Centre County Metropolitan Planning Organization (CCMPO)  
Coordinating Committee Meeting  
Tuesday, February 26, 2019  
6:00 p.m.

**PLEASE NOTE THE LOCATION:**  
**Patton Township Municipal Building**

**AGENDA**

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

2. **Election of Officers for 2019**

3. **Approval of Minutes:**  
   November 27, 2018 Coordinating Committee meeting.

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

5. **I-99/I-80 Interchanges Project:**  
   Status report from PennDOT about design activities  
   No action required

6. **PennDOT Regional Operations Plan (ROP) – Engineering Districts 2-0, 3-0, 9-0:**  
   Presentation about the 2018 ROP  
   No action required at this meeting (action anticipated in April or June 2019)

7. **PennDOT Project Update:**  
   Status report from PennDOT District 2-0 about highway and bridge projects  
   No action required

8. **Centre County Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) 2050:**  
   a. **Report about municipal workshop meetings**  
      No action required  
   b. **Formation of LRTP Subcommittee**  
      Approve formation of subcommittee

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

10. **Announcements**

11. **Adjourn**

Next Coordinating Committee meeting:  
**Tuesday, April 23, 2019**  
6:00 p.m.  
Patton Township Municipal Building

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ITEM 2

ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 2019

Voting members of the Coordinating Committee include:

Centre County Board of Commissioners  Michael Pipe  
Centre County Board of Commissioners  Mark Higgins  
College Township  Eric Bernier  
Ferguson Township  Tony Ricciardi  
Halfmoon Township  Barbara Spencer  
Harris Township  Frank Harden  
Patton Township  Elliot Abrams  
State College Borough  Theresa Lafer  
Nittany Valley Planning Region  Dave Wise  
Lower Bald Eagle Valley Planning Region  Richard Watters  
Moshannon Valley Planning Region  Samuel Estright  
Mountaintop Planning Region  Ken Hall  
Penns Valley Planning Region  Dick Decker  
Upper Bald Eagle Valley Planning Region  Jadine Reese  
Centre Area Transportation Authority  John Spychalski  
Centre Regional Planning Commission  Jon Eich  
PennDOT Central Office (Harrisburg)  Larry Shifflet  
PennDOT District 2-0 Office (Clearfield)  Karen Michael

Non-voting members of the Coordinating Committee include:

Pennsylvania State University  Rob Cooper  
Federal Highway Administration  Matt Smoker  
Federal Transit Administration  (open)

The Coordinating Committee should elect a Chair and Vice Chair for 2019. In 2018, Eric Bernier served as Chair, and Michael Pipe served as Vice-Chair.

The Coordinating Committee should appoint a Secretary for 2019. Traditionally, the Centre Regional Planning Agency (CRPA) Director serves as the CCMPO Secretary. Jim May, CRPA Director, served as Secretary in 2018.

Presented by:  Jim May, CCMPO Secretary

Action:  Elect officers and appoint a Secretary for 2019.
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ITEM 5

I-99/I-80 INTERCHANGES PROJECT

Status Report from PennDOT about Design Activities

PennDOT District 2-0 has been proceeding with design activities on the I-80/I-99 Interchanges project. In early December 2018, District 2-0 held project update meetings and provided presentations to the Marion and Spring Township Boards of Supervisors during their regular monthly meetings.

At the request of the MPO staff, District 2-0 agreed to hold another project update meeting immediately preceding the Coordinating Committee meeting from 5:30 pm to 6:00 pm. The meeting will be held in an informal, open house format in the lobby outside of the meeting room in the Patton Township Municipal Building. Coordinating Committee members are encouraged to arrive early and view the plans for the I-80/I-99 High Speed Interchange, the I-80/Route 26 Local Access Interchange, and the conceptual cross-section for the Route 26 Betterment project.

After the Coordinating Committee convenes for its regular meeting, PennDOT will provide a brief presentation about the design activities completed since work was restarted in 2018, and about the schedule for completion of the projects.

The Coordinating Committee should receive PennDOT’s presentation, and provide any questions or comments to District 2-0 and MPO staff.

Presented by:  Tom Zurat, PennDOT District 2-0

No action required.

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NOTE

Attached is letter received from the Marion Township Board of Supervisors regarding the phasing of construction activities for the Interchanges project. PennDOT has agreed to consider input from the Township and the CCMPO about construction phasing, and will provide additional information in future months as final design activities and a final traffic control plan for construction is prepared.
Presentation about 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.

The previous ROP for PennDOT District 2-0 and Centre County was completed in November 2007. Many of the projects and programs recommended in the 2007 ROP have been implemented. In addition, many changes in technology, traffic operations, and traveler information have taken place since 2007, 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 Central Region RTMC area. The process for preparing the new ROP included participation from a wide variety of stakeholders, including staff from the MPOs and Rural Planning Organizations (RPOs) in the Central Region RTMC area. Preparation of the new ROP focused on:

- Summarizing existing conditions relative to safety, congestion, and infrastructure
- Listing transportation needs and operations issues, and addressing topics such as:
  - Traveler information
  - Incident and emergency management
  - Transportation system safety
  - Traffic signal improvements
  - Communications network
  - Enhanced asset management
- Evaluating and prioritizing short-term and long-term projects
- Preparing a recommended project list

In 2019, the ROP project list for Centre County will be used as a source of candidate projects and programs for the new Centre County Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) 2050, and the new 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement program (TIP).

PennDOT has requested that the MPOs and RPOs in the Central Region RTMC area formally adopt or approve the new ROP. Thus, the new ROP will be presented to the CCMPO Committees in February, and action will be requested at the April or June CCMPO meetings.

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Because of the large file size, the complete ROP document is not attached to the agenda package, but can be accessed at https://www.crcog.net/vertical/sites/%7B6AD7E2DC-ECE4-41CD-B8E1-BAC6A636348%7D/uploads/Central_Region_RTMC_ROP_2018-12-04.pdf.

(Please be patient as this is a large file and may take a few moments to open)

Key elements of the ROP can be found on:

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

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At the meeting, PennDOT staff and a representative of the consultant team that prepared the ROP will provide a presentation about the ROP development process and recommended projects.

**The Coordinating Committee should receive the presentation, discuss the recommendations, and provide comments to CCMPO staff in preparation for the MPO to take action at a future meeting.**

Presented by:  
Denny Prestash, PennDOT District 2-0  
Stan Niemczak, Jacobs Engineering

No action required.
PennDOT PROJECT UPDATE

Status Report from PennDOT District 2-0 about Highway and Bridge Projects

PennDOT District 2-0 will provide an update about the status of highway and bridge projects in Centre County.

PennDOT’s One Map website at https://www.dot7.state.pa.us/OneMap provides information about active and future projects on the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and Twelve Year Transportation Program (TYP).

The Coordinating Committee should receive the presentation.

Presented by: Karen Michael, PennDOT District 2-0

No action required.

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NOTE

Route 322/144/45 Corridors Project
(former South Central Centre County Transportation Study)

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 that is nearing completion. According to the Governor, $5 million will be allocated for the Preliminary Engineering phase of work on the project.

PennDOT will briefly discuss the announcement as part of this agenda item. Additional details about the funding commitment, the scope of work, and the anticipated schedule for completion of the next phase of work are anticipated to be provided to the CCMPO in April.

ITEM 8.a.

LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN (LRTP) 2050

Report about Municipal Workshop Meetings

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 continues to work on a new LRTP, with current efforts focused on the data gathering meetings with municipalities and other key stakeholders in the County.

Below is a map illustrating the municipalities where meetings have been held to date. MPO staff will provide a report about the workshop meetings, and other activities currently underway.

The Coordinating Committee should receive the staff report.

Presented by: Leslie Warriner, CCPCDO

No action required.
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ITEM 8.b.

LRTP 2050

Formation of LRTP Subcommittee

As the data gathering effort for the new LRTP concludes in the next two months, needs and issues will be assessed, candidate projects will be identified and prioritized, and work will begin on an action plan to address the needs.

When the current LRTP was prepared, two subcommittees assisted staff in the prioritization of projects:

a. Project Ranking Subcommittee – Technical Committee members
b. Policy Adjustment Subcommittee – Coordinating Committee members

For the new LRTP, MPO staff recommends that one new subcommittee be formed to assist staff. The new subcommittee’s activities would be focused on:

- Reviewing needs and issues
- Developing elements of the action plan focused on projects and programs
- Evaluating and prioritizing projects

Staff recommends that the subcommittee include 8-10 members, and:

- Be comprised of representatives from both the Technical and Coordinating Committees
- Be geographically diverse
- Include representatives from the public transportation mode

On February 13, the Technical Committee discussed the staff recommendation, and approved a recommendation to the Coordinating Committee that a subcommittee be formed. The Technical Committee also agreed to wait to identify volunteers until the Coordinating Committee acts on the recommendation.

The formation of a special subcommittee requires action by the Coordinating Committee. The Coordinating Committee should receive the staff report and Technical Committee’s recommendation, and act to form a subcommittee to assist in preparing the new LRTP 2050.

The Coordinating Committee should also identify volunteers willing to serve on the subcommittee.

Presented by: Leslie Warriner, CCPCDO

Action: Formation of a special LRTP Subcommittee, and identification of volunteers willing to serve on the subcommittee.
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Future Meeting Dates
   a. Technical Committee: Wednesday, April 10, 2019, 9:30 a.m.
      College Township Municipal Building
      ⇒ Approval of ROP
      ⇒ Route 322/144/45 Corridors project
      ⇒ LRTP 2050 – data gathering workshop
      ⇒ Federal and state transportation funding outlook
   b. Coordinating Committee: Tuesday, April 23, 2019, 6:00 p.m.
      Patton Township Municipal Building
      ⇒ Approval of ROP
      ⇒ Route 322/144/45 Corridors project
      ⇒ LRTP 2050 – data gathering workshop
      ⇒ Federal and state transportation funding outlook

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 are two fiscal constraint charts (FCCs) illustrating modifications completed for the 2019-2022 TIP.

3. On February 1, 2019, Governor Tom Wolf announced that 50 projects were approved for funding from the PennDOT Multimodal Transportation Fund program, including one project in Centre County.

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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), or visit State College Borough’s project-specific hub at [http://www.statecollegepa.us/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=2332](http://www.statecollegepa.us/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=2332). (Please copy and paste this link into your browser to view.)

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 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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The CCMPO staff offers its congratulations and best wishes to Lyssa Cromell, who recently left the Centre Regional Planning Agency (CRPA) staff to begin working as the Executive Assistant/Board Liaison at CATA. Lyssa served as the CRPA Office Manager for 9 years, and did a terrific job handling a myriad of tasks for the CCMPO program as part of her responsibilities at CRPA. Although she will be greatly missed, we’re happy that she will still be part of the transportation family in Centre County! Good luck Lyssa!

The CCMPO also welcomes (back) Marcella Bell, who is the new CRPA Office Manager. Marcella was previously employed as the part-time CRPA Staff Assistant, and most recently was employed by Ferguson Township. Marcella began her duties as the Office Manager on February 19. Please take a moment to welcome Marcella to the team!