Ms. Del Corso called the April 17, 2018 meeting of the Centre Region Council of Governments (COG) Executive Committee to order at 12:15pm in the COG Building meeting room.

**Members present:** Ms. Del Corso and Stilson; and Messrs. Harden, Miller, Myers, and Treviño (alternate for Patton Township).

**Others present:** Messrs. Bair, COG Fire Director; Boeckel, CRPA Planner; Garthe, CRPA Planner; Zilla, CRPA Planner; and Viglione, COG Finance Director; Mses. Barrett, CRPA Planner; Dininni, Ferguson Township resident; Salokangas, CRPR Director; and Stamm, COG Office Manager and Recording Secretary.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS**

Ms. Dininni, Ferguson Township resident, stated that during the April 16 Ferguson Township Board of Supervisors meeting discussions regarding septic, residential, and sewer regimen being looked at as a regional issue occurred. She added that the opportunity to not use plastic pipe through a protected easement parcel but rather an iron pipe and the direction of the piping and the regional growth boundary. Ms. Dininni also stated that solutions to adding sewer to the Whitehall Road parcel is a regional issue since lines may need to be ran through the State College Borough and discussions should occur regionally to determine the best ways to design lines as efficiently as possible.

In response to Mr. Myers question Ms. Dininni responded that the State College Borough may not have the capacity and since the billing is volumetric it may affect the credit trade. Mr. Harden added that if this issue is looked at regionally perhaps the billing should be consistent regionally.

**MINUTES**

A motion was made by Mr. Miller and seconded by Mr. Harden that the minutes of the March 20, 2018 Executive Committee meeting be approved as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) FOR THE DISPATCH OF HAZMAT SERVICES**

Mr. Bair explained that through the Public Safety Committee an agreement has been reached with Centre County regarding hazmat services in the region. He added that the agreement includes all the minimal requirements that was being asked for by the Fire Director.

A motion was made by Ms. Stilson and seconded by Mr. Myers to forward the recommendation by the Public Safety Committee to the General Forum that the COG Chair be authorized to execute a Memorandum of Understanding with the Centre County Board of Commissioners that will allow Incident Commanders in the six Centre Region municipalities to directly request the dispatch of hazmat services with the County’s Emergency Management
Coordinator or designee advised immediately thereafter and to add the authorization of the Public Safety Committee Chair to execute the same. The motion was unanimously approved.

2017 CRPC ANNUAL REPORT AND 2018 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN IMPLEMENTATION PROGRAM (CHIP) PRIORITY PROJECTS

Mr. Boeckel, CRPA Planner, explained that Mr. May would present a brief report on the CRPC’s 2017 accomplishments and the 2019 priority projects as recommended by the Transportation and Land Use Committee and the CRPC.

A motion was made by Ms. Stilson and seconded by Mr. Miller to forward the recommendation that the General Forum endorse the priority projects as recommended by the Transportation and Land Use Committee and the Centre Region Planning Commission and that the Centre Region Planning Agency incorporate the projects into its 2019 Program Plan. This motion also edited the number of projects from six, as listed in the agenda, to seven priority projects to be endorsed. The motion was unanimously approved.

PROGRESS REPORT ON CLIMATE ACTION AND ADAPTATION PLANNING IN THE CENTRE REGION

Ms. Stilson stated that this presentation was given at the Public Services and Environmental Committee meeting and that it is important in regards to the work being done with climate action and adaptation planning in the Centre Region.

Mr. Harden warned that compromising planning needs to be considered so things aren’t being overpriced and the Centre Region isn’t unaffordable.

A motion was made by Mr. Harden and seconded by Ms. Stilson to include a presentation on the Progress Report on Climate Action and Adaptation Planning on the April 23, 2018 General Forum agenda. The motion was unanimously approved.

UPDATE ON THE REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT CAPACITY REPORT (REDCAP)

Ms. Stilson commented that this was presented to the Public Services and Environmental Committee and is a very important regional topic. She also suggested that due to the specific analyses in the report, this item be towards the beginning of the agenda.

A motion was made by Mr. Miller and seconded by Ms. Stilson to include a presentation on the update of the Regional Development Capacity Report (REDCAP) on the April 23, 2018 General Forum agenda. The motion was unanimously approved.
STEERING COMMITTEE FOR PARKS AND RECREATION REGIONAL COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

Ms. Salokangas stated that this item is an update and the request for action on proceeding. She summarized that DCNR made the suggestion to add members to the Steering Committee and that last month the Executive Committee discussed the addition of a member from the State College Area School District. Ms. Salokangas commented that DCNR agreed that a member from the school district would be sufficient and since the General Forum did approve the initial membership of the Steering Committee permission is needed for her to proceed with contacting the district for an appointment.

A motion was made by Mr. Miller and seconded by Mr. Myers that Executive Committee recommend that the General Forum authorize CRPR Director, Ms. Salokangas, to send a letter to the SCASD School Board President requesting an appointment to the Steering Committee, and further, that they consider Ms. Shannon Messick. The motion was unanimously approved.

STATE COLLEGE BOROUGH ACTION SPORTS PARK REPORT

Mr. Myers stated that he served as Chair of the Action Sports Park (ASP) Committee and that the findings are more regional than primarily for the State College Borough. He added that the suggestion is that the ASP Committee would turn over its findings to the Parks Capital Committee for future reference. Mr. Myers stated that there is a realization that it is not on any work plan and no money has been contributed to the project but all the information has been gathered.

Ms. Salokangas added that the Whitehall Road Regional Park (WRRP) was listed as a top site after an extensive review of all the parks in the area but there is no plan to change the Master Site Plan to WRRP which can be explained in the introduction of the presentation. Ms. Dininni responded that the composition of the committee and what the expectations might be moving forward should be explained. Mr. Myers responded that the committee was charged at looking at areas within the State College Borough but the members of the committee consisted of people that also live outside the borough and it formed into something that is much more regional.

A motion was made by Mr. Myers and seconded by Ms. Stilson that the Executive Committee approve a presentation from the State College Borough Action Sports Park Committee at the April 23, 2018 General Forum meeting. The motion was unanimously approved.

FINAL DRAFT 2019-2022 CENTRE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP)

Mr. Zilla explained that this presentation is requested by MPO staff because the public comment period will begin at the end of April. He added that he would provide a summary of the projects in the Centre Region and that there are not many but they are expensive projects.
A motion was made by Ms. Stilson and seconded by Mr. Harden that the Executive Committee approve a presentation regarding the Centre County Transportation Improvement Program at the April 23, 2018 General Forum meeting. The motion was unanimously approved.

REQUEST TO DESIGNATE MAY AS BICYCLE AWARENESS MONTH

Ms. Del Corso summarized the information to designate May as Bike Month and May 18 as Bike-to-Work-Day.

A motion was made by Mr. Harden and seconded by Mr. Myers that the Executive Committee recommend that the General Forum receive and approve Resolution 2018-2, designating May as Bike Month and May 18 as Bike-to-Work-Day in the Centre Region. The motion was unanimously approved.

OTHER BUSINESS

Ms. Del Corso reminded the committee of the Sustainability Expo occurring in the State College Borough Building prior to the General Forum meeting.

TENTATIVE AGENDA ITEMS

The committee reviewed the approved items for the General Forum agenda and the order for which they appear.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business for the committee the April 17, 2018 meeting of the COG Executive Committee was adjourned at 12:58pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl Stamm
Recording Secretary