnership grant, which was subsequently received. Because of the time sensitive nature of the study and the current attention Norfolk Southern is paying to the subject, HATS staff and Cumberland County are requesting an amendment of the FFY 2023-2026 Highway/Bridge TIP so that \$100,000 of the FFY 2025 RTP Implementation Grant line item be made available for completion of the study, to be matched against the local funds already secured.

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

5. Program and Plan Updates

a. Bike-Ped Update

Mr. Bomberger shared that, through August, SusqueCycle year-to-date ridership is up approximately 50% from last year. The entire fleet of bicycles was replaced in May and rack locations at Transit Park (10th St and Market St) and State Office Complex (North St and Commonwealth Ave) were added over the summer. There are now a total of 11 stations and 60 bikes across the system. HATS staff continues working with partners in the region to increase awareness and evaluate opportunities for future expansion of the system. Coordination with Hummelstown Borough, Penn State Health, and Tandem Mobility is ongoing to improve signage and awareness about the connectivity between the SusqueCycle and Penn State Health bike share

systems. Development of the HATS Active Transportation Plan has been slower than expected, but work continues with updates to come at future meetings.

b. Operations and Safety

Mr. Warner stated that the regional Congestion Management Process is underway with HATS staff attending a CMP workshop in August. As development progresses more information will be shared at future meetings. The HATS Crash App has been updated with the new 2019-2023 PCIT crash data from PennDOT. TCRPC has received SS4A Demonstration grant funding for the Sober Ride Home program which will provide \$40 Uber vouchers during specific days and times in an effort to reduce DUI crashes. Lower Paxton has been successful in receiving funding for their multi-municipal SS4A demonstration grant application.

c. FY 2025-2027 Unified Planning Work Program

Ms. Myers-Krug shared information on the FY 2025-2027 Unified Planning Work Program. It is prepared and updated on a two-year cycle, and describes major activities and resulting products, including who will perform the work, timeframe for completing the work, the proposed funding by activity, and a summary of the total amounts and sources of federal and matching funds. It should be noted that there is \$400,000 in supplemental planning funds available statewide in each year of the program. These are competitive funds awarded by PennDOT Central Office, usually in the Spring. HATS staff is requesting supplemental funding support for planning studies submitted for consideration through the RTP Implementation Grant Program, which is described in the draft UPWP. It is asked that Comments on the draft UPWP be submitted to HATS staff by October 4th to be incorporated in a final draft for review by FHWA and FTA. Final adoption by HATS will be asked for at the December meetings.

d. RTP Implementation Grant Program

Mr. Bomberger stated that the Regional Transportation Plan Implementation Grant program has awarded funds to construction projects through its application rounds in 2020 and 2022 totaling around \$12 million. The 2020 round awarded 14 construction projects and the 2022 round awarded six construction projects and five studies. As discussed at previous meetings, many of those projects have been subject to cost increases, primarily due to inflation and the general rise in the cost of construction materials. After discussion with PennDOT District 8-0 and Larsen Design Group (the contracted project manager for Round 1 projects), HATS staff is recommending the RTP Implementation Grant Program be paused, the RTP Implementation Grant

line item in FFY 2025 and 2026 (totaling \$6 million) be used to accommodate these cost increases and no application round for construction projects be made available this year, and to revisit this at the start of 2027 TIP development in late 2025.

Mr. Reisinger asked that municipal projects asking for federal funds to be mindful of the federal delivery process and that municipalities work with their consultants to accommodate the additional costs and time when developing estimates and scopes of work. PennDOT will work with municipal partners to assist in reviewing project estimates and scopes of work.

Commissioner Foschi moved to approve pausing the RTP Implementation Grant Program, use the RTP Implementation Grant line item for cost increases, and revisit discussion on the program in late 2025 at the start of 2027 TIP development. Ms. Nidam seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

e. Market Street Bridge

Mr. Reisinger shared information on the Market Street Bridge projects, which includes the west span from City Island to Lemoyne/Wormleysburg in eastern Cumberland County, and the historic east span from City Island to Front Street in the City of Harrisburg. PennDOT worked with several consultants to develop numerous alternatives varying widely in cost. PennDOT, working with those consultants and HATS narrowed down the list of alternatives to what is presented in the packet. Numerous complexities are present with these projects including the numerous utilities withing the bridges, maintaining bike and pedestrian traffic on the west span, a full detour of westbound vehicle traffic for the duration of construction, etc. PennDOT recommends the alternative for construction of a downstream utility bridge, to move utilities onto the utility bridge and then commence construction on the Market Street bridges. Consideration should be made to the future operation of the Walnut Street Bridge once Market Street bridge construction is complete.

Mr. Bomberger emphasized the complexities involved with the different alternatives. HATS Staff would like to see project grouping two from the PennDOT-prepared memo be the recommended alternative since it includes a full rehab of the CAT Intermodal Bridge, with the consideration that they will not be let as the same project but instead done as a commitment from PennDOT to work with HATS to move the rehab of the CAT Bridge forward. Mr. Reisinger agreed PennDOT would be an engaged partner in moving the CAT Bridge rehab project forward.

The Technical Committee recommended project grouping two from the PennDOT-prepared memo to the coordinating Committee with the understanding that the CAT Bridge rehab will be a separately engineered and constructed project from the Market Street Bridge projects.

Commissioner Foschi made the motion to select project grouping two with the CAT Bridge as a separate project. Ms. Nidam seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

f. HATS 2050 Regional Transportation Plan

Mr. Bomberger stated that HATS staff has begun the development of the HATS 2050 Regional Transportation Plan and public outreach is well underway. A public survey is available online and event attendance began in July. An initial Steering Committee meeting was held July 31 which introduced the structure and changes of the HATS 2050 RTP. A visioning exercise was also conducted, with a follow-up survey available for those that didn't attend the meeting, with the results being used to establish the vision and goals of the plan. Outreach for the HATS 2050 RTP will continue through the fall and the next Steering Committee meeting will be held in late October/early November. Needs identified on the current Project Pipeline and ones that have been collected since the last update have been compiled and sent to municipalities to review and send in any additional needs. Adoption of the HATS 2050 RTP is anticipated for September 2025.

6. Project Development Process

a. Project Pipeline

Mr. Bomberger stated that all new transportation need submissions will be included in the RTP update.

b. Projects in Development

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

- US 322 & Chambers Hill Rd Intersection (MPMS 92945)
 - JDE's subcontractor, Herr Signal & Lighting Co., installed signal pole foundations and ITS poles at the Chambers Hill and SR 322 Intersection. Herr Signal continues to perform lighting and signal operations at this intersection.

- JDE continues to excavate and place subbase along the shoulder of SR 322 eastbound in Stage 2 widening areas.
- JDE began placing concrete pavement along the eastbound shoulder of SR 322 from Webner Road to the Chambers Hill intersection.
- Cameron Street Resurface (MPMS 113276)
 - JDE continues nighttime concrete patching operations on Cameron Street.
 - JDE continued inlet adjustment concurrently with concrete patching
 - JDE's subcontractor, Telco, Inc., began boring for underground conduit and install light foundations.
 - JDE began island reconstruction at the intersection of Cameron Street and Arsenal Blvd.
 - JDE's subcontractor, Kee-Ta Quay Construction, began installing mountable curb the week of September 9, 2024 at the Cameron Street and Arsenal Blvd.
- I-83 East Shore Section 3 (MPMS 97828)
 - The 29th Street bridge has been demolished over both the Norfolk Southern Railroad and I-83. Blasting operations for demolition of the I-83 span took place on August 24th.
 - Excavation for the 29th Street bridge Pier 1 and Abutment 2 is ongoing.
 - I-83 traffic remains in the stage 1 configuration with barrier in place along the existing NB RT shoulder. In addition, barrier is in place along the SB RT shoulder to facilitate the 29th Street bridge excavation efforts.
- Clarks Ferry Interim Repairs (MPMS 119484)
 - JVI remobilized on July 29, 2024 to begin pier jacketing.
 - Pier jacketing work is anticipated to continue into early December. A time extension will be processed for the additional work.
- Laudermilch Road Bridge (MPMS 47519)
 - Work is expected to be completed July 2025.
- Market Street Bridge – A (MPMS 90772)
 - Farhat anticipates implementing the 63-day detour on SR 0147 in mid-October 2024 to begin demolition of the existing masonry arch culvert and installation of the precast concrete arch culvert.
- Derry St Safety Improvements (MPMS 113390)
 - JVI completed ADA ramps and began inlet replacement operations
 - Paving has started in the area.
 - Under a separate contract, UGI is scheduled to replace a gas main on the west end of the project. On September 10, 2024, the Department and JVI held a meeting with UGI to coordinate milling and paving operations.

7. Status Report

PennDOT

Mr. Mullins noted that a barrier has been installed along US 322 in Reed Township Dauphin County. The barrier consists of raised curbing and delineators to separate EB and WB traffic. This is a temporary barrier until a permanent one is installed with the Riverlands Safety Improvement projects. A portion of SR 4004 in Saville Township, Perry County washed out during a localized flooding event on August 31st. The road is currently closed while PennDOT crews work to fix the roadway and culvert. It is expected to reopen in the coming weeks.

FHWA

Mr. Porochniak shared that FHWA is currently in the final stages of STIP approval. They are awaiting signatures from FTA.

S RTP

Ms. Newcomer provided an update on their monthly ridership statistics. She also gave a brief overview of their current outreach programs.

City of Harrisburg

Mr. Seiders noted that he and the City's grants director will be presenting at the next City Council workshop meeting and requesting formal acceptance of the SS4A grant awarded to them.

Perry County

Mr. Turner shared concerns from the public about the maintenance of the roundabout in Shermans Dale. Concerns focused on the lack of maintenance of the center of the roundabout causing safety concerns.

Mr. Reisinger stated the district will look into it, but noted that most roundabouts are maintained by the municipality per a maintenance agreement with PennDOT.

8. Other Business

Mr. Bomberger shared information from an update from PennDOT on the I-83 Master Plan with minimal changes.

Mr. Bomberger shared an update provided by Jeff Iseman from PA SILC to encourage attendance to a public hearing on "Optimizing PA's Multimodal Transportation System" on October 1, 2024.

9. Adjournment

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

The meeting was adjourned at 10:47 am.

Next meeting is scheduled for December 20, 2024.

ATTENDANCE

Harrisburg Area Transportation Study Coordinating Committee Meeting September 27, 2024

| Name | Affiliation |
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| Coordinating Committee Officers | |
| Jeff Haste, Chairman | Dauphin County |
| Commissioner Brenda Watson, Vice-Chair | Perry County |
| Commissioner Jean Foschi, Secretary | Cumberland County |
| Coordinating Committee Members | |
| Commissioner George Hartwick | Dauphin County |
| Jim Turner | Perry County |
| Jeff Bergsten | Cumberland County |
| Joel Seiders | City of Harrisburg |
| Beth Nidam | SRTA |
| Nathan Walker | PennDOT Central Office |
| Kevin Keefe | PennDOT District 8-0 |
| Other Attendees | |
| Diane Myers-Krug | HATS Planning Staff |
| Andrew Bomberger | HATS Planning Staff |
| Tanner Stroup | HATS Planning Staff |
| Ben Warner | HATS Planning Staff |
| Karen Dixon | HATS Planning Staff |
| Dan Robinson | Dauphin County |
| Ray Green | PennDOT Central Office |
| Ted Sheehe | PennDOT Central Office |
| Carey Mullins | PennDOT District 8-0 |
| Jeff Puher | PennDOT District 8-0 |
| Richard Reisinger | PennDOT District 8-0 |
| Heidi Mertz | PennDOT District 8-0 |
| Maitrey Patel | PennDOT District 8-0 |
| Pharon Bertsch | PennDOT District 8-0 |
| Kyle Snyder | PA DCED |
| Gene Porochniak | FHWA |
| Matthew Stoneroad | PA House staff |
| Stacey Newcomer | CommutePA/SRTP |
| Ross Willard | Recycle Bicycle |
| Dan Long | HRG |
| Amelia Martin | Kittelson & Associates, Inc |
| Justin Gochenauer | MBI |
| Jason Hursh | Larson Design Group |
| Brian Kimmett | Rock the Capital |
| Jim Buckheit | Bicycle South Central PA |
| William Peterson | Center for Community Building |