Reading Area Transportation Study

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TO: Reading Area Transportation Study Coordinating Committee

FROM: Michael D. Golembiewski, Transportation Modeler

RE: Reading Area Transportation Study Public Participation Plan (PPP) and Limited English Proficiency (LEPP) Plan Updates

DATE: July 13, 2023

In May the MPO authorized staff to undertake a formal 45-day Public Comment Period on the draft Plans. The Comment Period began on Sunday, June 4th and runs through Tuesday July 18th. At the present time, there have been no comments submitted for the record and only three (3) online surveys have been completed. Additionally, there were no members of the public attending the June 14th Public Meeting at the Berks County Agricultural Center and only two members attended the June 27th hybrid meeting at the Berks County Services Center.

Staff is compiling 'Appendix A: Public Participation Plan and the Limited English Proficiency Plan Update Period Activities' which will be added to both documents upon their adoption. This Appendix will detail all the activities undertaken to gather Public Input. It will also include any responses to comments, should any be required. Included with this memo are links to the complete Appendix A (to date) as well as the Plans themselves (English and Spanish versions of both). It should be noted that the Plans have not changed since the May Coordinating Committee meeting.

At the July 6, 2023 Technical Committee meeting, two (2) recommendations were made to the Coordinating Committee:

- 1. To adopt Appendix A, subject to any comments and required responses between now and July 18th; and
- 2. To adopt both the *Public Participation Plan* and *Limited English Proficiency Plan*.

Staff will be asking the Coordinating Committee to take these two actions.

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

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Attach: (Links to Documents):

- Reading Area Transportation Study Public Participation Plan, May 2023 Draft

 English / Spanish
- Reading Area Transportation Study Limited English Proficiency Plan May 2023 Draft
 - English / Spanish
- Draft <u>Appendix A: Public Participation Plan and the Limited English Proficiency</u> Plan Update Period Activities