PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Belomar Regional Council has prepared a draft Long Range Transportation Plan for 2045. It covers Belmont County in Ohio and Ohio and Marshall Counties in West Virginia. The plan has been prepared pursuant to requirements of the federal Surface Transportation Acts MAP-21 and FAST Act. It addresses local transportation issues and is updated every five years.

Transportation Plan for 2045 will be available for review and comments from July 3rd through July 19th at our website https://www.belomar.org/2045-long-range-transportation-plan. A video presentation of the plan is also available at https://www.belomar.org/video/lrp2045.mp4.

Written comments can be provided at the website, Facebook page http://www.facebook.com/belomarmpo, email belomar@belomar.org or mailed to the address shown below. The plan will also be available for review at the following locations: Belomar Regional Council, Ohio County Public Library, Moundsville-Marshall County Public Library, St. Clairsville Public Library, Bellaire Public Library, Bridgeport Public Library, Martins Ferry Public Library and Barnesville Hutton Memorial Library.

Notice is also given that Belmont, Ohio and Marshall Counties were designated as non-attainment of the 1997 national ambient air quality standards for Ozone and PM2.5 (fine particulates). This designation required emissions analysis based conformity determination with regards to transportation plans and programs. For PM2.5, USEPA has issued a finding of insignificant impacts from mobile sources and emissions analysis based conformity is not required. For ozone, the area is unclassified for the 2008 standards and 1997 standards have been revoked. However, a qualitative conformity determination is required for Ozone. For both pollutants, while emissions analysis is not required, all other requirements continue to apply.

Plan document and a video presentation is provided for public review and comments. Due to COVID-19 limitations, a virtual public meeting is planned on July 14th from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. Specific meeting information, including the Microsoft Teams meeting link, call in phone number and additional information, will be available at www.belomar. org and on Belomar's Facebook page.

Please call us at 304-242-1800 or send an email to belomar@belomar.org if you have questions, need any special assistance or to request the link for the virtual public meeting. Submit written comments to belomar@belomar.

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Transportation Plan Comments Belomar Regional Council 105 Bridge Street Plaza Wheeling, WV 26003

Comments must be received by July 19th.

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