

## **Wayne County Independent Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)** **Project Development/Prioritization Process**

The TIP details the planned expenditure of federal and state capital funds for specific transportation programs and projects within specified limits of fiscal constraint. The TIP years are based on the federal fiscal year, which extends from October 1<sup>st</sup> to September 30<sup>th</sup>. The list of projects on the TIP coincides with the first four year period of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's Twelve Year Program (TYP), which is developed by PennDOT and adopted by the State Transportation Commission (STC) every two years, at the same time as the TIP.

The Wayne County Independent TIP was developed based on the methodologies outlined in Pennsylvania's 2021 Transportation Program General & Procedural Guidance via General Planning Requirements and supports the goal areas established in the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation's (PennDOT's) current long-range transportation plan (PA On Track). These goal areas include system preservation, safety, personal and freight mobility, and stewardship. The goals are closely aligned with the national goal areas and federal performance measures and guide PennDOT in addressing transportation priorities. Wayne County's Transportation Performance Management document provides an overview of the federal performance measures, established targets, and how the Wayne County 2021-2024 TIP will support target achievement. Safety measures address all public roads. The pavement, bridge, and traffic reliability measures focus on the National Highway System (NHS).

PennDOT, through its Center for Program Development and Management and PennDOT Engineering District 4-0, serves as the liaison for transportation infrastructure decisions within the Wayne County region. The Department meets with Wayne County officials to discuss important transportation needs that can be addressed by projects that become part of the draft TIP. The production of the TIP is the culmination of the transportation planning process and represents a consensus among the Department and Wayne County officials regarding which transportation projects to develop and advance based on available funding. Consensus is crucial because, before committing significant funding, federal and state governments want assurances that all interested parties have actively participated in developing the region's priorities. A project's inclusion on the Wayne County Independent TIP signifies agreement on the priority of the project and establishes eligibility for state and federal funding. Wayne County officials are jointly involved in the project selection process with the Department along with state and federal agencies. Other organizations and the public become actively involved through the TIP Public Comment process, which allows them to communicate directly with the Wayne County Planning Commission and PennDOT regarding project selections and their transportation concerns in the region.

### **TIP Development Timeline**

- General and Procedural and Financial Guidance issued by the Department in July 2019.
- District 4-0 updates project costs and schedules for carryover and candidate projects for inclusion in the draft Wayne County TIP in late summer/fall 2019.
- District 4-0 met with Wayne County on November 4, 2019 to discuss draft 2021 TIP projects/project priorities.
- With consensus between the Department and Wayne County, the draft TIP was submitted to PennDOT Program Center in late December 2019.

- TIP Public Comment period – June 15–July 15, 2020.
- TIP Public Meeting – July 8, 2020.
- State Transportation Commission (STC) Adopts Twelve Year Program (TYP) – August 2020 (which will serve as adoption of the Wayne County TIP).
- Submission of TIP, as part of the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) – August 2020.
- After final approval of the STIP by FHWA and FTA, the Wayne County TIP will take effect at the beginning of the federal fiscal year on October 1, 2020.