AGENDA

1. Call to Order

2. Approval of Minutes: April 23, 2019 Coordinating Committee meeting.

3. Public Comments: For items not on the agenda.

4. Special Presentation – Risks to Transportation Funding in Pennsylvania:
   Presentation about report prepared by the Pennsylvania Transportation Advisory Committee
   No action required

5. PennDOT Regional Operations Plan (ROP) – Engineering Districts 2-0, 3-0, 9-0:
   Adopt the 2018 ROP
   Action: Adopt the 2018 ROP

6. 2019-2022 Centre County Transportation Improvement Program (TIP):
   Proposed amendment for State College Area Connector Project (Route 322/144/45 Corridors)
   a. Summary of public input about proposed TIP amendment
      No action required
   b. Amendment to the TIP
      Action: Add the project to the TIP

7. FY 2018-20 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP):
   Amend UPWP - supplemental planning funds for special planning projects
   Action: Amend UPWP to include three special planning projects

8. Member Reports:
   Reports from members about a significant item(s) of interest
   No action required

9. Announcements

10. Adjourn

Next Coordinating Committee meeting:
    Tuesday, September 24, 2019
    6:00 p.m.
    Patton Township Municipal Building
1. On May 16, PennDOT announced that Larry Shifflet has been appointed as the Commonwealth’s new Deputy Secretary of Transportation for Planning, effective upon the retirement of current Deputy Secretary Jim Ritzman at the end of June. On behalf of the CCMPO Committees and staff, thanks to Deputy Secretary Ritzman for a long career with PennDOT (starting at Engineering District 2-0) marked by his support and advocacy for planning efforts, and the building of strong relationships with metropolitan and rural planning organizations across the Commonwealth and neighboring states.

   Congratulations to Mr. Shifflet, who currently serves as the Director of PennDOT’s Center for Program Development and Management and represents the PennDOT Central Office on the CCMPO Coordinating Committee. Larry also has a long history of working in close partnership with metropolitan and rural planning organizations while holding various positions within PennDOT’s Office of Planning, and we wish him much success as the Deputy Secretary for Planning.

2. On April 18, Richard Watters resigned as the Lower Bald Eagle Valley (LBEV) Planning Region’s CCMPO Coordinating Committee representative, effective immediately. On behalf of the CCMPO, staff expressed its appreciation to Mr. Watters for his many years representing the LBEV Region. In late May, MPO staff requested that the six municipalities in the LBEV Region appoint a new representative to the Coordinating Committee. Staff anticipates that the Region will appoint a new representative prior to the June 25 meeting.

3. Effective on May 28, Tony Ricciardi resigned from the Ferguson Township Board of Supervisors, as he is relocating out of state. Tony represented Ferguson Township on the CCMPO Coordinating Committee. Thanks to Tony for his time of service to the MPO, and best of luck in the new location! On June 17, the Township Board of Supervisors appointed Lisa Strickland to serve the remainder of Tony’s term of office, and also appointed Lisa as the new Coordinating Committee representative from Ferguson Township. Welcome Lisa!

4. In April, Ray Stolinas began his duties as the new Director of the Centre County Planning and Community Development Office (CCPCDO), replacing Bob Jacobs who was named the Deputy Centre County Administrator in early 2019. Mr. Stolinas was formerly the Director of Planning at Ferguson Township. Ray has been appointed as the new CCMPO Technical Committee representative from Centre County, replacing Mr. Jacobs. Congratulations and welcome to Ray!

5. In June, Leslie Warriner informed the CCPCDO of her resignation as Senior Transportation Planner for family reasons, effective at the close of business on July 12, 2019. Leslie has brought energy, enthusiasm, and new approaches since she began her employment in July 2018. The MPO staff is committed to maintaining that enthusiasm, and following through with the new approaches, particularly for development of the CCMPO’s Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) 2050. Thanks for your service Leslie, and best of luck in all future endeavors!

6. On June 3, PennDOT Secretary Leslie Richards recognized 30 PennDOT employees across the Commonwealth with the Star of Excellence Award, which is presented annually “to employees who represent the department’s values of service, performance and integrity.” One of the recipients of the award is Vickie Rusnak, Transportation Planning Manager at PennDOT District 2-0. Vickie has worked closely with the CCMPO and other metropolitan and rural planning organizations in District 2-0 for over 30 years, and is widely recognized in District 2-0 and across Pennsylvania for her collaborative efforts and skill in administering funding on the Transportation Improvement Program. Most recently, Vickie led District 2-0’s efforts on the PennDOT Connects initiative. Congratulations to Vickie on receiving the much deserved Star of Excellence Award!
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ITEM 4

SPECIAL PRESENTATION
RISKS TO TRANSPORTATION FUNDING IN PENNSYLVANIA

Presentation about Report Prepared by the Pennsylvania Transportation Advisory Committee

The Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) is a special advisory group to the Commonwealth’s State Transportation Commission (STC), which is responsible for preparing the Pennsylvania Twelve Year Transportation Program (TYP). For many years, the TAC has prepared special reports about various transportation topics in order to inform the decisions of the STC, PennDOT, and other stakeholders, including metropolitan and rural planning organizations.

In March 2019, as part of the kick-off for updating the TYP, the STC released a TAC report about the risks to transportation funding in Pennsylvania. The report identifies a number of policy, revenue, and programmatic issues affecting federal and state transportation funding. These issues are expected to have significant impacts on the planning and delivery of transportation projects and programs in Pennsylvania in future years.

The issues and associated risks could affect Centre County and surrounding areas in a number of ways, including the amount of funding dedicated to basic PennDOT maintenance work; the amount of funding allocated to the CCMPO for highway and bridge projects on the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP); and the amount of funding allocated to CATA and the Centre County Office of Transportation Services for the delivery of public transportation services.

At the meeting, Jim Ritzman, PennDOT Deputy Secretary of Transportation for Planning, will provide a presentation about the TAC report. The TAC report is not attached to the agenda, but can be accessed at http://www.talkpatransportation.com/perch/resources/tac-2019-transportation-funding-risks-report.pdf.

The Coordinating Committee should receive the presentation.

Presented by:  Jim Ritzman, PennDOT Central Office

No action required.
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ITEM 5

PENNDOT REGIONAL OPERATIONS PLAN (ROP)
ENGINEERING DISTRICTS 2-0, 3-0, 9-0

Adopt the 2018 ROP

In general, the purpose of a Regional Operations Plan (ROP) is to recommend and prioritize projects, programs and strategies for managing traffic operations on Pennsylvania’s transportation system. PennDOT and the CCMPO use the ROP to identify, fund, and implement projects and programs.

Since the previous ROP for PennDOT District 2-0 and Centre County was completed in 2007, many changes in technology, traffic operations, and traveler information have taken place, including the opening of four regional traffic management centers (RTMCs) across Pennsylvania (see map below).

The Central Region RTMC is housed within the PennDOT District 2-0 Office in Clearfield PA, and covers 24 counties within Engineering Districts 2-0, 3-0 and 9-0.

In December 2018, PennDOT completed a new ROP for the entire Central Region RTMC area. PennDOT has requested that the MPOs and RPOs in the Central Region RTMC area formally adopt or approve the new ROP.

PennDOT District 2-0 and the project consultant presented the new ROP to the CCMPO Technical and Coordinating Committees in February. The Coordinating Committee provided several comments.

Attached is:

- Coordinating Committee comments and responses from PennDOT and MPO staff

The Coordinating Committee’s comments do not require that changes be made to the ROP, but the input will be considered when ROP projects are addressed in the new Centre County Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) 2050, and the new 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

At its April 10, 2019 meeting, the Technical Committee approved a recommendation to the Coordinating Committee to adopt the ROP.

Staff will provide a brief presentation about the ROP and the responses to the Coordinating Committee’s comments from the February meeting. The Coordinating Committee should receive the staff presentation, and consider adopting the 2018 ROP.

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Because of the large file size, the complete ROP document is not attached to the agenda package but is posted on the CCMPO website by individual chapters and appendices to facilitate downloading and review. The ROP can be accessed at https://www.crcog.net/index.asp?Type=B_BASIC&SEC={63EE4E6C-A23F-4267-B195-5F790093ABF4}.

Key elements of the ROP can be found on:

- Chapter 5, Page 61 – Table 27 Short-Term Project List
- Chapter 5, Page 62 – Table 28 Long-Term Project List
- Appendix A, Page 66: ROP Project Rankings spreadsheet
- Appendix B, Page 68: Map of Centre County projects
- Appendix C, Page 79: Detailed descriptions and maps of the short and long term projects

Presented by: Tom Zilla, CRPA

Action: Adopt the PennDOT 2018 ROP for the Central Region RTMC area.
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ITEM 6.a.

2019-2022 CENTRE COUNTY
TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP)

Proposed Amendment for State College Area Connector Project
(Route 322/144/45 Corridors)

Summary of Public Input about Proposed TIP Amendment

On February 13, 2019, Governor Tom Wolf, State Senator Jake Corman, State Representative Kerry Benninghoff, and PennDOT District 2-0 officials announced that funding was being committed to start work on the Preliminary Engineering (PE) phase of the “State College Area Connector” Project (Route 322/144/45 Corridors).

PennDOT is allocating $20 million for the PE phase. Typically, the PE phase includes, but is not limited to:

- Assessing existing travel conditions and projecting/forecasting future conditions
- Documenting project need and purpose
- Inventorying community and environmental features
- Identifying and evaluating potential solutions/alternatives to meet project need
- Determining a preferred alternative that meets project need
- Obtaining environmental clearance for a preferred alternative

The funding for the PE phase is proposed to be added to the 2019-2022 Centre County TIP.

In April, the CCMPO Coordinating Committee authorized MPO staff to advertise the proposed TIP amendment for a 30-day public comment period and to hold a public meeting during the comment period. The comment period began on May 3 and concluded on June 3. A public meeting was held on May 15.

Staff will provide a report about the input received during the comment period.

Attached is:

- Public Comment Period Summary document

The Coordinating Committee should receive the staff report.

Presented by: Tom Zilla, CRPA

No action required.
ITEM 6.b.

2019-2022 CENTRE COUNTY TIP

Proposed Amendment for State College Area Connector Project
(Route 322/144/45 Corridors)

Amendment to the TIP

A narrative document describing the proposed addition of the State College Area Connector project to the 2019-2022 Centre County TIP was made available for public review on May 3, 2019. CCMPO members were notified via email that the document was available on the MPO website.

After reviewing the input received during the public comment period, no changes are recommended to the project phasing and funding package specified in the TIP amendment document. If approved by the CCMPO Coordinating Committee, the TIP amendment narrative and Public Comment Period Summary will be submitted to PennDOT.

Attached is:

- Narrative document for proposed TIP amendment

Staff will provide a brief report about the proposed TIP amendment.

At its June 12, 2019 meeting, the Technical Committee approved a recommendation to the Coordinating Committee to add the State College Area Connector to the TIP.

The Coordinating Committee should receive the report, and consider adding the State College Area Connector project to the 2019-2022 TIP.

Presented by:  Tom Zilla, CRPA

Action:  Add the State College Area Connector project to the 2019-2022 Centre County TIP.
FY 2018-20 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM (UPWP)

Amend UPWP - Supplemental Planning Funds for Special Planning Projects

In early 2019, the PennDOT Central Office solicited proposals from metropolitan and rural planning organizations for special planning projects that would be financed with supplemental funds. The CCMPO staff submitted three projects for consideration.

In May, PennDOT notified staff that all three projects were approved for supplemental funding. The three special projects must be added to the current FY 2018-20 UPWP.

Attached are:

- Table summarizing the three special projects
- Detailed work task narrative for the transit special project
- Detailed work task narrative for the two LRTP-related special projects

Staff will provide a brief report.

At its June 12, 2019 meeting, the Technical Committee approved a recommendation to the Coordinating Committee to add the three special planning projects to the UPWP.

The Coordinating Committee should receive the report, and consider amending the CCMPO’s FY 2018-20 UPWP to include the three special planning projects.

Presented by: Tom Zilla, CRPA

Action: Amend the CCMPO’s FY 2018-20 UPWP to add three special planning projects being financed with supplemental planning funds.
1. Future Meeting Dates
   a. Technical Committee: Wednesday, September 11, 2019, 9:30 a.m.
      
      College Township Municipal Building
      
      ⇨ Financial guidance and project priorities for 2021-2024 TIP
      ⇨ CY 2020 CCMPO Operating Budget
      ⇨ New process for preparation of FY 2020-22 Unified Planning Work Program
      ⇨ PennDOT District 2-0 Interstate system conditions and funding needs
      ⇨ LRTP 2050
   b. Coordinating Committee: Tuesday, September 24, 2019, 6:00 p.m.
      
      Patton Township Municipal Building
      
      ⇨ SEDA-COG Joint Rail Authority report
      ⇨ Financial guidance and project priorities for 2021-2024 TIP
      ⇨ CY 2020 CCMPO Operating Budget
      ⇨ New process for preparation of FY 2020-22 Unified Planning Work Program
      ⇨ PennDOT District 2-0 Interstate system conditions and funding needs
      ⇨ LRTP 2050

2. The CCMPO’s Procedures for Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Revisions allow project sponsors (typically PennDOT and CATA) to make administrative modifications that change funding on the TIP without formal approval by the Coordinating Committee. The Procedures specify that the administrative modifications be reported to the CCMPO for information purposes. Attached is a fiscal constraint chart illustrating modifications completed for the 2019-2022 TIP since April.

3. Preparation of the new 2021-2024 TIP will begin in summer 2019. The Financial Guidance for the new 2021-2024 TIP is expected to be circulated to MPOs and RPOs in mid July. Information about the financial guidance will be distributed to the MPO Committees in advance of the September MPO meetings. A Preliminary Draft TIP is tentatively scheduled to be presented to the CCMPO in November, and a Final Draft TIP will be presented in early 2020. The CCMPO will adopt the new TIP in June 2020.

4. On May 29, Governor Tom Wolf announced that 50 projects were approved for funding from the PennDOT Automated Red Light Enforcement (ARLE) funding program, including two projects in Centre County.

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5. Press releases from PennDOT about road and bridge construction projects in Centre County are posted on the “Project Updates” page of the CCMPO’s website and shared on the MPO’s Facebook page. MPO staff also typically shares PennDOT’s press releases with CCMPO Committee members and emergency response providers for projects in their respective areas of the County. For information specific to the Atherton Street Drainage/Repaving project, visit PennDOT’s website at www.penndot.gov/AthertonStreet.

Attached is a press release from PennDOT announcing the start of work on the 2019 maintenance paving contract for state roadways in Centre County. Several locations are scheduled to be paved in the next few months, beginning with paving on Route 64 in Walker Township. Please see the press release for more details.

6. For information about PennDOT’s Local Technical Assistance Program (LTAP) training courses, as sponsored by the SEDA-COG MPO, visit http://www.seda-cog.org/transportation/Pages/LTAP.aspx.

7. For information about the PennDOT Connects initiative, visit the Connects support hub at https://paconnects.org/ . Information about technical assistance opportunities that may be available to municipalities is posted on the Connects support hub.

8. For information about the “Drive Forward” coalition formed by the Chamber of Business and Industry of Centre County (CBICC) with the support of the CCMPO, visit the Drive Forward website at www.driveforwardcc.com.

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