

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

Wednesday, February 10, 2010

9:30 am

***PLEASE NOTE THE LOCATION:
COLLEGE TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL BUILDING***

AGENDA

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Election of Officers for 2010**
3. **Approval of Minutes:** *January 13, 2010 Technical Committee meeting*
4. **Citizen Comments:** *For items not on the agenda*
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 from members about a significant item(s) of interest within their organization, municipality, or planning region. Limited to approximately one minute in length.
No action required
7. **Announcements**
8. **Adjourn**

*Next Technical Committee meeting:
Wednesday, March 10, 2010
9:30 am
Location to be determined*

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ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 2010

The Technical Committee should elect officers for 2010. In 2009, Kent Baker served as Chair, and Hugh Mose as Vice-Chair of the Technical Committee.

Voting members of the Technical Committee include:

Centre County	Bob Jacobs
Centre County	Sue Hannegan
Benner Township	Doug Weikel
College Township	Kent Baker
Ferguson Township	David Modricker
Halfmoon Township	Susan Steele
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	Irvin Hoy (confirmation pending)
Upper Bald Eagle Valley Planning Region	open
Moshannon Valley Planning Region	Jan McDonald
Mountaintop Planning Region	Michele Barbin
Centre Area Transportation Authority	Hugh Mose
Centre Regional Planning Commission	Jim May
PennDOT Central Office (Harrisburg)	Frank Hampton
PennDOT District 2-0 Office (Clearfield)	Karen Michael

Non-voting members of the Technical Committee include:

Bellefonte Borough	Dallas Gallo
Pennsylvania State University	Doug Holmes
Federal Highway Administration	Kathy Dimpsey
Federal Transit Administration	Keith Lynch

Presented by: Tom Zilla, CRPA

Action: Election of officers for 2010.

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ITEM 5.a.

CENTRE COUNTY LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN (LRTP) 2040

Discuss Performance Measures

PennDOT's guidance for preparing the FY 2010-11 Unified Planning Work Program noted that performance measures should be developed for the LRTP and Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), in coordination with the Federal Highway Administration and Federal Transit Administration.

Staff has initiated work 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. The project ranking criteria are listed on the attached table.

Potential performance measures that may be derived from the ranking criteria are highlighted in the second column. Other potential performance measures are listed in the third column.

Staff is seeking input from the Technical Committee about performance measures that could be identified for the LRTP and TIP. At the meeting, the Technical Committee should review and discuss potential performance measures.

Factors that should be considered when developing performance measures include, but are not limited to:

- Relationship to LRTP goals and objectives (as reflected in project ranking criteria)
- Keeping the measures simple
- Using readily-available 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.)

Work on the performance measures will continue in the next few months as the new LRTP and TIP are prepared.

The LRTP project evaluation process is underway and will continue in February, with the initial results of the technical ranking to be presented in March. A first draft LRTP project list will be presented in April. Policy adjustments may be made by the Coordinating Committee at that time.

A Final Draft LRTP 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: MPO staff

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. As part of the work being completed on the fiscal constraint analysis for the new LRTP, staff has begun to identify potential line items for the new LRTP.

The line items in the current LRTP and potential line items for the 2040 LRTP are illustrated on the attached table. Potential funding levels for the line items have not yet been determined.

Staff is seeking input from the Technical Committee about the line items to be included in the LRTP, and about the funding levels that may be attached to the line items. At the meeting, the Technical Committee should review and discuss potential line items and funding levels.

Work on the line items will continue in the next two months as the fiscal constraint analysis for the new LRTP is prepared.

Presented by: MPO staff

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

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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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