

NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: SHENANGO VALLEY AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION DRAFT PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PLAN

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.

A 45-Day public review and comment period for the SVATS MPO Draft Public Participation Plan (PPP) will begin on December 10, 2018 and end on January 25, 2019. Also included alongside this document are the MPO's Title VI Plan and Limited English Proficiency Plan. The SVATS MPO will consider adopting the Draft Document at the Coordinating Committee Meeting on February 12, 2019 to be held at 10:30am at the Mercer County Regional Planning Commission Office, 2491 Highland Road, Hermitage, PA 16148.

The PPP outlines the policies, procedures and processes for all public involvement activities within the MPO. The plan acts as a guide for public participation in the development of regional projects, plans and programs, including the Long Range transportation Plan, and the Transportation Improvement Program. The PPP provides private citizens and groups an opportunity to participate and influence public decisions. The PPP documents how the MPO will comply with federal regulations which prohibit discrimination on the basis of race, color, and national origin in programs and activities receiving federal financial assistance.

The Draft PPP is available for review on the Mercer County Regional Planning Commission's website: www.mcrpc.com and can be viewed from 8am to 4pm, Monday through Friday at the Mercer County Regional Planning Commission Office, 2491 Highland Road, Hermitage, PA 16148. Any questions or official comments can be submitted in writing to Matt Stewart at the above MCRPC address; or emailed to Mstewart@mcrpc.com.

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. one week prior to the SVATS MPO Coordinating Committee meeting. 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.