

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC REVIEW AND COMMENT PERIOD AND PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE
DRAFT 2019-2022 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM, AIR QUALITY
ANALYSIS, ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE DOCUMENTATION AND PROCEDURES FOR TIP
MODIFICATIONS**

The Shenango Valley Area Transportation Study is the legal instrument through which the Shenango Valley Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) considers and approves plans and programs using federal and state funds for all modes of transportation in Mercer County.

The 2019-2022 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for Mercer County includes highway, bridge, transit, and rail projects. It is a listing of projects expected to advance, using federal funds over the next four years. A draft air quality analysis and conformity determination of the TIP has also been prepared for review as required by the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990 (CAAA). The region is a maintenance area under the 1997 8-hour ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS), which was revoked in 2013. A recent D.C Circuit decision vacated the rulemaking that included the revocation. While the implications of this ruling are being decided, this conformity determination addresses transportation conformity to the 1997 8-hour ozone NAAQS.

The following documents are available for review and comment: TIP, environmental justice, procedures for TIP modifications and project descriptions. All documents are available at the offices of the Mercer County Regional Planning Commission, 2491 Highland Road, Hermitage, PA 16148. Documentation can also be found at www.mcrpc.com. Comments on these documents will be accepted from June 8, 2018 until 4:00 PM EST on July 9, 2018.

Please be advised that this notice of public involvement and opportunity for public comment will satisfy the MPO Public Participation Plan and the program of projects requirements of the Urbanized Area Formula Program (Section 5307) of the Federal Transportation Administration.

A **PUBLIC HEARING** will also be held to solicit comments on the TIP, Air Quality Analysis, and supporting documentation. This hearing will be held on Monday, July 2, 2018 at 3:00 PM EST in the offices of the Mercer County Regional Planning Commission, 2491 Highland Road, Hermitage, PA 16148.

The SVATS MPO is committed to compliance with the nondiscrimination requirements of applicable civil rights statutes, executive orders, regulations and policies. The meeting location is accessible to persons with disabilities. Accommodations may be provided for those with special needs related to language, sight or hearing if provided by 4:00 P.M. on June 25, 2018. If you have a request for a special need, wish to file a complaint or desire additional information, please contact Matt Stewart, Senior Planner, MCRPC at 724-981-2412 or mstewart@mcrpc.com.