

NOTICE OF PUBLIC REVIEW AND COMMENT PERIOD AND PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE SVATS MPO PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PLAN

The Shenango Valley Area Transportation Study (SVATS) 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 Public Participation Plan is the result of a proactive public involvement process to provide complete information, timely public notice and full public access to SVATS MPO activities during the decision making process. This document also provides a framework for focused efforts to identify, seek out and engage populations that have traditionally been underserved by existing transportation systems, including: minority, low income and older populations, persons with disabilities and those with limited English proficiency.

This document is available for review and comment at the offices of the Mercer County Regional Planning Commission, 2491 Highland Road, Hermitage, PA 16148. This document can also be found at www.mcrpc.com. Comments on this document will be accepted until 4:00 PM EST on July 18, 2008.

A **PUBLIC HEARING** will also be held to solicit comments on the Public Participation Plan. This hearing will be held on Monday, July 14, 2008 at 7:00 PM EST in the offices of the Mercer County Regional Planning Commission, 2491 Highland Road, Hermitage, PA 16148.

Requests for special accommodations to enable participation by persons with disabilities should be submitted by Monday, July 7, 2008, at 12:00 PM EST to the Mercer County Regional Planning Commission.

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