

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

**Wednesday, June 13, 2007**

**9:30 am**

***College Township Municipal Building***

**AGENDA**

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Approval of Minutes:** *May 9, 2007 Technical 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. **Centre County Public Participation Plan (PPP):**  
Adoption of PPP  
*Action: Recommendation to Coordinating Committee*
6. **Centre County Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) 2007 Update:**  
Adoption of 2007 Update  
*Action: Recommendation to Coordinating Committee*
7. **Annual Federal Transportation Planning Process Certification:**  
*Action: Recommendation to Coordinating Committee*
8. **FY 2006-07 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP):**  
Approval of Proposed Budget Revision  
*Action: Recommendation to Coordinating Committee*
9. **2009-2012 Centre County Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)**  
Process and schedule for preparation of 2009-2012 TIP  
*No action required*
10. **Announcements**
11. **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 items of interest within their organization, municipality, or planning region (voting and non-voting members).

Committee members are asked to limit their reports to a significant item(s) of interest. The reports should be 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 Technical Committee include:

Centre County	Bob Jacobs
Centre County	Chris Price
Benner Township	Doug Weikel
College Township	Kent Baker
Ferguson Township	David Modricker
Halfmoon Township	Karen Brown
Harris Township	Paul Weener
Patton Township	Brent Brubaker
Spring Township	Bill MacMath
State College Borough	Amy Story
Penns Valley Planning Region	Ray Hankinson
Lower Bald Eagle Valley Planning Region	Xochi Confer
Upper Bald Eagle Valley Planning Region	open
Moshannon Valley Planning Region	John Knowles
Mountaintop Planning Region	Michele Barbin
Centre Area Transportation Authority	Hugh Mose
Centre Regional Planning Commission	Bob Crum
PennDOT Central Office (Harrisburg)	Harold Nanovic
PennDOT District 2-0 Office (Clearfield)	Karen Michael

Non-voting members of the Technical Committee include:

Bellefonte Borough	Sue Hannegan
Pennsylvania State University	Teresa Davis
Federal Highway Administration	Matt Smoker
Federal Transit Administration	Karen Roscher

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Presented by: Tom Zilla, CRPA  
Committee members

No action required

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### **ITEM 5**

#### **CENTRE COUNTY 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, and during a public meeting that was held on April 30. Attached is:

- Summary of comments received during the public comment period

**The Technical Committee should receive the staff presentation, review the public comments, and provide a recommendation to the Coordinating Committee about adoption of the PPP.**

Presented by: Trish Meek, CRPA

Action: Recommendation to the Coordinating Committee about adoption of the CCMPO's new 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, and a public meeting that was held on May 31. Attached is:

- Summary of comments received during the public comment period

**The Technical Committee should receive the staff presentation, review the public comments, and provide a recommendation to the Coordinating Committee about adoption of the 2007 LRTP Update.**

Presented by: Trish Meek, CRPA  
Mike Bloom, CCPCDO

Action: Recommendation to the Coordinating Committee about adoption of the 2007 LRTP Update.

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### **ITEM 7**

#### **ANNUAL FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION PLANNING PROCESS SELF-CERTIFICATION**

Each year, the CCMPO is required to certify that its planning process is in compliance with all applicable Federal regulations.

A resolution certifying the CCMPO's compliance is attached. Please note that the attached draft resolution reflects minor changes from the 2006 resolution. However, PennDOT is investigating whether additional revisions to the resolution are needed to reflect the latest information in the federal metropolitan transportation planning final rulemaking, which was instituted after the 2006 resolution was adopted. If needed, proposed revisions will be presented at the meeting.

**The Technical Committee should provide a recommendation to the Coordinating Committee about approval of the resolution.**

Presented by: Tom Zilla, CRPA

Action: Recommendation to the Coordinating Committee about approval of the resolution certifying the CCMPO's compliance with all applicable Federal transportation planning regulations.

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## ITEM 8

### 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 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter invoice to be processed by PennDOT by the July 15, 2007 deadline.

**The Technical Committee should receive the staff presentation, and provide a recommendation to the Coordinating Committee about approval of the proposed revisions to the FY 2006-07 UPWP Budget.**

Presented by: Tom Zilla, CRPA

Action: Recommendation to the Coordinating Committee about approval of revisions to the FY 2006-07 UPWP Budget.

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## ITEM 9

### 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 that were originally scheduled to be circulated to the planning partners in May 2007 will now be provided in mid-June. A Planning Partners Meeting is scheduled for June 19, 2007.

In late May, PennDOT circulated the State Transportation Commission's "Guidelines for Public Participation in the 2009 Twelve Year Program Development Process". The 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.

Staff will be sending the guidelines to all municipalities and CCMPO member-organizations in the near future, and will be working to organize a presentation to the STC for the August 2 hearing. 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.

Staff will provide a brief presentation about the TIP/TYP update process and schedule.

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

Presented by: Tom Zilla, CRPA

No action required

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## ITEM 10

### 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

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