Centre County Metropolitan Planning Organization (CCMPO)

Centre County Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) 2044

DRAFT Public Comment Period Summary

I. When Was LRTP 2044 Made Available for Public Comment?

August 17, 2015 The LRTP documents were posted on the CCMPO's website.

August 17, 2015 A notice was mailed and emailed to seven Native American Tribes and Nations whose ancestors had at one time lived in Centre County. The notice directed tribal representatives to the website at which all documents could be accessed. The notice indicated that previous consultation has occurred through PennDOT and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA).

August 17, 2015 A notice was mailed and emailed to the municipal managers or secretaries for the 35 municipalities in Centre County. The notice included the website address to access the documents; the dates for the start and conclusion of the public comment period; the date, time, and location of the public meeting; and the date, time, and location of the meeting at which the Coordinating Committee would consider adopting the LRTP 2044.

August 17, 2015 A letter was mailed and emailed to 87 organizations designated as "interested parties" in the CCMPO's Public Participation Plan (PPP.) The interested parties include: affected public agencies, representatives of public transportation employees, freight shippers, providers of freight transportation services, private providers of transportation, representatives of users of public transportation, representatives of users of pedestrian walkways and bicycle transportation facilities, representatives of the disabled and other entities. The notice included the website address to access the documents; the dates for the start and conclusion of the public comment period; the date, time, and location of the public meeting; and the date, time, and location of the meeting at which the Coordinating Committee would consider adopting the LRTP 2044.

August 18, 2015 The 30-day public comment period was formally initiated. Classified advertisements were placed in The Progress (Clearfield/Philipsburg), The Express (Lock Haven), and The Centre Daily Times (State College) newspapers. A paid block advertisement was also placed in The Centre Daily Times. Notices included the dates for the start and conclusion of the comment period; locations at which the LRTP documents were available for review; the date, time, and location of the public meeting; and the date, time, and location of the meeting at which the Coordinating Committee would consider adopting the LRTP 2044.

August 18, 2015 A notice about the public comment period was placed on the C-NET public access cable television bulletin board. A press release was sent to 24 broadcast and print media outlets, including web-based community news publishers, and three newspapers serving Centre County.

August 18, 2015 A notice was emailed to all persons on the mailing list for CCMPO meetings and reports. The mailing list includes local officials and citizens, committee members, and staff members for federal and state legislators. The notice included the website address to access the documents; the dates for the start and conclusion of the public comment period; the date, time, and location of the public meeting; and the date, time, and location of the meeting at which the Coordinating Committee would consider adopting the LRTP 2044.

September 2, 2015 A Public Meeting was held at the State College Borough Municipal building from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Staff members from the Centre Regional Planning Agency (CRPA), the Centre County Planning and Community Development Office (CCPCDO), Centre Area Transportation Authority (CATA), PennDOT District 2-0 Office, PennDOT Central Office, and Federal Highway Administration were present to explain all aspects of the draft LRTP and to respond to questions and receive comments.

September 17, 2015 The 30-day public comment period concluded at 5:00 pm.

II. Public Comments and Responses

Comments received via written correspondence, telephone, or email (copies of written correspondence are attached):

	Agency / Individual	Summary of Comment	Response
1	William MacMath - on behalf of the Spring Township Board of Supervisors (correspondence)	Requests that the SR 26 Betterment (Jacksonville Road) and I-80/I-99 Interchanges be removed from "Projects for Future Consideration" and moved back to the number one priority project.	By placing the SR 26 Betterment (Jacksonville Road) and I-80/I-99 Interchanges projects in the "Projects for Future Consideration", the CCMPO acknowledges the importance of these projects while recognizing that funding is not currently available to advance construction.
2	Online comment	Much more should be done to prioritize converting roads to complete streets, particularly roads that lead to many important destinations. I would hope that by 2044, all road users will be able to safely get to all major destinations in State College, not just automobile drivers. Believes this goal can be accomplished in 5 years.	The CCMPO agrees that a Complete Streets focus is important during project development and is proactively working with its partners to ensure that all modes are addressed where appropriate. The CCMPO has established an Implementation Strategy to develop Complete Streets Plans/Policies within the next 5 years.
3	Online comment	Appendix A – In addition to acronyms, transportation terms need to be defined. For example, what is the definition and scope of "commuter bus service"? Is this different that "public" bus service.	CCMPO will work to further define transportation terms within the document and in future updates.
4	Online comment	Is there a fun way to educate & motivate student cyclists to follow PA bicycle laws? Particular focus should be given to reducing crashes involving bicyclists and pedestrians. Beyond crashes, attention should be given to overall safety on the bicycle & pedestrian network.	The CCMPO agrees with your comments and is dedicated to the 5 E's of bicycling as outlined by the League of American Bicyclists. Engineering, Education, Encouragement, Enforcement, Evaluation & Planning. The CCMPO's highest priority goal is improving safety for all modes of travel.

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5	Online comment	I am very concerned about the treatment of people with disabilities and their access to public transportation, because of information in the media indicating that the Centre Region is not meeting its moral and public responsibility to persons with disabilities. I want the public transportation in Centre County to meet the needs of those with disabilities and for these individuals to be treated with the respect and care that they deserve as residents of this county.	The CCMPO and the public providers of transportation services in Centre County take your concerns seriously, and are committed to working with stakeholders to ensure that persons with disabilities are provided access and the necessary accommodations to allow use of public transportation. Your concerns will be provided to the Centre Area Transportation Authority (CATA) and the Centre County Office of Transportation (CCOT), which both receive state and/or federal funding through the CCMPO. In particular, the CCMPO notes that services offered by CATA under the Americans with Disabilities Act meet, and in some areas exceed, legislated minimums. CATA is audited regularly both by state and federal funding agencies relative to this topic and has been found to be in compliance. Regarding the information in the media referenced in your comment (believed to be letters to the editor of the Centre Daily Times), CATA would welcome the opportunity to speak with you directly about your concerns.
6	Jon Eich (via email attached)	Mr. Eich provided 26 comments; 5 of which were editorial and the remaining 21 were related to content.	Acknowledge receipt of all comments. Editorial comments will be addressed in the final LRTP. The remaining comments are addressed on the next two pages.

	Summary of Comment	Response
Eich 1	Thank you for continuing to include Projects for Future Consideration	Acknowledge comment.
Eich 2	The Study area for US 322/PA 144/PA 45 is shown, is there a corresponding project and which time period?	The map reflects the Route 322/144/45 Corridors project that is listed as a Project for Future Consideration. An edit will be made to the map to clarify this distinction.
Eich 3	Is it possible to move the construction phase of the Lick Run Bridge into the first four years?	The CCMPO and PennDOT District 2-0 work closely on development of the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). At this time there are no plans to accelerate the Lick Run Bridge project to the 2015-2018 TIP. However, the construction phase will be considered for inclusion on the 2017-2020 TIP.
Eich 4	Can the College Avenue & High Street signal and related pedestrian improvements be moved to an earlier phase? Would it qualify for consideration as an Environmental Justice project? Would it qualify as a project on the NHPP?	The CCMPO Coordinating Committee did not indicate a policy level adjustment to advance this project at this time. The CCMPO and PennDOT District 2-0 work closely on development of the TIP. There are no plans to accelerate the project. However, this project would qualify as an NHPP eligible project and is also a Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) corridor. Depending on funding availability in future years, these designations could impact project timeline. The CCMPO can evaluate the project in more detail to future determine any benefits or burdens to the designated EJ community, but this is not anticipated to impact project timeline.
Eich 5	Delete the Epply White Road Bridge from consideration	The CCMPO Coordinating Committee made a decision on 6/24/14 to adjust the priority of the Epply White Bridge to the lowest priority (25th) on the local bridge project list. While the bridge is essentially a closed private bridge, it is still designated as part of the local public road system, and as such should not be removed completely for consideration at this time.
Eich 6	Document the 970 comments received through the State Transportation Commission website	MPO staff will develop a summary of comments to be included in the LRTP 2044.
Eich 7	Important to note that proposed ozone standards may impact Centre County's standing as a non-attainment area	CCMPO is aware of the new proposed standards and will reference this in the final LRTP.
Eich 8	Please note on Page II-4 that No Available Vehicles refers to motor vehicles	CCMPO will reference this in the final LRTP.
Eich 9	Does University Drive qualify for a designation?	University Drive is an HSIP corridor.
Eich 10	Do the illustrations indicate that Level of Service is expected to get worse on most of the projects in the plan, even if the proposed improvements are completed?	Level of Service (LOS) is a measure of delay within the system and is a result of a multiple contributing factors such as overall growth in traffic volumes. Your interpretation is correct, however it is important to note that project implementation is anticipated to limit the degradation of LOS over the no-build scenario. Further explanation of this will be added to the document.

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	Summary of Comment	Response
Eich 11	Narrative should be expanded to include number of bridges scheduled to be replaced through the state P3 initiative and the current TIP. A total accounting of SD and FO bridges should also be included.	CCMPO will reference this in the final LRTP.
Eich 12	Should the number of CNG vehicles in the CCOT fleet be reported along with the agency's plans to replace additional gasoline powered vehicles with CNG vehicles?	CCMPO will reference this in the final LRTP.
Eich 13	Narrative does not include Snow Shoe Rail Trail	CCMPO will reference this in the final LRTP.
Eich 14	There are two runways at University Park Airport. Airport facilities include a control tower staffed by air traffic controllers under contract to the FAA	CCMPO will reference this in the final LRTP.
Eich 15	Note the optional $5 registration fee available to county's for use on locally designated transportation projects.	CCMPO will reference this in the final LRTP.
Eich 16	Would joint dispatch of shared ride vehicles enhance efficiency, reduce duplication and costs?	CATA and the CCOT have been working together to find efficiencies in the delivery of shared ride services. Joint dispatch has been discussed and remains under evaluation.
Eich 17	Would prefer to see the Complete Streets policy adopted on a countywide basis by the MPO, at least initially, with municipal adoptions to follow.	The CCMPO is committed to development of Complete Streets plans/policies over the next 5 years. In what form and level of adoptions that those plans/policies occur will be determined on a municipal level.
Eich 18	Should note that the MPO does not meet the population and density thresholds to support light rail/street car operations	CCMPO will reference this in the final LRTP.
Eich 19	Would it be appropriate to include the State Transportation Commission online comment process in the section on Project Need?	CCMPO will reference this in the final LRTP, likely in several sections including Project Need.
Eich 20	Would it be appropriate to include community historical groups in the review process when there are projects in their community?	The CCMPO has included an Implementation Strategy that calls for the development of a local Environmental Resource Advisory Committee comprised of county specific agricultural, environmental, cultural & historic resource organizations to collaborate with the MPO on avoidance, minimizing impacts and mitigation measures.
Eich 21	Environmental Justice maps are difficult to interpret, particularly where there is overlap of shading areas	The CCMPO staff will work with GIS staff to try to improve the mapping appearance.

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CENTRE REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY

September 8, 2015

Centre County Metropolitan Planning Organization
2463 Gateway Drive, Suite 4
State College, PA 16801

Re: Draft – Centre County Long Range Transportation Plan 2044

To Whom It May Concern:

The Spring Township Board of Supervisors respectfully request that the SR26 Betterment (Jacksonville Road) and I-80/I-99 Interchanges be removed form the "Projects of Future Consideration" back to the number one priority that it had held previously.

We challenge all members of the CCMPO to visit the site to view first hand how dangerous this interchange has become. In the past three years there have been 60 crashes, probably one of the highest crash rates in the County, if not the highest.

We urge that this becomes a priority again and letters of support be sent to our State and Federal Elected Officials to allocate funding.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

William MacMath
Township Manager

Long Range Transportation Plan Comments

1) Thank you for continuing to include Projects for Future Consideration on page X-10.

2) The study area for the US 322/PA 45/PA 144 is shown on the map on X-16. Is there a project associated with the mapped area? If so, which time period is it in (perhaps the current TIP?).

3) Page X-17: If possible move the construction phase of the Lick Run Bridge into the first four years.

4) Page X-8: If possible, move the installation of the traffic signal and related pedestrian improvements at the intersection of College Avenue and High Street to an earlier phase. Would this project qualify for consideration as an Environmental Justice (Low Income) project? Would it qualify as a project on the NHPP (page V-1)?

5) Pages X-24 and 25: Delete the bridge to nowhere – Epply White Road in Spring Township which had an ADT of 0.

6) Earlier this year, the State Transportation Commission solicited comments on line. Centre County MPO received 970 comments, 6th highest in the state (far more than MPOs with similar population). Those comments need to be captured, translated into an easily readable format, and included in the Long Range Plan. The Plan's narrative should indicate where the comments support/reinforce the projects/priorities proposed in the LRTP, and where they identify projects/priorities not considered by/different from the MPO.

7) Page I-3, Paragraph 2 and VIII-7: Important to note that proposed changes to the ozone standard may result in Centre County once again being classified as a non-attainment area. One source says that would occur if the standard was set at 60 or 65 ppm, another source said even 70 ppm would result in a reclassification.

8) Page I-3, Bullet 6 – add in parentheses (4 years for nonattainment areas).

9) Page I-6, Paragraph 3, line 2: Change "been several" to "been updated several".

10) Page II-4: In the section under the heading Households with No Available Vehicles, please note that the statistics refer to *motor vehicles*, and that in the Penns Valley Region there is a significant Amish population that relies on horse drawn vehicles that do use the roads.

11) Page II-10, Paragraph 1, Line 8: Consider changing "outlying" to "neighboring".

12) Page III-2: Does University Drive qualify for a designation?

13) Page III-5: Legend of illustration is difficult to read because it is too small.

14) Page III-11, Paragraph 2, Line 1: change "forecats" to "forecast".

15) Page III-12 and 13: Do the illustrations indicate that the Level of Service is expected to get worse on most of the projects in the plan, even if the proposed improvements are completed? If so, this should be explained in the narrative.

16) Pages III-14 and 15: Narrative describes the number of bridges in the MPO, as well as the number of SD and FO bridges. The narrative should be expanded to include the number of bridges that are scheduled to be replaced as part of the statewide bridge initiative as well as programmed into the current TIP. The net number of SD and FO bridges should then be reported.

17) Page III-23: CCOT vehicles – Should number of CNG vehicles be reported, along with the agency's plans to replace gasoline powered vehicles with CNG vehicles.

18) Page III-28: The narrative contains no description of the Snow Shoe Rail Trail Network.

19) Page III-31: There are two runways at University Park Airport. Airport facilities include a control tower staffed by air traffic controllers under contract to the FAA.

20) Page V-1 and IX-2, Paragraph 2: LRTP should note that Act 89 authorizes counties to adopt an optional $5 fee on vehicle registration for use on locally designated transportation projects. For Centre County the fee would generate about $600,000 a year and could be applied to such projects as local bridges, pedestrian safety improvements, and bikeways.

21) Page V-2: Public transportation, bullet 3 – CATA/CCOT – would joint dispatch of shared ride vehicles enhance efficiency, reduce duplication, and reduce costs?

22) Page V-2, Bicycle/pedestrian, bullet 5: Would prefer to see the Complete Streets Policy adopted on a county-wide basis by the MPO, at least initially, with municipal adoptions to follow.

23) Page V-3, Air and Rail: Plan should note that the MPO does not meet the population and density thresholds to support light rail rail/street car operations.

24) Page VIII-8: Would it be appropriate to include the State Transportation Commission on-line public comment process in the section on Project Need?

25) Page XI-7, #3: Would it be appropriate to include community historical groups in the review process (in addition to Centre County Historical Society) when there are projects in their communities?

26) Pages XII-9-16, 20-7: I find the Environmental Justice Maps difficult to interpret, particularly where shading for the subject of the map overlaps the shading for the CATA service area.

Respectfully submitted,
Jon Eich, AICP
9/4/2015

III. Public Meeting

Format and Attendance

A public meeting was held on September 2, 2015 from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. The meeting included an open house display of graphics and written materials addressing the all aspects of the draft LRTP. Staff members from the CRPA, the CCPCDO, CATA, PennDOT District 2-0 Office, PennDOT Central Office, and the Federal Highway Administration were present to discuss the draft LRTP and to respond to questions and receive comments. Seven (7) citizens and officials attended the session.

Comments Received via Survey Distributed at the Meeting (copies of written correspondence are attached):

A public meeting survey form was made available to provide written comments. One (1) completed survey form was returned at the meeting, and two (2) survey forms were returned to staff after the meeting and prior to the close of the comment period.

	Where do you live?	Summary of Comment	Additional Comment	Response
1	Gregg Township	Stop light running is a major problem.	Too many local bridges are currently deficient and more will join that list in the future.	Acknowledge comments. The CCMPO is aware of the concerns regarding red light running and is working with its partners on strategies to deter that behavior. The CCMPO agrees that there are a number of structurally deficient local bridges that need attention. The CCMPO utilizes a local bridge prioritization process and works with its partners to address these structures through programming traditional rehabilitation and replacements. Additionally, the CCMPO uses alternate strategies, such as the allocation of County Act 13 Local At Risk Bridge funding, to aid municipally sponsored projects.
2	State College Borough	Replace the "no pedestrian crossing" signs at intersections with pedestrian facilities. Bicycle and pedestrian facilities need to be added to major arterials	Complete the "four-laning" of US 322 from Seven Mountains to Boalsburg	Acknowledge comments. The CCMPO is agrees that a Complete Streets focus is important during project development and is proactively working with its partners to ensure that all modes are addressed where appropriate. In addition, the CCMPO supports other planning efforts to advance bicycle and pedestrian network enhancements such as the Centre Region Bike Plan and the Penns & Brush Valley Rail Trail Feasibility Study. By placing the SR 322/144/45 Corridors (Potters Mills to I-80/I-99 area) in the "Projects for Future Consideration", the CCMPO acknowledges the importance of this project while recognizing that funding is not currently available to evaluate alignments, complete design/engineering and advance construction.

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3	State College Borough	There is a deadly mix of interstate truck traffic, regional commuters and local traffic on the three missing link projects, particularly US 322 between Potters Mills and Boalsburg. These projects (I-99/I-80 Interchanges, US 322 between Potters Mills and Boalsburg and Corridor O need to be completed. Rural portions of SR 26 (Jacksonville Road) in Spring and Marion Townships, including the Lick Run Bridge, need upgraded in advance of the I-80/I-99 Interchanges project.	Signalization and bike/pedestrian crossing at College Ave and High Street in State College would be a significant safety improvement in a low income area on the NHPP system.	Acknowledge comments. By placing the SR 26 Betterment (Jacksonville Road) and I-80/I-99 Interchanges, 322/144/45 Corridors and Corridor O projects in the "Projects for Future Consideration", the CCMPO acknowledges the importance of these projects while also recognizing that funding is not currently available to advance construction. The Lick Run Bridge and College Ave & High Street projects are both included in the LRTP and ranked based upon priorities set by the CCMPO.

PUBLIC MEETING SURVEY

Draft Centre County Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) 2044
Draft CCMPO Public Participation Plan
Draft CATA Strategic Plan

September 2, 2015 – State College Borough Municipal Building
4:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Please take a few minutes to complete the following survey so that we may better understand your concerns.

1) In which municipality do you live? Gress Twp

2) The LRTP 2044 includes 5 core questions that the CCMPO considers when making programmatic and policy decisions related to transportation planning and funding. Each question is meant to address the transportation system in its entirety, including: Highways & Bridges, Public Transportation, Air, Rail, and Bicycle & Pedestrian.

As part of the public meeting, the CCMPO would like to receive your feedback related to these questions:

a) Do you feel that the transportation system in Centre County is getting safer? ☐ Yes / ☐ No
a little each way
If no, please explain:
Stop light running is a major problem County wide. I do not even think of entering on a new green without checking for runners.

b) Do you feel that the Centre County transportation system is in a state of good repair? ☒ Yes ☐ No
If no, please explain:
Fairly good considering the lack of State + Federal Funding

c) Do you feel that the Centre County transportation system has adequate capacity (movement of people and goods can be accomplished without excessive delays)? ☒ Yes ☐ No
If no, please explain:

d) Do you feel that the Centre County transportation system has an adequate mix of modes (is the balance of highway, transit, air, rail, and bicycle & pedestrian amenities appropriate)? ☒ Yes ☐ No
If no, please explain:

e) Do you feel that the Centre County transportation system will support existing and future community and economic development needs? ☐ Yes ☒ No
If no, please explain:
Too many local bridges are currently deficient and there will be more joining that list in the future.

3) Do you have any comments about the other draft documents presented at tonight's meeting?

Public Participation Plan

CATA Strategic Plan

4) How did you find out about the public meeting? MPO calender

5) Was the meeting advertised far enough in advance? ☒ Yes ☐ No

6) Was the meeting held at a time and location convenient to you?

Meeting time: ☒ Yes ☐ No

Meeting location: ☒ Yes ☐ No stopped in on way home

How far did you have to travel? _____ miles

7) Were you able to review the documents prior to the meeting? ☒ Yes ☐ No

8) Was the information presented at the meeting understandable? ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ Somewhat

9) Were the maps and graphics on display at the meeting helpful for understanding the plan?

☒ Very Helpful ☐ Somewhat Helpful ☐ Not Helpful

10) Are you satisfied with how your questions and comments were addressed at the meeting? ☒ Yes ☐ No

If no, please explain:

11) If you visited the CCMPO website, was the information on the website helpful?

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have trouble making things large enough to read (Lists of projects, etc)

12) How can we improve future meetings?

13) Is there any additional information the project team should be made aware of?

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As part of the public meeting, the CCMPO would like to receive your feedback related to these questions:

a) Do you feel that the transportation system in Centre County is getting safer? ☐ Yes ☑ No
If no, please explain:
Not really much change. We need to replace the "no ped. crossing" signs at intersections w/ ped facilities.

b) Do you feel that the Centre County transportation system is in a state of good repair? ☐ Yes ☑ No
If no, please explain:
Paving & shoulder restoration is needed in ~~some~~ many areas throughout the County.

c) Do you feel that the Centre County transportation system has adequate capacity (movement of people and goods can be accomplished without excessive delays)? ☑ Yes ☐ No
If no, please explain:

d) Do you feel that the Centre County transportation system has an adequate mix of modes (is the balance of highway, transit, air, rail, and bicycle & pedestrian amenities appropriate)? ☐ Yes ☑ No
If no, please explain:
Ped & bike facilities need to be added to major arterials (e.g. East College Ave).

e) Do you feel that the Centre County transportation system will support existing and future community and economic development needs? ☐ Yes ☑ No
If no, please explain:
We need to complete the "four-laning" of US 322 from Sixth Mountain to Boalsburg.

3) Do you have any comments about the other draft documents presented at tonight's meeting?

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CATA Strategic Plan
Good work!

4) How did you find out about the public meeting? Email

5) Was the meeting advertised far enough in advance? ☑ Yes ☐ No

6) Was the meeting held at a time and location convenient to you?

Meeting time: ☑ Yes ☐ No

Meeting location: ☑ Yes ☐ No

How far did you have to travel? 2 miles

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N/A

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12) How can we improve future meetings?

Provide refreshments!

13) Is there any additional information the project team should be made aware of?

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As part of the public meeting, the CCMPO would like to receive your feedback related to these questions:

a) Do you feel that the transportation system in Centre County is getting safer? ☒ Yes ☐ No
If no, please explain:
BUT THERE IS A DEADLY MIX OF INTERSTATE TRUCK TRAFFIC REGIONAL COMMUTERS, AND LOCAL TRAFFIC ON THE 3 MISSING LINK PROJECTS IN CENTRE COUNTY PARTICULARLY US 322 BETWEEN POTTERS MILLS & BELLSBURG

b) Do you feel that the Centre County transportation system is in a state of good repair? ☒ Yes ☐ No
If no, please explain:
BUT RURAL PORTIONS OF PA 26 IN SPRING & MARION TOWNSHIPS INCLUDING THE LICK RUN BRIDGE SHOULD BE UPGRADED SOON TO PREPARE FOR THE I-99/I-80 MISSING LINK PROJECT

c) Do you feel that the Centre County transportation system has adequate capacity (movement of people and goods can be accomplished without excessive delays)? ☐ Yes ☒ No
If no, please explain:
THREE MISSING LINK PROJECTS NEED TO BE COMPLETED TO PROVIDE ADEQUATE CAPACITY FOR PEOPLE AND GOODS MOVING IN AND THRU CENTRE COUNTY: I99-I80 INTERCHANGES US322 BETWEEN POTTERS MILLS & BELLSBURG, CORRIDOR O - US322 I99 TO I80

d) Do you feel that the Centre County transportation system has an adequate mix of modes (is the balance of highway, transit, air, rail, and bicycle & pedestrian amenities appropriate)? ☒ Yes ☐ No
If no, please explain:

e) Do you feel that the Centre County transportation system will support existing and future community and economic development needs? ☒ Yes ☐ No
If no, please explain:
BUT SIGNALIZATION & BIKE/PED CROSSING AT COLLEGE AVE & HIGH ST IN STATE COLLEGE WOULD BE A SIGNIFICANT SAFETY IMPROVEMENT IN A LOW INCOME AREA ON THE NHPP SYSTEM

3) Do you have any comments about the other draft documents presented at tonight's meeting?

Public Participation Plan
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CATA Strategic Plan

4) How did you find out about the public meeting? MPO Coordinating Committee member

5) Was the meeting advertised far enough in advance? ☒ Yes ☐ No

6) Was the meeting held at a time and location convenient to you?

Meeting time: ☒ Yes ☐ No

Meeting location: ☒ Yes ☐ No

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If no, please explain:

N/A

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SEE ATTACHED COMMENTS

Please note: The attached comments are included on pages I-6 & I-7

IV. Public Comment Period & Meeting Advertising

CENTRE DAILY TIMES

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COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA)
COUNTY OF CENTRE) SS:

Amy Sinclair, being duly sworn according to law says that she is an agent of the Centre Daily Times, a daily newspaper of general circulation, having its place of business in State College, Centre County, Pennsylvania, and having been established in the year 1898; that the advertisement, a printed copy of which is attached hereto, appeared in said newspaper on the 18th day(s) of August, 2015; that affiant is not interested in the subject matter of the notice or advertisement; that all of the allegations contained herein relative to the time, place and character of the publication are true.

Amy D Sinclair
Witness Signature

Sworn and Subscribed to me this 19 day of August, A.D. 2015.

Tonya L. Fryberger
Notary Signature

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College Twp., Centre County
My Commission Expires July 26, 2016
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STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA :
: SS:
COUNTY OF CLEARFIELD :

On this 14th day of September, A.D. 20 15, before me, the subscriber, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared Pat Patterson, who being duly sworn according to law, deposes and says that he is the Publisher of The Progress, a daily newspaper published at Clearfield, in the County of Clearfield and State of Pennsylvania, and established April 5, 1913, and that the annexed is a true copy of a notice or advertisement published in said publication in the regular issues of August 18, 2015.
And that the affiant is not interested in the subject matter of the notice or advertising, and that all of the allegations of this statement as to the time, place, and character of publication are true.

Sworn and subscribed to before me the day and year aforesaid.

Cheryl J. Robison
Notary Public Clearfield, Pa.

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
Notarial Seal
Cheryl J. Robison, Notary Public
Clearfield Boro, Clearfield County
My Commission Expires Oct. 31, 2015
MEMBER, PENNSYLVANIA ASSOCIATION OF NOTARIES

Proof of Publication

STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA } SS
CLINTON COUNTY

Before me, a Notary in and for the County aforesaid, personally appeared Robert O. Rolley, Jr. who being duly sworn according to law, doth depose and say that he is Publisher of The Lock Haven Express, a general newspaper established on the First Day of March 1882, and published at Lock Haven, in Clinton County, Pennsylvania, and that the advertisement of which a copy is attached hereto, was published in the regular editions and issues of said newspaper on the following dates, ... August 18 2015.....

And in all respects as ordered; and that the affiant is not interested in the subject matter of the notice and that all of the allegations of the statement as to the time, place and character of publication are true.

.....Publisher

Sworn and subscribed before me this.....20.....day of.....August....A.D. 2015.

Notary Public

My Commission expires

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
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THE STATE

Kane to offer more details on porn email scandal

HARRISBURG — Attorney General Kathleen Kane's lawyer said Tuesday she expects to disclose new details about a pornographic email scandal as part of her criminal defense, following the release of court documents that suggest she already had the authority to make them public, despite her claims to the contrary.

The Pennsylvania Supreme Court took the unusual step of releasing a pair of documents it secretly issued in December — along with a press release — that said a county judge's protective order wasn't intended to prevent Kane from making "appropriate public disclosure" of information connected with the pornographic email scandal. The court documents were issued in a legal challenge, brought by Kane, to the protective order.

Kane was charged earlier this month with perjury, obstruction and other offenses related to her alleged leak of confidential information from a 2009 investigation to a Philadelphia newspaper.

The protective order had been issued in connection with the grand jury investigation that led to the charges against her.

THE NATION

Iran deal appears likely to gain approval

WASHINGTON — The fiercely contested Iran nuclear deal will likely survive in Congress despite unified GOP opposition and some Democratic defections, the top Senate Republican said. That would mean a major foreign policy win for President Barack Obama.

Obama has "a great likelihood of success," Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell said in his home state of Kentucky this week — giving public voice to what other Republicans have acknowledged in private. "I hope we can defeat it, but the procedure is obviously stacked in the president's favor."

Indeed, even as Congress' August recess has hardened Republicans' opposition to the deal on Capitol Hill and on the presidential campaign trail, reality is setting in. They probably can't stop it. Significant Democratic defections from Obama would be required in both chambers of Congress, and even with opponents mounting a strenuous lobbying campaign in key congressional districts, such a prospect looks remote.

That means that even with Obama firmly in lame-duck territory and his GOP opponents in control of Congress and aiming for the White House, the president is on the verge of a legacy defining victory on a pact that he and his supporters say will keep the world safe from Iran's nuclear ambitions. Opponents continue to warn furiously that the result could be just the opposite: to strengthen Tehran's hand, in an existential threat to Israel and the world.

On Tuesday a second Democratic senator, Bob Menendez, of New Jersey, did announce his opposition to the deal, joining Chuck Schumer, of New York.

FDA approves drug to stimulate female libido

WASHINGTON — The Food and Drug Administration on Tuesday approved the first prescription drug designed to boost sexual desire in women, a milestone long sought by a pharmaceutical industry eager to replicate the blockbuster success of impotence drugs for men.

But stringent safety measures on the daily pill called Addyi mean it will probably never achieve the sales of Viagra, which has generated billions of dollars since the late 1990s.

The drug's label will bear a boxed warning — the most serious type — alerting doctors and patients to the risks of dangerously low blood pressure and fainting, especially when the pill is combined with alcohol. The same problems can occur when taking the drug with other commonly prescribed medicines, including antifungals used to treat yeast infections.

"Patients and prescribers should fully understand the risks associated with the use of Addyi before considering treatment," said Dr. Janet Woodcock, director of the FDA's drug center, in a statement.

Ex-Subway ad star Fogle to plead to child porn

INDIANAPOLIS — Longtime Subway pitchman Jared Fogle is expected to plead guilty to child-pornography charges, an Indiana television station reported Tuesday.

The report on Fox59 comes six weeks after authorities seized electronics and other items from Fogle's home in Zionsville, an affluent Indianapolis suburb.

Citing sources it did not identify, the station said Fogle would enter a plea Wednesday. It also said the U.S. Attorney's Office in Indianapolis planned to hold a news conference Wednesday.

The 37-year-old Fogle became a Subway pitchman more than 15 years ago after shedding more than 200 pounds as a college student, in part by eating the chain's sandwiches.

Subway suspended its association with Fogle after the raid. The company declined to comment Tuesday, saying only that the chain had "already ended our relationship with Jared."

Tropical Storm Danny forms in far Atlantic

MIAMI — Tropical Storm Danny has formed in the Atlantic Ocean but remains well out to sea.

The storm is the Atlantic's fourth named storm of the season. On Tuesday, the National Hurricane Center in Miami said it's located about 1,595 miles east of the Windward Islands. It has maximum sustained winds of 40 mph and is moving west at 12 mph.

The storm currently poses no threat to land; there are no watches or warnings in effect.

AP photo/James Poulson

THE BIG PICTURE A house under construction is seen next to a landslide on Kramer Avenue in Sitka, Alaska. Another house under construction, located to the left, was buried in the slide. Four people working on it were missing.

THE WORLD

Thai authorities have video of bombing suspect

BANGKOK — In the grainy security video, a man in a yellow shirt sits on a bench at the crowded Erawan Shrine, removes a backpack he is wearing, and leaves it behind when he walks away.

For police hunting who was responsible for Monday's deadly bombing in central Bangkok, there was no doubt about the man with youthful shaggy dark hair and glasses.

"The yellow shirt guy is not just the suspect. He is the bomber," police spokesman Lt. Gen. Prawut Thavornsiri told The Associated Press on Tuesday.

Prime Minister Prayuth Chan-ocha called the shrine bombing near a busy intersection that killed 20 and wounded more than 100 "the worst incident that has ever happened in Thailand," and he promised to track down those responsible.

"There have been minor bombs or just noise, but this time they aimed for innocent lives," Prayuth said. "They want to destroy our economy, our tourism."

From wire reports

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Treasure Hunt: 3-4-11-15-20
Cash 5: 5-21-25-28-30
Mega Millions
Estimated Jackpot: $39 million
Numbers: 2-7-33-39-53
Megaball: 9 **Multiplier:** 3

CORRECTIONS

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The application will be performed on electric line rights-of-way during the period commencing 14 days from the date of publication of this notice and extending to 45 days from the date of publication. Prior to the application, an attempt will be made to contact property owners residing on the property scheduled for treatment of woody vegetation. Additional information will be furnished during this contact.

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Monday, September 21, 2015; 5:30 pm
Mount Nittany Medical Center
The Boardroom (Auditorium Entrance)

Interested community members are invited to attend the Medical Center's annual meeting.

Reports will be presented by the Chair of the Board of Trustees, the Treasurer, and the Chief of the Medical Staff. For more information, call 814.234.6142.

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