

H A T S
Technical Committee Meeting
Meeting #327
April 12, 2024
9:00 AM

1. Welcome and Introductions

The April 12, 2024 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 9, 2024

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

b. Coordinating Committee – February 23, 2024

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. 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

Ms. Zejcirovic 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

Mr. Stoner moved to recommend approval of the Highway/Bridge amendment.
Mr. Green 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 months. 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 progress is being made toward initiating the regional Congestion Management Process. The scope of work was sent to FHWA and comments have been received. Once those comments are addressed work can begin. 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. HATS SS4A Action Plan is looking at a completion date sometime in July.

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 a rail trail project and other related items.

Ms. Watson gave background on how work between PennDOT and Norfolk Southern has contributed to the Lemoyne projects and how it relates to the Second Pennsylvania Service.

Ms. Gallo provided additional information about the extent of the project including the replacement of a pedestrian bridge at 7th street with an at-grade crossing more suitable for bicycles and pedestrians.

Mr. Deck added that a service road will be constructed to provide access to the trail. There will be another trail constructed with the project that will connect to areas south of I-83.

Mr. Stoner thanked Lemoyne Borough and HATS for their work and looks forward to the possibilities.

Mr. Turner shared that he is pleased to see the cooperation of Norfolk Southern with regards to this project.

Mr. Stoner made the motion to recommend allowing the process to move forward as documented in the MOU. Mr. Knight seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

d. Performance Measure Target Setting GHG

Mr. Bomberger shared that, due to guidance from PennDOT, 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.

Mr. Green stated that PennDOT's target setting for these performance measures were completed prior to stop/hold put in place by the lawsuit.

e. FFY 2025-2028 TIP Development

Mr. Bomberger stated the TIP Air Quality Conformity Analysis is ongoing and should be completed and ready for review soon. 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.

Mr. Green made the motion to recommend sending the draft FFY 2025-2028 TIP onto Public Comment. Ms. Zejcirovic 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 recommend approval of this proposed policy.

Mr. Turner made the motion to recommend the approval of the policy. Ms. Nidam 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 will be Friday 4/19. A general scope and outreach approach has been developed. 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.

Mr. Bomberger noted that a presentation on the Millerstown Bike/Ped Feasibility Study will be shared at the June HATS meeting and that all five funded studies are progressing well.

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.

b. Projects in Development

Ms. Zejcirovic gave an update for several projects, including the following:

- Perry County Covered Bridges (MPMS 119311)
 - The PM is still awaiting a signature resolution from Perry County, needed for creation of the reimbursement agreement. Once the reimbursement agreement is executed, PE will be able to begin.

- Herr St Ped Improvements (MPMS 118502)
 - The City of Harrisburg is working to get a designer on board.

- Sporting Hill Turn Lane (MPMS 114315)
 - Hampden Township and Tri-County decided on Alternative 1 which entails...
 - Adding an exclusive left turn lanes NB at the Hampden Park Drive and NB and SB at the old and new Hampden Township Building/Emergency Services Driveways.
 - A two-way left turn lane will be installed outside of the exclusive left turn lanes between the Hampden Park Drive and Trindle Road.
 - New signals and pedestrian accommodations will be installed at Trindle Road, Delbrook/Eastgate, the Township Building Driveway, and the Hampden Park Drive intersections.
 - A rough layout of a buffered bike-ped trail down the western side of Sporting Hill Road from the old Township Building Driveway to Trindle Road is being prepared.
 - The District met with Tri-County and Hampden Twp., to discuss in March.
 - The next step is to present the concept to the Navy Depot.
 - We are also looking at some pedestrian improvements on the east side of Sporting Hill Road where feasible.
 - The District continues to work with PP&L Transmission on the location of large utility poles and aerial easements on the east side of Sporting Hill Road with the intention of the new pole locations being outside of the proposed widened roadway. The goal is to avoid moving the poles twice.
 - The let date is estimated to be 4/29/2027.

- Simpson Ferry/Sheely Lane (MPMS 110474)
 - This project may consist of improvements at the following intersections in Hampden and Lower Allen Twp, Cumberland County:
 - Simpson Ferry Road and Sheely Lane
 - E Trindle Road and Wesley Dr/Sheely Lane from Gale Street to Hann Way
 - E Trindle Road to Wilson Lane
 - The consultant selected process just got underway.
 - The current estimated let date is January 2028, but this will be updated once a schedule is determined during Preliminary Engineering.

- Riverlands Safety Implementation (MPMS 106554)
 - Currently working on...
 - Archeology Phase 2 field work.
 - The Environmental assessment (EA) process and inclusion of the PA 849 Bridge under this EA.
 - Advancing the design field view plans, preliminary ROW plan, Traffic control plan and drainage design.
 - A second Public Meeting is being planned. We anticipate it to occur this summer in the same location as the first meeting.

- Forge Road Bicycle Facilities (MPMS 119312)
 - This project consists of bike/ped improvements on Forge Road (SR 2003), from Arnold Street near the school district to Lindsey Road in South Middleton Township, Cumberland County.
 - TPD is selected as the Designer
 - A Scoping Field View is scheduled for 4/16/2024.

- Paxtang Parkway TASA (MPMS 111655)
 - This project consists of streambank repair and restoration on the Capital Area Greenbelt between Market Street and Derry Street in Susquehanna Township and Paxtang Borough, Dauphin County.
 - The District is still working through the reimbursement agreement with the City of Harrisburg.
 - The design team is pushing forward with plans and specifications.
 - The estimated let date is 1/30/2025.

- I-81 Auxiliary Lanes from Exits 47 to 48 (MPMS 117799)
 - The consultant collected the traffic data and is progressing existing traffic models.

- Listening sessions were held with South Middleton and Carlisle Borough to gather feedback and information on planned development/ re-development projects.
- Online freight survey has been developed and will be distributed soon.
- Looking high level at alternatives at the interchanges and area.

6. Status Report

PennDOT

Ms. Zejcirovic shared that Kevin Keefe has been named District 8 Executive. The Dauphin County Legislative Briefing meeting is scheduled for May 2nd.

Mr. Sheeche gave an update on National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (NEVI) Formula Program. It was part of the IIJA bill to develop alternative fuel corridors and is an on tradition funding source on the Statewide TIP. Three awards in Cumberland County and one in Dauphin County for charging stations are being issued as part of the second round of conditional awards.

S RTP

Ms. Heilman shared that CommutePA is in the middle of their Earth Month competition with close to 25 employers participating. Outreach staff has been out to multiple employers to provide transportation resources to employees. They are gearing up for bike month activities in May and just finished their 2023 Year-End Performance Report.

City of Harrisburg

Mr. Knight shared that Wallace Montgomery was signed on for open-ended engineering services in the absence of a City Engineer.

Silver Spring Township

Mr. Palmer stated that Hempt Bridge will be closed for at least 6 months starting June 1st for construction.

Dauphin

Mr. Robinson shared concerns that homeowners have about where will be dumped from the Chambers Hill Road project.

7. Other Business

Mr. Deck reminded that the Annual report is a combination of reports from Tri County Regional Planning Commission, Dauphin County Planning Commission, Perry County Planning Commission, and HATS. Any comments or suggestions about the content or how the report is formatted are welcome.

Mr. Iseman shared that there will be a Pennsylvania Disability Pride Day at the Capitol on Wednesday May 1st.

Mr. Deck reminded the groups participating in the HATS Technical Committee or Coordinating Committee to review their membership and send in any changes via writing.

8. Adjournment

Ms. Zejcirovic moved to adjourn. Mr. Green seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:24 am.

Next meeting is scheduled for June 14, 2024.

ATTENDANCE

Harrisburg Area Transportation Study Technical Committee Meeting April 12, 2024

Name	Affiliation
Technical Committee Officers	
Steve Deck, AICP, Chairman	HATS Planning Staff
Andrew Bomberger, AICP, Secretary	HATS Planning Staff
Technical Committee Members	
Ray Palmer	Cumberland County
Kirk Stoner	Cumberland County
Doug Brown	Dauphin County
Dan Robinson	Dauphin County
Jim Turner	Perry County
Geoffrey Knight	City of Harrisburg
Beth Nidam	SRTA
Ray Green	PennDOT Central Office
Kenana Zejcirovic	PennDOT District 8-0
Other Attendees	
Ted Sheehe	PennDOT Central Office
Rich Reisinger	PennDOT District 8-0
Jeff Puher	PennDOT District 8-0
Angela Watson	PennDOT Rail Freight
Karen Dixon	HATS Planning Staff
Tanner Stroup	HATS Planning Staff
Michael Zubak	Lancaster County Planning
Steve Hoffman	Cumberland County
Sarah Keller	PA Senate staff
Matthew Stoneroad	PA House staff
Kim Morewood	PA House staff
Andrew Dudziak	PA House staff
Adam Thompson	PA House staff
Laura Heilman	SRTP
Ross Willard	Recycle Bicycle
Dan Long	HRG
Lauren Zumbrun	HRG
Jim Buckheit	Harrisburg Bicycle Club
Lou Searles	Harrisburg Bicycle Club
Brian Kimmett	RTC
Jeff Iseman	PA SILC
Amanda Seibert	Lemoyne Borough
Gale Gallo	Lemoyne Borough