Centre County Metropolitan Planning Organization (CCMPO)
Coordinating Committee Meeting

Tuesday, June 26, 2018

6:00 p.m.

**Please Note the Location:**

**Patton Township Municipal Building**

AGENDA

1. **Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance**

2. **Approval of Minutes:** April 24, 2018 Coordinating Committee meeting.

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

4. **I-99/I-80 Interchanges Project:**
   INFRA funding award and process for advancing project
   Action: Approve correspondence to PA Secretary of Transportation Leslie Richards

5. **Centre County Air Quality Conformity Analysis:**
   Review conformity requirements and results of analysis
   No action required

6. **2019-2022 Centre County Transportation Improvement Program (TIP):**
   a. **Final Draft Procedures for TIP Revisions**
      Action: Approve Procedures
   b. **Report about April 25 – May 25 Public Comment Period**
      No action required

7. **Performance Based Planning and Programming:**
   Pavement, bridge and transportation system performance targets
   No action required

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, July 31, 2018**
    6:00 p.m.
    **Patton Township Municipal Building**
On behalf of the CCMPO Technical and Coordinating Committees, staff recognizes Dr. John C. Spychalski, Chair of the CATA Board of Directors and CATA’s representative on the Coordinating Committee.

On May 23, 2018, federal, state, and local officials gathered to dedicate CATA’s new operations and maintenance facility. As part of the ceremony, Dr. Spychalski was honored for his decades of service to CATA with the naming of the “John C. Spychalski Administration & Maintenance Building” at the facility.

Dr. Spychalski has served on the CATA Board of Directors since 1980, and has been the Board Chair since 2001. John has served as CATA’s representative to the CCMPO Coordinating Committee since 2001, and is the longest tenured member of the Coordinating Committee.

Congratulations, Dr. Spychalski, and thank you for your service to the community!
INFRA Funding Award and Process for Advancing the Project

On June 5, U.S. Representative Glenn Thompson and PA Senators Bob Casey and Pat Toomey announced that the U.S. Department of Transportation awarded PennDOT $35.1 million from the Infrastructure for Rebuilding America (INFRA) discretionary grant program for the I-80/I-99 Interchanges project. Although the award is slightly less than the $43.1 million requested, PennDOT has indicated that it will complete the funding package and move forward with the project.

The CCMPO extends its appreciation to PennDOT and its consulting team for preparing the application, which was the only application that PennDOT submitted; to state and federal legislators for their lobbying efforts on behalf of the project; to County and municipal officials for their numerous expressions of support for the application; to the Chamber of Business and Industry of Centre County for supporting the application and initiating the Drive Forward coalition that brought much attention to the project; and to many other stakeholders in Centre County and Central Pennsylvania for supporting the application.

Several initial steps must be taken by PennDOT and the CCMPO to move the project forward.

a. INFRA funds and other discretionary (“spike”) federal and state funds for the I-80/Route 26 Section A18 Local Access Interchange and I-80/I-99 Section B18 High Speed Interchange will be added to PennDOT’s 2019-2022 Interstate Management (IM) Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), and to the Second Four Years of the Commonwealth’s Draft 2019 Twelve Year Transportation Program (TYP).

b. The CCMPO’s Centre County Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) 2044 will be amended to reflect a shift of the Interchanges from the category of “Projects for Future Consideration” to the official fiscally constrained project list in the Plan. The CCMPO is expected to amend the LRTP 2044 on July 31, 2018.

c. The CCMPO’s Draft 2019-2022 Centre County TIP and the Draft 2019 Twelve Year Program include funding for the Route 26 Section 147 (Jacksonville Road) Betterment project, as per the commitment made by the CCMPO in 2017. The CCMPO is expected to adopt the 2019-2022 Centre County TIP on July 31, 2018.

d. The Interchanges project has been added to the latest version of the Draft Centre County Air Quality Conformity Analysis for the LRTP 2044 and 2019-2022 TIP. The CCMPO is expected to approve the Conformity Analysis Report on July 31, 2018. The CCMPO must approve the Conformity Report before it amends the LRTP 2044 and adopts the 2019-2022 TIP.

e. Prior to the CCMPO considering action to approve the Conformity Report, amend the LRTP, and adopt the TIP, a 30-day public comment period and a public meeting must be held. The comment period is scheduled to begin on Friday, June 22, 2018 and will conclude on Monday, July 23, 2018. An open-house public meeting is scheduled for:

4:00 pm – 6:00 pm
Tuesday, June 26, 2018
Ground Floor Meeting Room
Patton Township Municipal Building
100 Patton Plaza
State College, PA

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PennDOT and MPO staff will provide a brief report about the initial steps in the process of restarting work on the project.

The Coordinating Committee should receive the staff report, and provide any questions or comments to staff.

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At the request of the CCMPO Chair, the Coordinating Committee should consider authorizing correspondence to PA Secretary of Transportation Leslie Richards, thanking PennDOT for making the commitment to submit the INFRA grant application, allocating the resources necessary to preparing a successful application, and for working to emphasize the importance of the project to state and federal officials.

The Coordinating Committee should consider authorizing staff and the Chair to prepare a letter of thanks to Secretary Richards on behalf of the CCMPO.

Please note that staff will also be sending correspondence on behalf of the CCMPO to other federal, state, county, and local officials; and other stakeholders who supported the INFRA grant application and participated in efforts to call attention to the importance of the Interchanges project.

Presented by: Tom Zilla, CRPA
PennDOT Central Office
PennDOT District 2-0 Office

No action required.
CENTRE COUNTY AIR QUALITY CONFORMITY ANALYSIS

Review Conformity Requirements and Results of Analysis

In late April, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) reported to the Coordinating Committee that the U.S. Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals vacated major portions of a rule establishing air quality conformity requirements, relative to the National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS).

In May, staff was informed that the ruling resulted in a change in Centre County’s air quality conformity status from being an “attainment” area, to being a “maintenance” area under the 1997 8-hour ozone NAAQS. Because of this change, an air quality conformity analysis must be performed on the Centre County LRTP and the Draft 2019-2022 TIP, to ensure that the LRTP and TIP do not result in mobile source emissions that exceed the emissions budgets previously established for Centre County.

Staff will review Centre County’s conformity status, and the results of the conformity analysis which are illustrated in the attachment. The complete Draft Conformity Analysis Report is available on the CCMPO’s website at:

https://www.crcog.net/vertical/sites/%7B6AD7E2DC-ECE4-41CD-B8E1-BAC6A6336348%7D/uploads/Final_Draft_(6-12-2018)_AQ_Conformity_Report_Centre_FY19TIP_and_LRTP(1).pdf

Attached is:

- Summary of Air Quality Conformity in Centre County

No action is required at this meeting. However, as noted in agenda item 4, the Conformity Analysis Report must be approved before the CCMPO can amend the LRTP 2044 and adopt the 2019-2022 TIP. Prior to considering action, the CCMPO must make the Conformity Report available for a 30-day public comment period, and hold a public meeting during the comment period. The Conformity Report will be advertised for public comment along with the Draft LRTP 2018 Update and the Draft 2019-2022 TIP, as noted in agenda item 4.

After the 30-day public comment period has concluded, the Technical Committee will be asked to provide a recommendation to the Coordinating Committee about approval of the Conformity Report. The Coordinating Committee will then consider action to approve the Conformity Report on July 31.

The Coordinating Committee should receive the staff report, and provide any questions or comments to staff.

Presented by: Tom Zilla, CRPA

No action required.
Final Draft Procedures for TIP Revisions

Procedures for making revisions to the new 2019-2022 TIP must be approved by the CCMPO and submitted to PennDOT when the TIP is adopted. Staff prepared and presented draft procedures to the Technical and Coordinating Committees in April.

Several changes have been made to the draft procedures since April, focusing on three items:

a. Add new language relative to air quality conformity requirements.

b. Address PennDOT District 2-0’s concerns about limitations on revisions to 100% state-funded projects.

c. Address inconsistencies or vague wording in the “Modifications” section.

Attached is:

- Final Draft Procedures for TIP Revisions for the 2019-2022 TIP – significant changes from the April version that address items a. and b. above are noted in bold blue font.

Staff will provide a brief report about the Final Draft Procedures. The Technical Committee has recommended that the Coordinating Committee approve the Procedures as presented.

The Coordinating Committee should take action to approve the TIP Revision Procedures for the 2019-2022 TIP.

Presented by: Tom Zilla, CRPA

Action: Approve Procedures for TIP Revisions for the 2019-2022 TIP.
2019-2022 CENTRE COUNTY TIP

Report about April 25 - May 25 Public Comment Period

In February, the Coordinating Committee approved the Final Draft 2019-2022 TIP for public comment. The public comment period began on April 25 and concluded on May 25. A public meeting was held on May 8.

The comment period and public meeting were scheduled prior to when staff was informed about the change in Centre County’s air quality conformity status. As noted in previous agenda items, a second 30-day comment period and a second public meeting must be held to solicit input about the Air Quality Conformity Analysis Report, LRTP 2018 Update and Draft TIP.

Staff will provide a brief report about the public comments received during the first public comment period.

Attached are three written comments that were submitted during the first comment period:

a. Correspondence from Bellefonte Borough.
b. Correspondence from Boggs Township.
c. Survey Response from public meeting.

The Coordinating Committee should receive the staff report.

A public comment period summary document that includes a list of the comments and MPO staff responses will be prepared at the conclusion of the second comment period. The comment period summary will be provided to the Coordinating Committee in the agenda package for the July 31 meeting when the Conformity Report, LRTP 2018 Update and Draft TIP are presented for approval.

Presented by: Tom Zilla, CRPA

No action required.
PERFORMANCE BASED PLANNING AND PROGRAMMING

Pavement, Bridge, and Transportation System Performance Targets

The Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21) bill, its successor, the Fixing America’s Surface Transportation (FAST) Act, and associated federal rulemaking require PennDOT, MPOs, Rural Planning Organizations (RPOs), and transit operators to address performance based planning in Long Range Transportation Plans and Transportation Improvement Programs, and to approve performance measures and performance targets for several topic areas.

In November 2017, the CCMPO took formal action to support targets established by PennDOT for safety performance measures.

In April, MPO staff provided an introduction about pavement and bridge performance measures, and the transportation system (travel time) performance measures that must be addressed in 2018. In May, detailed information was provided about PennDOT’s targets for these performance measure areas. The CCMPO must also establish pavement, bridge, and transportation system performance targets no later than November 20, 2018, either by supporting PennDOT’s targets or by establishing its own targets.

As with the safety targets, staff is recommending to the Technical and Coordinating Committees that the CCMPO support PennDOT’s targets, rather than establishing its own targets, given the complexity of the technical calculations required in defining targets and measuring performance, and the limitations on MPO staff resources.

Staff also recommends that the Coordinating Committee consider taking formal action regarding the performance measure targets at the September 25, 2018 meeting, which will enable the MPO to meet the November 20, 2018 deadline without having to schedule a special meeting in October or November.

Please note that the pavement, bridge, and transportation system performance targets apply only to National Highway System (NHS) roadways.

Attached are:

- Map of NHS roadways in Centre County.
- Summary of PennDOT’s pavement, bridge, and transportation system performance measure targets.

Staff will provide a presentation about the performance targets provided by PennDOT.

The Coordinating Committee should receive the presentation, and provide questions and comments to staff.

Presented by: Tom Zilla, CRPA

No action required.
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Future Meeting Dates

   a. Coordinating Committee: Tuesday, July 31, 2018, 6:00 p.m.
      *Patton Township Municipal Building*

      ⇒ Results of second public comment period
      ⇒ Approve Air Quality Conformity Analysis Report
      ⇒ Amend LRTP 2044
      ⇒ Adopt 2019-2022 TIP

   b. Technical Committee: Wednesday, September 12, 2018, 9:30 a.m.
      *College Township Municipal Building*

      ⇒ Performance measure targets
      ⇒ Draft CY 2019 Budget
      ⇒ 2019-2022 TIP
      ⇒ Major highway projects
      ⇒ Centre County LRTP 2044 – five year update

   c. Coordinating Committee: Tuesday, September 25, 2018, 6:00 p.m.
      *Patton Township Municipal Building*

      ⇒ Performance measure targets
      ⇒ Draft CY 2019 Budget
      ⇒ 2019-2022 TIP
      ⇒ Major highway projects
      ⇒ Centre County LRTP 2044 – five year update

2. The CCMPO’s *Procedures for Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Modifications* allow project sponsors (typically PennDOT and CATA) to take administrative actions that change funding on the TIP without formal approval by the Coordinating Committee. The *Procedures* specify that the administrative actions be reported to the CCMPO for information purposes. Attached is a fiscal constraint chart (FCC) illustrating administrative actions completed for the 2017-2020 TIP since April 2018.

3. 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.


Like and share the CCMPO’s Facebook page at [https://www.facebook.com/centrecountyMPO/](https://www.facebook.com/centrecountyMPO/) for meeting announcements, project updates, LTAP announcements, District 2-0 press releases, and relevant items from PennDOT’s Facebook page.

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4. For information about the *PennDOT Connects* initiative, visit the *Connects* support hub at https://paconnects.org/.

5. 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.

![Drive Forward](image)

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.


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