Centre County Metropolitan Planning Organization (CCMPO)
Coordinating Committee Meeting

Tuesday, April 23, 2019

6:00 p.m.

**Please Note the Location:**
**Patton Township Municipal Building**

**AGENDA**

1. **Call to Order**

2. **Approval of Minutes:** *February 26, 2019 Coordinating Committee meeting.*

3. **Citizen Comments:** *For items not on the agenda.*

4. **Route 322/144/45 Corridors Data Refresh:**
   - Report about results of Data Refresh project
   - Action: Questions/comments for PennDOT District 2-0

5. **2019-2022 Centre County Transportation Improvement Program (TIP):**
   - Proposed amendment for State College Area Connector Project (Route 322/144/45 Corridors)
   - Action: Authorize staff to advertise proposed amendment for public comment

6. **Performance Based Planning and Programming:**
   - Written provisions for developing and sharing information about transportation performance measures
   - Action: Approve provisions

7. **Centre County Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) 2050:**
   - Workshop to solicit input from Committee members about needs and issues
   - Action: Provide needs and issues to staff

8. **Announcements**

9. **Adjourn**

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Next Coordinating Committee meeting:
**Tuesday, June 25, 2019**
6:00 p.m.
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ITEM 4

ROUTE 322/144/45 CORRIDORS DATA REFRESH

Report about Results of Data Refresh Project

The CCMPO’s adopted Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) 2044 lists the Route 322/144/45 Corridors project under the category of “Projects for Future Consideration”. This category is included in the LRTP to identify high-priority projects that fall outside the fiscal constraint limits of the Plan.

The Route 322/144/45 Corridors project is intended to be a successor to the former South Central Centre County Transportation Study (SCCCTS). The SCCCTS project began in 1999 to evaluate and address transportation needs in this area of the County. However, SCCCTS was terminated in March 2004 because of a statewide transportation funding shortfall.

In November 2013, Pennsylvania’s Act 89 transportation funding bill was signed into law, providing an increase in state funds for transportation improvements. While Act 89 was being deliberated, PennDOT prepared its “Decade of Investment” document, which listed transportation improvements that could be advanced with funding from Act 89. A Route 322 Corridor Improvements project for the former SCCCTS area was included on the “Decade of Investment”.

Given the prospect of increased state funding from Act 89, in May 2014, the CCMPO requested that PennDOT update and “refresh” the foundation data that was originally collected for SCCCTS. PennDOT District 2-0 supported the CCMPO’s request and in January 2017, the PennDOT Central Office allocated $3 million in discretionary (“spike”) funds for the data refresh.

The funding was added to the Centre County TIP in February 2017, and work on the data refresh was initiated later in 2017. PennDOT’s consultant team completed work on the data refresh in late 2018.

At this meeting, PennDOT District 2-0 will provide a report about the key findings of the data refresh effort. The Coordinating Committee should receive the presentation and provide questions/comments to PennDOT.

Presented by: Karen Michael, PennDOT District 2-0

Action: Provide questions/comments to PennDOT District 2-0.

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On February 13, 2019, Governor Tom Wolf, State Senator Jake Corman, State Representative Kerry Benninghoff, and PennDOT District 2-0 officials announced that funding is being committed to continue work on the Route 322/144/45 Corridors project, beyond the data refresh. PennDOT is allocating $20 million for the Preliminary Engineering (PE) phase of work. The following agenda item will address the proposed allocation of funds on the 2019-2022 Centre County TIP for the PE phase. Information from the data refresh would be utilized in the PE phase of work.
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ITEM 5

2019-2022 CENTRE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP)

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

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

PennDOT is allocating $20 million for the PE phase, which will include completion of a Planning and Environmental Linkages (PEL) process, and preliminary engineering/design work. The PEL process and preliminary engineering work typically 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 meeting project need
- Determining a preferred alternative that meets project need
- Obtaining environmental clearance for a preferred alternative

The PE phase is proposed to be added to the 2019-2022 Centre County TIP. Given the significant amount of the allocation, and the high profile of this project in the community, MPO staff recommended that a 30-day public comment period and a public meeting be held prior to the CCMPO considering action to amend the TIP. At its April 10, 2019 meeting, the Technical Committee approved a recommendation to the Coordinating Committee to authorize staff to advertise the proposed amendment for public comment.

MPO and District 2-0 staff will provide a brief presentation about the TIP amendment process, and the anticipated schedule for proceeding with the PE phase of work. The Coordinating Committee should receive the presentation, and consider authorizing MPO staff to advertise the proposed TIP amendment for public comment.

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<td>Add state spike funds to: State College Area Connector Project (Route 322/144/45 Corridors) PE Phase (Years 2019 through 2022)</td>
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Attached is:

- Fiscal constraint chart illustrating the proposed addition of funding to the TIP.

Presented by:  Tom Zilla, CRPA
Karen Michael, PennDOT District 2-0

Action: Authorize MPO staff to advertise a proposed amendment of the 2019-2022 Centre County TIP to add $20 million in spike funds for the State College Area Connector project for public comment.
PERFORMANCE BASED PLANNING AND PROGRAMMING

Written Provisions for Developing and Sharing Information About Transportation Performance Measures

To meet the requirements of federal law and rulemaking regarding performance based transportation planning and programming (PBPP), PennDOT, the CCMPO, and CATA approved performance measures and performance targets in 2017 and 2018 for several topic areas:

- Safety
- Pavement [*National Highway System (NHS) only*]
- Bridge (*NHS only*)
- Transportation System (travel time) [*NHS only*]
- Transit Asset Management

PennDOT, the CCMPO, CATA, and the Centre County Office of Transportation (CCOT) are required to jointly agree on written provisions for how information will be cooperatively developed and shared related to the selection of performance targets and the collection and reporting of data to track progress in meeting critical outcomes.

In November 2018, the CCMPO approved the execution of agreements with CATA and the CCOT that specify written provisions for developing, collecting and sharing of public transportation performance data.

Written provisions must still be approved for the safety, pavement, bridge and transportation system performance topic areas. PennDOT has prepared written provisions for these topic areas for consideration by the CCMPO. Written provisions must be adopted by May 20, 2019 to maintain compliance with federal regulations.

In summary, the written provisions specify that PennDOT is responsible for:

- Establishing targets for performance measures.
- Completing an extensive program of collecting and analyzing data for all MPOs.
- Assessing and reporting performance relative to targets.
- Preparing narrative for reporting purposes on a statewide level.
- Providing reports to the Federal Highway and Transit Administrations.

In summary, the written provisions specify that the CCMPO is responsible for:

- Establishing targets for performance measures within 180 days of PennDOT establishing targets.
- Including performance measures and targets in the LRTP and TIP.
- Preparing narrative for describing how LRTP and TIP investments contribute to achieving targets.
- Reporting performance relative to targets.
- Describing progress towards meeting targets.

Attached is:

- PennDOT transmittal letter and written provisions for consideration by the CCMPO

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MPO staff recommended that the written provisions be approved by the CCMPO. At its April 10, 2019 meeting, the Technical Committee approved a recommendation to the Coordinating Committee to approve the written provisions.

MPO staff will provide a brief presentation about key elements of the written provisions, including the CCMPO’s role and responsibilities. The Coordinating Committee should review the written provisions, receive the staff presentation, and consider approving the written provisions.

Presented by: Tom Zilla, CRPA

Action: Approval of written provisions for developing and sharing information about transportation performance measures, as prepared by PennDOT.
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ITEM 7

CENTRE COUNTY
LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN (LRTP) 2050

Workshop to Solicit Input from Committee Members
About Needs and Issues

The CCMPO’s LRTP 2044 was adopted in September 2015 and must be updated by September 2020. A target adoption date of June 2020 has been set for the new “LRTP 2050”, which would allow the LRTP and 2021-2024 TIP to be adopted concurrently.

The MPO staff is nearing completion of the data collection effort for the LRTP. As of April 16, the MPO staff will have conducted 50 workshop meetings with municipalities and other key stakeholders in the County.

MPO staff will facilitate a workshop for the Coordinating Committee during this agenda item. Committee members will be asked to provide input about the questions below. The approach will be to address the questions one at a time, and to go around the table and have each Committee member provide input.

- Given your perspective as a Coordinating Committee member, and based on participation in the workshops for municipalities/planning regions, what is a high priority issue/need in your respective municipality/region for any one, or more, of the following topic areas:
  - Roadway maintenance
  - Safety
  - Bike System
  - Pedestrian System
  - Transit System
  - Operations

- Looking 15-30 years into the future:
  - What new or upgraded technology should be implemented in Centre County?
  - What new additions to the transportation network would be beneficial?

- From a policy perspective, what topics should be discussed and addressed by the CCMPO?

Staff recognizes that many members have already provided input at other workshops. However, if members have additional input beyond what can be conveyed during the workshop, comments can be sent to LRTP Project Manager Leslie Warriner.

Presented by: Leslie Warriner, CCPCDO

Action: Provide input to staff about needs and issues for the LRTP.

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On February 26, the Coordinating Committee approved the formation of a new subcommittee to assist in upcoming steps for preparing the new LRTP. Five members of the Coordinating Committee volunteered to serve on the subcommittee. On April 10, the Technical Committee identified several volunteers to serve on the subcommittee. Staff anticipates that the first meeting of the subcommittee will occur in May. More information will be provided in the near future.
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Future Meeting Dates

   a. Technical Committee: Wednesday, June 12, 2019, 9:30 a.m.
      College Township Municipal Building
         ⇨ TIP amendment for State College Area Connector project
         ⇨ Financial guidance for 2021-2024 TIP
         ⇨ Amendment of Unified Planning Work Program
         ⇨ LRTP 2050 – status report

   b. Coordinating Committee: Tuesday, June 25, 2019, 6:00 p.m.
      Patton Township Municipal Building
         ⇨ Approval of Regional Operations Plan (ROP)
         ⇨ TIP amendment for State College Area Connector project
         ⇨ Financial guidance for 2021-2024 TIP
         ⇨ Amendment of Unified Planning Work Program
         ⇨ LRTP 2050 – status report

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 February.

3. On March 26, 2019, the Commonwealth Financing Authority [PA Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED)] announced the approval of funding for projects through the DCED Multimodal Transportation Fund program, including one project in Centre County:

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<td>Bellefonte Borough</td>
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4. 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](http://www.penndot.gov/AthertonStreet).

5. 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](http://www.seda-cog.org/transportation/Pages/LTAP.aspx).

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

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7. 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](http://www.driveforwardcc.com).

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