

PROJECT SELECTION PROCESS AND PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT TIMELINE

The Cambria County Planning Commission (CCPC) maintains an ongoing planning process, necessary for the continued development and implementation of the State Twelve Year Transportation Program (TYP) and Federal Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). This planning process, consistent with the Johnstown MPO's adopted Public Participation Plan (PPP), provides for the early notification and coordination of required planning activities. Early in the development process, the Planning Commission notifies the County Commissioners, the County's 63 municipal governments, and interested community and economic development agencies of pending State Transportation Commission (STC) public hearings. The municipalities and interested parties are surveyed for needed highway and bridge projects and are requested to identify their transportation need and priorities on the Recommended Highway and Bridge Improvement Forms provided by the Planning Commission. Copies of the most current adopted Twelve Year Program are provided to aid in the selection of their project priorities.

Following this introductory phase, all municipal project requests received are updated in the County's inventory of highway and bridge projects and local priorities noted. Utilizing the County's established prioritizing criteria and point computation sheets for both highways and bridges, an updated listing of recommended priorities is prepared and shared with PennDOT's District 9-0 office, Hollidaysburg, PA. Negotiations and meeting with the Department's Central and District offices are then held until a final draft of the recommended Twelve Year Program and TIP is prepared for voting consideration by the Johnstown MPO. During this development process, the Planning Commission continues its outreach and coordination efforts by notifying municipal and county officials of the region's STC public involvement process, scheduling public testimony, and presenting testimony to the STC.

A chronology of the Planning Commission's efforts in the development of the 2027 Cambria County Transportation Program (2027-2038 Twelve year Program; 2027-2030 TIP) update can be documented as follows:

TIP and TYP Development:

- September 17, 2024: Municipal outreach for the 2027 Transportation Program update commenced. Municipal project requests and priorities were gathered.
- April 9, 2025: The Planning Commission met with PennDOT Central Office and PennDOT District 9-0 staff to prioritize and select candidate projects for the 2025 Transportation Program Update.
- September 2, 2025: The Planning Commission met online with PennDOT Central Office and District 9-0 staff to further refine project priorities for the 2023-2026 Highway and Bridge TIP.
- December 4, 2025: The Cambria County MPO Technical and Coordinating Committees approved an initial draft of the 2023-2026 Highway and Bridge TIP.

- April, 2026: The air quality conformity review report encompassing the Cambria County 2027-2030 TIP and 2027-2040 TYP was completed by consultants working through the PennDOT Central Office.

TIP and TYP Public Review and Approval:

May 18, 2026 – June 18, 2026 A draft of the 2027 Transportation Program update and related documents was made available for public review and comments. Copies of the TIP documents were posted on the Planning Commission's website. Letters and emails were sent to interested parties identified in the Cambria County MPO's Public Participation Plan, and a notice was placed in the Johnstown Tribune Democrat indicating the public comment period dates, and date of the public meeting, as well as instructions on how to obtain the program update documents for review, how to provide comments, and how to participate in the public meeting.

- May 21, 2026: A public meeting to review the 2027 Transportation Program Update documents and receive public input about the TIP was held the CamTran office in Johnstown. There was no attendance other than staff.
- June 2026: All received comments are discussed and considered for incorporated into the draft 2027 Program Update. Comment was received by PennDOT, and a member of the public. PennDOT's comments were incorporated fully. Comment from the member of the public was determined to be outside the scope of the TIP but documented for consideration in future plans.
- July 2, 2026: The Cambria County MPO Technical and Coordinating Committees approved the 2027-2030 Cambria County Highway and Bridge TIP, Public Transit TIP and related documents.