

CENTRE COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (CCMPO)

SELF-CERTIFICATION RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Transportation (USDOT) Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act – a Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU) legislation requires a Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) to certify that its transportation planning process is in conformance with regulations; and,

WHEREAS, the Federal regulations specify that the transportation planning process be in conformance with Title 23 U.S.C. Section 135, 49 U.S.C. Section 5323 (k) and 23 CFR part 450.220, which require that a continuing, cooperative and comprehensive planning process be carried out by State and Local officials; and,

WHEREAS, the requirements of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Title VI assurance executed by each State under Section 324 of Title 23 and under Section 794 of Title 29 have been met and the requirements of Executive Order #12898 (Federal Order to Address Environmental Justice in Minority Populations and Low-Income Populations) are being addressed (see Exhibit 1); and,

WHEREAS, the requirements of Section 1101 of TEA-21 (Public Law 105-178) regarding the involvement of disadvantaged or minority business enterprises in Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) funded planning projects [Section 105(f), Public Law 97-424, 96 Stat. 2100,; 49 CFR Part 23] have been met (see Exhibit 1); and,

WHEREAS, the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (Public Law 101-336, 104 Statute 327, as amended) and USDOT regulations entitled "Transportation for Individuals with Disabilities" (49 CFR, Parts 27, 37 and 38) have been met (see Exhibit 1); and,

WHEREAS, the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) continues to be financially constrained as required by Section 450.216 of the Final Rulemaking issued on October 23, 1993, and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) policy on the documentation of financial capacity, published in FTA Circulars (see Exhibit 1); and,

WHEREAS, the provisions of 49 CFR Part 20 regarding restrictions on influencing certain activities has been met; and,

WHEREAS, the requirements of Sections 174 and 176(c) and (d) of the Clean Air Act as amended [42 U.S.C. 7504, 7506(c) and (d)] have been met for non-attainment and maintenance areas (see Exhibit 1); and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Centre County Metropolitan Planning Organization (CCMPO) certifies that the planning process is being carried out in conformance with all of the applicable federal requirements and certifies that the local process to enhance the participation of the general public, including the transportation disadvantaged, has been followed in developing all plans and programs, including the FFY 2009-2012 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and the Centre County Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) 2008 Update.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED BY:

CCMPO Coordinating Committee on July 16, 2008.

ATTEST:

Robert A. Crum, Jr.
CCMPO Secretary

By:

Daniel D. Klees
CCMPO Chair

EXHIBIT 1

CCMPO SELF-CERTIFICATION DOCUMENTATION

Title VI Requirements

The CCMPO developed and adopted a new Public Participation Plan (PPP) in June 2007. The PPP specifies public participation principles, outreach techniques, and procedures for various CCMPO activities. The PPP includes demographic information to identify underserved populations, and specifies a list of interested parties that are invited to participate in CCMPO activities. The PPP is evaluated on an annual basis, and the 2007-2008 evaluation will be completed in September 2008.

Specific outreach activities for the development of the 2008 Update of the Centre County Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP), the 2009-2012 Centre County Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), and the 2008 Air Quality Conformity Analysis Report are described in the Public Comment Period Summary for the documents. The summary also lists the responses to comments received. This document is included in the package of information submitted to PennDOT following the CCMPO's adoption of the 2009-2012 TIP, LRTP 2008 Update, and 2008 Air Quality Conformity Analysis Report.

Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBE) Requirements

The administration of the CCMPO's annual Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) occurs through an annual legal agreement between PennDOT and the Centre Regional Planning Commission (CRPC). Staff services to the CCMPO are provided by staff members of the Centre Regional Planning Agency, Centre County Planning and Community Development Office (CCPCDO), and the Centre Area Transportation Authority (CATA) through this agreement.

Contracts awarded to outside vendors for planning studies are subject to a minimum participation requirement of 10% for DBEs. The CRPC awarded one contract to an outside vendor in June 2008 for completion of an assessment of public transportation services in Centre County. The consultant agreement was executed with Abrams-Cherwony and Associates. The Abrams-Cherwony consultant team includes a certified DBE firm, and the scope of work includes approximately a 12% participation by the DBE firm.

Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA) Requirements

In accordance with the CCMPO's PPP, all committee meetings and public meetings are held in ADA-compliant buildings. When possible, meetings are held in locations convenient to alternate transportation modes. All meeting advertisements include a requests that special needs users contact the CRPA if special arrangements need to be made. An example of a newspaper advertisement is included as Attachment A.

Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Financial Constraint and Capacity Requirements

The CCMPO's 2007-2010 Centre County TIP was originally adopted in July 2006, and modified several times since the original adoption. The CCMPO and PennDOT utilize the approved and executed *Procedures for TIP Modifications*, which specify the modifications that must be formally approved by the CCMPO, and modifications that can be completed by administrative action of the project sponsor (typically PennDOT or CATA). For each amendment that required formal action by the CCMPO, and for administrative actions made by the project sponsors, a fiscal constraint chart was prepared illustrating the transfer of funds, and the maintenance of fiscal constraint limits. An example of a fiscal constraint chart for a TIP amendment is included as Attachment B.

Clean Air Act (CAA) Requirements

Because Centre County is designated as a “Maintenance” area for ozone, an air quality conformity analysis must be completed for the LRTP and TIP. Air quality conformity analyses were performed in 2005 and 2006. There were no changes to the LRTP or TIP that required a conformity analysis in 2007. The CCMPO did approve and execute an air quality conformity Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in April 2007.

The development of the LRTP 2008 Update and 2009-2012 TIP required a new conformity analysis to be completed. The CCMPO support staff participated in the efforts of the Pennsylvania Conformity Working Group to determine if projects were regionally significant or exempt, and coordinated with PennDOT to document the status of projects on the TIP and LRTP. The CCMPO support staff prepared data sheets for projects identified as significant for air quality purposes.

An Air Quality Conformity Analysis Report and Air Quality Conformity Resolution were approved by the CCMPO in July 2008 as part of the adoption of the LRTP 2008 Update and 2009-2012 TIP. The conformity determination will be forwarded to the Federal Highway Administration, Federal Transit Administration, and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for approval.

Attachment A

Example of Newspaper Advertisement

To be inserted for submission

Attachment B

Example of Fiscal Constraint Chart for TIP Amendment

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