

**Centre County Metropolitan Planning Organization (CCMPO)  
Coordinating Committee Meeting**

**Tuesday, April 24, 2007**

**6:00 pm**

**College Township Municipal Building**

**AGENDA**

1. **Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance**
2. **Approval of Minutes:** *March 27, 2007 Coordinating Committee meeting*
3. **Citizens' Comments:** *For items not on the agenda*
4. **Centre County Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) 2007 Update:**  
Draft Plan Elements  
*Action: Authorize public comment period for draft Plan Update*
5. **Coordinated Public Transit-Human Services Transportation Plan**  
Status Report  
*No action required*
6. **Air Quality Conformity – State Implementation Plan (SIP)**  
Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between PennDOT, PA DEP, and the CCMPO  
*Action: Adopt authorizing resolution*  
*Action: Approve execution of MOA*
7. **2009-2012 Centre County Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)**  
Process and schedule for preparation of 2009-2012 TIP  
*No action required*
8. **Announcements**
9. **Adjourn**

# **APRIL 24, 2007 MEETING**

## **ITEM 4**

### **CENTRE COUNTY LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN (LRTP) 2007 UPDATE**

#### **Draft Plan Elements**

At its September 26, 2006 meeting, the Coordinating Committee adopted the new Centre County LRTP 2030. As the new LRTP was being considered for adoption, staff noted that several updates would be needed for the plan to be in full compliance with the requirements of the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act – A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU), and federal transportation planning rulemaking by July 2007.

At each meeting since November 2006, staff has reported about items being addressed in the 2007 update of the LRTP. In March 2007, the Coordinating Committee took action relative to two major items being addressed in the 2007 Update:

- a) Authorized the advertisement of a new Public Participation Plan for a 45-day public comment period.
- b) Accepted the technical ranking of candidate Transportation Enhancements (pedestrian/bicycle) and Bridge projects.

Work continues on several remaining items:

- Environmental Mitigation
- Consistency of Plan with Planned Growth and Development Plans
- Operational and Management Strategies

At the meeting, staff will provide a brief presentation about the revisions being made to chapters of the LRTP to address these items.

Attached are:

- Staff PowerPoint presentation
- Revised LRTP sections and chapters
  - ✓ Revised Plan cover
  - ✓ Revised Chapter V – Project Evaluation Process
  - ✓ Revised Chapter VII – Transportation Projects
  - ✓ Revised Chapter VIII – Implementation and Update
  - ✓ Revised Appendix K – CCMPO Committee Members

A draft LRTP 2007 Update must be advertised for a required 30-day public comment in May 2007, in order to be presented to the CCMPO in June for adoption and to meet the July 1, 2007 deadline for SAFETEA-LU compliance.

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On April 11, the CCMPO Technical Committee approved a recommendation to the Coordinating Committee to authorize staff to advertise the draft LRTP 2007 Update for the required 30-day public comment period.

**The Coordinating Committee should receive the staff presentation, provide comments about the revisions to the LRTP documents, and authorize staff to advertise the draft LRTP 2007 Update for the required 30-day public comment period.**

Presented by: Trish Meek, CRPA  
Mike Bloom, CCPCDO

Action: Authorize staff to advertise the draft LRTP 2007 Update for the required 30-day public comment period.

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### ITEM 5

## COORDINATED PUBLIC TRANSIT - HUMAN SERVICES TRANSPORTATION PLAN

### Status Report

The CCMPO's current FY 2006-07 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) includes supplemental planning funds to prepare a Jobs Access Reverse Commute (JARC) Coordinated Public Transit-Human Services Transportation Plan.

As reported at the March CCMPO meetings, PennDOT's Bureau of Public Transportation (BPT) has established a deadline of May 31, 2007 for MPOs to adopt and submit Coordinated Plans, in order to ensure that eligible project sponsors can access federal funds from the JARC (low income individuals, reverse commuters), New Freedom (persons with disabilities), and Section 5310 (senior citizens) Programs in the current fiscal year.

Staff prepared the following project schedule, which was presented to the Coordinating Committee on March 27:

<i>Mid-March/Mid-April</i>	Assemble Coordinated Plan foundation: -Basic demographic information -List of transportation providers -List of candidate projects
<i>March 27</i>	MPO Coordinating Committee approves formation of stakeholder committee
<i>Late March/Early April</i>	Contact members of stakeholder committee
<i>Mid-April</i>	Coordinated Plan foundation complete
<i>April 20</i>	30-day public comment period begins
<i>Early/Mid-May</i>	Stakeholder committee meetings (3)
<i>May 9</i>	Status report to Technical Committee
<i>May 18</i>	30-day public comment period ends
<i>May 22</i>	Anticipated adoption of Coordinated Plan
<i>May 31</i>	Deadline for plan submission
<i>June 30</i>	Anticipated grant award(s)

PennDOT's BPT also directed that the preparation of Coordinated Plans be completed using input from existing transportation stakeholder groups, and be focused on existing candidate projects to the extent possible. In March, the CCMPO Coordinating Committee authorized the formation of a stakeholder advisory committee.

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Staff contacted stakeholders to form the advisory committee, and scheduled three advisory committee meetings:

**Tuesday, May 1, 2007**  
**6:00 – 9:00 pm**  
**State College Borough Municipal Building**

**Thursday, May 10, 2007**  
**6:00 – 9:00 pm**  
**Central Pennsylvania Institute of Science and Technology (CPI)**

**Thursday, May 17, 2007**  
**6:00 – 9:00 pm**  
**Rush Township Municipal Building**

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At this meeting, staff will present a status report about the draft Plan that will be advertised for public comment on April 20. The focus of the plan is on the socioeconomic data compiled to identify target populations, and potential candidate projects drawn from the CCMPO's adopted Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) and Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), and strategic plans of transportation providers. Using input from the stakeholder advisory committee meetings, revisions will be made to the draft Plan, and a final draft Coordinated Plan will be presented to the Coordinating Committee for adoption on May 22, 2007.

Attached is:

- Staff PowerPoint presentation

Refinements to the Coordinated Plan may be made after May 31, 2007, with additional work to be closely linked with the completion of the CATA/CCOT assessment of public transportation services. Supplemental planning funds for the CATA/CCOT assessment were approved in the FY 2007-08 UPWP.

**The Coordinating Committee should receive the staff presentation.**

Presented by: Greg Kausch, CRPA

No action required

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### **ITEM 6**

#### **AIR QUALITY CONFORMITY STATE IMPLEMENTATION PLAN (SIP)**

##### **Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between PennDOT, PA DEP, and the CCMPO**

In 2004, new Federal air quality standards were instituted. As a result, Centre County was designated as a non-attainment area for ozone under the new 8-hour standard. The designation as a non-attainment area requires that an air quality conformity analysis be prepared for the CCMPO's Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP).

The conformity analysis for the CCMPO's TIP and LRTP must be approved by the Federal Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), and Federal Transit Administration (FTA). PennDOT and the CCMPO are responsible for completing the conformity analysis, using a process specified in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's Transportation Conformity **State Implementation Plan (SIP)**. Pennsylvania's Conformity SIP is the responsibility of the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), which works in close partnership with PennDOT on the preparation of the SIP.

The Commonwealth's Conformity SIP is currently being revised to meet the requirements of the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act – A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU). The legislation specified that all states revise their Conformity SIPs and have them approved by the U.S. EPA within two years of the enactment of SAFETEA-LU, which occurred in August 2005.

The Commonwealth's Conformity SIP includes a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between non-attainment MPOs, PennDOT and DEP. The MOA formalizes the relationship between the three entities, and serves as the legal basis for ensuring and enforcing compliance with the conformity provisions of the SIP.

The CCMPO is not an official party to the current MOA because the agreement was executed prior to the designation of Centre County as a non-attainment area in 2004. However, because Centre County is now a non-attainment area, the CCMPO must execute a new MOA as part of the revisions to the Conformity SIP.

PennDOT has requested that the MOA be executed and submitted by May 25, 2007, because of the timetable for the Commonwealth's execution of the MOA and submission to U.S. EPA for approval prior to the August 2007 deadline.

In order to complete this process, two actions will be needed from the CCMPO Coordinating Committee:

- Adoption of a resolution authorizing the Coordinating Committee Chair and Vice-Chair to execute legal agreements on behalf of the CCMPO.
- Adoption and execution of the MOA

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At the meeting, staff will provide a brief presentation about the MOA.

Attached are:

- Staff PowerPoint presentation
- Draft resolution authorizing the Coordinating Committee officers to execute legal agreements
- Draft MOA for the Conformity SIP

On April 11, the CCMPO Technical Committee approved a recommendation to the Coordinating Committee to adopt Resolution 2007-1 authorizing the officers of the Coordinating Committee to execute legal agreements.

The Technical Committee also approved a recommendation that the Coordinating Committee execute the MOA for the Conformity SIP, and consider having a solicitor review the MOA.

**The Coordinating Committee should receive the presentation, and consider adopting a resolution authorizing officers to execute legal agreements, and approving the execution of the MOA for the revised Conformity SIP.**

Presented by: Tom Zilla, CRPA

Actions: Adopt a resolution authorizing officers to execute legal agreements.

Approve the execution of an MOA for the revised Conformity SIP.

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### **ITEM 7**

#### **2009-2012 CENTRE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP)**

##### **Schedule for Preparing New TIP**

On January 3, 2007, staff attended a statewide Planning Partners Meeting, which included discussion about the schedule and guidance for preparation of the new 2009-2012 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and Twelve Year Transportation Program (TYP). The TIP and the TYP are updated every two years, and the update process traditionally takes approximately one year.

PennDOT and the MPO/RPO planning partners have been working to complete the guidance documents for the TIP update. Final guidance documents are scheduled to be circulated to the planning partners in May 2007.

Staff will report on significant work tasks in the update process, including but not limited to:

- Preparing an overview of issues for the State Transportation Commission Public Hearing
- Administering the next application cycle for the Transportation Enhancements/Home Town Streets/Safe Routes to School Programs (*if another cycle is authorized by PennDOT*)
- Developing and submitting a Preliminary Draft TIP to PennDOT
- Preparing and advertising the Final Draft TIP and holding the required formal public comment period
- Completing the required air quality conformity analysis
- Adopting the TIP

Attached is:

- Schedule for key steps in the update process.

**The Coordinating Committee should receive the presentation.**

Presented by: Tom Zilla, CRPA

No action required

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## ITEM 8

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Future Meeting Dates

a. Technical Committee: Wednesday, May 9, 2007, 9:30 am  
College Twp. Municipal Building

- ⇒ JARC Coordinated Human Services Transportation Plan
- ⇒ Centre County LRTP – 2007 Update

b. Coordinating Committee: Tuesday, May 22, 2007, 6:00 pm  
College Twp. Municipal Building

- ⇒ Adoption of JARC Coordinated Human Services Transportation Plan
- ⇒ Centre County LRTP – 2007 Update

2. As noted in the MPO Performance Review status report at the March 27, 2007 Coordinating Committee meeting, several actions will be implemented to improve information sharing and communication. One action is to include a “member report” item on the MPO Committee agendas, to afford representatives with an opportunity to briefly report on items of interest within their organization, municipality, or planning region. Please be advised that the member report item will begin to appear on the agendas in May or June.

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