

## **PROJECT SELECTION PROCESS AND PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT TIMELINE**

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 (TYP) 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 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 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, 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 testimony to the STC.

A chronology of the Planning Commission's efforts in the development of the 2023 Cambria County Transportation Program (2023-2034 Twelve year Program; 2023-2026 TIP) update can be documented as follows:

### **TIP and TYP Development:**

- December, 2020: Municipal outreach for the 2023 Transportation Program update was conducted. Municipal project requests and priorities were gathered.
- September 1, 2021: The Planning Commission met with PennDOT District 9-0 staff to prioritize and select candidate projects for the 2021 Transportation Program Update.
- November 2, 2021: The Planning Commission met online with PennDOT Central Office and District 9-0 staff to further refine project priorities for the 2023-2026 Highway and Bridge TIP.
- December 7, 2021: Planning Commission and PennDOT District 9-0 staff met with the Cambria County Commissioners to brief them on the 2023 Transportation Program update progress.

- December 9, 2021: The Cambria County MPO Technical and Coordinating Committees approved an initial draft of the 2023-2026 Highway and Bridge TIP.
- January 19, 2022: The Planning Commission met with PennDOT Central Office and District 9-0 staff to discuss TIP development and timeline through MPO approval.
- January 24, 2022: The Cambria County MPO Technical and Coordinating Committees approved a revised draft of the 2023-2026 Highway and Bridge TIP, which included updates related to additional funding availability through the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA).
- April, 2022: The air quality conformity review report encompassing the Cambria County 2023-2026 TIP and 2023-2034 TYP was completed by consultants working through the PennDOT Central Office.
- May 2022: Planning Commission completed Environmental Justice Benefits and Burdens Analysis for the 2023-2026 TIP and 2023-2034 TYP.

#### **TIP and TYP Public Review and Approval:**

- May 12 – June 28, 2022: A draft of the 2023 Transportation Program update and related documents will be made available for public review and comments. Copies of the TIP documents will be posted on the Planning Commission’s website. Letters and emails will be sent to interested parties identified in the Cambria County MPO’s Public Participation Plan, and a notice was placed in the Johnstown Tribune Democrat indicating the public comment period dates, and date of the public meeting, as well as instructions on how to obtain the program update documents for review, how to provide comments, and how to participate in the public meeting.
- May 25, 2022: A public meeting to review the 2023 Transportation Program Update documents and receive public input about the TIP will be held the CamTran office in Johnstown.
- June, 2022: All FHWA, PennDOT, and public comments are incorporated into the draft 2023 Program Update.
- June 29, 2022: The Cambria County MPO Technical and Coordinating Committees votes on approval of the 2023-2026 Cambria County Highway and Bridge TIP, Public Transit TIP and related documents.