

2025 TIP Development Timeline for the Blair Metropolitan Planning Organization

March – July 2022 – The Blair County Planning Commission/Blair Planning surveyed the County and municipalities for local bridge priorities.

Spring and Summer 2022 – Blair Planning asked municipalities and the County to complete PennDOT Connects project initiation forms for the recommended local bridges.

October 2022 – Blair Planning submitted an initial draft list of municipal bridge projects to PennDOT District 9-0.

March 2023 - PennDOT District 9-0 updated its Local Bridge Risk Assessment and met with Blair Planning to review municipal bridge priorities and suggestions from the risk assessment that would help prioritize projects to be included in the draft 2025 TIP.

March-April 2023 – Blair Planning reviewed the public comments for Blair County projects received during the State Transportation Commission’s Online Public Forum and public comment period for the 12-Year Program Update.

April 30, 2023 – Blair Planning reviewed and submitted its final list of municipal bridge and safety projects with completed PennDOT Connects forms to PennDOT District 9-0.

July 2023 - Blair Planning attended a Summer Planning Partners Meeting focused on the 2025 TIP update.

Fall 2023 – The PennDOT District 9-0 updated the project scopes and estimated costs/schedules for active projects on the current TIP.

Fall 2023 Blair Planning attended Planning Partners Meeting that provided information about the 2023 TIP update.

December 2023 – The District provided Blair Planning with a Draft 2025-2028 TIP that it distributed to the MPO Coordinating and Technical Committees.

December 11, 2023 – The Blair MPO approved the draft list of 2023 TIP projects.

December 2023 The Draft 2023 TIP project list was submitted to the Program Center, Federal Highway and Transit Administrations for review.

January 16, 2024 – The Program Center will hold a staff coordination conference call to review candidate projects, to agree on projects for inclusion in the Draft 2025 TIP, and to resolve any issues.

February- April 2024 – The PennDOT Program Center will forward the Draft 2025 TIP to FHWA for eligibility review.

March – April 2024 – PennDOT will conduct air quality conformity analysis on Draft 2023 TIP.

April 2024 – Blair Planning will perform an Environmental Justice Analysis by using populations of minorities and low income groups and maps to evaluate the benefits and burdens for draft 2025 TIP projects.

April 25 2024 – Blair Planning will email copies of the Draft TIPs to groups that represent Environmental Justice communities and to individual Tribes and Nations as required.

April 29, 2024 – Blair Planning will advertise the Draft 2025 TIP for public comment and post it and the other required documents on its website for 45 days.

April 29 – June 13, 2024 – Blair Planning will accept public comments on the draft TIP and documents and conduct a public meeting to review the TIP and required documents on May 30.

June 17, 2024 – The MPO is scheduled to approve a Title VI Program, an air quality conformity analysis, the Environmental Justice Analysis and the other TIP documents and resolutions and then approve the 2025-2028 TIP.

By July 15, 2024 – Blair Planning will submit the approved 2025 TIP and related documents as a package to the PennDOT Program Center for delivery to the State Transportation Commission for adoption and then to the US DOT for approval.

MEETING NOTICE

Public Comment Period & Meetings for the Blair MPO's Draft Title VI Program, Draft 2025-2028 TIP, and Draft Conformity Documents

The Blair Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) invites public comments on the following draft documents: the draft Title VI Program, the draft 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) of federally funded highway, interstate, and public transit projects, the draft Transportation Conformity Determination Report, the draft TIP Modification Procedures and Environmental Justice Analysis available at <https://www.blairplanning.org/transportation-program>. Please submit comments to the Blair County Planning Commission (BCPC), wburket@blairplanning.org, or to 423 Allegheny St, Suite 046, Hollidaysburg, PA, 16648, today through Thursday, June 13, 2024.

A public meeting to review and receive comments on the draft documents is scheduled for Thursday, May 30, from 2:00 to 3:00 PM at Trolleyworks, 3316 5 th Ave. , Altoona, PA. A meeting of the MPO to consider approval of the draft Title VI Program, the draft TIP and documents will be held Monday, June 17, 2024, at 2:30 PM, at Trolleyworks. The MPO will provide services for persons with language, speech, sight or hearing impediments and people with disabilities provided the request for assistance is made (5) days prior to the meetings by contacting the Blair County Planning Commission at (814) 693-2080 or 711. A call number to attend the meetings will also be provided upon request. David W. McFarland, III, AICP, MPO Secretary.

April 29, 2024