

CAMBRIA COUNTY METROPOLITAIN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (CCMPO)

ANNUAL LISTING OF FEDERALLY OBLIGATED PROJECTS

**FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR 2019
(OCTOBER 1, 2018 – SEPTEMBER 30, 2019)**

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Cambria County MPO

The Cambria County MPO is the official organization through which federal transportation funds are distributed, planned, programmed and implemented in Cambria County. The Cambria County MPO operates via an agreement with PennDOT to approve studies and capital improvements for highways, bridges, transit, railroads, bicycle/pedestrian facilities and other transportation concerns. Four primary documents are developed and approved by the MPO: the region's Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP), Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), Public Participation Plan (PPP) and Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP). In executing its work, the MPO strives to provide a balanced transportation system for the maximum benefit of people, businesses, and communities.

Purpose of this Report

The Annual List of Obligated Projects report is a requirement of current federal transportation law, known as the Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act (FAST Act), which requires MPOs to publish an annual report on the projects for which federal funding has been obligated during the federal fiscal year from October 1 to September 30. The federal regulation states, in plain language, that:

"An annual listing of projects, including investments in pedestrian walkways and bicycle transportation facilities, for which federal funds have been obligated in the preceding program year shall be published or otherwise made available through the cooperative effort of the state, public transportation operator(s), and metropolitan planning organization. The listing shall be consistent with the categories identified in the TIP."

The Federal Highway Administration defines obligation as the "federal government's legal commitment (promise) to pay or reimburse states or other entities for the federal share of a project's eligible costs." Thus, an obligated project is one that has been approved by the federal government for reimbursement, though not necessarily reimbursed yet. This reimbursement can be for projects that have been initiated in previous years or will not be completed until future years, and the final cost of a project may be different from the amount obligated. Funding can also be "de-obligated" from projects in response to lower than expected costs, project cancellation, or other factors, and these released resources are often redirected to other projects.

This report responds to the directive set forth in federal statute. It lists all federally-funded transportation projects in the Cambria County MPO region that were obligated during Federal Fiscal Year 2019 (October 1, 2018 to September 30, 2019), as well as those that were de-obligated.

Highway and Bridge Project Obligations

For highway and bridge projects during FFY 2019, the Cambria County MPO saw a total of **\$18,767,982** obligated, and a total of **\$609,620** de-obligated, for a net **\$18,158,362** in obligated funds over a total of thirty-three projects.

The tables in Appendix A (attached) show obligations and de-obligations by project for FFY 2019. Descriptions of the various table items are as follows:

Funding Class Descriptions:

Bridge Off System Funds: Used for bridges under 20 feet that are located on Rural Minor Collectors, Rural Local Roads or Urban Local Roads.

Enhancements Funds: Used for projects which provide access for pedestrians, bicycles, and other non-motorized forms of transportation; includes off-road trails or on-street bike/pedestrian facilities.

NHPP Funds: Used for construction of new facilities, maintenance and support of the National Highway System (NHS).

Rail & Highway Funds: Most commonly used for grade crossing projects.

Safety Funds: Used for roadway design features or hardware, such as guiderails, traffic signals, rumble strips, signage, etc., that help reduce crashes or minimize their severity.

Special Funding: Funds earmarked for specific projects by members of Congress allocated under prior transportation bills. (The FAST Act does not contain any earmarked funds.)

Surface Transportation Program (STP) Funds: Flexible funding used for federal-aid highway, bridge and tunnel projects on any public road, pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure, and transit capital projects, including intercity bus terminals.

Other Table Definitions:

MPMS stands for Multi-modal Project Management System number. It is an inventory of Highway/Bridge and Rail/Freight projects that contains information about project phase milestones, funding, and status). Additional project information can be found at PennDOT's One Map interactive online map and searching by the MPMS # as the Asset ID. This interactive map also provides project search by region, route, address or intersection options and gives project details such as let date, estimated completion date, etc.

Short Title is the short project title

PH. is the Project Phase: PE (Preliminary Engineering); FD (Final Design); UTL (Utilities); ROW(Right of Way); CON (Construction); Study

SR is the State Route (SR) number

SEC is the Section of the route

Obligated is the amount of obligated federal funds for the FFY of this report

Abbreviations Used in Short Project Titles:

Br or Brg – Bridge

Co – County

Crk or Cr – Creek

HSIP – Highway Safety Improvement Program

HTCMB – High Tension Cable Median Barrier

Hwy – Highway

I – Interstate Route Number

Impr or Imprv – Improvement

Int or Intersect – Intersection

MCGR – Median Cable Guiderail

All of the obligated projects are filtered in the following table in ascending order by their project number (MPMS #).

Public Transit Obligations

The following funds were obligated for public transit projects in 2019:

<u>Project ID</u>	<u>5307</u>	<u>5337</u>	<u>Project Title</u>
PA-2016-025-00	\$2,375,285	\$14,243	2016-17 Operating Funds/Security Funds/ Bus Replacement/Inclined Plane Improvements
PA-2017-028-00	\$1,793,919	\$0	17-18 Operating Funds/Security Funds/Bus
PA-2018-043-00	\$724,000	\$0	2018-19 Operating Funds/Security Projects for FY 18-19
PA-2019-025-00	\$960,795	\$13,504	CamTran FY 2017 Section 5337 & FY 2018 Section 5307 Bus Replacement and Inclined Plane Improvements