

PUBLIC REVIEW NOTICE

CAMBRIA COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AIR QUALITY CONFORMITY

The Cambria County Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) is responsible for the review and approval of local plans and programs seeking federal and state funds for transportation improvements. The MPO jurisdiction includes all of Cambria County. Federal regulations for metropolitan planning require that the metropolitan transportation planning process include a proactive public involvement process that provides complete information, timely public notice, full public access to key technical and policy decisions, and supports early and continuing involvement of the public in developing transportation plans, studies, and Transportation Improvement Programs (TIPs). The public participation process conducted by the Cambria County MPO will include the Cambria County Transit Authority (CamTran) Program of Projects (POP) and the Transit Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) projects. The public participation process will recognize that the MPO's public participation process satisfies CamTran's public participation requirement for the POP. These documents must also be properly advertised for public review and comment.

The Cambria County MPO adopted on August 11, 2016 the current Cambria County Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) covering Federal Fiscal Years (FFY) 2015-2040. The current TIP of highway, bridge and public transit projects for the four-year period beginning October 1, 2018 through September 30, 2021 was adopted by the MPO on June 6, 2018. Included with this approval was documentation that all projects contained in the Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2019-2022 TIP satisfied the requirements of the Federal Clean Air Act Amendments (CAAA) of 1990. The CAAA of 1990 mandates further improvements to the nation's air quality and requires MPO's across the state and nation to conform to the National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) for ozone, carbon monoxide and particulate matter. Since vehicular emissions contribute to ozone pollutants, the Cambria County MPO's FFY 2021-2045 LRTP and 2021-2024 TIP are required to be in air quality conformity with the eight-hour ozone standards of the CAAA, as well as fine particulate matter (PM 2.5). A conformity analysis of the FFY 2021-2045 LRTP, including the 2021-2024 TIP was completed, and the MPO was found to be in compliance with conformity requirements. The results of the conformity analysis are included with the 2021-2045 LRTP documents.

Consistent with the Cambria County MPO's adopted Public Participation Plan (PPP), copies of the draft 2021-2045 LRTP, project listings for the FFY 2021-2024 Highway and Bridge TIP, Cambria County Transit Authority (CamTran) Program of Projects (POP), Public Transit

Transportation Improvement Program Projects, air quality conformity report, and other supportive documents are available for public inspection between the dates of May 23, 2020 and June 23, 2020. These documents can be viewed on the Cambria County Planning Commission's website: www.cambriaplanning.org. Individuals without access to the website can request paper copies of the materials by calling the Cambria County Planning Commission Office at 814-472-2106, or by writing: Cambria County Planning Commission, 401 Candlelight Drive, Ebensburg, PA 15931

The above public involvement process provides for a thirty (30) day review period during which time a number of meetings will be held as follows:

MEETING DATE and TIME:

Public Meeting: June 3, 2020, 2:00 PM

MPO Committees: June 24, 2020, 9:30 AM

(Technical and Coordinating)

Public participation in these meetings is encouraged and welcomed, and persons wishing to comment on the planning documents will be afforded an opportunity to be heard. Adoption of the proposed FFY 2021-2045 LRTP and FFY 2021-2024 TIP will be considered by the Cambria County MPO at its June 24, 2020 meeting.

Due to current Covid 19 response guidelines, the above meetings will be conducted via conference call/online webinar. Persons wishing to participate in these meetings must contact Mr. Ethan Imhoff (Study Secretary), Cambria County Planning Commission, at (814) 472-2106. Special accommodations will be made for the disabled, including visually and hearing impaired. All requests to participate must be made within two (2) days of the above scheduled meetings.

Ethan Imhoff
Study Secretary