

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

Tuesday, June 26, 2007

6:00 pm
College Township Municipal Building

AGENDA

- 1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance**
- 2. Approval of Minutes:** *May 22, 2007 Coordinating Committee meeting*
- 3. Citizens' Comments:** *For items not on the agenda*
- 4. Member Reports:**
Reports about a significant item(s) of interest from each member (limited to 1 minute)
No action required
- 5. CCMPO Public Participation Plan (PPP):**
Adoption of PPP
Action: Adopt CCMPO's PPP
- 6. Centre County Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) 2007 Update:**
Adoption of 2007 Update
Action: Adopt 2007 Centre County LRTP Update
- 7. FY 2006-07 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP):**
Approval of Proposed Budget Revision
Action: Approve revisions to FY 2006-07 UPWP Budget
- 8. 2009-2012 Centre County Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)**
Process and schedule for preparation of 2009-2012 TIP
No action required
- 9. Announcements**
- 10. Adjourn**

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ITEM 4

MEMBER REPORTS

About Significant Item(s) of Interest

This agenda item is intended to provide an opportunity for representatives to briefly report on transportation-related items of interest within their organization, municipality, or planning region (voting and non-voting members).

Committee members are asked to limit their reports to approximately one minute in length. In the future, the Committee may assess how the member report item is structured on the agenda (e.g. length of time; should the report be on every agenda, etc.).

Voting members of the Coordinating Committee include:

Centre County	Chris Exarchos
Centre County	John Saylor
Benner Township	John Elnitski
College Township	Dan Klees
Ferguson Township	George Pytel
Halfmoon Township	Bob Neff
Harris Township	Chris Lee
Patton Township	Jeff Luck
Spring Township	Frank Royer
State College Borough	Elizabeth Goreham
Penns Valley Planning Region	Bob Corman
Lower Bald Eagle Valley Planning Region	Tom Poorman
Upper Bald Eagle Valley Planning Region	Jadine Reese
Moshannon Valley Planning Region	Jack Shannon
Mountaintop Planning Region	Ken Hall
Centre Area Transportation Authority	John Sychalski
Centre Regional Planning Commission	Ron Buckalew
PennDOT Central Office (Harrisburg)	Tom TenEyck
PennDOT District 2-0 Office (Clearfield)	Kevin Kline

Non-voting members of the Coordinating Committee include:

Bellefonte Borough	Frank Halderman
Pennsylvania State University	Rob Cooper
Federal Highway Administration	Matt Smoker
Federal Transit Administration	Karen Roscher

Presented by: Committee members

No action required

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ITEM 5

CCMPO PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PLAN (PPP)

Adoption of PPP

At its September 26, 2006 meeting, the CCMPO Coordinating Committee adopted the new Centre County Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) 2030. As the new LRTP was being considered for adoption, staff noted that several updates would be needed for the CCMPO 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.

In November 2006, January and February 2007, staff identified the items to be addressed as part of the update, including the preparation of a new Public Participation Plan (PPP). Staff subsequently prepared and presented a first draft PPP to the CCMPO Committees in February 2007. A final draft PPP was presented in March. The Coordinating Committee authorized staff to advertise the PPP for a 45-day public comment period, which began on April 9 and concluded on May 24.

At this meeting, staff will report about input received during the comment period. Attached are:

- Staff PowerPoint presentation
- Summary of comments received during the public comment period

No additional comments were provided by the CCMPO Technical Committee at its meeting on June 13. Although the Technical Committee did not have a quorum of members at that meeting, the consensus of the eight members that were present was that the PPP should be adopted.

The Coordinating Committee should receive the staff presentation, review the public comments, and consider adopting the PPP.

Presented by: Trish Meek, CRPA

Action: Adoption of the CCMPO's Public Participation Plan.

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ITEM 6

CENTRE COUNTY LRTP 2007 UPDATE

Adoption of 2007 Update

As noted in the previous agenda item, the Centre County LRTP 2030 is being updated to address several items, which will ensure that the CCMPO is in compliance with SAFETEA-LU and federal transportation planning rulemaking.

At each meeting since November 2006, staff has reported about items being addressed in the 2007 update of the LRTP, including but not limited to:

- Consideration of additional Transportation Enhancements (pedestrian/bicycle) projects
- Consideration of additional Bridge projects
- Environmental mitigation
- Consultations with federal and state environmental resource review agencies
- Consistency of Plan with planned growth and development plans
- Operational and management strategies
- Visualization techniques in plans and Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) development

In March 2007, the Coordinating Committee accepted the technical ranking of candidate Transportation Enhancements (pedestrian/bicycle) and Bridge projects, for the purpose of seeking input about the ranking during the public comment period. In April, staff provided a brief presentation about the revisions being made to chapters of the LRTP to address the remaining items, and circulated draft versions of the revised LRTP sections and chapters. The Coordinating Committee subsequently authorized staff to advertise the 2007 LRTP Update for a 30-day public comment period, which began on April 30 and concluded on June 4.

At this meeting, staff will report about input received during the comment period. Attached are:

- Staff PowerPoint presentation
- Summary of comments received during the public comment period

No additional comments were provided by the CCMPO Technical Committee at its meeting on June 13. Although the Technical Committee did not have a quorum of members at that meeting, the consensus of the eight members that were present was that the LRTP Update should be adopted.

The Coordinating Committee should receive the staff presentation, review the public comments, and consider adopting the 2007 LRTP Update.

Presented by: Trish Meek, CRPA
Mike Bloom, CCPCDO

Action: Adoption of the 2007 LRTP Update.

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ITEM 7

FY 2006-07 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM (UPWP)

Approval of Proposed Budget Revision

The FY 2006-07 UPWP lists the work tasks to be completed by the CRPA and the CCPCDO on behalf of the CCMPO during the time period from July 1, 2006 to June 30, 2007.

Because staff activity has been focused on certain key work tasks in the UPWP, the original budget amounts for some of the work task line items have been exceeded, and revisions to the UPWP Budget are needed. The Federal Highway Administration procedures for administering UPWPs specify that any line item adjustments which are \$10,000 or greater constitute a UPWP "amendment", which requires approval by the CCMPO Coordinating Committee.

Attached is a summary of the budget revisions that are proposed by staff. Because one line item adjustment exceeds \$10,000, the proposed revisions must be approved by the CCMPO Coordinating Committee. Approval of the proposed revisions is needed in June in order for the CCMPO's 4th Quarter invoice to be processed by PennDOT by the July 15, 2007 deadline.

Although the Technical Committee did not have a quorum of members at its June 13 meeting, the consensus of the eight members that were present was that the revisions to the UPWP Budget should be approved.

The Coordinating Committee should consider approving proposed revisions to the FY 2006-07 UPWP Budget.

Presented by: Tom Zilla, CRPA

Action: Approval of revisions to the FY 2006-07 UPWP Budget.

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ITEM 8

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 were provided to staff in mid-June, and a Planning Partners Meeting is scheduled for June 19, 2007 to review the guidance documents.

In late May, PennDOT circulated the State Transportation Commission's "Guidelines for Public Participation in the 2009 Twelve Year Program Development Process". The TIP/TYP update process typically starts with the State Transportation Commission (STC) public hearings, which are scheduled for August and September 2007. The hearing for Centre County is scheduled for Thursday, August 2, 2007 in Altoona.

By memorandum dated June 14, 2007, staff provided the STC's guidelines to all CCMPO municipalities and organizations, and to all Technical and Coordinating Committee members. The guidelines can also be accessed from PennDOT's website as follows:

- Go to: <http://www.dot.state.pa.us>.
- Click on the "More News and Media" link on the lower right hand side of the screen.
- Select "Transportation Program Update."
- At the next web page, select the "2009 Twelve Year Program" link under the State Transportation Commission.
- On the left hand side of the next page select the first link "Participation Guidelines" to access the guidelines document.

In late June and early July, staff will be working on an overview of Centre County transportation issues that will be presented to the STC at the beginning of Centre County's part of the August 2 hearing. Bob Crum and Bob Jacobs will present the overview to the STC.

At this meeting, staff will provide a brief report about the process and schedule for the TIP/TYP update, and about significant items in the guidance documents that will be discussed at the June 19 Planning Partners meeting..

The Coordinating Committee should receive the report.

Presented by: Tom Zilla, CRPA

No action required

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Future Meeting Dates

a. Technical Committee: Wednesday, September 12, 2007, 9:30 am
Location to be announced

- ⇒ 2009-2012 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)
- ⇒ Transportation projects status report

b. Coordinating Committee: Tuesday, September 25, 2007, 6:00 pm
Location to be announced

- ⇒ 2009-2012 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)
- ⇒ Transportation projects status report

2. The municipalities in the Mountaintop Planning Region have approved the appointment of Mr. Kenneth Hall, a Snow Shoe Township resident, as the Mountaintop Region's representative on the Coordinating Committee. Mr. Hall replaces John Yecina, who resigned as the representative to the Coordinating Committee effective May 31, 2007.

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