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Introduction

Public education and public involvement are key components to successful planning and decision making. Without meaningful public involvement, there is a risk of making poor decisions, or decisions that could have unintended negative consequences. Citizens (residents, business people, and property owners) need and deserve ongoing communication regarding projects and issues that affect their community. While complete consensus is rare, public education and public involvement may bring understanding and dialogue to planning studies and complex issues. The Public Participation Plan (PPP) provides private citizens and groups an opportunity to participate and influence public decisions. It facilitates two-way communication aimed at incorporating the views and ideas of the public into policies and plans. It seeks the advice and consent of concerned elected officials, planners and citizen leaders. A well thought out Public Participation Plan can provide many tangible benefits which are needed for successful and effective planning. The HATS Public Participation Plan will act as a guide for public involvement in the development of regional projects such as advancement of the Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP), the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), and the provisions of a range of special planning studies.

MPO Structure

The Harrisburg Area Transportation Study (HATS) was created in response to the Federal-Aid Highway Act of 1962, which mandated regional transportation planning as a condition for receiving federal funds for transportation projects. HATS is the designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), an organization of federal, state, and local agencies, and officials from Cumberland, Dauphin, and Perry Counties, the City of Harrisburg, and Capital Area Transit. HATS serves over half a million people in 103 municipalities covering almost 1,700 square miles in south central Pennsylvania, including Cumberland, Dauphin and Perry Counties.

HATS is comprised of two committees: the Coordinating Committee and the Technical Committee. The Technical Committee oversees analyses and preparation of plans and studies, reviews transportation items brought before HATS to consider, and makes recommendations to the Coordinating Committee. The Coordinating Committee is the policy body, which formally takes action based on Technical Committee input, and adopts transportation plans and improvement programs.

Tri-County Regional Planning Commission (TCRPC) functions as the lead staff agency of HATS and provides planning and administrative support services. It has the responsibility to ensure the transportation planning process is being carried out in accordance with federal and state regulations.
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, the Sunshine Law

Act 84 of 1986, as amended June 15, 1993, February 26, 1996, and October 15, 1998, is an act requiring public agencies to hold certain meetings and hearings open to the public, and to provide penalties as listed under this act. This act shall be known and may be cited as the Sunshine Law.

The General Assembly of Pennsylvania finds that secrecy in public affairs undermines the faith of the public in government. Highlights of the Sunshine Law are:

- Official action and deliberation by a quorum of the members of an agency shall take place at a meeting open to the public.
- Written minutes shall be kept of all open meetings of agencies.
- Public notice is not required in the case of an emergency meeting or a conference.
- The board or council has the option to accept all public comment at the beginning of the meeting.
- A person attending a meeting of an agency shall have the right to use recording devices to record all the proceedings.

Public Laws

Public involvement in the transportation planning and programming process has been a priority for federal, state and local officials since the passage of the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act (ISTEA) in 1991; its successor, the Transportation Efficiency Act for the 21st Century (TEA-21); the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU) and the present Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century (MAP-21). HATS Public Participation and Environmental Justice policies must reflect the mandates of this federal legislation.

Title VI and Environmental Justice

Public involvement must also consider Presidential Executive Order 12898, Environmental Justice. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency defines Environmental Justice as the “fair treatment of people of all races, cultures and income with respect to development, implementation and enforcement of environmental laws, regulations, programs and policies.” Fair treatment means that no racial, ethnic or socioeconomic group should bear a disproportionate share of the negative environmental consequences resulting from the operation of industrial, municipal and commercial enterprises or from the execution of federal, state, local, and tribal programs and policies. The Federal Highway Administration articulates three fundamental environmental justice principles:

- To avoid, minimize, or mitigate disproportionately high and adverse human health and environmental effects, including social and economic effects, on minority populations and low-income populations.
- To ensure the full and fair participation by all potentially affected communities in the transportation decision-making process.
- To prevent the denial of, reduction in, or significant delay in the receipt of benefits by minority and low-income populations.
Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964

Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 is the federal law that protects individuals from discrimination on the basis of their race, color, or national origin in programs that receive federal financial assistance. In operating a federally assisted program, a recipient cannot, on the basis of race, color, or national origin, either directly or through contractual means deny program services, aid, or benefits; provide a different service, aid, or benefit, or provide them in a manner different than they are provided to others; or segregate or separately treat individuals in any matter related to the receipt of any services, aid, or benefit.

Title VI Statements

HATS has developed two Title VI Statements to include in HATS public documents as a means of informing the public of compliance with Title VI and of the provisions of alternative language services and formats.

1. The first statement is to be added to meeting announcements to which the public and/or outside agencies/organizations are invited such as public meetings and/or open houses, both on-site and off-site, seminars and any HATS meetings:

“HATS is committed to compliance with the nondiscrimination requirements of civil rights statutes, executive orders, regulations, and policies. With advance notification, accommodations may be provided for those with special needs related to language, sight, or hearing. If you have a request for a special need, wish to file a complaint, or desire additional information, please contact Tri-County Regional Planning Commission, at (717) 234-2639; FAX (717) 234-4058; email: hats@tcrpc-pa.org.”

2. The second statement shall be added to all HATS public documents and publications:

“HATS fully complies with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and related statutes and regulations in all programs and activities. TCRPC’s website (www.tcrpc-pa.org) may be translated into multiple languages. Publications and other public documents can be made available in alternative languages or formats, if requested. For more information, call (717) 234-2539”

Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA)

The Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA) prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability by public entities in services, programs and activities. Public entities are required to make programs accessible to individuals with disabilities including conducting meetings and hearings in ADA-compliant buildings. Special accommodations must be provided to ensure communications are equally effective for persons with disabilities in order to participate in meetings, planning and programming activities.
Executive Order 13166, "Improving Access to Services for Persons with Limited English Proficiency"

Executive Order 13166, Improving Access for Persons with Limited English Proficiency (LEP), was issued in August 2000 to improve access to federally conducted and federally assisted programs and activities for persons limited in their English proficiency (limited ability to read, write or understand English). These individuals could have limited skills due to being non-native speakers or of limited educational background. The Order requires federal agencies to ensure that recipients of federal financial assistance provide meaningful access to their LEP applicants and beneficiaries. Language barriers may prohibit people who are LEP from obtaining services or information relating to various services and programs, and may limit individuals’ participation in public planning processes.

Federal guidelines require that recipients of federal financial assistance take reasonable steps to ensure meaningful access to federally funding programs, activities and publications for LEP persons. The “reasonable” standard is based on the following four guidelines, as set forth by the federal government, and incorporated into this Plan:

- The number or proportion of LEP persons eligible to be served or likely to be encountered by a program, activity or service of the recipient or grantee.
- The frequency with which LEP individuals come in contact with the program.
- The nature and importance of the program, activity or service provided by the recipient to people’s lives.
- The resources available to the recipient and costs.

As indicated in the above guidelines, the intent of the guidelines is to find a balance that ensures meaningful access by LEP persons to critical services and programs while not imposing undue burdens to recipient or sub-recipients.

The TCRPC website is accessible to non-speaking visitors utilizing Google-Translate. For translation of documents or other downloaded material from the TCRPC website an individual needs to contact planning@tcrpc-pa.org
Public Participation Objectives

In order to ensure HATS has a proactive and meaningful public involvement process that provides complete information, timely public notice, full public input to key decision-making processes, and supports early and continuing involvement in developing regional plans and projects, and in compliance with the MAP-21 federal legislation, HATS shall pursue the following objectives:

• Inform and educate HATS stakeholders, share information, and increase overall awareness of regional planning, land use, and transportation issues and activities in the Tri-County area.
• Provide opportunities for interested parties to identify regional concerns and priorities.
• Provide public access to technical and policy information used in the development of plans and programs.
• Increase the public’s awareness of opportunities and activities to actively participate in HATS plans and programs.
• Ensure adequate notification related to public involvement activities to allow for public review and comment on key decision points.
• Provide feedback to participants as a result of public comment that is provided during the planning process.
• Encourage public involvement among HATS’s various audiences, including traditionally underserved groups.
• Make public information, including the RTP and the TIP available in appropriate electronically accessible formats and means, such as the Internet, to afford reasonable opportunity for consideration.
• Evaluate the Public Participation Plan to determine if it is effectively providing adequate opportunity for involvement.
• Develop the RTP and TIP in consultation with interested parties (including representatives of non-motorized users, including by the formation of advisory groups representative of the community and interested parties that participate in the development of the metropolitan transportation plan and transportation improvement program.
• Employ visualization techniques to describe the RTP and TIP.
Public Participation Strategies

The following table illustrates certain public participation strategies along with potential methods to accomplish the strategies.

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<td>Comment Opportunities</td>
<td>Public Meeting, written comments accepted, online website</td>
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<td>One meeting prior to recommending adoption by HATS MPO</td>
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<td>Press Releases &amp; Public Service Announcements</td>
<td>Press announcements publicized in the Harrisburg Patriot News, PennLive.com</td>
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<td>Initial Notice Period</td>
<td>Thirty (30) calendar days prior to public comment period ending (LRTP, TIP), Forty-five (45) calendar days prior to Public Comment Period ending (PPP)</td>
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<td>Public Meeting Notice Period</td>
<td>Ten (10) days prior to the Public Comment Meeting</td>
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<td>Amendment Notice Period</td>
<td>Thirty (30) days prior to the Public Comment Period ending (LRTP)</td>
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<td>Evaluation Technique</td>
<td>Number of participants at meetings, number of comments received</td>
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<td>Comprehensive Plan Review</td>
<td>During the LRTP update, county/local plans will be utilized in conjunction with other local inputs to identify transportation-related issues and concerns of the local communities</td>
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<td>Visualization Techniques</td>
<td>Maps, handouts, presentations</td>
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Planning Activities

As the MPO for the Harrisburg Region, HATS undertakes two significant, ongoing planning processes: the development and adoption of a Long-Range Transportation Plan, and the adoption and management of the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

Long Range Transportation Plan

HATS has a mandated responsibility to develop a regional plan with a 20-year timeframe, with long-range forecasts of population, land use, employment, and travel trends that determine how federal transportation funds will be spent. Accompanying the Long-Range Plan update is a public involvement component, which may include visioning workshops, other public events, focus group meetings, stakeholder outreach, newsletters, and surveys. Before the long-range plan is adopted, a public comment period of at least 30 days must be held.

The following describes the minimum public involvement program required during the review of a draft Regional Transportation Plan (RTP), or a draft of a major amendment to the Plan. These steps must be taken before HATS acts to adopt the draft document as the final plan.

Legal Notice

A legal notice shall be printed in the Harrisburg Patriot News and other local newspapers, as appropriate. The notice shall specify the date, time and location of the forthcoming public hearing to explain the plan and obtain comments and public input. The notice shall include a statement that translator services may be requested in advance. The notice shall also be submitted to each municipality in the Tri-County area.

Comment Period and Public Meeting

HATS shall allow a minimum of 30 days for public comments and shall hold a public information meeting during the public comment period. Opportunity for public comment on the plan shall be provided at every Coordinating and Technical Committee during the comment period.

Summary & Disposition of Comments

A summary of significant comments and the disposition of the comments shall be provided in the final document.

As the RTP is developed and implemented by HATS, staff must:

- Include a proactive and ongoing public participation process.
- Be consistent with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and Environmental Justice requirements of Executive Order 12898.
• Identify actions necessary to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990.
• Provide for the involvement of transportation advocacy groups, related agencies, authorities, private operators, and elected officials.
• Provide for the involvement of local, state, and federal environment resource agencies, as appropriate

Transportation Improvement Program

The Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) is an agreed-upon list of priority projects. The TIP lists all projects for which federal funds are anticipated, along with non-federally funded projects that are regionally significant. In Pennsylvania, the TIP covers a four-year period and is updated every other year. The following describes the minimum public involvement program required during the review of the draft HATS TIP, or the draft of a major amendment. These steps must be taken before HATS acts to adopt a draft document as the final or official document.

Legal Notice

A legal notice shall be printed in the Harrisburg Patriot News and other local newspapers as appropriate. The notice shall specify the date, time and location of the forthcoming public hearing to explain the plan and obtain comments and public input. The notice shall also be submitted to each municipality in the Tri-County area.

Comment Period and Public Meeting

HATS shall allow 30 days for public comments and shall hold a public information meeting during the 30-day period. Opportunity for public comment on the TIP shall also be provided at every Coordinating and Technical Committee meeting during the comment period.

Summary & Disposition of Comments

A summary of significant comments and the disposition of the comments shall be provided in the final document.

Major TIP Amendment

A major TIP amendment is defined as one for which the PennDOT must prepare an air quality conformity report. State and federal guidelines require that an air quality conformity report must be prepared if one or more projects is of sufficient size, or of a certain type, that is apt to have a significant air quality impact.

Minor TIP Amendment

Standard procedures for Coordinating and Technical Committee meetings shall satisfy the public involvement requirements for minor amendments. So long as the proposed minor amendment is listed on the respective Coordinating and Technical Committee
agendas, and those agendas have been sent to municipalities and respective committee mailing lists seven days in advance of the meeting, the public involvement requirements shall be satisfied.

**Administrative Adjustments**

Administrative adjustments to the TIP are made when the change involves a simple matter such as moving a project from one year to another, a change in funding source, an increase in federal funds (not to exceed $2 million) with no change in scope, or a decrease in cost. Since these changes are minor in nature and since the projects have already been reviewed by the public through the earlier TIP adoption process described above, there will be no need for a formal vote by HATS.

**PennDOT Section 5307 Program of Projects Satisfaction**

Public involvement for the TIP is used to satisfy public involvement requirements for the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation Section 5307 program of projects.

**Special Studies**

Public involvement plans for special studies will be developed on a case by case basis. For studies managed by the TCRPC, staff will develop a public participation plan. In the case of special studies conducted by PennDOT, the TCRPC will stress the need for public participation throughout the project development process.
Evaluation Procedures for Public Participation

HATS Public Participation Plan is not a static document, but an ongoing strategy to meet public outreach needs of HATS plans and programs. There is no singular approach to public engagement. Outreach and participation for specific projects may be different. The residents of this region are not a homogeneous entity; therefore methods of outreach may also be different depending on the intended audience. At the same time, in order to maintain a successful involvement program, HATS shall evaluate what worked and what did not work in the public participation process.

The Federal Highway Administration recommends the following steps for public participation:

- Clearly define purposes and objective for initiating a public dialogue on transportation issues.
- Specific identification of the affected public and other stakeholder groups with respect to the plans and programs under development.
- Identification of techniques for engaging the public in the process.
- Notification procedures that effectively target affected groups.
- Methods and measures for evaluating the effectiveness of the public involvement program.
- Education and assistance techniques, which result in an accurate and full public understanding of transportation issues.
- Follow-through demonstrating that decision-makers seriously considered public input.
- Solicitation of feedback from the public and stakeholders on the effectiveness of the public involvement process.
Outreach Techniques

Interested Parties

Federal guidelines require the participation of interested parties in the development of public participation plans. MAP-21 defines “interested parties” as:

- residents
- affected public agencies
- representatives of public transportation employees
- freight shippers
- private providers of transportation
- representatives of users of public transportation
- representatives of users of pedestrian walkways and bicycle transportation facilities
- representatives of the disabled
- providers of freight transportation services
- other interested parties

Public Meetings and Other Events

Public meetings, open houses, workshops, and information sessions will be scheduled, when deemed appropriate, to allow the greatest opportunity for attendance by the general public and interested groups (i.e., evening or lunch meetings) based upon available staff and resources.

A public meeting will be held prior to the adoption of TCRPC’s Regional Transportation Plan, TIP, and other major amendments. Meetings will be conducted in locations that are ADA accessible and convenient to public transit, when possible. Sign language interpreters or other auxiliary aid requests can be accommodated if requested in advance.

Where appropriate, visualization techniques will be employed throughout TCRPC’s public participation activities to aid the public in understanding proposed plans. Examples of visualization techniques include sketches, drawings, artist renderings, physical models and maps, simulated photos, videos, computer modeled images, GIS based scenario planning tools, and computer simulation.

Privacy Statement

Public sign-in sheets may include the following disclaimer:

“If personal information is requested and volunteered by the user, state law and federal Privacy Act of 1974 may protect it. However, this information is a public record once you provide it, and may be subject to public inspection and duplication if not protected by federal or state law.”
TCRPC Communication

TCRPC Website

TCRPC’s website is a continuously updated source of information on every aspect of the regional and transportation planning processes. A wide scope of resource material, covering all of TCRPC’s planning areas is available, as well as an event calendar, regional data, community resources, meeting notices and agendas, information related to public participation activities, and Environmental Justice. The website also includes staff, Board member, member government contact information, and links to related agencies and municipalities. The TCRPC website, including this Public Participation Plan, may be translated into multiple languages through GoogleTranslate.

TCRPC Newsletter

The TCRPC newsletter is published three (3) times a year. The newsletter provides information about the HATS and the Commission’s various projects and activities and includes information on how to contact the Commission and its staff. The newsletter is e-mailed, is available in a printed format (if requested) and is posted online.

Annual Reports

TCRPC and HATS both publish annual reports. They summarize the activities of the prior calendar year. The reports are available in hard copy and online.

TCRPC Resource Center

The TCRPC Resource Center serves as a clearinghouse and repository for the many publications that TCRPC has produced, including a variety of newsletters, studies, and assorted transportation, data and planning related documents. A vast array of other resources, transportation and planning related reports, studies and data are also available in the Center. The Center is open during regular business hours. The use of the Center is free. Some fees may apply to some publications or photocopies of documents.
How to Get Involved

The TCRPC provides information to the community via standard mailings, email and the TCRPC website. If you want to get involved in the activities of the TCRPC you can do the following:

• Visit the TCRP website at www.tcrpc-pa.org
• Meeting schedules, agendas and minutes are posted on the website
• Sign up for the TCRP mailing list by contacting TCRP staff at (717) 234-2639
• TCRPC meeting notices are advertised in the legal advertisements in the Harrisburg Patriot News
• All meetings are open to the public and there is a public comment item on all agendas.
• The Technical Committee currently meets bi-monthly the second Friday of the month at 9:00 a.m., at CAT offices. (See website for exact dates)
• The Coordinating Committee currently meets bi-monthly the fourth Friday of the month at 9:00 a.m., at CAT offices. (See website for exact dates)
• We recommend confirming all meetings with the TCRPC staff or via the website

Contact Information

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Evaluation Procedures

The TCRPC will periodically evaluate the procedures for public participation including the review of public meeting attendance, the number of public comments received, web uses analysis tools, public comments on the plan and any additional comments and suggestions. The findings will be incorporated into subsequent involvement activities and the Plan will be revised where appropriate.
Appendix

HATS Committee Members

HATS Public Participation Plan and Environmental Justice Public Comment Notice
Patriot News, December 10, 2013

HATS Sample Public Meeting Display Ad

HATS Sample Legal Ad

HATS Sample Local Government Notice

HATS Press Release Distribution List
## Harrisburg Area Transportation Study Committee Members
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HATS Public Participation Plan and Environmental Justice Public Comment Notice (Patriot News, December 10, 2013)

NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Harrisburg Public Participation Plan will be held a public meeting to be held on December 19, 2013 at the Harrisburg Redevelopment Authority in the 4th Floor of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Center, 1240 N. 2nd St. Harrisburg, PA 17110, beginning at 7:00 p.m.

The meeting will be provided in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act. Persons requiring special accommodations should contact the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation at (717) 657-4730, at least 48 hours prior to the scheduled meeting time.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The City of Harrisburg is soliciting public comment on the Draft Public Participation Plan and Environmental Justice Plan. The Draft Public Participation Plan outlines the policies, procedures and processes for all public involvement activities within the City. The public is invited to provide comments on the Draft Public Participation Plan and Environmental Justice Plan.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

The Draft Public Participation Plan and Environmental Justice Plan are available for review at the HATS website: http://www.crcp-pa.org/HATS/Pages/HATS-Resources.aspx. The documents are also available at the Dauphin County Planning Commission, 112 Market Street, 2nd Floor, Harrisburg, PA 17101-2013 between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

All comments should be submitted in writing to Tim Strahl at the following address: tstrahl@crcp-pa.org, or mailed to Tim Strahl, CRCP, 112 Market Street, 2nd Floor, Harrisburg, PA 17101-2013, within thirty (30) days of the date of this publication.

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to section 319G (6) of the Pennsylvania Environmental Protection Act, the Pennsylvania Environmental Protection Agency (PAEA) has received a comment from a citizen organization incorporated under the laws of the State of Pennsylvania. The PAEA has received a comment from a citizen organization incorporated under the laws of the State of Pennsylvania. The comment is available for public review at the Pennsylvania Environmental Protection Agency, 14 South Front Street, Harrisburg, PA 17101.

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NOTICE

The Commonwealth's portable fuel container regulation became less stringent than Federal standards when a Federal rule was promulgated on February 26, 2007. The Federal rule is more stringent because it requires PFC manufacturers to make design changes that reduce emissions. It applies to sizes of fuel containers.
MEETING NOTICE
HARRISBURG AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY
TECHNICAL AND COORDINATING COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The Harrisburg Area Transportation Study (HATS) is the organization that will consider and approve the plans and programs and the Federal and State funding for the highway and transit systems in the Harrisburg Urbanized Area and Tri-County Region. Organizational members include: the Counties of Cumberland, Dauphin and Perry, Harrisburg City, the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation and Capital Area Transit.

The Coordinating Committee is the designated Metropolitan Planning Organization for the transportation systems in the Tri-County Region and is the decision-making body of HATS. The Technical Committee advises the Coordinating Committee.

Principal agenda items for the meetings include an update on the draft CMP, the Cross River Connections Study, Cumberland Valley Rails-to-Trails presentation and revisions to the 2013-2016 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Visit our website (http://www.tcrpc-pa.org/content/?/harrisburg-area-transportation-study/) for past meeting minutes, current meeting agenda and materials.

The meetings will be held in the 2nd floor Board Room of Capital Area Transit Offices located at 901 N Cameron Street in Harrisburg.

TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETING —
Friday, June 7, 2013 - 9:00 a.m.
and
COORDINATING COMMITTEE MEETING —
Friday, June 21, 2013 - 9:00 a.m.

Public attendance at HATS meetings is encouraged and persons wishing to comment on the transportation program will be heard. Public involvement for the TIP is used to satisfy public involvement requirements for the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation Section 5307 program of projects.

HATS is committed to compliance with the nondiscrimination requirements of applicable civil rights statutes, executive orders, regulations, and policies. The meeting location is accessible to persons with disabilities. With advance notification, accommodations may be provided for those with special needs related to language, sight, or hearing. If you have a request for a special need, wish to file a complaint, or desire additional information, please contact Tri-County Regional Planning Commission, 717-234-2639 or tjsmith@tcrpc-pa.org.
NOTICE OF PUBLIC REVIEW & COMMENT PERIOD

HARRISBURG AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY (HATS)
2005 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) AND
2030 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN (RTP)
PM$_{2.5}$ AIR QUALITY CONFORMITY DETERMINATION ANALYSIS

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A 30-day public review and comment period for the PM$_{2.5}$ (Fine Particulate Matter) Air Quality Conformity Determination Analysis associated with the HATS FFY 2005 TIP and HATS 2030 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) will begin on Friday, December 16, 2005 and will end on Tuesday, January 17, 2006.

The PM$_{2.5}$ Air Quality Conformity Determination Analysis demonstrates the TIP and RTP projects reduce emissions of particulate matter in future milestone years versus what they were in 2002, which is considered the base year.

Copies of the PM$_{2.5}$ Air Quality Conformity Determination Analysis report are available for public review during normal business hours at the Cumberland County Planning Commission Office, Business Central, 18 N Hanover St., Carlisle, the Perry County Planning Commission Office, Veteran's Office Building, New Bloomfield, the Tri-County Regional Planning Commission Office, 112 Market St., 2nd Floor, Harrisburg, and the Lebanon County Planning Department, 400 South 8th Street, Lebanon.

To receive public comment, an Information Booth/Public Open House will be held between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. at Strawberry Square in Harrisburg on Tuesday, January 10, 2006, and on Monday, January 9, 2006 from 7 to 9 p.m. in Room 207 of the Lebanon City/County Municipal Building.

All comments should be submitted in writing no later than 4 p.m. on January 17, 2006 to James W. Szymborski, HATS Technical Committee Chairman, Tri-County Regional Planning Commission, 112 Market Street, 2nd Floor, Harrisburg, PA 17101-2015; FAX (717)234-4058; email: hats@tcrpc-pa.org; or the Lebanon County Planning Department, Room 206, Municipal Building, 400 South 8th Street, Lebanon, PA 17042.

HATS will consider the PM$_{2.5}$ Air Quality Conformity Determination Analysis and public comments at its Coordinating Committee meeting of January 27, 2006 to be held at 9:00 AM in the 2nd floor Board Room of the Capital Area Transit Offices, 901 North Cameron Street, Harrisburg.

With advanced notification, accommodations will be provided for those persons with special language or transportation needs. Please contact the Tri-County Regional Planning Commission at (717) 234-2639; FAX (717) 234-4058; email: bdickson@tcrpc-pa.org.
May 7, 2013

To: Municipal Governments of the
HARRISBURG AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY
Cumberland, Dauphin and Perry Counties

From: Tim Smith
HATS Planning Staff

The next meetings of the HATS Technical and Coordinating Committees are scheduled as follows:

Technical Committee - Friday, June 7, 2013 - 9:00 a.m.
Coordinating Committee - Friday, June 21, 2013 - 9:00 a.m.

These meetings are open to the public and you are encouraged to participate. Principal agenda items for the meetings include a draft CMP presentation, a Cross River Connections Study update presentation, Cumberland Valley Rails –to– Trails presentation, and revisions to the 2013-2016 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

Meeting agendas and materials are posted on the HATS website (http://www.tcrpc-pa.org/content/?/harrisburg-area-transportation-study/) one week prior to the Technical Committee meeting.

Final meeting dates are published in the Patriot News at least one week prior to HATS meetings. All meetings will be held in the 2nd Floor Board Room of Capital Area Transit offices, 901 N Cameron Street, Harrisburg and are accessible to persons with disabilities.

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