

FEBRUARY 10, 2010 MEETING

ITEM 7

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Future Meeting Dates

- a. Coordinating Committee: Tuesday, February 23, 2010, 6:00 pm
College Township Municipal Building
- ⇒ Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) 2040
 - ⇒ 2011-2014 Centre County Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)
 - ⇒ Marion Township request for membership
 - ⇒ Member reports
- b. Technical Committee: Wednesday, March 10, 2010, 9:30 am
Location TBD
- ⇒ LRTP 2040
 - ⇒ 2011-2014 Centre County TIP
- c. Coordinating Committee: Tuesday, March 23, 2010, 6:00 pm
Location TBD
- ⇒ LRTP 2040
 - ⇒ 2011-2014 Centre County TIP

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). If no substantive comments are received from the CRPC at its meeting on February 4, 2010, the UPWP will not be presented again to the MPO Committees in February.

3. As authorized by the CCMPO in June 2009, an application was submitted to the U.S. Department of Transportation's "Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER)" Discretionary Grants Program for funding to construct the I-99/I-80 High Speed Interchange and I-80/Route 26 Local Access Interchange. A total of \$95 million was requested for construction of both interchanges, which will leverage \$51.3 million in federal Appalachian Development Highway System (ADHS) funds already committed for the High Speed Interchange. Funding for the TIGER Program is provided in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) [federal stimulus legislation]. To date, the U.S. DOT has not made any announcements about projects selected to receive TIGER funds; however, an announcement is expected by February 17, 2010.

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4. On November 24, 2009, the CCMPO Coordinating Committee approved a motion strongly opposing the tolling of Interstate 80. Correspondence was sent to U.S. DOT Secretary Ray LaHood transmitting the CCMPO's action. A response from FHWA was received and circulated to the MPO Committees in December and January. To date, FHWA has not announced a decision about application submitted by the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission and PennDOT to institute tolls on I-80.

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