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Newly adopted Regional Transportation Plan looks at \$3.4bn in investment over 25 years

(Harrisburg, Pa., December 23, 2014) – Members of the Harrisburg Area Transportation Study’s (HATS) Coordinating Committee on Friday voted to adopt the 2040 Regional Transportation Plan, a guide for the Tri-County Region’s transportation investments over the next 25 years.

The Regional Transportation Plan, or RTP, identifies long-term needs while documenting the current status of transportation projects, programs and infrastructure in Cumberland, Dauphin and Perry counties. It also sets a framework and priorities for the distribution of federal transportation funds to meet those needs. The plan’s goal is to create a safe, efficient and environmentally responsible multi-modal transportation system. That system should also be integrated with sustainable land use patterns to serve the mobility and accessibility needs of residents, businesses and travelers.

To meet federal requirements, HATS updates the RTP every four years. The newly adopted plan has been under development since the fall of 2013. The 2040 RTP has a base funding allocation projection of about \$3.4 billion over the next quarter century. It estimates the following amounts of revenue will be available over the next 25 years for these different types of projects:

- \$2.4 billion for highway and bridge projects (including safety, congestion management, bicycle/pedestrian and other projects)
- \$365 million for interstate projects
- \$413 million for transit projects
- \$247 million for local projects

While the RTP looks ahead a quarter century, final implementation of its projects occurs through the four-year Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), which is updated on a two-year cycle and modified on an as-needed basis. The most recent TIP was adopted by HATS in September.

[A list of projects for the 2015-2018 TIP and the 2040 RTP is available on the HATS website](#) (see RTP Chapter 5), along with an [interactive project map for the 2040 RTP](#). The RTP will now be submitted for joint Federal Highway Administration/Federal Transit Administration approval.

About Tri-County Regional Planning Commission:

Tri-County Regional Planning Commission (TCRPC) provides transportation and land use planning services to 103 municipalities in Cumberland, Dauphin and Perry counties with a mission of fostering the long-term livability and vitality of its communities, counties and region. Founded in 1966, it serves as the staff agency for the [Harrisburg Area Transportation Study](#), the federally designated Metropolitan Planning Organization for the region.

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