

To: **Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for Blair County (Altoona MSA)**

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Rodney Nesmith, Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection

From: David W. McFarland, III, AICP, Planning Director and Secretary for the Chairman

Date: September 20, 2021

Subject: Meeting Notice and Agenda

A combined meeting of the **MPO and Technical Committee** that was previously scheduled will be held with the particulars as follows:

DATE: Monday, September 27, 2021

TIME: 1:30 PM

**PLACE: Conference Room 1 CA
PennDOT Engineering District 9-0
1620 North Juniata Street
Hollidaysburg, PA**

Options are also available to attend the meeting in Microsoft Teams and a call in option is as follows: Call in Number: +1 (267) 332- 8737 Phone Conference ID: 814 098 647#

The proposed agenda is as follows:

Agenda

- 1. Roll Call by the Secretary.**
- 2. Review and Approve the Minutes of the Combined MPO and Technical Committee Meeting of February 10, 2021.**
- 3. Report and Ratification of the MPO's Vote that took place by phone and email from February 26 through March 2, 2021, that approved the following:**
 1. The action to include the Theatre Drive Access Improvements project in the FY 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) using funds from the Appalachian Regional Commission Local Access Road Program. The project includes improving the turning radius into Imler's Poultry and traffic signal work in the amounts of \$130,000 for preliminary engineering, \$ 14,706 for utilities and \$ 305,890 for construction.
 2. The action to amend the current FY 2021-2024 TIP that involves transferring \$ 2,973,447 from the following two US Route 22 resurfacing projects to the Bridge and Highway Line Item and fund exchanges between the two projects as shown in attachment "2021 2-10 TIP Adjustments Page 9" prepared by PennDOT Engineering District 9-0:
 - US Route 22 resurfacing project #96398 from SR 3012/Old Route 22 Intersection in Duncansville Borough to Turkey Valley Road in Frankstown Township
 - US Route 22 to resurfacing project #106214 from Turkey Valley Road to the Village of Canoe Creek.
- 4. Report and Ratification of the MPO's Vote that took place by phone and email from August 4 through 16, 2021 that approved the following:**
 - The action to amend the current FY 2021-2024 TIP by removing the Preliminary Engineering phase funding on project #114774 – The 2020 Altoona Transportation System Management and Operations (TSMO) Install and returning the funds because construction funding was unable to be secured. The project was to install three new permanent dynamic message signs along I-99 in Freedom and Logan Townships.

5. Review and Affirm Illustrative List of Regional Priorities Should Additional Funding Become Available. (Further details are included in the attached table and attached email from Larry Shifflet, Deputy Secretary.)

1. US Route 22 - Cambria County to PA 764, Surface Improvements \$ 13,000,000
2. Frankstown Road/SR 1009 - SR 1021/Amelia Avenue to PA 36, Resurfacing and Safety Improvements \$ 4.6 million
3. I-99 Auxiliary Lane - Connect the on ramp at 17th Street to the off ramp at Frankstown Road \$ 3.1 million.

6. Review and approve the Transportation Systems Management and Operations Capital Funding Initiative Application and approve the use of Transportation Improvement Program Funds for the Required Match. (Project(s) applied for are from the Regional Operations Plan Central Regional Traffic Management Center.)

7. Other Business.

- Federal Status Update.
- Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Program Update, City of Altoona – Margaret Avenue
- 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program Update Schedule
- Brief Update on the Transportation Revenue Options Commission's Final Report.

8. Adjournment.

cc: Blair County Local Governments
Blair County Planning Commission
Nicole Hemminger, Chief Clerk and County Administrator, County of Blair
Chris Hull, Civil Engineer, PennDOT Engineering District 9-0
Pat Miller, Executive Vice President, Altoona Blair County Development Corporation
John Pecze, Municipal Services Supervisor, PennDOT Engineering District 9-0
Brandon Peters, Transportation Program Manager, SAP&DC