

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

Wednesday, May 9, 2007

9:30 am

College Township Municipal Building

AGENDA

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Approval of Minutes:** *March 14, 2007 Technical Committee meeting*
3. **Citizens' Comments:** *For items not on the agenda*
4. **Member Reports:** ***(Please note that this is a new item!)***
Reports about a significant item(s) of interest from each member (limited to 1 minute)
No action required
5. **Coordinated Public Transit-Human Services Transportation Plan**
Review Draft Coordinated Plan and Advisory Committee comments
Action: Provide comments to Coordinating Committee
6. **2007-2010 Centre County Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)**
TIP Administrative Actions
No action required
7. **Announcements**
8. **Adjourn**

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MEMBER REPORTS

About Significant Item(s) of Interest

On March 27, 2007, the MPO Performance Review Committee provided a status report about its recent activities to the Coordinating Committee. The report noted that several actions will be implemented to improve information sharing and communication relative to MPO activities. One action is to include a "member report" on the MPO agendas, 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

Presented by: Tom Zilla, CRPA
Committee members

No action required

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COORDINATED PUBLIC TRANSIT - HUMAN SERVICES TRANSPORTATION PLAN

Review Draft Plan and Advisory Committee Comments

The CCMPO's FY 2006-07 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) includes supplemental planning funds to prepare a Coordinated Public Transit-Human Services Transportation Plan. The "Coordinated Plan" must be adopted by the CCMPO in order for eligible project sponsors such as CATA and the Centre County Office of Transportation (CCOT) to access federal funds from the Jobs Access Reverse Commute (low income individuals, reverse commuters), New Freedom (persons with disabilities), and Section 5310 (senior citizens) programs.

In January 2007, PennDOT's Bureau of Public Transportation (BPT) established a deadline of May 31, 2007 for MPOs to adopt and submit Coordinated Plans, in order to ensure that all transit operators are eligible to receive federal funds in the current fiscal year. Recognizing the compressed timeframe for this activity, the BPT directed that Coordinated Plans be focused on candidate projects already included in adopted Long Range Transportation Plans and Transportation Improvement Programs.

Staff provided presentations about the Coordinated Plan to the CCMPO in March and April. In March, the Coordinating Committee authorized the formation of a stakeholder advisory committee, which will hold three meetings in May to provide input about the Coordinated Plan.

Tuesday, May 1, 2007
6:00 – 9:00 pm
State College Borough Municipal Building

Thursday, May 10, 2007
6:00 – 9:00 pm
Central Pennsylvania Institute of Science and Technology (CPI)

Thursday, May 17, 2007
6:00 – 9:00 pm
Rush Township Municipal Building

Based on the guidance received from BPT, staff prepared a draft Coordinated Plan that was advertised on April 20, 2007 for a 30-day public comment period which will conclude on May 18. The focus of the draft Plan is the socioeconomic data used to identify target populations, and the potential candidate projects from the CCMPO's adopted LRTP and TIP, and from strategic plans of transportation providers. A copy of the draft Coordinated Plan was circulated to the Technical Committee in late April.

Using comments and input provided by the Technical Committee and the stakeholder advisory committee, a final draft Coordinated Plan will be prepared for adoption by the CCMPO Coordinating Committee on May 22, 2007.

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At the meeting, staff will present a status report about the draft Coordinated Plan. Staff will also report about comments provided at the first stakeholder advisory committee meeting on May 1.

Because of the compressed timeframe and deadline, a final draft Coordinated Plan will not be prepared until after the Technical Committee's May 9 meeting. **Thus, although a recommendation cannot be formulated, the Technical Committee should consider providing comments about the draft Coordinated Plan, with consideration given to suggestions and recommendations that may be forthcoming at the May 1 stakeholder advisory committee meeting.**

Refinements to the Coordinated Plan may be made after May 31, 2007, with additional work to be closely linked with the completion of the CATA/CCOT assessment of public transportation services. Supplemental planning funds for the CATA/CCOT assessment were approved in the FY 2007-08 UPWP.

Presented by: Greg Kausch, CRPA

Action: Provide comments to the Coordinating Committee about the draft Coordinated Plan circulated for public comment, and about input received at the May 1 stakeholder advisory committee.

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2007-2010 CENTRE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP)

TIP Administrative Actions

The 2007-2010 Centre County TIP was adopted by the CCMPO in July 2006, and became effective on October 1, 2006 following approval by the Federal Highway Administration and Federal Transit Administration. The CCMPO approved amendments to the TIP in November 2006 and January 2007.

The CCMPO's adopted *Procedures for TIP Modifications* permits project sponsors to complete certain TIP administrative actions without requiring formal approval by the Coordinating Committee. The Procedures specify that the administrative actions be reported to the CCMPO Committees for information purposes.

Staff will briefly review the attached list of the administrative actions that have been taken by PennDOT and CATA.

Presented by: Tom Zilla, CRPA
PennDOT District 2-0

No action required

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Future Meeting Dates

a. Technical Committee: Wednesday, June 13, 2007, 9:30 am
College Twp. Municipal Building

- ⇒ Centre County LRTP 2007 Update
- ⇒ 2009-2012 Centre County TIP

b. Coordinating Committee: Tuesday, June 26, 2007, 6:00 pm
College Twp. Municipal Building

- ⇒ Adoption of Centre County LRTP 2007 Update
- ⇒ 2009-2012 Centre County TIP

2. Attached is a flyer announcing the advertisement of the 2007 Update of the Centre County Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) for a 30-day public comment period, which began on April 30, 2007 and will conclude at 5:00 pm on June 4, 2007. A public meeting is also scheduled for:

Thursday, May 31, 2007
College Township Municipal Building
Second Floor Meeting Room
5:00 pm – 8:00 pm
Presentation at 6:00 pm

The CCMPO will consider the final draft LRTP for adoption in June.

The public comment period for the CCMPO's draft Public Participation Plan (PPP) is currently underway, and will conclude on May 24, 2007. The PPP will be considered for adoption in June.

3. PennDOT District 2-0 is in the process of preparing a "Regional Operations Plan (ROP)" for a multi-county area in District 2-0, and one county in District 10-0. The purpose of the ROP is to identify technologies and institutional arrangements that allow transportation systems to operate more efficiently (signal systems, emergency and incident response, weather monitoring, etc.). The ROP will build on PennDOT's previous initiatives to complete an Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) Strategic Plan, and a Transportation Systems Operations Plan (TSOP). The CCMPO has already utilized the ITS Strategic Plan to identify candidate projects for the Centre County LRTP and TIP.

Staff members from the MPOs and RPOs within District 2-0 are participating in workshops and meetings about the ROP, along with staff from transit operators, emergency services providers (police, fire, ambulance, 911 dispatching), public works departments, and other key entities. PennDOT District 2-0 anticipates the completion of an ROP in mid summer 2007. A presentation about the ROP will be provided to the CCMPO Committees later in 2007.

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