

The 2021 Blair Altoona Annual List of Obligated Projects
Fiscal Year 2021 (October 1, 2020 – September 30, 2021)

Altoona Area Transportation Study/
Blair Metropolitan Planning Organization

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Blair/Altoona MPO Annual Listing of Obligated Projects

Blair Metropolitan Planning Organization

To comply with the Federal-Aid Act of 1962, the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) was formed in 1965 to provide a continuing, cooperative and comprehensive process that certifies the county as eligible to receive federal transportation funds for highways, bridges, public transit, and bicycle/pedestrian projects. The MPO board contains appointed officials representing PennDOT, Amtran, and the airport, and elected local officials representing the County, the townships, and the boroughs. As it plans for transportation improvements, the board involves the public, environmental justice and business communities, and state and federal legislators.

The Blair County Planning Commission (BCPC) performs ongoing administrative and transportation planning tasks for the MPO by convening MPO meetings and preparing meeting notices, agendas, minutes, and meeting other state and federal planning requirements.

The Purpose of the Annual Listing of Obligated Projects:

To meet the requirements of the federal Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act of December 2015, the final rules on page 34158 of the Federal Register/Vol. 81, No. 103/Friday, May 27, 2016, 23 U.S. Code Section 450.334 state as follows:

- (a) In metropolitan planning areas, on an annual basis, no later than 90 calendar days following the end of the program year, the State, public transportation operators, and the MPO shall cooperatively develop a listing of projects (including investments in pedestrian walkways and bicycle transportation facilities) for which funds under 23 U.S.C. or 49 U.S.C. Chapter 53 were obligated in the preceding program year.
- (b) The listing shall be prepared in accordance with 450.314 (a) and shall include all federally funded projects authorized or revised to increase obligations in the preceding program year, and shall at a minimum include the TIP information under 450.326 (g) (1) and (4) and identify, for each project, the amount of Federal funds requested in the TIP, the Federal funding that was obligated during the preceding year, and the Federal funding remaining and available for subsequent years.
- (c) The listing shall be published or otherwise made available in accordance with the MPO's public participation criteria for the TIP.

The "*FFY 2021 Altoona TIP FHWA Obligations Report*" for highways and bridges for 10-01-2020 to 09-30-2021 is prepared by the Pennsylvania Department of transportation in table form that shows the project title, project description, phase, district, county, state route, Obligation for FFY 2021, Program Total, and Federal Funds Remaining. A copy of this table is available at Blair Planning.org under Plans, Transportation.

The "*FY 2020-21 Federally Funded Transit Capital Projects*" also prepared by the Pennsylvania Department of transportation contains the following Blair County project:

Blair Senior Services five accessible buses to provide shared ride service for \$450,000.

Because the final rules of the FAST Act require a listing of projects that contain “*investments in pedestrian walkways and bicycle transportation facilities*”, below are the portions of the projects in the tables of the referenced report that improve walking and/or bicycling.

1. Clay Avenue Sinking Run Bridge The replacement of the bridge includes a sidewalk on the bridge and a sidewalk from the bridge to 14th Street in Tyrone Borough.
2. South Poplar Run Bridge As part of the bridge rehabilitation on County Road 101 a sidewalk will be included on the bridge with a connecting sidewalk to Elmore Street (T-506) in Greenfield Township.
3. E. 25th Avenue Bridge over Spring Run Includes rehabilitation of the sidewalk on bridge in the City of Altoona.
4. State Route 1002/Municipal Drive the resurfacing project includes a sidewalk from Garber Street to Legion Park in Hollidaysburg Borough and widening of the shoulders from Plank Road to PA Route 764 to accommodate bicyclists and the placement of bike route and share the road signs.
5. Newry Bridge over Poplar Run includes a sidewalk on the bridge and along Old 220 in Blair Township and Newry Borough.

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2021 FOURTH QUARTER PROGRAM REPORT
(10/01/2020 to 9/30/2021)
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Fund Category	2021 TIP	Actual
BASE		
Federal Highway/Bridge	4,048	6,244
State Highway	1,744	1,338
State Bridge	1,997	1,149
Total Highway and Bridge	7,789	8,731
Urban	0	0
CMAQ	0	0
Safety (HSIP)	3,532	1,281
TAP/TAU	0	0
Total Base	11,321	10,012
ADDITIONAL		
Discretionary/Earmarked	0	(4)
APD	145	130
Transit Flex	0	0
Economic Development/TIIF	0	0
Spike	70	120
Rail/Highway Safety	0	(4)
Total Additional	215	242
GRAND TOTAL	11,536	10,254

The enclosed report, "MPO TIP WITH STATE MATCH, ENCUMBRANCES AND EXPENDITURES" accompanies the individual MPO quarterly report. It identifies specific projects and provides details regarding obligations and encumbrances/expenditures on those projects. This report also shows the state match associated with projects that had obligations during the period.

The following is an explanation of the items in this report:

- The first column "MPMS" is the project identification number in the multi-modal project management system (MPMS).
- "Short Title" is the name of the project as it can be found in MPMS.
- "Phase" is the list of phases associated with a particular project that is on the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).
- "District" is the engineering district where the project is taking place.
- "County" is the county where the project is taking place.
- "SR" and "Section" define the State route and section number assigned to the project.
- The federal funds obligated during the period can be found under "Obligations." These represent federal authorizations to proceed with specific project phases.
- The corresponding state match, if any, can be found in the column entitled "State Match."
- "Encumbrances/Expenditures" are 100% state funds associated with the project, and are also reported by phase.
- The next four columns are the dollars programmed on the TIP for the project sorted by TIP year, the proceeding four columns are totaled in the last column entitled "Program Total."
- Entries that contain a "0" in the "Program Total" column are individual project phases that were not on the TIP as of September 30, 2018 and were since then added to this report.