

## PROJECT SELECTION PROCESS

The Cambria County Planning Commission (CCPC) maintains an ongoing planning process, necessary for the continued development and implementation of the State Twelve Year Transportation Program and Federal Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). This planning process, consistent with the Johnstown MPO's adopted Public Participation Plan (PPP), provides for the early notification and coordination of required planning activities. Early in the development process, the Planning Commission notifies, in writing, the County Commissioners, the County's 63 municipal governments, and interested community and economic development agencies of pending State Transportation Commission (STC) public hearings. The municipalities and interested parties are surveyed for needed highway and bridge projects and are requested to identify their transportation need and priorities on the Recommended Highway and Bridge Improvement Forms (copies enclosed) provided by the Planning Commission. Copies of the most current adopted Twelve Year Program are provided to aid in the selection of their project priorities.

Following this introductory phase, all municipal project requests received are updated in the County's inventory of highway and bridge projects and local priorities noted. Utilizing the County's established prioritizing criteria and point computation sheets for both highways and bridges (copies enclosed), an updated listing of recommended priorities is prepared and shared with PennDOT's District 9-0 office, Hollidaysburg, PA. Negotiations and meeting with the Department's Central and District offices are then held until a final draft of the recommended Twelve Year Program and TIP is prepared for voting consideration by the Johnstown MPO. During this development process, the Planning Commission continues its outreach and coordination efforts by notifying municipal and county officials of the region's STC public involvement process, scheduling public testimony, and presenting oral and written testimony to the STC. A chronology of the Planning Commission's efforts in the development of the 2019 Transportation Program (2019-2030 Twelve year Program; 2019-2022 TIP) can be documented as follows:

- June, 2017: The Planning Commission notified, in writing, municipal and County officials of the 2019 biennial update of the Twelve Year Program; tentative schedules for the region's STC public hearing; and requested recommended highway and bridge project priorities.
- June, 2017: The Planning Commission forwarded to the Cambria County Commissioners, municipal officials, and interested parties copies of the STC Guidelines for Public Participation in the 2019 Transportation Program
- June 19, 2017: The Planning Commission met with the Department's District 9-0 staff to review municipal priorities and updated the County's priorities.
- July 26, 2017: The JATS Technical and Coordinating Committees met and solicited public input, along with State Transportation Commissioner Ec Cernic Sr.
- July, 2017: The Planning Commission updated the County's listing of recommended highway and bridge projects, including municipal priorities.

- November 1, 2017: The Johnstown MPO Technical and Coordinating committees voted unanimously to approve the draft 2019-2022 Highway/Bridge and Public Transit TIPs.
- May 4, 2018: Air quality conformity review reports were completed by consultants working through the PennDOT Central Office.
- May 7 – June 6, 2018: The TIP Draft and related documents are made available for public review and comments. Copies of the TIP documents are displayed at four locations throughout the County, and were posted on the Planning Commission's website.
- May 24, 2018: A public meeting will be held at the CamTran office in Johnstown to review the TIP documents and receive public input about the TIP.
- June 6, 2018: The JATS Technical and Coordinating Committees will vote on approval of the 2019-2022 Highway and Bridge TIP, Public Transit TIP and related documents.