

# FEBRUARY 23, 2010 MEETING

## ITEM 7

### 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.
  
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