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Technical Committee Meeting  
Capital Area Transit  
2nd Floor Board Room  
Meeting #305  
November 22, 2019  
9:00 AM

1. Welcome and Introductions

The November 22, 2019 HATS Technical Committee meeting began at 9:00 AM. Mr. Deck welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked members, staff, and guests to introduce themselves.

2. Meeting Minutes

   a. Technical Committee – September 13, 2019

      Commissioner Naylor moved to approve the September meeting minutes. Mr. Flint seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

   b. Coordinating Committee – September 27, 2019

      Mr. Deck noted the September Coordinating Committee minutes were included for information purposes.

3. TIP Modifications (FFY 2019-2022)

   a. Amendments

      Ms. Raves proposed 1 amendment to the 2019-2022 Highway & Bridge TIP, which increases the construction phase of PA 283 Reconstruction by $2,372,750 in FFY 2020 & 2022 to account for field changes and adjustments. Mr. Stoner moved to recommend approval of the motion. Commissioner Naylor seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

   b. Administrative Actions

      Ms. Raves stated since the September Technical Committee meeting, there have been 24 modifications made to the 2019-2022 TIP. The modifications included decreasing the construction phase of Ann Street over Amtrak in FFY 2020 to match the low bid amount, decreasing the Locust Creek Bridge in FFY 2021 and 2020 by $192,143 to match low bid amount, and cashflowing the construction phase of the Herr Street Improvements from FFY 2020 to 2021 by $4,221 to better utilize funds.
Ms. Raves also discussed 2 modifications made to the HATS Transit TIP, which added $2,152,080 in flex funds from the Highway Bridge TIP to the Transit TIP in FFY 2020 and adding the Market Street Pedestrian Improvements to the Transit TIP in the amount of $683,000.

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

4. Program and Plan Updates

a. Bike/Ped Update

Mr. Bomberger discussed the Bike/Ped/Passenger Task Force meeting, which was held on November 5 and focused on resurfacing projects scheduled for 2020. He stated the draft comments were being finalized and would be sent to meeting attendees for confirmation before being sent to PennDOT District 8-0 personnel for consideration in project development.

b. Safety and TIM Teams

Ms. Viazanko stated the latest TIM meeting was in October and the next one will be in January or February. Gannett Fleming is contracted to facilitate meetings until June 2020.

Ms. Viazanko stated she is currently working at analyzing 2018 PennDOT safety data and crash information. This information will be used to create another safety analysis document like the one created by TCRPC in 2016.

c. UPWP 2020-2022

Ms. Myers-Krug stated the initial review by FHWA was conducted and minor edits will be incorporated into the final document that comes before the Committees in January for adoption. One request for supplemental planning funds was submitted for the Gettysburg Road Corridor Study and will be included in the final UPWP request to PennDOT in January.

Mr. Flint stated the Gettysburg Road Corridor Study is a recommendation of Lower Allen Township’s Comprehensive Plan and would implement the Township’s Pedestrian and Bike Study.

d. 2021-2024 TIP Update

Mr. Deck provided an overview of the process for developing and adopting the 2021 TIP including a meeting with the RTP Implementation Work Group anticipated to be
held in December, with a recommendation then given to the Technical Committee. The final draft TIP will have air quality conformity analysis conducted in April, with formal public review in May. TIP adoption and response to public comment is not scheduled until June 2020.

e. Safety Performance Targets

Ms. Tarquino discussed the letter regarding Safety Performance Measures recently sent to Planning Partners. The letter showed the Performance Measure targets were not met in 2018, which requires the Department to submit an implementation plan that identifies gaps, develops strategies, action steps and best practices, and includes a financial and performance review of all HSIP funded projects. Ms. Tarquino explained the data contained in the tables regarding the 2018 and 2019 targets can be misleading and appear to be “accepting” an increase in fatalities and serious injuries. This is a result of using different datasets from 2018 to 2019.

Mr. Knight stated any target above “zero deaths” is in opposition to PennDOT’s stated safety-first priority. Ms. Tarquino answered that zero deaths is the goal, but the performance measure targets are how we work toward that goal. Mr. Stoner asked about the impacts of exceeding or falling short of the targets. Ms. Tarquino replied saying she was not sure of any impact of exceeding the target (better than a 2% reduction), and that federal funds could be withheld if we were to fall short. Mr. Sanderson asked if human behavior has been accounted for in these statistics. Ms. Tarquino stated the statistics do not differentiate between causes of fatalities and serious injuries. Mr. Deck said this would be addressed in the forthcoming HATS Safety Study. Mr. Memmi suggested adding a note to the data tables making clear that while the target is a two percent reduction, the ultimate goal is zero fatalities. Mr. Flint added the percent reduction should be the focus of the target, instead of the number of fatalities. Commissioner Naylor said while we didn’t hit the target in 2018, traffic fatalities have been generally decreasing. He also asked about research regarding legalized marijuana’s impact on traffic safety. Mr. Deck stated he was unaware of any research on the subject.

5. Project Development Process

a. Project Pipeline

Mr. Bomberger discussed the two recently submitted Transportation Problem Forms. Monroe Township was contacted regarding the Problem Form submitted for bicycle and pedestrian safety along Williams Grove Road. It was agreed that the Problem Form will remain on file, but won’t be added to the Project Pipeline. Mr. Bomberger also discussed the Problem Form submitted for West Emaus Street by the Borough of Middletown. He stated the Form is being scored and the municipality will be contacted once the scoring is complete.
b. **I-81 Improvement Strategy**

Mr. Deck provided a status update for the I-81 Improvement Strategy project, including a review of the recent kickoff meeting. Those who attended the meeting stated that they found it worthwhile. Mr. Deck noted that an outreach effort to legislators and the general public are forthcoming.

c. **Regional Connections Program**

Mr. Deck provided a status update on the Regional Connections Program, including a pending meeting in December with the RTP Implementation Work Group to review the proposed application scoring process. The Work Group is expected to make their recommendations to the Technical Committee in January, potentially enabling the program to open in early 2020.

6. **Status Report**

**PA Representative Helm**

Ms. Swartz asked about Linglestown Road, stating her office receives many calls about traffic and congestion issues along the corridor. Mr. Deck stated the Route 39 Corridor Study is wrapping up soon and will contain recommendations for infrastructure improvements for vehicles, bikes, and pedestrians.

**Perry County**

Commissioner Naylor stated this was his last meeting as a member of HATS. He advocated for more consideration for Perry County in both project development and maintenance activities.

**SRTP**

Mr. Boyer listed the area employers his staff has been working with and discussed the recently completed College Month with involved students and staff from 9 area colleges tracking non-single-occupancy trips. Mr. Sanderson asked if the CommutePA app allows people interested in ride sharing to connect with others. Mr. Boyer stated that is the most essential function of the app for its users. Mr. Memmi asked if the rewards program was having an impact. Mr. Boyer said that, while the potential rewards were probably not driving the commuting decisions, it may encourage people to at least try SRTP’s services.

**Municipal Reports**

**City of Harrisburg**

Mr. Knight discussed the Vision Zero project ribbon cutting, the recently installed contra-flow bike lane on 3rd Street, and the upcoming work on Walnut Street.
Lower Allen Township

Mr. Flint said Lisburn Road is now fully open, with both roundabouts recently completed. He also said the new traffic signals at the Creekview Road interchange of I-81 is now operating.

Susquehanna Township

Mr. Sanderson stated the Township is expected to establish a Local Economic Revitalization Tax Assistance (LERTA), which should encourage redevelopment.

Other Business

Ms. Swartz asked about the possibility of bikes being taken on trains to encourage tourism in Harrisburg. Mr. Bomberger stated that, while he was unsure of the current status, talks between PennDOT Central Office and Amtrak have taken place on the subject.

Adjournment

Commissioner Naylor moved to adjourn. Ms. Tarquino seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 am.
## Attendance

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