Centre County Metropolitan Planning Organization (CCMPO)
Coordinating Committee Meeting
Tuesday, September 24, 2019
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: June 25, 2019 Coordinating Committee meeting.

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

4. Special Presentation - SEDA-COG Joint Rail Authority (JRA) Activities:
   Update from SEDA-COG JRA staff
   No action required

5. 2019-2022 Centre County Transportation Improvement Program (TIP):
   Proposed amendment for Route 144 Bridge over I-80
   Action: Amend TIP to add project

6. CCMPO Draft Calendar Year (CY) 2020 Budget:
   Review draft budget
   Action: Recommend approval of CY 2020 Budget by local funding partners

7. Pennsylvania Interstate Management (IM) Program
   Presentation about IM Program priorities in PennDOT District 2-0
   No action required

8. 2021-2024 Centre County TIP:
   Financial guidance and project priorities for new TIP
   Action: Comments to PennDOT and MPO staff

9. Centre County Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) 2050:
   a. Presentation about transportation “futures” topics
      Action: Comments to MPO staff
   b. Status report about LRTP preparation
      No action required

10. FY 2020-22 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP):
    Guidance and priority tasks for new UPWP
    Action: Comments to MPO staff

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

12. Announcements

13. Adjourn

Next Coordinating Committee meeting:
   Tuesday, November 26, 2019
   6:00 p.m.
   Patton Township Municipal Building
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ITEM 4

SPECIAL PRESENTATION
SEDA-COG JOINT RAIL AUTHORITY (JRA) ACTIVITIES

Update from SEDA-COG JRA Staff

Since its formation in the early 1980s, the SEDA-COG JRA has been providing high quality rail service to many customers in central Pennsylvania. The JRA owns 200 miles of track in Blair, Centre, Clinton, Columbia, Lycoming, Mifflin, Montour, Northumberland, and Union Counties.

Rail freight service is provided by six private operators, including the Nittany and Bald Eagle Railroad headquartered in Centre County. Rail service plays an important role in helping businesses remain competitive and grow, and has the additional benefit of reducing truck traffic on roadways.

Mr. Jeff Stover, Executive Director of the JRA, will be in attendance to provide a report about the JRA’s activities in Centre County and Central Pennsylvania. Mr. Stover’s last update was provided to the Coordinating Committee in November 2017.

The Coordinating Committee should receive the presentation.

Please note that Coordinating Committee member Dr. John Spychalski is one of two Centre County representatives on the Joint Rail Authority.

More information about the SEDA-COG JRA can be found at http://www.sedacograil.org.

Presented by: Jeff Stover, SEDA-COG JRA

No action required.
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ITEM 5

2019-2022 CENTRE COUNTY
TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP)

Proposed Amendment for Route 144 Bridge over I-80

PennDOT has identified an urgent need to complete a full deck replacement on the Route 144 (Sycamore Road) Bridge over Interstate 80 in Snow Shoe Township, because of rapidly deteriorating concrete on the deck. The bridge includes six spans which carry Route 144 over I-80.

This bridge project was not previously included on the 2019-2022 TIP. However, PennDOT has placed a high priority on improvements because of the rapidly deteriorating bridge deck. In order to expedite design so that the project could advance to a bid letting in 2020, $250,000 in state funding was shifted from the Poor Bridge Line Item on the TIP to the Preliminary Engineering (PE) phase of this project via an administrative modification completed in August.

Over $2.8 million is needed for the Construction phase of the project. PennDOT is proposing that the Construction funds be committed for the project by shifting unobligated funding in the Poor Bridge Line Item on the TIP. The balance of funds in the Poor Bridge Line Item have accumulated from bid savings on other projects and deobligations of funds from older projects that have been completed. Funds are not being shifted from an active project on the current TIP.

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<td>Route 144 Section A15</td>
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<td>Sycamore Road Bridge over I-80</td>
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<td>Construction Phase</td>
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Because the shift includes more than $1.5 million in federal funding, the proposed amendment requires formal approval by the CCMPO Coordinating Committee.

Attached is:

- Fiscal constraint chart detailing the proposed shift of funds

The Technical Committee has recommended approval of the proposed amendment.

The Coordinating Committee should consider amending the 2019-2022 TIP to include funds for the construction of bridge deck improvements on the Route 144 bridge over I-80.

Presented by: Tom Zilla, CRPA

Action: Amend the 2019-2022 TIP to include funding for the Construction phase of the Route 144 Section A15 bridge project.
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ITEM 6

CCMPO DRAFT CALENDAR YEAR (CY) 2020 BUDGET

Review Draft Budget

The CCMPO’s annual operating budget is included as a distinct cost center in the Centre Region Council of Governments (COG) calendar year budget.

Attached are:

- Revenue and expenditure pages from the CCMPO’s Draft CY 2020 Budget

Key notes about revenue:

- Base federal and state funding from PennDOT is increasing by approximately 5.7% in CY 2020.
- Contributions from Centre County Government and the six municipal funding partners were calculated based on the CCMPO’s approved local share funding formula. Municipal contributions will increase by 4.1%, and the County’s contribution will increase by 4.2% in CY 2020. The increase in County and municipal funding partner shares is primarily due to the addition of $16,000 in local funds (expenditures) in the CY 2019 and CY 2020 Budgets that is required to match $64,000 in supplemental federal funds provided for the LRTP 2050 technical analysis.
- Centre County’s contribution on behalf of 29 municipalities in six rural planning regions reflects the commitment of one transportation planning position to the CCMPO, in addition to a cash allocation.

Key notes about expenditures:

- Personnel (salary and benefits) costs reflect a 2.1% cost of living adjustment, and up to a possible 1.5% merit increase. The overall increase in personnel costs is 2.3%.
- Operating and capital expenses reflect an overall 1.1% decrease. Staff notes that 13 of the 35 operating and capital expense line items (including building rent, building-related expenses, and utilities) are fixed costs established by formula, and cannot be modified by staff.

The Technical Committee reviewed the Draft Budget, and did not provide any comments to the Coordinating Committee.

The Coordinating Committee should review the Draft CY 2020 Budget and consider providing a recommendation to Centre County Government, other local funding partners, and the Centre Region COG to approve the Budget.

Presented by: Tom Zilla, CRPA

Action: Recommend to the local funding partners (Centre County, municipalities, CATA) and the Centre Region COG to approve the CY 2020 CCMPO Budget.
In Pennsylvania, most of the funding to maintain Interstate highways is administered by the PennDOT Central Office through the Interstate Management (IM) Program. Oversight is provided by PennDOT’s Interstate Steering Committee.

Each year, PennDOT’s Engineering Districts provide presentations to the Interstate Steering Committee about their respective project priorities. MPO and Rural Planning Organization (RPO) staff are invited to observe the presentations.

Following PennDOT District 2-0’s presentation to the Steering Committee in late July, District and MPO staff agreed that the presentation would be informative for the CCMPO Committees, particularly given the impact that funding commitments to the IM Program have on the amount of funding allocated for distribution to MPO and RPO TIPs.

PennDOT will provide a presentation about the Interstate system priorities in District 2-0, focusing on projects on I-80 and I-99 in Centre County.

The Coordinating Committee should receive the presentation.

Presented by: Rob Jaconski, P.E., PennDOT District 2-0 Design Services Engineer

No action required.
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ITEM 8

2021-2024 CENTRE COUNTY TIP

Financial Guidance and Project Priorities for New TIP

Preparation of the new 2021-2024 TIP has started. A Preliminary Draft TIP is scheduled to be presented to the CCMPO Committees in November. A Final Draft TIP will be presented in February 2020, and the CCMPO is expected to adopt the new TIP in June 2020.

Financial Guidance

In July, PennDOT distributed the financial guidance for the new TIP. Centre County’s allocation is illustrated below.

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<td>STP</td>
<td>$6,237,000</td>
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<td>State Highway</td>
<td>$12,849,000</td>
<td>$11,261,000</td>
<td>-12%</td>
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<td>State Bridge</td>
<td>$7,860,000</td>
<td>$7,389,000</td>
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<td>Federal Bridge</td>
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<td>Safety/HSIP</td>
<td>$4,253,000</td>
<td>$3,968,000</td>
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<td>CMAQ</td>
<td>$2,041,000</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td><strong>$54,549,000</strong></td>
<td><strong>$42,060,000</strong></td>
<td><strong>-22.9%</strong></td>
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The reduction in funding for highways and bridges is attributed to:

- A net reduction in overall state funding because of flat revenue in the State Motor License Fund and lost buying power from inflation.
- Implementation of the federally-mandated Performance Based Planning and Programming process, which has changed the allocation philosophy to best meet PennDOT’s Transportation Asset Management Plan requirements.
- An increase in the amount of federal and state funds allocated to the PA Interstate Management Program.

Transit Allocation

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<td>Federal 5307 and 5340</td>
<td>$11,831,000</td>
<td>$13,321,000</td>
<td>+13%</td>
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<td>State Operating Assistance</td>
<td>$26,110,000</td>
<td>$27,446,000</td>
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<td>State Shared Ride - CATA</td>
<td>$1,076,000</td>
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<td>State Shared Ride - CCOT</td>
<td>$2,528,000</td>
<td>$1,952,000</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td><strong>$41,545,000</strong></td>
<td><strong>$43,790,000</strong></td>
<td><strong>+5.4%</strong></td>
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Although the transit allocation has increased slightly, PennDOT’s presentation about the *Risks to Transportation Funding in PA* report in June identified key issues that could reduce transit funding, including:

- Repeal of vehicle sales tax provision
- Pending litigation associated with the PA Turnpike Commission’s lease payment to PennDOT

### Project Priorities

Given the reduction in highway and bridge funding, priority will be given to the completion of projects on the current TIP, including:

- Route 26 (Jacksonville Road) Betterment Project
- Route 64/550 Intersection Safety Improvement
- Route 26/45 Intersection Safety Improvement
- Atherton Street Drainage/Repaving Section 153 (Curtin Road to Westerly Parkway)
- Route 26/150 Intersection Safety Improvement
- Several state bridge projects

Transit project priorities include:

- Maintaining core fixed-route service
- Continuing the program to add new buses and replace existing rolling stock

Although the addition of new highway and bridge projects to the TIP may not be feasible given the reduction in Centre County’s highway/bridge TIP allocation, the Coordinating Committee should provide comments about project priorities to assist PennDOT and MPO staff in preparing a Preliminary Draft TIP.

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**The Coordinating Committee should receive the staff presentation, and provide comments about project priorities.**

Presented by: Tom Zilla, CRPA

Action: Provide comments about project priorities to PennDOT and MPO staff.
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ITEM 9.a.

LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN (LRTP) 2050

Presentation about Transportation “Futures” Topics

As part of the development of the new LRTP 2050, MPO staff is preparing policy papers addressing topics associated with future transportation modes/means of travel. The policy papers are intended to foster discussion by the CCMPO Committees, potentially leading to the inclusion of items in the LRTP Action Plan to implement projects associated with the topics.

MPO staff will provide an initial presentation about three of six topics identified to date:

a. Park and ride lots
b. Bus rapid transit
c. Transportation network companies (TNCs), which match passengers with vehicles via websites and mobile apps (also commonly referred to as ride-hailing services)

A presentation about other remaining topics will be provided in November, including but not limited to:

d. First mile-last mile of trips
e. Electric vehicles
f. Automated vehicles

After staff completes the policy papers in October, the papers will be circulated to the CCMPO Committees and posted to the CCMPO website for review.

The Coordinating Committee should receive the staff presentation, and provide comments to the MPO staff to assist in completing the policy papers.

Presented by: Tom Zilla, CRPA
              Greg Kausch, CRPA

Action: Provide comments to MPO staff.
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ITEM 9.b.

LRTP 2050

Status Report about LRTP Preparation

The new LRTP 2050 is tentatively scheduled for adoption in June 2020, which would allow the LRTP and 2021-2024 TIP to be adopted concurrently.

Along with the preparation of the policy papers discussed in the previous agenda item, current activities include:

- Organizing information compiled from the stakeholder meetings, focusing on potential projects that would be eligible for inclusion on the TIP, and items that could be included on the LRTP action plan.

- Retaining the Gannett Fleming/Whitman, Requardt and Associates consultant team to complete several technical elements of the LRTP. The consultant team’s work will be completed using supplemental planning funds added to the CCMPO’s FY 2018-20 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) in June. The consultant team has been retained using a PennDOT Central Office planning open-end contract.

- Completing the municipal road data inventory by the Centre County Planning and Community Development Office (CCPCDO) and Centre County GIS staff. This work is also being completed using supplemental planning funds added to the CCMPO UPWP in June.

- Completing the fiscal constraint analysis necessary that will guide the preparation of a project list for the LRTP. The fiscal constraint analysis will utilize the financial guidance for the 2021-2024 TIP that was provided by PennDOT in July.

- Scheduling the first LRTP subcommittee meeting, tentatively to be held in October.

MPO staff will not provide a formal report at the meeting, but will respond to questions from the Coordinating Committee.

Presented by:  Tom Zilla, CRPA
               Mike Bloom, CCPCDO

No action required.
Adopting the UPWP is one of the key federally mandated responsibilities of the CCMPO. The UPWP lists certain policy actions that must be taken by the CCMPO, and also lists the work tasks to be completed by the CRPA, CATA, and the CCPCDO on behalf of the MPO. In Pennsylvania, the UPWP covers a two-year period based on the state fiscal year (July 1 - June 30).

A new process is being implemented for developing the FY 2020-22 UPWP. The new process requires that the CCMPO adopt the UPWP no later than January 31, 2020. However, because the CCMPO does not typically meet in January, staff is planning to present the new UPWP for adoption in November.

MPO staff will provide a presentation about the new process for preparing the FY 2020-22 UPWP and potential priority planning tasks. Staff is requesting input from the Coordinating Committee about priority tasks that should be included in the FY 2020-22 UPWP.

Below is a list of priority tasks included in the current FY 2018-20 UPWP, many of which are expected to carry forward to the new FY 2020-22 UPWP:

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<td>I.C.</td>
<td>Participate in PennDOT Connects collaboration activities</td>
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<td>I.D.</td>
<td>Update the LRTP by July 2020</td>
<td>In progress</td>
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<td>Administer the 2019-2022 TIP</td>
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<td>Prepare and adopt the 2021-2024 TIP</td>
<td>In progress</td>
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<td>I.F.</td>
<td>Manage CATA study to evaluate alternative models for providing transit service to areas with low population density.</td>
<td>Starting</td>
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<td>I.G.</td>
<td>Assist in advancing bike and pedestrian plans and projects (Bellefonte to Milesburg Trail; Valley Vista Shared Use Path; Patton Township Bike Master Plan; Ferguson Township and State College Borough Capital Improvement Programs; etc.)</td>
<td>Completed</td>
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<td>I.G.</td>
<td>Prepare information for renewal of State College/Centre Region Bicycle Friendly Community designation</td>
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<td>IV.A.</td>
<td>Participate in pre-construction and design activities for projects on the LRTP and TIP</td>
<td>In progress</td>
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<td>Participate in efforts to advance I-99/I-80 Interchanges and State College Area Connector</td>
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<td>V.</td>
<td>Participate in completion of Business Route 322 Boal Avenue Road Diet Study</td>
<td>In progress</td>
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<td>V.</td>
<td>Complete Route 144 Wall Evaluation Study – Potter Township and Centre Hall Borough</td>
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<td>V.</td>
<td>Complete analysis of fixed route fare and contract structures and policies for CATA</td>
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The Coordinating Committee should receive the staff presentation, and provide comments to MPO staff about priority tasks that should be included in the new FY 2020-22 UPWP.

Presented by: Tom Zilla, CRPA

Action: Provide comments to MPO staff.
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Future Meeting Dates

a. Technical Committee: Wednesday, November 13, 2019, 9:30 a.m.
   College Township Municipal Building
   ➔ Preliminary Draft 2021-2024 TIP
   ➔ FY 2020-22 UPWP
   ➔ LRTP 2050
   ➔ Transit Asset Management Plan annual report
   ➔ Annual safety performance measure targets

b. Coordinating Committee: Tuesday, November 26, 2019, 6:00 p.m.
   Patton Township Municipal Building
   ➔ Report from University Park Airport Manager
   ➔ Meeting schedule for 2020
   ➔ Preliminary Draft 2021-2024 TIP
   ➔ FY 2020-22 UPWP
   ➔ LRTP 2050
   ➔ Transit Asset Management Plan annual report
   ➔ Annual safety performance measure targets

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 a significant number of modifications completed for the 2019-2022 TIP since June.

   Among the modifications were three notable changes:
   • Allocation of state funds to initiate a study of drainage issues in the Route 144 (Runville Road) corridor in Boggs Township
   • Allocation of additional federal Transportation Alternatives (TA) Program funds for the Valley Vista Shared Use Path in Ferguson and Patton Townships
   • Shift of funds to extend the limits of the Atherton Street Drainage/Repaving Section 152 project from Park Avenue to Curtin Road.

3. PennDOT has announced that an application cycle will open in September for the Multimodal Transportation Fund (MTF) Program. Attached is a flyer that contains information about examples of eligible projects for the MTF program, as well as a web link to find out more information. Applicants are strongly encouraged to coordinate with PennDOT District 2-0 and the CCMPO staff early in the process of preparing an application.

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4. In early 2019, PennDOT began making repairs on the State Route (SR) 2020 Presque Isle Street bridge over Moshannon Creek, which connects Philipsburg Borough in Centre County and Chester Hill Borough in Clearfield County. This is a PennDOT-owned bridge that carries a municipal street over Moshannon Creek. The bridge was closed to vehicular and pedestrian traffic for the repairs.

During the initial stages of the repair work, severe deterioration was detected in the steel structure of the bridge. Based on testing conducted by PennDOT, the structure can no longer support the planned repairs. PennDOT subsequently presented several options for replacing the bridge to the boroughs, and both municipalities indicated that their preferred solution is for PennDOT to replace the bridge with a new structure and maintain ownership of the bridge. The allocation of funding to replace the bridge must now be considered as part of the development of the Centre County and North Central Rural Planning Organization TIPs.

The bridge remains closed to all vehicular and pedestrian traffic. PennDOT is currently taking steps to facilitate a long-term detour of vehicular and pedestrian traffic by making improvements to nearby intersections and roadways.

5. The Centre County Board of Commissioners is currently accepting applications from municipalities for funding assistance through the 2020 County Liquid Fuels program. All eligible project applications will be evaluated based on need, past County contributions to the municipality and proposed contribution of municipal and/or other funding to a given project. As established in previous years, additional priority will once again be given to projects that are anticipated to improve safety on the local transportation system.

Applications for funding assistance must be received no later than 5:00 pm on Friday, October 25, 2019 to be considered during the 2020 funding round. Applications can be emailed to Mike Bloom at dmbloom@centrecountypa.gov or mailed to the following address:

Mike Bloom - County Liquid Fuels Program
Centre County Planning and Community Development Office
420 Holmes Street
Bellefonte, PA 16823

6. 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.

7. 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.

8. 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.

9. 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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