

CENTRE COUNTY PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PLAN



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INTRODUCTION

Public participation is an integral part of the Centre County Metropolitan Planning Organization (CCMPO) transportation planning process. This Public Participation Plan (PPP) outlines a series of standard procedures for informing the public and involving them in a meaningful planning process that provides complete information, timely public notice, and full access by all segments of the population.

Transportation Planning in Centre County

Federal law and regulation require that local and state officials work cooperatively to maintain a continuous and comprehensive long-range transportation planning process. In urbanized areas (defined as having at least 50,000 residents) such as Centre County, this federal mandate is carried out by an entity known as a "metropolitan planning organization" (MPO).

In Centre County, transportation planning is coordinated by the Centre County MPO (CCMPO). The CCMPO works closely with the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT), the Centre Area Transportation Authority (CATA), the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), and the county's 35 municipalities to identify and prioritize transportation improvement projects for inclusion in the Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) and Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

The CCMPO succeeded the Centre Region MPO in 2004, when the MPO's transportation planning responsibilities were expanded from a State College area focus to serve all of Centre County. Prior to 1982, area transportation planning was conducted by the Centre Region Area Transportation Study (CRATS). More information on the CCMPO and its responsibilities is provided below.

CCMPO Structure

The policy-making body of the CCMPO is the Coordinating Committee, which is ultimately responsible for the transportation planning activities mandated by federal laws and regulations. The Coordinating Committee includes 18 voting members from county and local government, public agencies, and PennDOT. A Technical Committee comprising members from the same organizations represented on the Coordinating Committee provides advisory comments and recommendations to the Coordinating Committee. A list of current CCMPO Technical and Coordinating Committee representatives is included as Appendix A.

Voting members include:

- Centre County (2 members)
- College Township
- Ferguson Township
- Halfmoon Township
- Harris Township
- Patton Township
- State College Borough
- Centre Regional Planning Commission
- PennDOT Central Office (Harrisburg)
- PennDOT District 2-0 Office (Clearfield)
- Lower Bald Eagle Valley Planning Region
- Moshannon Valley Planning Region
- Mountaintop Planning Region
- Nittany Valley Planning Region
- Penns Valley Planning Region
- Upper Bald Eagle Valley Planning Region
- Centre Area Transportation Authority

Non-voting members include:

- The Pennsylvania State University
- Federal Highway Administration
- Federal Transit Administration

As noted above, some voting members of the CCMPO represent multi-municipal Planning Regions. The seven Centre County Planning Regions are illustrated in Figure 1.

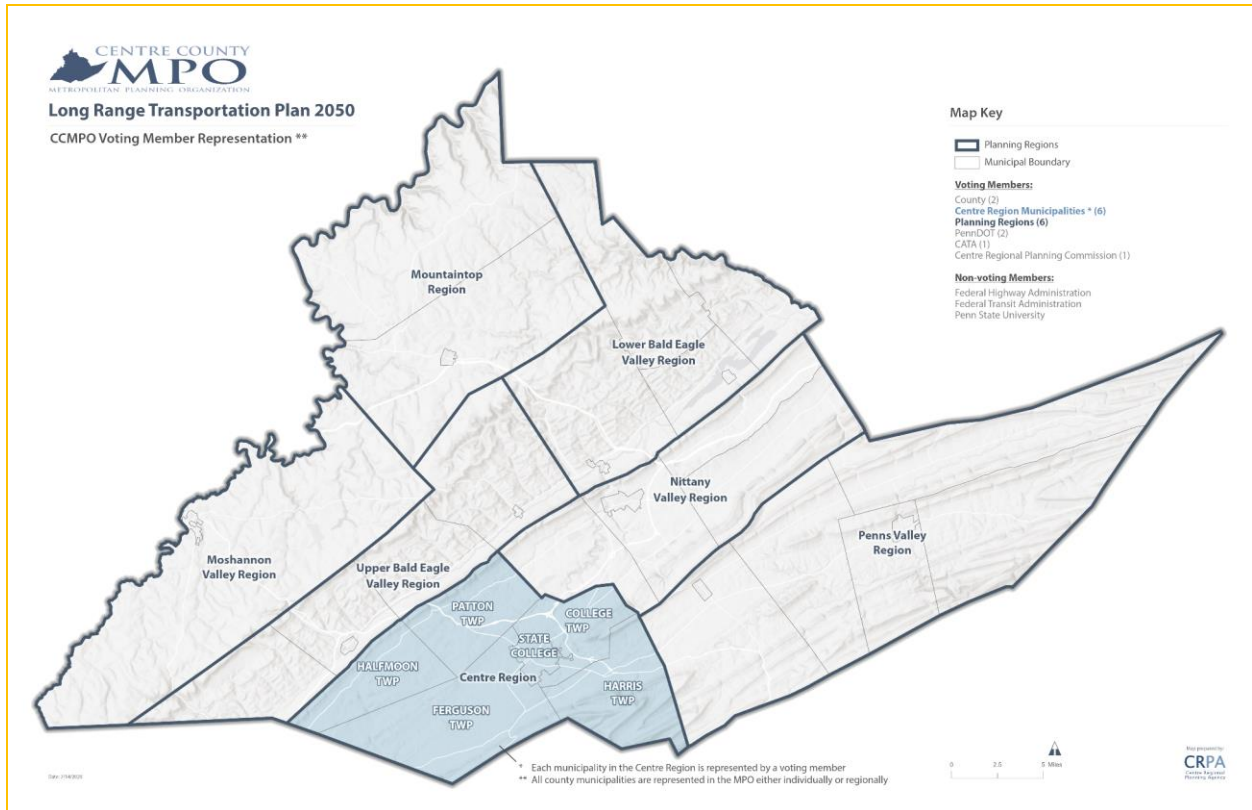


Figure 1: CCMPO Voting Member Representation

CCMPO Responsibilities and the Planning Process

Federal transportation authorization legislation, such as the current Fixing America’s Surface Transportation Act (FAST Act) enacted in 2015, and its predecessor legislations including the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21) and the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act – A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU), outline the primary roles and responsibilities of MPOs. These include developing a Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP), developing a short-range (four-year) Transportation Improvement Program, MPO planning activities, and public participation.

One of the CCMPO’s primary responsibilities is to prioritize the use of federal funds for highway and transit projects in Centre County. This begins with developing the long-range transportation plan, which includes a list of projects to be undertaken within a 30-year planning horizon. Of those, the projects that are expected to begin within the next 12 years are known as the Twelve-Year Program (TYP). That list is

further prioritized by identifying funded projects expected to begin within the next four years, known as the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The TIPs and TYPs of all Pennsylvania’s metropolitan planning organizations and rural planning organizations are rolled up into statewide programs: the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) and the statewide Twelve-Year Transportation Program, which are formally adopted by the State Transportation Commission.

LRTPs, TYPs, and TIPs are fiscally constrained, meaning the total estimated cost of all the projects listed must not exceed projected funding (LRTPs also often include a list of illustrative projects that are not yet funded). TYPs and TIPs are updated every two years, to adjust for changes in funding and confirm project prioritization.

This process underscores the importance of the LRTP—in order to be considered for the short-range TIP, projects must be included on the MPO’s adopted LRTP. Development and adoption of the Centre County LRTP is a primary responsibility of the CCMPO.

Public Involvement

To facilitate citizen involvement in the planning process used to develop its LRTPs and TIPs, the CCMPO is updating this Public Participation Plan for adoption in November 2022. The CCMPO is committed to a proactive public involvement process and supports early and continuing public involvement in the development of transportation plans and programs. Planning and prioritization includes projects listed in the previous LRTP as well as new projects.

The efforts outlined in the Public Participation Plan focus on identifying and engaging populations that have traditionally been underserved by existing transportation systems, including minority populations, low-income populations, non-English speakers and those with limited English proficiency, older persons, and persons with disabilities.

To enhance opportunities for public involvement, the CCMPO coordinates its public involvement activities with those of PennDOT, CATA, the Centre County municipalities, other public agencies, and transportation stakeholders.

Federal Planning Factors

The Fast Act requires the metropolitan transportation planning process to be “continuous, cooperative, and comprehensive,” and to provide for consideration and implementation of projects, strategies, and services that will address the following factors:

1. Support the economic vitality of the metropolitan area, especially by enabling global competitiveness, productivity, and efficiency;
2. Increase the safety of the transportation system for motorized and non-motorized users;
3. Increase the security of the transportation system for motorized and non-motorized users;
4. Increase accessibility and mobility of people and freight;
5. Protect and enhance the environment, promote energy conservation, improve the quality of life, and promote consistency between transportation improvements and State and local planned growth and economic development patterns;
6. Enhance the integration and connectivity of the transportation system, across and between modes, for people and freight;
7. Promote efficient system management and operation;

8. Emphasize the preservation of the existing transportation system;
9. Improve the resiliency and reliability of the transportation system and reduce or mitigate stormwater impacts of surface transportation; and
10. Enhance travel and tourism.

The legislation further directs that the degree of consideration and analysis of the factors should be based on the scale and complexity of many issues, including transportation system development, land use, employment, economic development, the human and natural environment, and housing and community development.

Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964

Title VI is the federal law that protects individuals from discrimination on the basis of race, color, or national origin. In operating a federally assisted program, a recipient cannot, on the basis of race, color, or national origin, either directly or through contractual means, deny a program service, aid, or benefit; provide a different service, aid, or benefit; provide a service, aid, or benefit in a different manner than provided to others; or segregate or separately treat individuals in any matter related to the receipt of any service, aid, or benefit. Public involvement is a key component of providing equitable access to MPO programs and services.

The CCMPO maintains a Title VI program specific to organization programs and activities. This document was most recently updated and adopted in June 2022, and includes numerous references and linkages to the PPP.

For more information on the CCMPO's Title VI program and the procedures to file a complaint, please contact: James R. Saylor, Title VI Compliance Officer, by phone at 814-231-3050, by email at jsaylor@crcog.net, or by visiting the Centre Regional Planning Agency at 2643 Gateway Drive, Suite 4, State College, PA 16801. If information is needed in another language, please call 814-231-3050.

Environmental Justice

Public involvement must also consider Presidential Executive Order 12898, pertaining to Environmental Justice. Environmental Justice (EJ) means ensuring that low-income and minority populations do not bear a disproportionate amount of the burdens of transportation infrastructure, and conversely, that they receive a fair share of the benefits of transportation investment.

Best practices for an EJ evaluation of LRTP projects are continuously evolving; there is no one-size-fits-all approach for MPOs to follow. Much of this has to do with the fact that the data that is available for minority and low-income populations is limited. This plan uses the U.S. Census Bureau's American Community Survey data, as is typical for LRTPs, as well as guidance from the South Central Pennsylvania Environmental Justice Unified Process and Methodology Guide (April 2019). The guidance document was jointly developed by the FHWA PA Division, FTA Region III, PennDOT Central Office, PennDOT Engineering District 8-0, and six MPOs within District 8-0. The guide provides several strategies to accomplish the core elements of an EJ analysis acceptable to FHWA and FTA.

The guide identifies specific core activities that MPOs in Pennsylvania should complete as part of an EJ analysis, while recognizing that individual EJ analyses are unique. The guide is a starting point, and provides an incremental approach to follow, with consideration of an individual MPO's transportation

system, demographics, and staff capacity. The CCMPO staff determined that the Core Analysis level of evaluation was appropriate for the Centre County LRTP and TIP. This includes the following elements:

- Identification of EJ populations
- Assessment of conditions and identification of needs
- Evaluation of burdens and benefits
- Identification and addressing of disproportionate and adverse impacts, which will inform future planning efforts

Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA)

The Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA) prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability. Public entities are required to make services, programs, and activities accessible to individuals with disabilities. This includes conducting meetings and hearings in ADA-compliant buildings and providing special accommodations to ensure communications are equally effective for persons with disabilities in order to allow for full participation in meetings, planning, and programming activities.

Anyone who requires an auxiliary aid or service for effective communication, or a modification of policies or procedures to participate in a program, service, or activity of the CCMPO, or anyone who has a complaint that a program, service, or activity of the CCMPO is not accessible to persons with disabilities should contact: James R. Saylor, ADA Coordinator, by phone at 814-231-3050, by email at jsaylor@crcog.net, or by visiting the Centre Regional Planning Agency at 2643 Gateway Drive, Suite 4, State College, PA 16801.

CENTRE COUNTY DEMOGRAPHICS

Centre County demographic data are used by the CCMPO to develop strategies for meeting federal and state requirements related to public outreach to historically underserved populations. For planning purposes, Centre County is divided into seven Planning Regions, as shown in Figure 1.

County Population

U.S. Census data from 1980 through 2020 shows a generally steady and significant increase in Centre County population. The population of Centre County increased by 40.27% between 1980 and 2020, outpacing the growth of population statewide by more than four times. The Centre Region, Nittany Valley, and Penns Valley account for most of this growth. A growing population implies not only an increasing need for surface transportation improvements and complexity of projects, but also increasing interest in CCMPO activities and programs.

	1980	1990	2000	2010	2020	% Change 1980-2020
Pennsylvania	11,863,895	11,881,643	12,281,054	12,702,379	13,002,700	9.60%
Centre County	112,761	124,812	135,758	153,990	158,172	40.27%
Centre Region	62,016	71,633	79,406	92,096	94,625	52.58%
Lower Bald Eagle Valley	7,475	7,846	8,025	8,528	7,669	2.60%
Upper Bald Eagle Valley	4,594	4,553	5,038	5,317	5,102	11.06%
Moshannon Valley	7,490	6,897	6,960	6,778	6,457	-13.79%
Mountaintop Region	3,201	2,946	2,941	2,950	2,702	-15.59%
Nittany Valley	18,086	20,318	22,006	25,502	28,826	59.38%
Penns Valley	9,899	10,619	11,382	12,819	12,791	29.22%
TOTAL	112,761	124,812	135,758	153,990	158,172	40.27%

Table 1: Pennsylvania, Centre County, and County Planning Region Population Comparisons, U.S. Census 1980, 1990, 2000, 2010, and 2020

The Centre County Growth Forecasting Project was updated most recently in 2012. Based on this forecast data, Centre County’s population is expected to increase 22.6% between the 2010 and 2040 U.S. Census. Here again, the Nittany Valley, Centre Region, and Penns Valley are projected to account for most of this growth.

	2010	2040	% Change 2010-2040
Centre County	153,990	188,831	22.63%
Centre Region	92,096	114,110	23.90%
Lower Bald Eagle Valley	8,528	9,259	8.57%
Upper Bald Eagle Valley	5,317	6,005	12.94%
Moshannon Valley	6,778	7,527	11.05%
Mountaintop Region	2,950	3,236	9.69%
Nittany Valley	25,502	33,235	30.32%
Penns Valley	12,819	15,459	20.59%
TOTAL	153,990	188,831	22.63%

Table 2: Centre County and County Planning Region Growth Projections 2010-2040, Centre County Growth Forecasting Project - 2012

Population by Age

According to U.S. Census Bureau estimates from 1980, 1990, 2000, 2010, and 2020, the Centre County population is steadily aging – even as it is growing. School- and student-age populations have been declining, while significant growth is seen in the age 45-64 and age 65 and over populations. This suggests an increasing need to identify specific older populations in Centre County, and develop a strategy to engage these populations in the transportation planning process. Such actions may involve increasing meeting accessibility in a variety of forms. Appendix B contains a chart of Centre County’s age 65 and over populations.

	1980	1990	2000	2010	2020	% Change 1980-2020
Under Age 5	5.2%	5.6%	4.6%	4.4%	3.9%	-25.0%
Age 5 - 19	24.8%	19.5%	20.4%	22.9%	18.3%	-26.2%
Age 20 - 24	22.0%	21.4%	19.8%	18.2%	16.3%	-26.0%
Age 25 - 44	25.5%	29.3%	26.4%	22.8%	24.6%	-3.5%
Age 45 - 64	14.9%	15.3%	18.4%	20.8%	22.7%	52.3%
Age 65 and Over	7.6%	9.0%	10.4%	11.0%	14.2%	86.7%

Table 3: Centre County Percentage of Population by Age Group, U.S. Census 1980, 1990, 2000, 2010, and 2020

Population by Race

According to U.S. Census Bureau counts from 2000, 2010, and 2020, the Centre County population is becoming less white, and more diverse. Prior to the 2000 decennial Census, information on race was not presented in as detailed a format. Since that time, steady but significant growth has been observed in the Black or African American, Asian, and multiracial populations. This suggests an increasing need to develop a strategy – in accordance with Environmental Justice principles – to engage these populations in the transportation planning process, with the specific intent to evenly distribute benefits and burdens resulting from transportation projects across all population groups. Appendix C contains mapping of minority populations in Centre County.

	2000	2010	2020	% Change 2000-2020
White	91.43%	89.37%	82.96%	-9.27%
Black or African American	2.45%	3.01%	3.46%	41.14%
American Indian or Alaska Native	0.35%	0.12%	0.13%	-63.58%
Asian	3.95%	5.19%	7.21%	82.31%
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0.00%	0.03%	0.03%	200.00%
Other Race	0.79%	0.74%	1.31%	65.82%
Two or More Races	1.02%	1.53%	4.91%	378.82%

Table 4: Centre County Percentage of Population by Race, U.S. Census 2000, 2010, and 2020

Limited English Proficiency (LEP) Population

Demographic information estimates from the 2015-19 American Community Survey (ACS) were reviewed to determine the number and proportion of persons in Centre County who speak a language other than English at home, and who understand English “less than very well.” These are the latest estimates currently available from the US Census Bureau. As shown in Table 5, only 3.72% of the population five years of age and older speaks English “less than very well,” and would be identified as LEP persons.

	Number of Individuals	% of Total Population
Total population 5 years and older	155,581	100.00%
Speak only English	136,719	87.88%
Speak a language other than English and understand English "very well"	13,071	8.40%
Speak a language other than English and understand English "less than very well"	5,791	3.72%

Table 5: Number of LEP Persons in Centre County for the Population 5 Years of Age and Older, 2015-2019 American Community Survey (ACS)

Table 6 lists the top five languages spoken by LEP individuals in Centre County. The most commonly spoken language among such individuals is Chinese; followed by Spanish; Yiddish, Pennsylvania Dutch, or other West Germanic languages; Korean; and Russian. Of these groups, the only population exceeding the federal “Safe Harbor Threshold” (1,000 individuals or 5% of the total population, whichever is lower) involves those who speak English less than very well and speak Chinese in the home.

	Number of Individuals	% of Total Population
Total population 5 years and older	155,581	100.00%
Speak only English	136,719	87.88%
Speak Chinese and understand English "less than very well"	2,231	1.43%
Speak Spanish and understand English "less than very well"	636	0.41%
Speak Yiddish, Pennsylvania Dutch, or other West Germanic languages and understand English "less than very well"	507	0.33%
Speak Korean and understand English "less than very well"	425	0.27%
Speak Russian and understand English "less than very well"	333	0.21%

Table 6: Language Spoken at Home by LEP Persons in Centre County for the Population 5 Years of Age and Older, 2015-2019 American Community Survey (ACS)

Income and Poverty Status

Table 7 shows several income and poverty measures for Centre County according to U.S. Census Bureau estimates from 1980, 1990, 2000, 2010, and 2020. Both per capita and household income have been rising steadily and significantly over time, as individual poverty status remains flat to slightly increasing. It should be noted that the significant college student population in Centre County is thought to artificially depress earning measures and inflate poverty measures. Still, these measures suggest an increasing need to develop a strategy – in accordance with Environmental Justice principles – to engage populations in poverty in the transportation planning process, with the specific intent to evenly distribute benefits and burdens resulting from transportation projects across all population groups. Appendix D contains mapping of the Centre County population below the poverty threshold.

	1980	1990	2000	2010	2020	% Change 1980-2020
Per Capita Income	\$5,909	\$11,584	\$18,020	\$23,744	\$32,238	445.57%
Median Household Income	\$14,862	\$26,060	\$36,165	\$47,016	\$61,921	316.64%
Individual Poverty Status	16.7%	18.2%	18.8%	18.5%	17.8%	6.59%

Table 7: Income and Poverty Status for Centre County, U.S. Census 1980, 1990, 2000, 2010, and 2020

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PRINCIPLES

The following key principles will guide CCMPO actions in terms of public participation and outreach:

1. Conduct outreach to the public in the development of transportation plans and programs, seeking the active participation, consultation, and involvement of all interested parties;
2. Provide public access to the technical and policy information used in the development of plans and programs;
3. Ensure adequate notification related to public involvement activities to allow for public review and comment at key decision points;
4. Provide feedback to participants in response to public comments provided during the planning and programming processes; and
5. In consultation with interested parties, evaluate the Public Participation Plan every two years – in conjunction with the TIP update – to determine if the plan is effectively providing adequate opportunities for involvement.

INTERESTED PARTIES

Federal Transportation Authorization legislation requires that the PPP define a process for citizens, affected public agencies, representatives of public transportation employees, freight shippers, providers of freight transportation services, private providers of transportation, representatives of users of public transportation, representatives of users of pedestrian walkways and bicycle transportation facilities, representatives of the disabled and other interested parties to provide input on the metropolitan planning program. Accordingly, the following organizations and entities have been identified as interested parties:

- AFSCME SW PA Public Employees Council 83
- American Red Cross Central PA Chapter
- Bellefonte EMS
- Bellefonte Intervalley Area Chamber of Commerce
- Bellefonte Senior Resource Center
- Blair County Planning Commission
- Cambria County Planning Commission
- Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown
- Cen-Clear Child Services, Inc.
- Center for Alternatives in Community Justice
- Central PA Community Action
- Central PA Convention & Visitors Bureau
- Centre Area Transportation Authority
- Centre County Assistance Office
- Centre County Historical Society
- Centre County Housing and Land Trust
- Centre County Housing Authority
- Centre County Mental Health
- Centre County Office of Adult Services
- Centre County Office of Aging
- Centre County Office of Transportation Services
- Centre County Office of Veterans' Affairs
- Centre County Planning and Community Development Office
- Centre County Public Defender Office
- Centre County United Way
- Centre County Youth Services Bureau
- Centre Helps
- Centre LifeLink EMS
- Centre Region Active Adult Center
- Centre Region Emergency Management Coordinator
- Centre Safe
- Centre Volunteers in Medicine
- CentreBike
- Chamber of Business and Industry of Centre County
- Child Development and Family Council of Centre County
- Cole Transportation
- Confer's Transportation
- DCNR Northcentral Region
- Downtown State College Improvement District
- Easter Seals of Central PA
- FaithCentre, Inc.
- FedEx
- Food Bank of State College
- Foxdale Village
- Fullington Trailways
- Geriatric Interest Network of Centre County
- Global Connections
- Habitat for Humanity of Greater Centre County, Inc
- Handy Delivery, Inc.
- Hearing Loss Association of America - Central PA Chapter
- Housing Transitions, Inc.
- Interfaith Human Services, Inc.
- International Student Council
- Juniper Village at Brookline
- MidPenn Legal Services
- Mid-State Literacy Council
- Mid-State Regional Airport
- Moshannon Valley Economic Development Partnership
- Mount Nittany Medical Center
- Nittany Express, Inc.
- Nittany Mountain Biking Association
- North Central RPO

- PA CareerLink Centre County
- PA Department of Health
- PA Motor Truck Association
- Penn State Small Business Development Center
- PennDOT Bureau of Aviation
- PennDOT Bureau of Rail Freight
- Penns Valley EMS
- Penns Valley Senior Resource Centers
- Penn State Transportation Services
- Philipsburg Senior Resource Center
- Private Industry Council - Central Corridor
- Retired/Senior Volunteer Program
- Salvation Army of State College
- SEDA-COG
- SEDA-COG Joint Rail Authority
- Sight Loss Support Group of Central PA, Inc.
- Skills of Central PA, Inc.
- Snow Shoe Senior Resource Center
- Southern Alleghenies Planning & Development Commission
- State College CDBG/HOME Coordinator
- Strawberry Fields, Inc.
- The ARC of Centre County
- The House of Care
- The Oaks at Pleasant Gap
- University Park Airport
- USDA Service Center
- Windy Hill Village
- YMCA of Centre County

OUTREACH TECHNIQUES

The CCMPO utilizes a wide range outreach techniques for public participation. The table below provides an overview of each technique.

Technique	Description/Purpose
CCMPO Regular and Public Meetings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public opportunity to provide comments on CCMPO agenda items, or other projects, programs, and issues • Meetings are held in transit-accessible and ADA-accessible locations, and include an online / hybrid component to expand opportunities for participation • Project-specific meetings will be held within the project area to the best extent possible • Agendas include a public comment component for items not already included on the agenda; each agenda item is also open to comments from the public
Local Access Cable Television (C-NET)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Televisе regular Coordinating Committee meetings and selected public meeting presentations for viewing by the local public
Local Access Cable Television (C-NET) – Bulletin Board	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advertise regular and public meetings, and public comment periods
Hard Copy Documents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Though CCMPO materials are primarily distributed electronically, all materials are available in hard copy format upon request
E-mail Distribution	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CCMPO Technical and Coordinating Committee meeting agenda packets • Public comment period announcements • Public meeting announcements • Meeting summaries • PennDOT press releases • Project-specific updates
Website Information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CCMPO meeting schedule • CCMPO agendas • CCMPO meeting minutes • Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) • Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) • Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) • CCMPO contact information • PennDOT and other project sponsor updates • Website content includes the use of visualization techniques (maps, tables, charts, and links to PennDOT visualization tools) as practical
Legal Notices / Local Advertisements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advertise CCMPO regular and public meetings, and public comment periods in the three newspapers of general circulation in Centre County: The Centre Daily Times, The Lock Haven Express, and

	The Clearfield Progress
Press Releases	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Announce public meetings and public comment periods via email, the CCMPO website, and social media
CCMPO Meeting Summaries	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Distribute to CCMPO e-mail lists, and municipal managers and secretaries, following CCMPO meetings Also available via the CCMPO website and social media
Social Media (Facebook)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Announce CCMPO regular meetings, public meetings, and public comment periods Present PennDOT and other project sponsor updates Share information regarding public meeting recordings and meeting summaries Social media “likes”, comments, shares, and private messages <u>do not</u> constitute official public comment, which should be submitted within the context of a public meeting and/or directly to CCMPO staff
“Meeting in a Box”	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use of smaller, decentralized community meetings facilitated by those outside the MPO staff to discuss relevant transportation issues Technique borrowed from, and currently in pilot testing for, the Centre Region Climate Action and Adaptation Plan (CAAP)

Regular and Public Meetings

For regular CCMPO meetings, agenda packets are distributed to MPO members, primarily via e-mail. The meeting packets include the agenda, previous meeting minutes, background information, and CCMPO staff contact information. Agendas are also distributed to interested parties, as identified on Pages 9-10. Paper copies of all MPO materials are made available to individuals upon request. Agenda materials are also posted on the CCMPO website and social media accounts approximately one week prior to meetings.

Advertisements for MPO meetings will be placed at least eight (8) days prior to meetings in the three newspapers of general circulation in Centre County: The Centre Daily Times, The Lock Haven Express, and The Clearfield Progress.

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990 requires involving the community – particularly those with disabilities – in the development and improvement of public services and capital facilities. Meetings are held in ADA-accessible buildings, and to the best extent possible, meetings are held in locations that are convenient to alternate transportation modes as well as the specific project to be discussed (if any).

Special assistance, if required, will be made available if requested at least five (5) days in advance of the meeting. All public meeting notices and advertisements will state the following, “If accommodations are needed for those with special needs related to language, sight, or hearing, please call (814) 231-3050 at least five days prior to the meeting.” A sample CCMPO meeting advertisement and a public meeting advertisement are included in Appendices F and G.

Targeted Outreach Strategies to Underserved Populations

In addition, the CCMPO may employ one or more targeted outreach strategies to involve traditionally underserved populations that may be impacted by a specific project. Targeted outreach strategies may include:

Underserved Population	Strategy(ies)
Age 65 and Older	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More intensive communication agencies on the interested parties list that work with the affected population • Posting information and meeting notices in areas frequented by the this population such as senior communities, recreation centers, and shopping centers • Providing extensive use of visualization techniques, including maps and graphics • Targeting media outlets and organizations that serve the affected population • Organizing small meetings / “meeting in a box” that may be less intimidating for those unfamiliar with the public involvement process • Posting information and meeting notices in transit / paratransit vehicles • Speaking at and / or distributing information through religious or community organizations • Targeting media outlets that serve the affected population
Minority	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More intensive communication agencies on the interested parties list that work with the affected population • Targeting media outlets and organizations that serve the affected population • Organizing small meetings / “meeting in a box” that may be less intimidating for those unfamiliar with the public involvement process • Posting information and meeting notices in transit / paratransit vehicles • Speaking at and / or distributing information through religious or community organizations • Targeting media outlets that serve the affected population
Limited English Proficiency (LEP)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More intensive communication agencies on the interested parties list that work with the affected population • Posting flyers or notices, in appropriate languages, in areas identified as having LEP populations • Providing extensive use of visualization techniques, including maps and graphics • Targeting media outlets and organizations that serve the affected population • Organizing small meetings / “meeting in a box” that may be less intimidating for those unfamiliar with the public involvement process • Posting information and meeting notices in transit / paratransit vehicles • Speaking at and / or distributing information through religious or community organizations • Providing access to document or meeting translation services as appropriate, through Google Translate or other avenues • Targeting media outlets that serve the affected population

<p>Low-Income</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More intensive communication agencies on the interested parties list that work with the affected population • Targeting media outlets and organizations that serve the affected population • Online / hybrid meetings to reduce the cost and travel involved in participation • Organizing small meetings / “meeting in a box” that may be less intimidating for those unfamiliar with the public involvement process • Posting information and meeting notices in transit / paratransit vehicles • Speaking at and / or distributing information through religious or community organizations • Targeting media outlets that serve the affected population
<p>Persons with Disabilities</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More intensive communication agencies on the interested parties list that work with the affected population • Providing extensive use of visualization techniques, including maps and graphics • Targeting media outlets and organizations that serve the affected population • Organizing small meetings / “meeting in a box” that may be less intimidating for those unfamiliar with the public involvement process • Posting information and meeting notices in transit / paratransit vehicles • Speaking at and / or distributing information through religious or community organizations • Providing access to documents and meetings in alternative formats • Targeting media outlets that serve the affected population

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION FOR MAJOR CCMPO ACTIVITIES

Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) – Adoption and Amendments

Participation Element	Outreach
Document Availability	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CCMPO website • Electronic copies provided to MPO Committees, interested parties, MPO mailing lists, and others as requested • Mailings as requested • Copies available for review at: Centre Regional Planning Agency (CRPA), Centre Area Transportation Authority (CATA) Customer Service Center, Schlow Centre Region Library, Centre County Planning and Community Development Office (CCPCDO), Philipsburg Borough Municipal Building, Snow Shoe Borough Municipal Building, Centre Hall Area Branch Library, and Milesburg Borough Municipal Building
Comment Opportunities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public meeting • Written comments during the public comment period (via e-mail and hard copy)
Public Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At least one (1) public meeting, held during the public comment period, prior to adoption by the CCMPO Coordinating Committee
Public Comment Period Notification	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Publish a classified advertisement at least thirty (30) calendar days prior to the public comment period ending in the following newspapers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Centre Daily Times ○ Lock Haven Express ○ Clearfield Progress • Post the public comment period notice on local public access cable television bulletin board • Transmit press releases to broadcast media and newspapers serving Centre County. See Appendix G for the press release distribution list
Public Meeting Notice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Publish a classified advertisement at least eight (8) calendar days prior to public meeting in the following newspapers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Centre Daily Times ○ Lock Haven Express ○ Clearfield Progress • Post meeting notice on local public access cable television bulletin board • Transmit press releases to broadcast media and newspapers serving Centre County
Public Comment Summary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prepare a summary, analysis, and report on the disposition of comments for comments received during the public comment period • Include the public comment summary in the final LRTP • Provide the agenda (including the public comment summary) for the meeting where LRTP adoption will be considered to all individuals that provided public comments during the comment period

If the LRTP differs significantly from the one which was made available for public comment and raises new material issues which interested parties could not reasonably have foreseen from the public involvement efforts, an additional opportunity for public comment on the revised plan shall be made available.

The LRTP must be updated every five years. At the beginning of each update, a public participation process will be outlined that identifies specific activities such as surveys, public meetings, workshops, and outreach. This outline will be discussed at MPO meetings to provide the public the opportunity to comment on the process.

Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Participation Element	Outreach
Document Availability	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CCMPO website • Electronic copies provided to MPO Committees, interested parties, MPO mailing lists, and others as requested • Mailings as requested • Copies available for review at: Centre Regional Planning Agency (CRPA), Centre Area Transportation Authority (CATA) Customer Service Center, Schlow Centre Region Library, Centre County Planning and Community Development Office (CCPCDO), Philipsburg Borough Municipal Building, Snow Shoe Borough Municipal Building, Centre Hall Area Branch Library, and Milesburg Borough Municipal Building
Comment Opportunities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public meeting • Written comments during the public comment period (via e-mail and hard copy)
Public Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At least one (1) public meeting, held during the public comment period, prior to adoption by the CCMPO Coordinating Committee
Public Comment Period Notification	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Publish a classified advertisement at least thirty (30) calendar days prior to the public comment period ending in the following newspapers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Centre Daily Times ○ Lock Haven Express ○ Clearfield Progress • Post the public comment period notice on local public access cable television bulletin board • Transmit press releases to broadcast media and newspapers serving Centre County. See Appendix G for the press release distribution list
Public Meeting Notice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Publish a classified advertisement at least eight (8) calendar days prior to public meeting in the following newspapers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Centre Daily Times ○ Lock Haven Express ○ Clearfield Progress • Post meeting notice on local public access cable television bulletin board • Transmit press releases to broadcast media and newspapers serving Centre County
Public Comment Summary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prepare a summary, analysis, and report on the disposition of comments for comments received during the public comment period • Include the public comment summary in the final TIP • Provide the agenda (including the public comment summary) for the meeting where TIP adoption will be considered to all individuals that provided public comments during the comment period
Amendment Notice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A thirty (30) day public comment period may be required for major amendments to the TIP

Period/Type	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A determination of whether an amendment is deemed major will be made by the CRPA Director, in consultation with the CCMPO Chair, and the lead agency for the project (typically PennDOT or CATA) • See Appendix H – Procedures for TIP Modifications, Adopted June 28, 2022 for additional information
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If the TIP differs significantly from the one which was made available for public comment and raises new material issues which interested parties could not reasonably have foreseen from the public involvement efforts, an additional opportunity for public comment on the revised plan shall be made available.

Public Participation Plan (PPP)

Participation Element	Outreach
Document Availability	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CCMPO website • Electronic copies provided to MPO Committees, interested parties, MPO mailing lists, and others as requested • Mailings as requested • Copies available for review at: Centre Regional Planning Agency (CRPA), Centre Area Transportation Authority (CATA) Customer Service Center, Schlow Centre Region Library, Centre County Planning and Community Development Office (CCPCDO), Philipsburg Borough Municipal Building, Snow Shoe Borough Municipal Building, Centre Hall Area Branch Library, and Milesburg Borough Municipal Building
Comment Opportunities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public meeting • Written comments during the public comment period (via e-mail and hard copy)
Public Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At least one (1) public meeting, held during the public comment period, prior to adoption by the CCMPO Coordinating Committee
Public Comment Period Notification	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Publish a classified advertisement at least thirty (30) calendar days prior to the public comment period ending in the following newspapers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Centre Daily Times ○ Lock Haven Express ○ Clearfield Progress • Post the public comment period notice on local public access cable television bulletin board • Transmit press releases to broadcast media and newspapers serving Centre County. See Appendix G for the press release distribution list
Public Meeting Notice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Publish a classified advertisement at least eight (8) calendar days prior to public meeting in the following newspapers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Centre Daily Times ○ Lock Haven Express ○ Clearfield Progress • Post meeting notice on local public access cable television bulletin board • Transmit press releases to broadcast media and newspapers serving Centre County
Public Comment Summary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prepare a summary, analysis, and report on the disposition of comments for comments received during the public comment period • Include the public comment summary in the final PPP • Provide the agenda (including the public comment summary) for the meeting where PPP adoption will be considered to all individuals that provided public comments during the comment period

If the Public Participation Plan differs significantly from the one which was made available for public comment and raises new material issues which interested parties could not reasonably have foreseen

from the public involvement efforts, an additional opportunity for public comment on the revised plan shall be made available.

SUMMARY OF OUTREACH ACTIVITIES

As part of joint requirements shared under the Public Participation Plan (PPP) and Title VI Program, the CCMPO must summarize public outreach activities conducted over the previous three years. This summary is as follows:

- November 13, 2019 – CCMPO Technical Committee meeting
- November 26, 2019 – CCMPO Coordinating Committee meeting
- January 15, 2020 – CCMPO Technical Committee meeting
- January 22, 2020 – Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) 2050 workshop
- January 28, 2020 – CCMPO Coordinating Committee meeting
- February 12, 2020 – CCMPO Technical Committee meeting
- February 25, 2020 – CCMPO Coordinating Committee meeting
- May 7-June 8, 2020 – 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) public comment period
- May 20, 2020 – 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) public meeting
- June 10, 2020 – CCMPO Technical Committee meeting
- June 16, 2020 – Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) 2050 Subcommittee meeting
- June 23, 2020 – CCMPO Coordinating Committee meeting
- June 29, 2020 – Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) 2050 Subcommittee meeting
- July 15, 2020 – CCMPO Technical Committee meeting
- August 4, 2020 – CCMPO Coordinating Committee meeting
- August 14-September 14, 2020 – Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) 2050 public comment period
- August 26, 2020 – Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) 2050 agency coordination meeting
- September 2, 2020 – Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) 2050 public meeting
- September 9, 2020 – CCMPO Technical Committee meeting
- September 22, 2020 – CCMPO Coordinating Committee meeting
- November 17, 2020 – CCMPO Technical Committee meeting
- November 24, 2020 – CCMPO Coordinating Committee meeting
- December 7, 2020 – Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) 2050 after action review
- February 10, 2021 – CCMPO Technical Committee meeting
- February 23, 2021 – CCMPO Coordinating Committee meeting
- March 8, 2021 – CCMPO Safety Subcommittee meeting
- April 14, 2021 – CCMPO Technical Committee meeting
- April 27, 2021 – CCMPO Coordinating Committee meeting
- May 25, 2021 – CCMPO Coordinating Committee meeting
- June 9, 2021 – CCMPO Technical Committee meeting
- June 22, 2021 – CCMPO Coordinating Committee meeting
- September 8, 2021 – CCMPO Technical Committee meeting
- September 28, 2021 – CCMPO Coordinating Committee meeting
- November 10, 2021 – CCMPO Technical Committee meeting
- November 23, 2021 – CCMPO Coordinating Committee meeting
- February 9, 2022 – CCMPO Technical Committee meeting
- February 22, 2022 – CCMPO Coordinating Committee meeting
- April 1, 2022 – CCMPO Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) Subcommittee meeting
- April 13, 2022 – CCMPO Technical Committee meeting

- April 20, 2022 – CCMPO Coordinating Committee meeting
- April 29-May 30, 2022 – 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) public comment period
- May 10, 2022 – 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) public meeting
- June 8, 2022 – CCMPO Technical Committee meeting
- June 16, 2022 – CCMPO Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) Subcommittee meeting
- June 28, 2022 – CCMPO Coordinating Committee meeting
- July 14, 2022 – CCMPO Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) Subcommittee meeting
- August 11, 2022 – CCMPO Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) Subcommittee meeting
- September 14, 2022 – CCMPO Technical Committee meeting
- September 27, 2022 - CCMPO Coordinating Committee meeting

FUTURE ACTIONS

To increase public participation in the CCMPO’s planning process, the following future activities are proposed:

Technique / Time Frame	Description
Review of PPP Every two years – In conjunction with TIP update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Perform a review of the CCMPO Public Participation Plan • Use specified evaluation techniques to gauge the effectiveness of public participation activities • Survey and/or interview interested parties for comments and suggestions
Interested Parties Database – Ongoing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintain a detailed database of the Centre County interested parties • Review the list of interested parties annually
Centre County Demographics Every two years – In conjunction with TIP update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update Centre County demographics and analysis biennially as new ACS data becomes available, and in conjunction with the broader PPP review and update
Contact Lists Ongoing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • When citizens or interested parties request information, they will be offered the opportunity to be included on the appropriate CCMPO mailing list(s)
CCMPO Website Ongoing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expand the use of interactive website features, such as online comment forms and surveys • Evaluate web accessibility for persons with disabilities
MPO Meeting Recordings Ongoing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Include a notice on the CCMPO website advertising the availability of Coordinating Committee meeting DVDs for public viewing
MPO Public Meetings Ongoing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop effective methods for determining how participants learned of the meeting, ease of participation, whether materials were understood, etc.
Informational Brochures As needed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create project specific informational brochures and identify locations for distribution in consultation with interested parties

EVALUATION PROCEDURES FOR THE PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PLAN (PPP)

The CCMPO will evaluate the goals, objectives, and techniques for public participation every two years in advance of the TIP update. The evaluation will include a review of public meeting attendance, the number of public comments received, web use analysis, a survey of interested parties for comments and suggestions, and public comments on the PPP. This Public Participation Plan adopts the following indicators to measure the effectiveness of the public participation strategies employed by the CCMPO:

1. Number and diversity of interested parties on the CCMPO distribution lists
2. Comprehensiveness of media outlets on CCMPO press release distribution list
3. Website analytics – number of hits for specific components of the MPO webpage (agendas and minutes, LRTP, TIP, UPWP, PPP, project-specific information, studies and other planning documents, Title VI and civil rights information, etc.)
4. Social media reactions and comments received
5. Number of in-person meeting sites that are ADA-accessible
6. Number of in-person meeting sites accessible by public transportation
7. Number of in-person meeting sites for project-specific meetings that are within a reasonable project area
8. Number of attendees for regular MPO committee meetings and public meetings
9. Number of online / hybrid meeting participants vs. in-person meeting participants
10. Participant feedback from public meetings (source of notice, adequacy of notice, ease of attendance, understanding of material presented as well as overall planning process, ability to lodge comment, etc.)
11. Number and diversity of comments received during public comment periods and at public meetings
12. Number of requests for interpretation services by language or disability
13. Number of requests for translation services by document and language
14. Number of requests for documents in Braille or other alternative formats (large print, etc.)
15. Types of targeted outreach strategies employed, and observed effectiveness

These findings will be incorporated into subsequent public involvement activities, and the Public Participation Plan will be revised where appropriate.

HOW TO GET INVOLVED

The CCMPO provides information to the community via standard mailings, e-mail, social media, and the CCMPO website. If you want to get involved in the activities of the CCMPO you can do the following:

- Visit the CCMPO website at www.ccmppo.net; here you will find meeting schedules, agendas, and minutes; MPO background information; project updates; primary planning documents such as the LRTP, TIP, and UPWP; studies and other planning documents; and Title VI and civil rights information posted to the website.
- Sign up for the CCMPO mailing list by contacting CCMPO staff at by phone at (814) 231-3050, or by e-mail at mhoffman@crcog.net
- CCMPO regular and public meeting notices are advertised in the legal advertisement sections of the Centre Daily Times, The Lock Haven Express, and The Clearfield Progress
- All meetings are open to the public, and there is a public comment item on all agendas
- The Technical Committee currently meets on the second Wednesday of applicable months at 9:30 a.m.; please refer to the agenda, as in-person meeting locations vary
- The Coordinating Committee currently meets on the fourth Tuesday of applicable months at 6:00 p.m.; please refer to the agenda, as in-person meeting locations vary
- We recommend confirming all meetings with CCMPO staff via phone or e-mail, or via the CCMPO website at www.ccmppo.net

CCMPO Contact Information	
Agency	Centre County Metropolitan Planning Organization c/o Centre Regional Planning Agency
Address	2643 Gateway Drive Suite 4 State College, PA 16801
Phone	(814) 231-3050
Fax	(814) 231-3083
E-mail	mhoffman@crcog.net
Website	www.ccmppo.net
Office Hours	8:00 AM – 5:00 PM, Monday through Friday
Accessibility	Offices are accessible to persons with disabilities
Public Transportation Service	Offices are accessible via the Centre Area Transportation Authority (CATA). For more information, please call (814) 238-2282 or visit www.catabus.com . Offices are also accessible via the Centre County Office of Transportation (CCOT). For more information, please call (814) 355-6807.

APPENDIX A

Centre County Metropolitan Planning Organization (CCMPO) Committee Members

The CCMPO Coordinating Committee is the decision-making body responsible for meeting the federal regulations and requirements relative to metropolitan planning organizations (MPOs). The Coordinating Committee includes eighteen voting members from county and local government, public agencies, and PennDOT:

2022 CCMPO Coordinating Committee Voting Members

- Centre County – Michael Pipe (Vice-Chair)
- Centre County – Mark Higgins
- College Township – Eric Bernier (Chair)
- Ferguson Township – Lisa Strickland
- Halfmoon Township – Barbara Spencer
- Harris Township – Frank Harden
- Patton Township – Elliot Abrams
- State College Borough – Deanna Behring
- Lower Bald Eagle Valley Planning Region – David Veneziano
- Upper Bald Eagle Valley Planning Region – Keith Reese
- Moshannon Valley Planning Region – Tim Ryder
- Mountaintop Planning Region – [VACANT]
- Nittany Valley Planning Region – Doug Johnson
- Penns Valley Planning Region – Dick Decker
- Centre Area Transportation Authority – John Spsychalski
- Centre Regional Planning Commission – [VACANT]
- PennDOT Central Office (Harrisburg) – Larry Shifflet
- PennDOT District 2-0 (Clearfield) – Tom Zurat

2022 CCMPO Coordinating Committee Non-Voting Members

- Penn State University – Charima Young [INTERIM]
- Federal Highway Administration – Matt Smoker
- Federal Transit Administration – Chelsea Beytas

The role of the CCMPO Technical Committee is to provide technical recommendations and advice that the Coordinating Committee can use in making policy decisions. As part of this responsibility, the Technical Committee provides technical review of transportation-related studies and plans. The Technical Committee is composed of members from the same organizations represented on the Coordinating Committee:

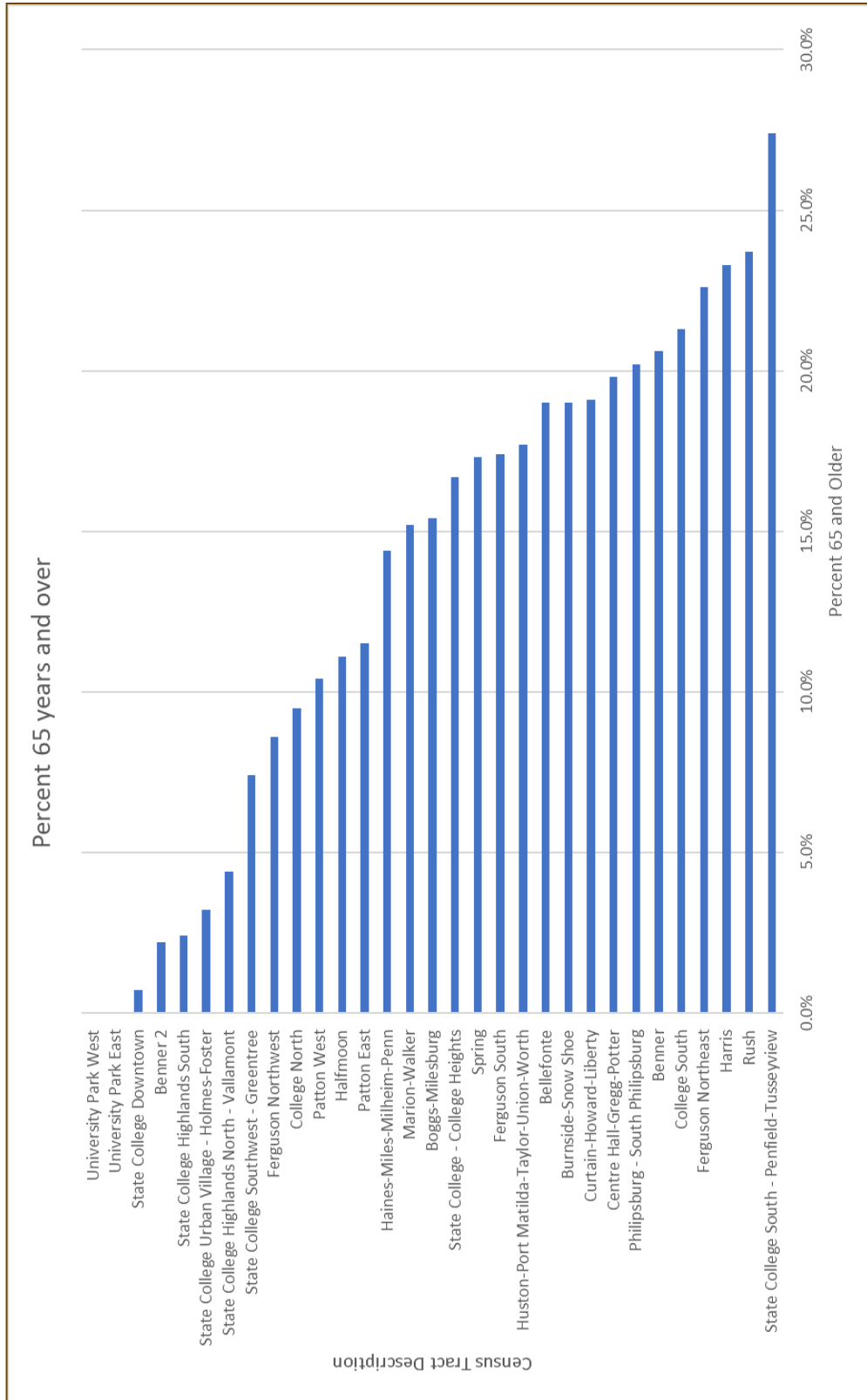
2022 CCMPO Technical Committee Voting Members

- Centre County – Ray Stolinis
- Centre County – David Lomison
- College Township – Don Franson
- Ferguson Township – Ron Seybert (Chair)
- Halfmoon Township – Dave Piper
- Harris Township – George Harrigan
- Patton Township – Alexandra Castrechini
- State College Borough – Sam Robbins
- Lower Bald Eagle Valley Planning Region – John Gribble
- Upper Bald Eagle Valley Planning Region – Mark Lively (Vice-Chair)
- Moshannon Valley Planning Region – Michelle Merrow
- Mountaintop Planning Region – Michele Barbin
- Nittany Valley Planning Region – Rick Dillon
- Penns Valley Planning Region – Joel Myers
- Centre Area Transportation Authority – Louwana Oliva
- Centre Regional Planning Commission – Jim May
- PennDOT Central Office (Harrisburg) – Frank Hampton
- PennDOT District 2-0 (Clearfield) – Dean Ball

2022 CCMPO Technical Committee Non-Voting Members

- Penn State University – Rob DeMayo
- Federal Highway Administration – Matt Smoker
- Federal Transit Administration – Chelsea Beytas

APPENDIX B
Age 65 and Older Populations in Centre County

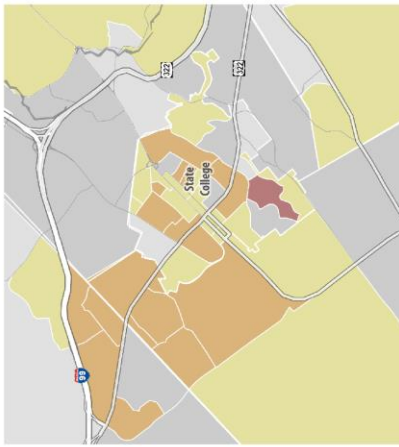


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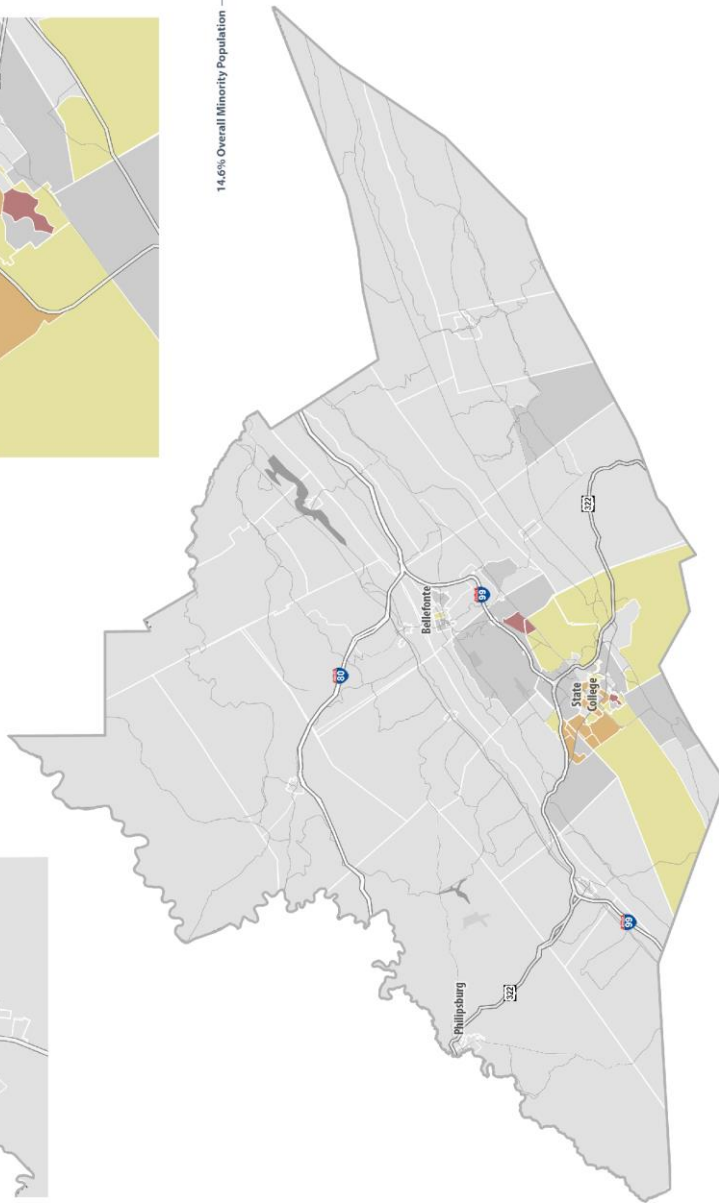
Minority Populations in Centre County

Concentrations of Minority Populations in Centre County

- Centre County Census Block Groups, 2019 ACS
- Ratio of Minority Population Percentage in Census Block Group to County Minority Population Percentage
- Less than or equal to half County Minority Population Percentage
- Greater than half and less than or equal to County Minority Population Percentage
- Greater than County Minority Population Percentage and less than or equal to twice the County Minority Population Percentage
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14.6% Overall Minority Population

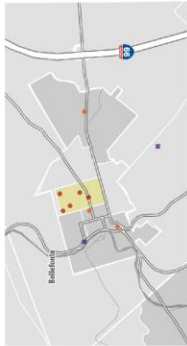
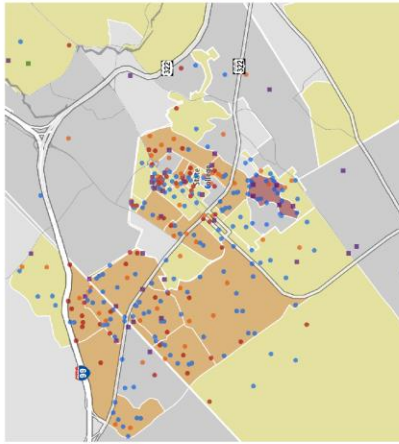


Source: * U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey 2015-2019 5-year estimates

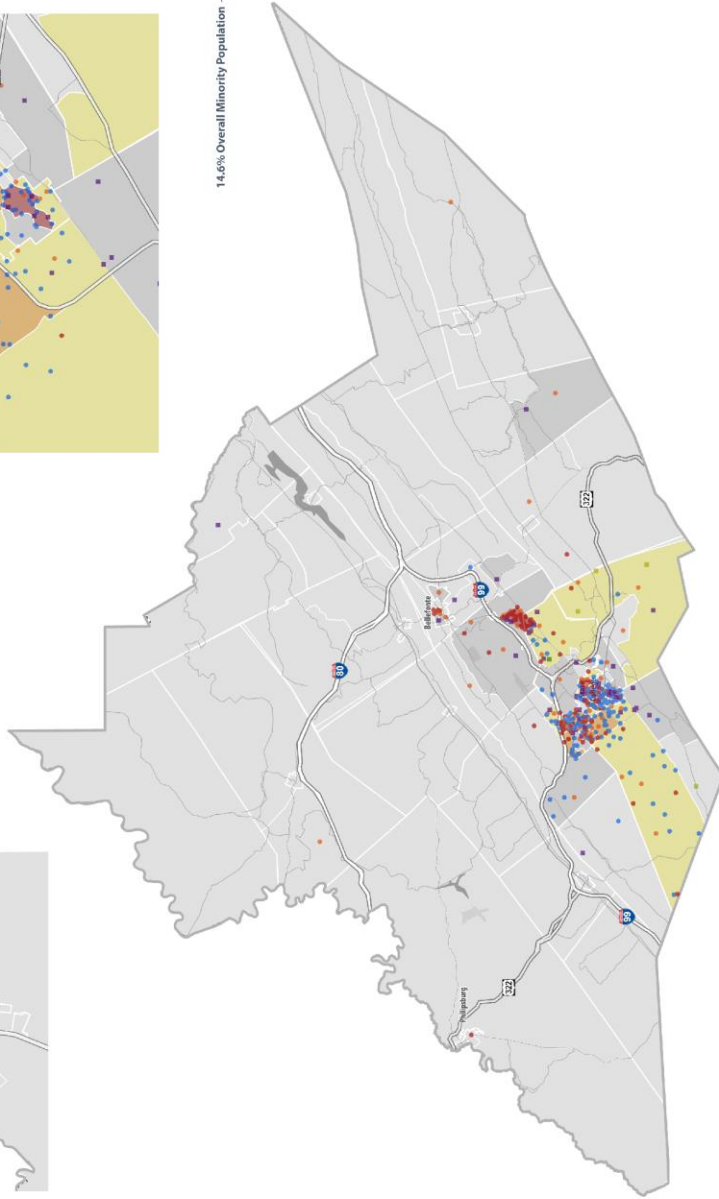


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**Concentrations of Minority Populations
in Centre County**
Population Density



14.6% Overall Minority Population



- * **Centre County Census Block Groups, 2019 ACS**
- Ratio of Minority Population Percentage in Census Block Group to County Minority Population Percentage
- Less than or equal to half County Minority Population Percentage
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- Greater than twice and less than or equal to four times the County Minority Population Percentage
- Greater than four times the County Minority Population Percentage
- * **Minority Population Density**
- 1 Dot = 50 People
- American Indian or Alaskan Native, Not Hispanic or Latino
- Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander, Not Hispanic or Latino
- Other Race, Not Hispanic or Latino
- Two or More Races, Not Hispanic or Latino
- Black or African-American, Not Hispanic or Latino
- Asian, Not Hispanic or Latino
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Source: * U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey 2015-2019 5-year estimates

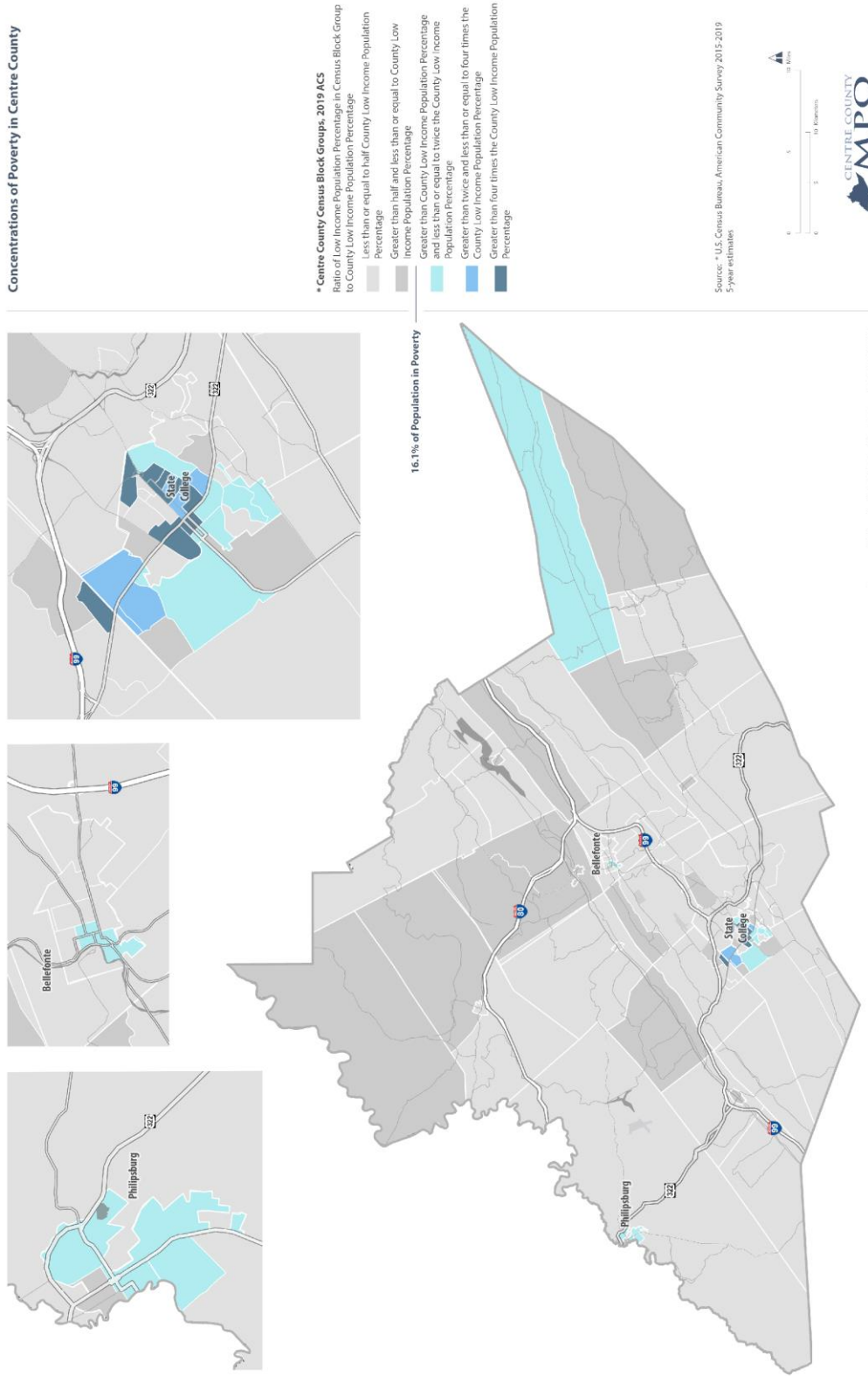


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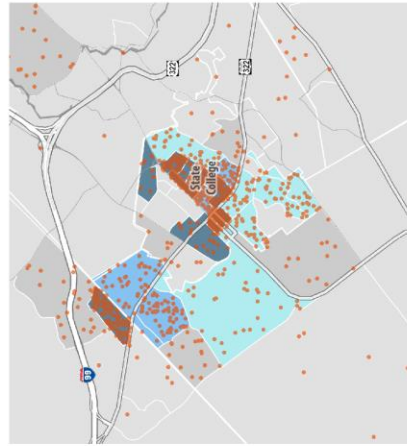
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Low-Income Populations in Centre County

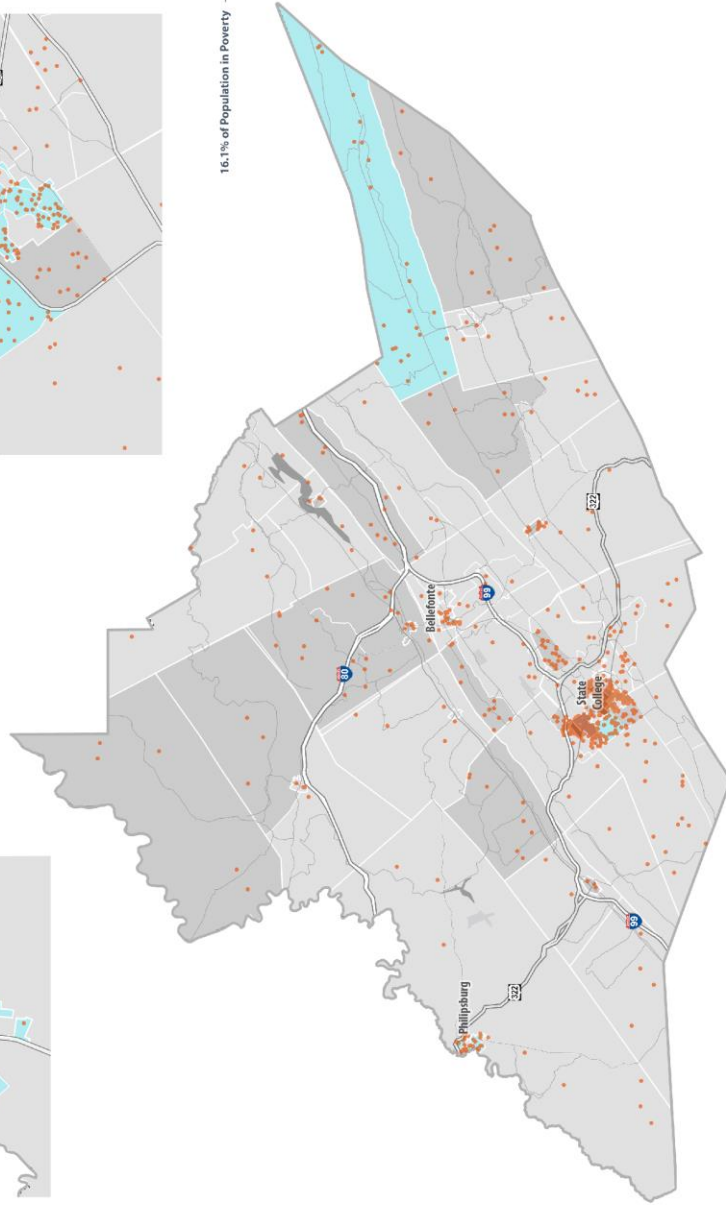
Concentrations of Poverty in Centre County



Concentrations of Poverty in Centre County
Population Density



16.1% of Population in Poverty



- * Centre County Census Block Groups, 2019 ACS
- Ratio of Low Income Population Percentage in Census Block Group to County Low Income Population Percentage
- Less than or equal to half County Low Income Population Percentage
- Greater than half and less than or equal to County Low Income Population Percentage
- Greater than County Low Income Population Percentage and less than or equal to twice the County Low Income Population Percentage
- Greater than twice and less than or equal to four times the County Low Income Population Percentage
- Greater than four times the County Low Income Population Percentage
- * Low Income Population Density
- 1 Dot = 20 People
- Low Income Population

Source: * U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey 2015-2019 5-year estimates.



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APPENDIX E
Sample Centre County MPO Meeting Advertisement

The Centre County Metropolitan Planning Organization (CCOMP) **Coordinating Committee** will hold a hybrid meeting via Zoom and at the Centre Region COG building located at 2643 Gateway Drive, State College, PA 16801 on **Tuesday, June 28, 2022** at 6:00 p.m. The agenda for this meeting can be found on the CCMPO website <https://bit.ly/35J6ejh>.

The hybrid meeting is open to the public and will be accessible in person, phone, or computer. The public may register to attend this meeting or submit comments regarding agenda items by contacting Marcella Hoffman, Office Manager, at mhoffman@crcog.net or by calling 814-231-3050. For more information, please visit our website at <https://www.crcog.net/hybridmeetings>

The CCMPO is committed to compliance with applicable nondiscrimination regulations and policies. If accommodations are needed for those with special needs related to language, sight, or hearing, please call 814-231-3050 at least 5 days prior to the virtual meeting.

For questions, please contact Jim Saylor at the Centre Regional Planning Agency at 814-231-3050 or by email at jsaylor@crcog.net.

APPENDIX F

Sample Centre County TIP Public Meeting Advertisement

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Draft 2023-2026 Centre County Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and 2022 Air Quality Conformity Determination Report

The Centre County Metropolitan Planning Organization (CCMPO) works with PennDOT, CATA, and the Centre County Office of Transportation to prepare the TIP, which is a financial document that lists the proposed expenditure of federal, state, and municipal funds for transportation projects for the next four years. The Air Quality Conformity Determination Report is prepared to ensure that projects on the TIP conform to the air quality goals in Pennsylvania's State Implementation Plan for meeting the National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS).

The Draft 2023-2026 TIP and Air Quality Conformity Report will be available for public review during a 30-day period beginning Friday, April 29, 2022 and concluding at 5:00 pm on Monday, May 30, 2022.

The Draft TIP and Air Quality Conformity documents are on the web at www.croog.net/2023TIP.

Paper versions of the documents are available for review at the following locations during their respective normal business hours:

- Centre Regional Planning Agency, State College
- CATA Customer Service Center, East Beaver Avenue, State College
- Schlow Centre Region Library, State College
- Centre County Planning and Community Development Office, Willowbank Building, Bellefonte
- Philipsburg Borough Municipal Building, Philipsburg
- Snow Shoe Borough Municipal Building, Snow Shoe
- Centre Hall Area Branch Library, Centre Hall

Translation services are available upon request.

The public may provide comments by:

- Calling 814-231-3050
- Participating in a public meeting on May 10, 2022
- Emailing mhoffman@croog.net

- Through the CCMPO website: <https://www.croog.net/2023TIP>

The CCMPO's May 10, 2022 public meeting will be held from 6:00-7:00 pm in a hybrid format. Participants may attend in person at:

**Centre Region COG Building
Forum Room
2643 Gateway Drive
State College, PA**

Participants may also attend virtually via Zoom. For information on how to join the meeting virtually, **please contact Marcelia Hoffman, Office Manager, at mhoffman@croog.net or by calling 814-231-3050.**

The CCMPO Coordinating Committee will consider adopting the 2023-2026 TIP and Air Quality Conformity Determination Report at 6:00 PM on Tuesday, June 28, 2022. The Coordinating Committee meetings are also held in a hybrid format with in-person or virtual attendance options.

The CCMPO is committed to compliance with applicable nondiscrimination regulations and policies. The public meeting will be accessible by phone or computer and citizens are encouraged to submit comments or questions before, during, and after the meeting. The public meeting will be recorded and made available for rebroadcast through online sources. If accommodations are needed for those with special needs related to language, sight, or hearing, please call 814-231-3050 and leave a voicemail at least 5 days prior to the public meeting.

The CCMPO's TIP public meeting is used to satisfy the public participation process of the Program of Projects (POP) requirement of the 49 USC 5307. CATA's Program of Projects is a list of all projects proposed to be funded with federal transit funds.

For more information about the Draft TIP and Air Quality Conformity Report, contact Jim Saylor, Principal Transportation Planner, Centre Regional Planning Agency, 2643 Gateway Drive, Suite 4, State College, PA 16801; Phone: 814-231-3050; Email: jsaylor@croog.net.

APPENDIX G
Centre County Press Release Distribution List

Organization	Media Format
Centre County Gazette	Newspaper
Centre Daily Times	Newspaper
CGTV (C-NET)	Government Access TV
Clearfield Progress	Newspaper
Daily Collegian	Newspaper
HappyValley.com	Website
Lock Haven Express	Newspaper
PA Business Central	Publication
State College Magazine	Publication
StateCollege.com	Website
WBHV-FM	Radio
WBUS-FM	Radio
WFGE-FM	Radio
WJAC-TV (NBC / CW Plus)	Television
WMAJ-FM	Radio
WOWY-FM	Radio
WPSU-TV (PBS) / WPSU-FM (NPR)	Television / Radio
WRSC-AM	Radio
WSOV-FM	Radio
WTAJ-TV (CBS)	Television
WTLR-FM	Radio
WZWW-FM	Radio

APPENDIX H
Centre County Metropolitan Planning Organization (CCMPO)
2023-2026 Centre County Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)
Procedures for TIP Revisions
Adopted June 28, 2022

Purpose

This document establishes the procedures to be used by the CCMPO, the Centre Area Transportation Authority (CATA), other project sponsors, and the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) to revise the Centre County TIP.

Administration of the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) will only authorize funding and approve grants for projects that are programmed on the TIP. Federal transportation planning regulations (23 CFR 450) govern revisions to the TIP that are necessary to advance projects not already included on the TIP. The regulations (23 CFR 450.328) permit the use of alternative procedures to manage TIP revisions.

All revisions must maintain year-to-year fiscal constraint for each of the four years of the TIP. Revisions shall account for year of expenditure (YOE) cost estimating requirements, and shall maintain the estimated cost of a project or project phase(s) within the fiscal year(s) contemplated for completion of the project, which may extend beyond the four-year time period of the TIP. An arbitrary reduction in the overall cost of a project or project phase(s) shall not be utilized to advance another project.

All revisions must be consistent with Pennsylvania's Transportation Performance Management (TPM) requirements and Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP), the CCMPO's adopted LRTP and Public Participation Plan (PPP), and must support the state's Transportation Performance Measures and Targets, Transportation Asset Management Plan (TAMP), Transit Asset Management (TAM) Plan, Strategic Highway Safety Plan (SHSP), Congestion Management Plan (CMP), *PennDOT Connects* policy; and CATA's TAM Plan. A reasonable opportunity for public review and comment shall be provided for significant revisions to the TIP.

All revisions will be screened to determine if changes to an air quality significant project result in the need to prepare a new air quality conformity determination, as deemed necessary by the PennDOT Air Quality Interagency Consultation Group (ICG). If a new air quality conformity determination is deemed necessary, the revision will be considered a formal amendment to the TIP that requires CCMPO and federal approval.

If the CCMPO's LRTP expires because it has not been updated according to the required planning cycle, or updated to reflect changes in federal transportation planning regulations, all revisions to the TIP will be considered as formal amendments that require CCMPO and federal approval, until the LRTP is in compliance with all federal requirements.

PennDOT is responsible for administering the statewide Interstate Management (IM) Program for most projects on designated Interstate highways. PennDOT shall be responsible for modifications to the State

Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) for IM projects, with notification provided to the CCMPO for modifications to projects in Centre County.

PennDOT is responsible for administering various other Statewide Managed Programs, including project selection, through the STIP, with possible solicitation of input from the CCMPO.

Examples of Statewide Managed Programs include:

- PA Secretary of Transportation’s discretionary (“spike”) funds
- Rapid Bridge Replacement (RBR) Program
- Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP)
- Highway-Rail Grade Crossing Improvement Program (RRX)
- Surface Transportation Block Grant Program set-aside (Transportation Alternatives Program)
- Multimodal Transportation Fund (MTF) Program
- Green Light Go (GLG) Program
- Automated Red Light Enforcement (ARLE) Program.
- Recreational (Rec) Trails Program
- Transportation Infrastructure Investment Fund (TIFF) Program
- Statewide Transit funds

In this document, the CCMPO, CATA, other project sponsors, and PennDOT define:

- TIP “Amendments”: Revisions to the TIP that require formal action by the CCMPO, PennDOT, FHWA, and/or FTA.
- TIP “Administrative Modifications”: Revisions to the TIP that do not require formal action by the CCMPO, FHWA and FTA.

TIP Amendments - Requires Formal Action By The CCMPO

A formal amendment may be required by one or more of the following provisions:

- A. Addition of a new project, deletion of an existing project, or a significant change to the scope of an existing project that affects air quality conformity, regardless of the cost of the project or the funding source.
- B. Addition of a new project that utilizes federal funds. A new project is a project that is not programmed in the current TIP, and does not have obligations from a previous TIP. For example, the addition of a new project phase(s) for a project that was included on a previous TIP and has prior federal obligations does not constitute the addition of a “new” project. Federally-funded Statewide Managed Program projects are excluded from this provision.
- C. Deletion of a project utilizing federal funds. Federally-funded Statewide Managed Program projects are excluded from this provision.
- D. Federalizing a project that was previously 100% state and/or locally funded. Federally-funded Statewide Managed Program projects are excluded from this provision.

- E. Addition of a project phase(s) that utilizes federal funds, deletion of a project phase(s) that utilizes federal funds, cost increase or cost decrease for a project phase(s) that utilizes federal funds, where the revision exceeds \$1,500,000.
- F. Addition of a project phase(s), deletion of a project phase(s), cost increase or cost decrease for a project phase(s) in federally-funded Statewide Managed Program projects, where the revision exceeds \$1,000,000.
- G. Change in the scope of a federally-funded project that results in a revision exceeding \$1,500,000 to the total estimated project cost, or exceeding \$1,000,000 for federally-funded Statewide Managed Program projects.
- H. Change in the scope of a federally-funded project that is significant enough to essentially constitute a new project, and/or results in a re-evaluation of air quality conformity.
- I. Addition/deletion of a project or project phase(s) for a 100% state-funded project that is determined to be significant. The determination of whether a 100% state-funded project is significant will be made by the Centre Regional Planning Agency (CRPA) Director, in consultation with the CCMPO Chair and the lead agency (PennDOT, CATA, or other project sponsors), considering the estimated cost, the project scope, and potential impacts.

Excluded from this provision is the conversion of 100% state funds from a statewide reserve line item, and/or from the Pavement Restoration, Betterment, Bridge Preservation, State Structurally Deficient (SD) Bridge, or Local SD Bridge reserve line items on the CCMPO TIP, to a new project or project phase(s) that is not determined to be significant and does not affect air quality conformity.

- J. Cost increases/decreases of greater than \$5,000,000 for phases of the Interstate 99 system approved on previous TIPs. Interstate 99 system projects include the PA 26 Relocation, US Route 220 Relocation, the I-99/I-80 High Speed Interchange, and the I-80/Route 26 Local Access Interchange.

Notes for TIP Amendments:

1. The CCMPO Technical Committee will provide a recommendation to the CCMPO Coordinating Committee for action at the next regularly scheduled Coordinating Committee meeting.
2. A reasonable opportunity for public input shall be provided for all significant amendments. A thirty (30) day public comment period may be required for significant amendments. Determination of whether an amendment is significant will be made by the CRPA Director, in consultation with the CCMPO Chair and the lead agency (PennDOT, CATA, or other project sponsors), considering the change in estimated cost, the project scope, and potential impacts.
3. A telephone ballot, e-mail ballot, or fax ballot can and should be used to expedite action on amendments to the TIP, when the CCMPO Coordinating Committee's meeting schedule would:
 - Cause a delay in accomplishing a major milestone (e.g. missing of a bid letting); or
 - Cause the actual loss of federal funding or obligation authority; or
 - Unduly delay the processing and approval of an amendment

Actions taken by such ballots will be confirmed at the next regularly scheduled meeting.

TIP Administrative Modifications – *Does Not Require Formal Action By The CCMPO*

Administrative modifications may be permitted by one or more of the following provisions:

- A. Addition of a project phase(s) that utilizes federal funds, deletion of a project phase(s) that utilizes federal funds, cost increase or cost decrease for a project phase(s) that utilizes federal funds, where the revision is \$1,500,000 or less, for projects on the TIP or on previous TIPs.
- B. Addition of a project phase(s), deletion of a project phase(s), cost increase or cost decrease for a project phase(s) in federally-funded Statewide Managed Program projects, where the revision is \$1,000,000 or less.
- C. Change in the scope of a project utilizing federal funds that results in a revision of \$1,500,000 or less to the total estimated project cost, or \$1,000,000 or less for federally-funded Statewide Managed Program projects.
- D. Deletion of a federally-funded Statewide Managed Program project.
- E. Divides a project into two or more separate projects to facilitate project delivery.
- F. Conversion of federal funds from the Pavement Restoration, Betterment, Bridge Preservation, State Structurally Deficient (SD) Bridge, or Local SD Bridge reserve line items on the CCMPO TIP to a programmed project or phase(s), where the conversion involves \$1,500,000 or less.
- G. Revision(s) involving a 100% state-funded project that is not considered to be significant and does not affect air quality conformity, including the addition/deletion of a project or project phase(s) by converting funds from a statewide reserve line item, and/or the Pavement Restoration, Betterment, Bridge Preservation, State Structurally Deficient (SD) Bridge, or Local SD Bridge reserve line items on the CCMPO TIP, or by creating a new reserve line item on the TIP.
- H. Addition of federal funds from low bid savings, funding deobligations, release of encumbrances, or savings on programmed phases; to another programmed project phase or to a new reserve line item on the TIP, where the revision is \$1,500,000 or less in federal funds, or \$1,000,000 or less for federally-funded Statewide Managed Program projects.
- I. Addition of a project for emergency repairs to roadways, bridges, or transit systems, with the exception of repairs involving substantial functional, location, or capacity changes.
- J. Addition/deletion of a project or project phase(s) that is being advanced with funding from the Act 13 Highway Bridge Improvement Restricted Account or successor legislation, that is distributed to, and allocated by, Centre County Government.
- K. Cost increases/decreases of \$5,000,000 or less for phases of the Interstate 99 system projects approved on previous TIPs, when funding for the cost increase/decrease comes entirely from another I-99 project, and the shift does not involve funding from other projects on the TIP.

Interstate 99 system projects include the PA 26 Relocation, US Route 220 Relocation, the I-99/I-80 High Speed Interchange, and the I-80/Route 26 Local Access Interchange.

- L. Advancement of incidental Right of Way (ROW) or Utility work, when a project is listed in the TIP without a ROW or Utility phase and incidental work is needed during other phases. The advancement of ROW or Utility work may be authorized under other phases without amending the TIP, or the ROW or Utility phase could be added to the TIP by shifting funds from another phase(s) of the parent project. Incidental ROW is defined as the purchase of a minor parcel(s) (including utility relocation) that does not involve the taking of any environmentally sensitive property or residential/commercial structure(s).
- M. When PennDOT, CATA, or other project sponsors deem it appropriate to shift project funding between certain federal funding categories or between certain state funding categories in accordance with available resources, if the shift does not delay the schedule or affect the scope of the project or phase from which funding is shifted.

Notes for TIP Administrative Actions:

1. In all cases specified above, the lead agency (PennDOT, CATA, or other project sponsors) will consult with the CRPA prior to taking administrative actions, and inform the CCMPO Technical and Coordinating Committees of TIP administrative actions at their next regularly scheduled meetings.

Documentation

All revisions shall be identified on a Fiscal Constraint Chart (FCC) that specifies the current status, requested adjustments, and resulting status; and demonstrates both project level and overall TIP fiscal constraint on year-to-year basis. If a project phase(s) is deferred beyond the TIP period into the next LRTP time period, the CCMPO will prepare an FCC that demonstrates fiscal balance in the next time period of the LRTP.

The CCMPO Coordinating Committee is required to approve *amendments*. The CCMPO will then request approval by the PennDOT Central Office by the submission of an FCC through the electronic e-STIP process. The PennDOT Central Office will review, approve, and forward the amendment to FHWA or FTA for review and approval.

The CCMPO Coordinating Committee is not required to approve *administrative modifications*. The CCMPO and project sponsor will work cooperatively to prepare and review the FCC, and to respond to any comments from FHWA and FTA.

PennDOT will provide a STIP/TIP Financial Report to the CCMPO on a quarterly basis, which will include actual federal funding obligations and state funding encumbrances. At the end of the federal fiscal year, PennDOT will provide the CCMPO with a summary Financial Report.

Approval

Original CCMPO Approval Date: June 28, 2022

L. Eric Bernier
CCMPO Chair

Date: _____

James J. May
CCMPO Secretary

Date: _____

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Date: _____

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APPENDIX I
Centre County Public Participation Plan (PPP)
Public Comment Period Summary

Public Comment Period Milestones

October 13, 2022 – The DRAFT Public Participation Plan (PPP) update and public notice were posted on the Centre County Metropolitan Planning Organization (CCMPO) website.

October 17, 2022 – The required 45-day public comment period opened.

October 17, 2022 – Legal advertisements were published in the Centre Daily Times, Lock Haven Express, and Clearfield Progress to provide notice of the DRAFT Public Participation Plan (PPP) update, public comment period, and public meeting. These advertisements included the dates of the public comment period; date, time, location, and format for the public meeting; website address to access the document; locations for public display of hard copy documents; availability of translation services; means by which to provide public comment; the date and time at which the Coordinating Committee will consider adoption of the PPP; and a nondiscrimination statement.

October 17, 2022 – Press releases were emailed to all media outlets listed in Appendix G to provide notice of the DRAFT Public Participation Plan (PPP) update, public comment period, and public meeting. These releases included the dates of the public comment period; date, time, location, and format for the public meeting; website address to access the document; locations for public display of hard copy documents; availability of translation services; means by which to provide public comment; the date and time at which the Coordinating Committee will consider adoption of the PPP; and a nondiscrimination statement.

October 17, 2022 – Press releases were emailed to all entities listed in the “Interested Parties” section of this document to provide notice of the DRAFT Public Participation Plan (PPP) update, public comment period, and public meeting. These releases included the dates of the public comment period; date, time, location, and format for the public meeting; website address to access the document; locations for public display of hard copy documents; availability of translation services; means by which to provide public comment; the date and time at which the Coordinating Committee will consider adoption of the PPP; and a nondiscrimination statement.

October 17, 2022 – Press releases were emailed to all municipal managers and/or secretaries in Centre County to provide notice of the DRAFT Public Participation Plan (PPP) update, public comment period, and public meeting. These releases included the dates of the public comment period; date, time, location, and format for the public meeting; website address to access the document; locations for public display of hard copy documents; availability of translation services; means by which to provide public comment; the date and time at which the Coordinating Committee will consider adoption of the PPP; and a nondiscrimination statement.

October 21, 2022 – A video advertisement was placed on the bulletin board of C-NET government access TV to provide notice of the DRAFT Public Participation Plan (PPP) update, public comment period, and public meeting. This advertisement included the dates of the public comment period; date, time, location, and format for the public meeting; website address to access the document; locations for public display of hard copy documents; availability of translation services; means by which to provide

public comment; the date and time at which the Coordinating Committee will consider adoption of the PPP; and a nondiscrimination statement.

November 15, 2022 – A public meeting for the PPP was held in the General Forum Room of the Centre Region Council of Governments from 6pm-7pm. This meeting was held in hybrid format to accommodate both in-person and remote attendees. CCMPO staff were present to respond to questions and receive comments.

December 6, 2022 – The required 45-day public comment period closed at 5pm.

Public Comments and Responses

October 17, 2022 – CCMPO Staff received a copy of the US Department of Transportation (DOT) “Promising Practices for Meaningful Public Involvement in Transportation Decision-Making” publication from the Federal Transit Administration (FTA).

This document was considered when finalizing the draft of the PPP for the February 2023 MPO meetings, and will be retained for future updates of the PPP.

November 15, 2022 and December 6, 2022 – “The Centre County MPO should have a mechanism for communications to the public and PennDOT during emergency issues, such as the wall collapse on SR 150.”

During emergent issues, the CCMPO utilizes the same outreach techniques that it does for regular and routine circumstances, which in this case would primarily involve the CCMPO website, social media, and other mass media communications. The public is encouraged to interface with one of these sources for CCMPO information.

Public Information Session

A public meeting for the PPP was held in the General Forum Room of the Centre Region Council of Governments from 6pm-7pm. This meeting was held in hybrid format to accommodate both in-person and remote attendees. CCMPO staff were present to respond to questions and receive comments.

Staff present included Jim Saylor, Greg Kausch, Anne Messner, and Marcella Hoffman. Public present included Joanne Tosti-Vasey of Bellefonte Borough Council.