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Erie County FFY 2011 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) –

The Erie County Department of Planning, on behalf of the Erie Area Transportation Study Metropolitan Planning Organization (Erie MPO) and County of Erie, in cooperation with PENNDOT and other area transportation stakeholders, has recently completed the final draft of the FFY 2011 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for Erie County. The TIP identifies / authorizes funding for highway, bridge, and transit transportation projects to be undertaken in Erie County in the next four years (2011-2014). In accordance with Federal guidelines for the development of such transportation programs, a 30-day public review / comment period is required to be held prior to formal adoption of the document by the Erie MPO. The comment period will open Wednesday June 9, 2010 and close Thursday July 8, 2010. This Transportation Improvement Planning process will satisfy the Program of Projects (POP) requirements of the transit Urbanized Area Formula Program.

In addition to the 'FFY 2011 Erie TIP' document, the 'Procedures for TIP Administrative Actions' and the 'Air Quality Conformity Determination Report' for Erie County are also available for review at this time. The 'Procedures for TIP Administrative Actions' outlines the approved methods used by Erie County and PENNDOT to amend the TIP document. The 'Air Quality Conformity Determination Report' is a report describing the proposed projects on the TIP and their impact on air quality. Copies of these documents are available for review at www.eriecountyplanning.org or by contacting the Planning Department at (814) 451-6336.

An Open House to discuss these documents will be held Wednesday, June 30, 2010 from 4:30 – 6:30 PM in the Blasco Memorial Library Admiral Room, 160 East Front Street Erie, PA. The public will have an opportunity to register comments at that time. A meeting of the Erie MPO Coordinating Committee will be held on Wednesday, July 14, 2010 at 10:00 AM in the Erie Intermodal Center 2nd Floor Conference Room, 208 East Bayfront Parkway, Erie, PA. The meeting agenda includes review and formal adoption of the Highway and Transit portions of the 2011 TIP for Erie County.