

## **Reading Area Transportation Study**

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TO: Reading Area Transportation Study Coordinating Committee

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RE: *Draft Reading Area Transportation Study Public Participation Plan (PPP) and Draft Limited English Proficiency (LEP) Plan*

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The MPO adopted its current Public Participation Plan (PPP) and Limited English Proficiency (LEP) Plan in 2017. Since that time, changes in outreach methods – notably the increased use of electronic means and virtual meetings – and the demographics of the County have necessitated an update to these documents.

As a recipient of federal financial assistance, the Reading Area Transportation Study has an obligation to ensure participation from the public in all transportation planning activities, and at all stages of the process. Both the PPP and LEP act as guides for RATS and staff to promote that participation.

At the May 4th Technical Committee meeting, a recommendation was made to the Coordinating Committee to release both documents for a 45-day Public Comment Period. At the May 18<sup>th</sup> Coordinating Committee meeting, staff will be asking for the Committee's approval to release both documents and undertake the 45-day Public Comment Period. At the conclusion of the comment period, comments will be evaluated, and the draft documents will be presented to the Technical Committee for a recommendation to approve at their July 6th meeting, with action by the Coordinating Committee tentatively scheduled for July 20<sup>th</sup>.

If you have any questions, feel free to give me a call (Ext. 6304) or email (mgolembiewski@countyofberks.com).

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