

PUBLIC REVIEW NOTICE

CAMBRIA COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION FFY 2023 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM UPDATE AIR QUALITY CONFORMITY PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD

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 is currently overseeing the biennial update to the Twelve Year Program (TYP) and the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for Cambria County. Consistent with the Cambria County MPO's adopted Public Participation Plan (PPP), copies of the draft FFY 2023-2026 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 through June 8, 2022. 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 Cambria County MPO adopted on June 24, 2020 the current Cambria County Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) covering Federal Fiscal Years (FFY) 2021-2045. The current TIP of highway, bridge and public transit projects for the four-year period beginning October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2025 was also adopted by the MPO on June 24, 2020. Included with this approval was documentation that all projects contained in those programs 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, Cambria County MPO's LRTP and 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 2023-2026 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 2023 transportation program update documents.

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

Public Meeting:

May 25, 2022, 2:00 PM

Cambria County Transit Authority

502 Maple Ave, Johnstown, PA 15901

MPO Committees, (Technical and Coordinating):

June 8, 2022, 9:00 AM

Upper Yoder Twp. Municipal Office

110 Sunray Drive, Johnstown, PA 15905

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 2023 transportation program update will be considered by the Cambria County MPO at its June 8, 2022 meeting.

Special accommodations will be made for the disabled, including visually and hearing impaired. For more information, contact Mr. Chris Allison (MPO Secretary), Cambria County Planning Commission, at (814) 472-2106.