

**The Blair Metropolitan Planning Organization
Annual List of Obligated Projects Report**

for

Federal Fiscal Year 2024 (October 1, 2023 – September 30, 2024)

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and Altoona Metro Transit

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Title VI and ADA Nondiscrimination Public Notice, Complaint Procedures and Form

Title VI and ADA Nondiscrimination Public Notice

It is the policy of the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for Blair County and the Blair County Planning Commission (BCPC) to comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Civil Rights Restoration Act of 1987, Executive Order 12898, and related statutes and regulations in all programs and activities and requires that no person in the United States shall, on the grounds of race, color, national origin, sex, age, religion, income, disability or limited English proficiency can be excluded from the participation in, prevented admission or access to, or be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination under any program or activity or employment in for which the MPO and the BCPC receives Federal financial assistance. Any person who believes they have been aggrieved by an unlawful discriminatory practice under Title VI or related nondiscrimination laws has a right to file a formal complaint consistent with the MPO's complaint procedures. Any such complaint must be in writing and signed by the complaining person (s) or representative and filed within sixty (60) days following the date of the alleged discriminatory occurrence. Discrimination complaints should be directed to David McFarland, III, Nondiscrimination Coordinator, Blair County Planning Commission and Blair MPO at (814) 693-2080 or 711 or dmcfarland@blairplanning.org as soon as possible before the scheduled event. The Nondiscrimination Complaint Form can be obtained from the Offices of the Blair County Planning Commission or by visiting the Commission's Web site at blairplanning.org. You may obtain assistance with completing the complaint form from Blair Planning and assistance may be obtained by contacting any of the agencies listed on the complaint form or within the procedures. You may contact the Bureau of Equal Opportunity at (717) 787-5891.

Anyone who requires an auxiliary aid or service for effective communication, or a modification of policies or procedures to participate in a program, service, or activity of the Blair MPO, should contact the office of David McFarland, III, AICP, Planning Director and ADA Coordinator, Blair County Planning Commission, at (814) 693-2080 or 711 or dmcfarland@blairplanning.org as soon as possible before the scheduled event. Complaints that a program, service, or activity of the Blair MPO is not accessible to persons with disabilities should be directed to David McFarland, III, ADA Coordinator at the contact information above.

Language Taglines

English

ATTENTION: If you speak another language other than English, language assistance services can be made available to you. Call 1 (814) 245-3938.

Vietnamese

LƯU Ý: Nếu quý vị nói một ngôn ngữ khác không phải tiếng Anh, các dịch vụ hỗ trợ ngôn ngữ có thể được cung cấp cho quý vị. Gọi 1 (814) 245-3938.

Korean

주의: 영어 이외의 다른 언어를 사용하는 경우, 언어 지원 서비스를 이용할 수 있습니다. 1 (814) 245-3938 으로 전화하십시오.

French

« ATTENTION : Si vous parlez une autre langue que l'anglais, des services d'assistance linguistique peuvent être mis à votre disposition. Appelez le &1 (814) 245-3938. »

Somali

FIIRO GAAR AH: Haddii aad ku hadasho luqad kale aanan ahayn Ingiriisiga, adeegyada gargaarka luqadda ayaa lagu diyaarin karaa. Wac 1 (814) 245-3938.

Russian

ВНИМАНИЕ: если вы говорите на другом языке, вам может быть оказана языковая помощь. Обратитесь в информационно-справочную службу по номеру: 1 (814) 245-3938.

Ukrainian

УВАГА: якщо ви розмовляєте іншою мовою, вам може бути надана мовна допомога. Зверніться до інформаційно-довідкової служби за номером: 1 (814) 245-3938..

Simplified Chinese

请注意：如果您说英语以外的另一种语言，我们可以为您提供语言帮助服务。请致电 1 (814) 245-3938.

Traditional Chinese

請注意：如果您說英語以外的另一種語言，我們可以為您提供語言幫助服務。請致電 1 (814) 245-3938.

Arabic

تنبيه: إذا كنت تتحدث لغة أخرى غير اللغة الإنجليزية، يمكننا توفير خدمات المساعدة اللغوية لك. اتصل بالرقم 1 (814) 245-3938.

Burmese

သတိပြုရန်- သင်သည် အင်္ဂလိပ် ဘာသာစကား မဟုတ်သော အခြား ဘာသာစကားကို ပြောလျှင် သင့်အတွက် ဘာသာစကား အကူအညီ ဝန်ဆောင်မှုကို ရရှိနိုင်ပါသည်။ 1 (814) 245-3938 သို့ ခေါ်ဆိုပါ။

Japanese

注意：英語以外の言語を話す場合は、言語支援サービスを利用できるようになります。電話 1 (814) 245-3938.

Hindi

सूचना: यदि आप अंग्रेजी के अलावा कोई अन्य भाषा बोलते हैं, तो आपको भाषा सहायता सेवाएं उपलब्ध कराई जा सकती हैं। कॉल करें 1 (814) 245-3938.

Italian

ATTENZIONE: Se parli una lingua che non sia l'inglese, i servizi di assistenza linguistica possono essere messi a tua disposizione. Chiama 1 (814) 245-3938.

Polish

UWAGA: Jeśli posługujesz się językiem innym niż angielski, możesz skorzystać z usługi pomocy językowej. Zadzwoń pod numer 1 (814) 245-3938.

Nepali

ध्यान दिनुहोस्: यदि तपाईं अंग्रेजीबाहेक अन्य भाषा बोल्नुहुन्छ भने तपाईंलाई भाषा सहायता सेवा उपलब्ध गराउन सकिन्छ। 1 (814) 245-3938 मा फोन गर्नुहोस्।

Urdu

توجہ دیں: اگر آپ انگریزی کے علاوہ کوئی اور زبان بولتے ہیں تو آپ کی زبان میں مدد کے لیے آپ کو خدمات فراہم کرائی جاسکتی ہیں۔ براہ کرم 1 (814) 245-3938 پر کال کریں۔

Spanish

ATENCIÓN: Si habla otro idioma que no sea inglés, habrá servicios de asistencia en otros idiomas disponibles. Llame al 1 (814) 245-3938.

Greek

ΠΡΟΣΟΧΗ: Εάν μιλάτε άλλη γλώσσα διαφορετική από τα αγγλικά, οι υπηρεσίες γλωσσικής βοήθειας μπορούν να σας διατεθούν. Καλέστε 1 (814) 245-3938.

1. To access interpreter, dial 1 (814) 245-3938.
2. Select target language:
Spanish 1 Mandarin 2 Russian 3 German 4 Arabic 5 Hindi 6
All Other Languages 8
3. Provide your first and last name and the 3-digit code of the municipality from which you are calling or 400 if calling from the Courthouse. The municipal codes are as follows:

Three (3) Digit Code	Municipality
110	Allegheny Township
120	Altoona
130	Antis Township
140	Bellwood Borough
150	Blair Township
160	Catharine Township
170	Duncansville Borough
180	Frankston Township
190	Freedom Township
200	Greenfield Township
210	Hollidaysburg Borough
220	Huston Townhsip
230	Juniata Township
240	Logan Township
250	Martinsburg Borough
260	Newry Borough
270	North Woodbury Township
280	Roaring Spring Borough
290	Snyder Township
300	Taylor Township
310	Tunnelhill Borough
320	Tyrone Borough
330	Tyrone Township
340	Williamsburg Borough
350	Woodbury Township
400	Blair County Courthouse

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Blair Metropolitan Planning Organization Background

The Federal-Aid Act of 1962 led to the creation of the Altoona Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) in 1965 with the goal to provide a continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive planning process. (This process keeps the county eligible to receive U.S. Department of Transportation funds.) In its beginning, the MPO policy or Coordinating Committee consisted of members from PennDOT, the County, and the City of Altoona. In the 1990s, the study area expanded to the entire county and the committees were expanded to include Altoona Metro Transit, the airport, and local elected officials representing the townships and the boroughs. Others who participate in the planning process are the Blair County Chamber of Commerce, representatives of organizations that represent low income and minorities, state and federal legislators, citizens, and other interested parties.

The Blair County Planning Commission performs ongoing MPO administrative and transportation planning tasks that include convening MPO meetings and preparing meeting notices, agendas, and minutes. The planning staff also helps the MPO to meet other state and federal planning requirements like preparing the Unified Planning Work Program, the Long Range Transportation Plan, Transportation Improvement Program, and Public Participation and Title VI Plans.

The Annual List of Obligated Projects Requirement

The federal requirement of an annual list of obligated projects came from the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act of December 2015, the final rules on page 34158 of the Federal Register/Vol. 81, No. 103/Friday, May 27, 2016, 23 U.S. Code Section 450.334 state as follows:

- (a) In metropolitan planning areas, on an annual basis, no later than 90 calendar days following the end of the program year, the State, public transportation operators, and the MPO shall cooperatively develop a listing of projects (including investments in pedestrian walkways and bicycle transportation facilities) for which funds under 23 U.S.C. or 49 U.S.C. Chapter 53 were obligated in the preceding program year.
- (b) The listing shall be prepared in accordance with 450.314 (a) and shall include all federally funded projects authorized or revised to increase obligations in the preceding program year and shall at a minimum include the TIP information under 450.326 (g) (1) and (4) and identify, for each project, the amount of Federal funds requested in the TIP, the Federal funding that was obligated during the preceding year, and the Federal funding remaining and available for subsequent years.
- (c) The listing shall be published or otherwise made available in accordance with the MPO's public participation criteria for the TIP.

Highway and Bridge Obligated Projects

The requirement of the annual list of obligated projects has also been included in the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act of 2021. As a result, PennDOT prepared the following reports showing the projects that received federal funds from October 1, 2023, to September 30, 2024:

1. ***“Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Obligations Report Obligations 10-1-23 to 9-30-24”***
(This document shows the highway and bridge projects by title, project description, project phase, district, state route, and program 2024 fiscal year expenditures in Blair County.)
2. ***“Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2023 Altoona Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) with State Match Encumbrances and Expenditures 10-1-22 to 9-30-23”*** (Includes projects within Blair County).
3. ***“Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2023 Interstate TIP With State Match Encumbrances and Expenditures 10-1-23 to 9-30-24”***.

Altoona Metro Transit (Amtran) Federally Obligated Projects in 2024

Amtran FYs 2019 and 2021 Section 5307 Operating & Security Equipment for \$1,315,834.00, Federal Grant PA-2024-008-00.

Source: PennDOT Transit Federal Obligation Report 2024

Highway and bridge projects obligated in FY 2024 that included sidewalks or a shared use path to meet the above mentioned requirement in (a):

1. Logan Valley Streetcar Trail, Phase I is the construction of a shared use path in Bellwood Borough and Antis Township funded by the Transportation Alternative Set-Aside Program.
2. Resurfacing of PA Rt. 36 - Frankstown Road to Mill Road, Sidewalks and crosswalks will be preserved where they exist in the City of Altoona and Logan Township.
3. PA Route 36 Bridge over SR 2014 and Norfolk Southern and Everett Railroads will rehabilitate the bridge that includes retaining an existing sidewalk along the bridge’s western side in Hollidaysburg.
4. SR 1009/Frankston Road – SR 1021 to PA Rt. 36 A sidewalk is to be installed along the City side of the resurfacing and signal upgrade project located in the City of Altoona and Logan Township.
5. SR 4013/Chestnut Avenue – 10th Street to Greely Street resurfacing project in the City of Altoona includes retaining existing sidewalks.

Please note that the documents 1., 2., and 3., above can also be found at BlairPlanning.org adjacent to this document. For more information, please phone the Blair County Planning Commission at (814) 693-2080 Ext. 2 or email wburket@blairplanning.org.