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### Commissioners Seek Board Members for Harrisburg Area Transportation Study

*Resumes and Letters of Interest are Due Friday, Feb. 2; Members to serve on Technical and Coordinating Committees.*

**Carlisle, PA** – Cumberland County Board of Commissioners is looking for residents interested in serving as county representatives on the Harrisburg Area Transportation Study (HATS). HATS is the federally designated Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Harrisburg metropolitan area covering Cumberland, Dauphin, and Perry Counties.

HATS, created by the Federal-Aid Highway Act of 1962, mandates regional planning as a condition of receiving federal funds for transportation projects. HATS develops a Regional Transportation Plan (RTP), that documents the status of transportation projects and programs, identifies long-term needs, and recommends projects to meet those needs. The long-range RTP sets a framework and priorities for the expenditure of federal transportation funds over a 25-year period.

Cumberland County's HATS membership includes representation on the Technical and Coordinating Committees.

- The **Technical Committee** oversees analysis 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 acts based on Technical Committee input, and adopts transportation plans and improvement programs. Collectively, both committees ensure that HATS' transportation planning process is continuing, comprehensive, and coordinated across the 1,700 square miles of the HATS region.
- For more information go to <https://www.tcrpc-pa.org/hats-about>.

The county is also seeking an alternate member on the Technical Committee, and a voting member to the Coordinating Committee.

Ideal appointees should have a strong understanding of transportation issues in Cumberland County, relationships with the county's municipalities and businesses, and availability to attend daytime HATS meetings, and regular coordination meetings with county staff and elected officials.

Along with a one-page resume, a two-page letter of interest must include the applicant's interest, and how their background, skills and qualifications will enable them to serve the county in this role.

The letter of interest, resume, and any questions should be submitted to Kirk Stoner, County Planning Director at [kdstoner@cumberlandcountypa.gov](mailto:kdstoner@cumberlandcountypa.gov) .

Deadline to submit all materials is Friday, Feb. 2, 2024.

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