

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

Tuesday, February 23, 2010

6:00 pm

College Township Municipal Building

AGENDA

1. **Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance**
2. **Approval of Minutes:** *January 26, 2010 Coordinating Committee meeting*
3. **Citizen Comments:** *For items not on the agenda*
4. **Marion Township Request for Membership:**
Discuss request for membership
Action: Determine whether to consider Marion Township's request
5. **Centre County Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) 2040:**
 - a. Discuss performance measures
Action: Comments and recommendations to staff
 - b. Discuss potential line items
Action: Comments and recommendations to staff
6. **Member Reports:**
Reports about a significant item(s) of interest from each member (limited to 1 minute)
No action required
7. **Announcements**
8. **Adjourn**

*Next Coordinating Committee meeting:
Tuesday, March 23, 2010
6:00 pm
Location to be determined*

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ITEM 4

MARION TOWNSHIP REQUEST FOR MEMBERSHIP

Discuss Request for Membership

On January 26 2010, the CCMPO received correspondence from Marion Township requesting membership on the MPO Committees. Section IV of the CCMPO's Bylaws addresses requests for membership as follows:

j. Changes in Membership Structure

Proposed changes in membership structure for either the Coordinating or Technical Committees must be presented to the Coordinating Committee via a written request. By majority vote, the Coordinating Committee will decide whether to consider the request, and will also determine the process for making a decision about the request.

The Coordinating Committee should decide whether to consider Marion Township's request. If the vote is in favor of considering the request, a process should be established for making a decision.

If the CCMPO decides to consider the request, potential process options include:

- a. Consider the request in the broader context of a performance review of the countywide MPO.

The MPO expansion proposal approved in November 2003 included a provision to complete a performance review, which was to address representation for Marion and Walker Townships. When expansion was approved, the MPO acknowledged that no form of direct representation was provided for Marion and Walker Townships. The two municipalities were to be informally represented by Benner and Spring Townships, and Bellefonte Borough; the other municipalities in the Nittany Valley Planning Region. A performance review was initiated in 2006. However, work on the review was suspended in 2008 following preparation and adoption of bylaws.

- b. Consider the request in the context of representation for Marion and Walker Townships, and the Nittany Valley Region, but independent of a broader performance review.
- c. Consider the request on an individual basis (Marion Township only).

Attached are:

- Correspondence from Marion Township dated January 6, 2010
- Proposal for Expansion of the Centre Region MPO to a Countywide Organization (Approved November 2003)
- Map of Centre County Planning Regions

Presented by: Tom Zilla, CRPA

Action: Determine whether to consider a request from Marion Township for membership on the CCMPO.

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ITEM 5.a.

CENTRE COUNTY LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN (LRTP) 2040

Discuss Performance Measures

The Federal Highway Administration, Federal Transit Administration, and PennDOT have stated that performance measures should be developed for the LRTP and Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Work has begun on the development of performance measures for the new LRTP and TIP, using the project ranking criteria adopted by the CCMPO in June 2009 as a starting point.

At the meeting, staff is seeking initial comments from the Coordinating Committee about performance measures for the LRTP and TIP. Work on the performance measures will continue in the next few months as the new LRTP and TIP are prepared.

Attached is:

- List of LRTP goals and potential performance measures

Staff will report about comments and questions provided by the Technical Committee at its February 18 meeting (postponed from February 10).

Factors that should be considered when developing performance measures include:

- Relationship to LRTP goals and objectives
- Complexity of measures (simple is better)
- Availability of data and analysis tools
- Context of measure (e.g. countywide; program-specific; project-specific, etc.)
- Time period for assessing performance (e.g. annually; every two years; every four years, etc.)

The LRTP project evaluation process is nearing completion, and the results of the technical ranking of projects/programs will be presented in March. Based on the fiscal constraint analysis, a first draft LRTP project list will be prepared for presentation in April. Policy adjustments may be made by the Coordinating Committee at that time.

A Final Draft LRTP project list will be presented in June for approval to complete an Air Quality Conformity Analysis and public comment period. The new LRTP will be presented for adoption in September.

Presented by: Trish Meek, CRPA

Action: Comments and recommendations to staff about potential performance measures.

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ITEM 5.b.

CENTRE COUNTY LRTP 2040

Discuss Potential Line Items

The CCMPO's current LRTP 2030 includes line items for various types of projects and programs. As part of the work being completed on the fiscal constraint analysis for the new LRTP 2040, staff has begun to identify potential line items for the new LRTP.

At the meeting, staff is seeking initial comments from the Coordinating Committee about line items that may be included in the new LRTP, and about the funding levels that may be attached to the line items. Work on the line items will continue in the next few months as the fiscal constraint analysis for the new LRTP is prepared.

Attached is:

- List of potential line items for LRTP 2040

Staff will report about comments and questions provided by the Technical Committee at its February 18 meeting.

Presented by: Trish Meek, CRPA

Action: Comments and recommendations to staff about line items and potential funding levels.

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MEMBER REPORTS

About Significant Item(s) of Interest

This agenda item provides an opportunity for voting and non-voting members to briefly report on an item(s) of significant interest within their organization, municipality, or planning region. Items of interest may relate to transportation, other infrastructure, capital budgeting or land use. Members are asked to limit their reports to approximately one minute in length.

In December 2009, members were requested to make appointments to the CCMPO Committees. Responses have been received from most municipalities, planning regions, and other members. Additional responses are anticipated in the next month. The Lower Bald Eagle Valley Region is in the process of confirming Richard Watters, Howard Borough Council, as the Region's new Coordinating Committee representative.

Voting members of the Coordinating Committee include:

Centre County Board of Commissioners	Jon Eich
Centre County Board of Commissioners	Bob Jacobs
Benner Township	John Elnitski
College Township	Dan Klees
Ferguson Township	George Pytel
Halfmoon Township	Barbara Spencer
Harris Township	Paul Rittenhouse
Patton Township	Jeff Luck
Spring Township	Frank Royer
State College Borough	Theresa Lafer
Penns Valley Planning Region	Bob Corman
Lower Bald Eagle Valley Planning Region	Richard Watters
Upper Bald Eagle Valley Planning Region	Jadine Reese
Moshannon Valley Planning Region	Mike Savage
Mountaintop Planning Region	Ken Hall
Centre Area Transportation Authority	John Spychalski
Centre Regional Planning Commission	Ronald Buckalew
PennDOT Central Office (Harrisburg)	Larry Shifflet
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	Kathy Dimpsey
Federal Transit Administration	Keith Lynch

Presented by: Committee members

No action required

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Future Meeting Dates

- a. Technical Committee: Wednesday, March 10, 2010, 9:30 pm
College Township Municipal Building
- ⇒ Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) 2040
 - ⇒ 2011-2014 Centre County Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)
 - ⇒ Presentation from PA Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR)
- b. Coordinating Committee: Tuesday, March 23, 2010, 6:00 pm
Location TBD
- ⇒ LRTP 2040
 - ⇒ 2011-2014 Centre County TIP
 - ⇒ Presentation from PA DCNR

2. On January 26, 2010, the CCMPO Coordinating Committee adopted the FY 2010-11 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP). Because no comments about the UPWP were provided by members of the Technical and Coordinating Committees in January, the Coordinating Committee decided to adopt the UPWP, contingent upon its review by the Centre Regional Planning Commission (CRPC). No substantive comments were made by the CRPC at its meeting on February 4, 2010. Thus, the UPWP will not be presented again to the Coordinating Committee in February.
3. On February 12, 2010, the PennDOT Central Office notified MPOs and RPOs that comments on the Preliminary Draft 2011-2014 TIP, including responses to requests for spike funding, would not be provided until February 26, 2010. The comments and responses were originally scheduled to be discussed in February, but will be presented at the March CCMPO meetings. At this time, staff is still planning to present a Final Draft TIP to the CCMPO in March. The CCMPO will be asked to approve the Final Draft TIP for public comment and an Air Quality Conformity Analysis.
4. On February 17, 2010, the U.S. Department of Transportation announced the successful applicants for the “Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER)” Discretionary Grants Program. The application submitted by the CCMPO and PennDOT District 2-0 for TIGER funds to construct the I-99/I-80 High Speed Interchange and I-80/Route 26 Local Access Interchange was not approved.

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5. On November 24, 2009, the CCMPO Coordinating Committee approved a motion strongly opposing the tolling of Interstate 80. Correspondence was sent to U.S. Department of Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood transmitting the CCMPO's action. A response from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) was received and circulated to Committee members in December. FHWA has not provided a date or timetable for making a decision about the application to toll I-80.

6. As directed by the CCMPO Coordinating Committee in January, staff submitted requests to U.S. Representative Glenn Thompson, and U.S. Senators Arlen Specter and Bob Casey for discretionary federal funding in the Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2011 appropriations bill, for the U.S. Route 322 Corridor Safety Improvements project.

7. CCMPO staff contact information:

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