



Centre County Metropolitan Planning Organization

Summary Report of the January 27, 2009 Meeting

Election of Officers

The Coordinating Committee elected officers for 2009. The Committee re-elected Dan Klees to serve as Chair and Elizabeth Goreham to serve as Vice-Chair of the Centre County MPO, and re-appointed Bob Jacobs to serve as Secretary.



FY 2009-10 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)

Each year in February, the MPO adopts a UPWP for the fiscal year which begins on July 1 of that year and ends on June 30 of the following year. The UPWP lists the work tasks to be completed by MPO staff and important actions to be taken by the MPO.

In January, PennDOT provided guidance about the preparation of the UPWP. Because of the economic climate, federal and state funding for the base UPWP will remain the same as in FY 2008-09. PennDOT also indicated that MPOs and RPOs should focus on completion of current supplemental planning projects before requesting supplemental funds for new projects.

MPO staff is currently working on three supplemental planning funds projects, and time extensions will be needed for two of these projects.

On January 14, the Technical Committee recommended that additional supplemental planning funds be requested for the LRTP forecast and travel demand model project. The additional funds would be used to purchase licenses to operate the new model software.

The Coordinating Committee approved the recommendation to request \$15,000 in additional funding for the current LRTP forecast and model supplemental planning funds project. They also agreed that no additional supplemental planning funds projects should be added in the 2009-10 UPWP.



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Route 322 Corridor Safety Improvements Project

In November, PennDOT staff presented the results of the Route 322 Corridor Safety Feasibility Study. On January 14, staff presented a recommendation to the Technical Committee relative to advancing improvements. The Coordinating Committee subsequently approved the recommendation to request that PennDOT advance two high-priority projects:

- Project F-MOD — center turn lane near Shaner sports complex and re-alignment of Taylor Hill Road
- Project I — Church Hill Road/Dogtown Road intersection improvement and possible closure of Church Hill Road

The Coordinating Committee approved a motion to request PennDOT District 2-0 to immediately advance Projects F-MOD and I as identified in the Route 322 Corridor Safety Feasibility Study.

Federal Economic Stimulus Legislation

Congress and the Obama administration are anticipated to approve economic stimulus legislation in early 2009. A significant part of this is expected to focus on transportation infrastructure. Congressional leaders are hopeful that a package will be approved in mid-February.

PennDOT has released a preliminary list of candidate projects proposed for funding in the Commonwealth, if a stimulus package is approved. Several of the projects are within Centre County. This list will be reevaluated and updated based on the legislation that is ultimately approved by Congress.

2009-2012 Centre County Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendments

PennDOT District 2-0 and MPO staff presented several administrative actions. These actions were necessary because additional funds are needed to advance the first two elements of the Route 26 Pine Grove Mountain project and funds may be needed to initiate preliminary engineering for projects in the Route 322 Corridor Safety Feasibility Study. In addition, the Construction phase of the Old Fort Park and Ride Lot will not be advanced in 2009 as programmed, which require shifting funds to other projects to ensure that the funds committed are used.

Upcoming Meetings:

Technical Committee
February 11, 2009

Coordinating Committee
February 24, 2009

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