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Ms Lil Clemmons
Chevy Chase Community Center
640 N. Fifth Street
Indiana, PA 15701

Dear Ms Clemmons:

On behalf of the Indiana County Commissioners and the Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission Metropolitan Planning Organization (SPC), we are inviting you to become a member of the Indiana County Public Participation Panel (PPP).

The role of the PPP is to provide public input on major transportation decisions of Indiana County's transportation planning partner, the SPC, including the long-range transportation plan, the four-year Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and other significant transportation planning actions. In the coming year, in addition to highway and bridge projects, there may be opportunities for the PPP to discuss pedestrian/bicycling issues and to participate in a regional transit-visioning project.

Given your role as a community leader, we felt that you should be given the opportunity to participate on this important transportation-planning panel. Appointments to the PPP are for a two-year term. Meetings are scheduled on an as-needed basis, when transportation issues arise. Normally there are two to four meetings held each year. Naturally we hope that Panel members are active and can attend meetings on a regular basis. Moreover, SPC hopes to gather input on specific transportation related issues facing the groups the Panel members represent (i.e. school districts, special populations, etc.) The first PPP meeting has been set for Wednesday May 21 in the Large Group Instruction Room at the Indiana Area Senior High School at 7:00pm.

For your convenience, a response form and stamped envelope is provided. We would ask that you return your response form no later than May 20. Should you have any questions or require additional information, please feel free to call Bret Baronak of the Indiana County Office of Planning and Development or Dana P. Henry, President of the Indiana County Chamber of Commerce at 465-3870 or 465-2511, respectively.

Sincerely,

Bret Baronak and Dana P. Henry, co-chairs