



**SEDA-COG METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MPO)**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
**Hybrid Meeting**  
**Friday, April 10, 2026**  
**SEDA-COG, Lewisburg, PA**  
**9:30 a.m.**

**MPO VOTING MEMBERS**

Christopher Anderson, Columbia County (via teleconference)  
Lisa Dooley, Town of Bloomsburg (via teleconference)  
Steve Herman, SEDA-COG (via teleconference)  
Lincoln Kaufman, Snyder County  
Brad Kerstetter, Juniata County  
Chris King, PennDOT District 3-0 (via teleconference)  
James Lettiere, Mifflin County  
Shawn McLaughlin, Union County  
Greg Molter, Montour County  
Mark Schultz, PennDOT District 2-0 (via teleconference)  
Justin Skavery, Northumberland County (via teleconference)  
Nathan Walker, PennDOT Central Office

**GUESTS**

Justin Batiuk, PennDOT Central Office  
Brian Funkhouser, Michael Baker International (via teleconference)  
Alayna Hemphill, SEDA-COG  
Shawn Hurst, Larson Design Group (via teleconference)  
Emily Kelkis, rabbittransit (via teleconference)  
Stacey Knoebel, Knoebels Amusement Resort (via teleconference)  
Betsy Lockwood, SEDA-COG  
Dan Merk, STEP, Inc. (via teleconference)  
Emily Mrochko, WATS MPO (via teleconference)  
Eric Murnyack, PennDOT District 2-0 (via teleconference)  
Cindy Sunderland, Call A Ride Service, Inc. (via teleconference)  
Leigh Woolridge, PennDOT District 2-0 (via teleconference)

**STAFF**

Don Kiel, Senior Principal Program Analyst (via teleconference)  
Kristin McLaughlin, Principal Program Analyst  
Aquene Prindle, Fiscal Analyst  
Sam Saxe, Program Analyst

### **Call to Order**

After it was determined a quorum was present, Mr. Herman called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m.

### **Public Forum**

There were no public comments presented.

### **Approval of Jan. 30, 2026, Meeting Minutes of the SEDA-COG MPO**

*Mr. Kerstetter made a motion to approve the minutes of the Jan. 30, 2026 MPO meeting; Mr. McLaughlin seconded the motion; motion carried.*

### **TIP Administrative Modifications and Amendments**

Mr. Schultz summarized the TIP administrative modifications for PennDOT District 2-0 as information-only items that do not require MPO approval.

Mr. Schultz summarized the TIP amendments for PennDOT District 2-0 included on pages 9 and 10 of the packet.

*Mr. Lettiere made a motion to approve the TIP amendments as presented by PennDOT District 2-0; Mr. Molter seconded the motion; motion carried.*

Mr. King summarized the TIP amendments for PennDOT District 3-0 included on pages 19 and 20 of the packet.

*Mr. Molter made a motion to approve the TIP amendments as presented by PennDOT District 3-0; Mr. Skavery seconded the motion; motion carried.*

Mr. King summarized the TIP administrative modifications for PennDOT District 3-0 items as information-only items that do not require MPO approval.

### **CSV T Project Status Report**

Mr. King provided a status report on the CSV T project.

**Southern Section Structures Contract:** The project is roughly 99% complete overall. The nine new bridges and four noise walls are nearing completion, with only minor cleanup items left. All work is set to be finished in May 2026.

**Southern Section Paving Contract:** Work on the paving project has begun. The contractor has begun clearing and grubbing, installing drainage, and doing excavation and grading. UGI has begun utility relocations along North Old Trail; PPL has begun utility relocations along South Old Trail. The mainline CSV T Southern Section highway is anticipated to be opened to traffic in Fall 2027. The RT 61 Connector is anticipated to be fully completed and opened to traffic in Fall 2028.

**Southern Section Interchange with Routes 11/15 and Route 522:** To improve access for northbound (NB) traffic on the Selinsgrove Bypass (Routes 11/15) destined for Selinsgrove or other points to the south via Route 522, a new ramp stub and traffic signal to allow traffic to turn left

from the NB off-ramp to head directly south on Route 522 will be installed. It is anticipated to be fully in place and functional when the CSVT mainline is opened to traffic in late 2027.

**Southern Section Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) Devices:** The CSVT project team is developing plans to incorporate variable message boards and traffic cameras into the Southern Section design. Bids are anticipated to be opened in summer 2026 for a separate smaller construction contract to install permanent message boards on each direction of the CSVT mainline and traffic cameras at each of CSVT's interchanges.

Mr. King provided an overview of the Ridge Road project in Point Township, which is funded through CSVT allocations. The estimated \$20 million project will include roadway improvements and a bridge replacement. Information can be found on PennDOT's website and public outreach will be advertised for this project.

### **Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) Staff Activity Report**

Mr. Herman highlighted items from the SEDA-COG MPO Staff Activity Report – April 2026 provided in the meeting packet.

Mr. Kiel provided an update on the Local Technical Assistance Program (LTAP) activities. He said SEDA-COG has hosted and will continue to host multiple training classes this spring. Among the most notable is the Leadership Development for Public Works class. In addition, LTAP-related training opportunities include a Chainsaw Safety class scheduled for Jun. 9 and an Equipment Operator Training class scheduled for Jul. 24.

Mr. Herman highlighted the components of the MPO Strategic Plan's Annual Implementation Progress Report provided in the meeting packet.

Other handouts provided in the meeting packet included:

- Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Projects Status Update for 2018, 2021 and 2023 Funding Rounds
- Recently Accessed Highway Occupancy Permit Applications
- Recently Accessed Traffic Impact Study Scoping Applications

### **ARC Local Access Road Program Funding**

Betsy Lockwood, SEDA-COG Director of Project Development/Grants, delivered a presentation on the Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) Local Access Road Program. She invited MPO members to submit candidate projects for consideration and shared examples of current projects that have received ARC funding. Ms. Lockwood emphasized that the program is focused on economic development and reviewed the program's eligibility criteria and application requirements.

Ms. Lockwood also noted that SEDA-COG can assist with developing and preparing funding applications. She said that beginning on Jul. 1, SEDA-COG staff will start charging fees for grant-writing assistance. Previously, this service was supported by federal funding. The fees collected will be used to cover SEDA-COG's costs associated with developing and preparing grant applications.

### **Draft 2027-2030 Transportation Improvement Program**

Mr. Herman highlighted updates to the project list and at-a-glance summary charts since the Jan. 30 meeting. As a result of project additions and adjustments, overall funding has increased to more than \$500 million, and the draft Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) now includes a total of 269 projects.

Ms. McLaughlin stated that the public comment period for the Draft 2027–2030 TIP will run from Apr. 22 through May 22. She noted that a public meeting will be held at the Union County Government Center on the morning of May 4. Ms. McLaughlin recommended approval, if acceptable, to advertise the Draft 2027–2030 SEDA-COG TIP for public comment.

***Mr. Lettiere made a motion to advertise the Draft 2027-2030 SEDA-COG Transportation Improvement Program for public comment. Mr. Molter seconded the motion; motion carried.***

### **Draft 2026-2050 Long-Range Transportation Plan**

Mr. Funkhouser provided a presentation reviewing the status of the 2050 SEDA-COG Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP). He noted that the plan is available to the public in both StoryMap and PDF formats. Mr. Funkhouser stated that the public comment period for the Draft 2026–2050 LRTP will run from Apr. 22 through May 22. He also reported that a public meeting will be held at the Union County Government Center on the morning of May 4, and that plan adoption is scheduled for the MPO meeting on Jun. 12, 2026.

Ms. McLaughlin stated that the meeting on May 4 will be a hybrid meeting with remote access availability.

Mr. Herman stated that outstanding items for the illustrative projects and a few other pieces will be added to the report before it goes out for public comment. A summation of public comments will be included in the final report.

Ms. McLaughlin recommended approval, if acceptable, to advertise the Draft LRTP for public comment.

***Mr. Lettiere made a motion to advertise the Draft 2026-2050 SEDA-COG Long-Range Transportation Plan for public comment. Mr. McLaughlin seconded the motion; motion carried.***

### **Active Transportation Committee Update**

Mr. Herman expressed appreciation to the individuals who assisted with and attended the Active Transportation Planning Workshop held on Mar. 20, 2026, at the Central Susquehanna Intermediate Unit (CSIU) in Montandon. He noted that a wide range of informational topics was covered during the workshop, which has led to additional municipal meetings to further discuss and advance potential projects.

Mr. Herman stated that the MPO's regional bicycle and pedestrian plan from 2019 is being considered for updating. He explained that scoping efforts have begun to update the plan over the

next 12 to 15 months, with the goal of expanding them to cover the entire eight-county region. Mr. Herman noted that the updated effort would result in a comprehensive Active Transportation Plan designed to better align municipalities and partner organizations for successful project development and implementation.

### **Member Forum**

Mr. Herman said the Bridges and Safety Infrastructure for Community Success (BASICS) Act continues to be discussed in Congress and within committee hearings as part of the next federal transportation bill reauthorization. He noted that the current federal transportation authorization is set to expire on Sep. 30, 2026, and that updated information will be shared as it becomes available.

Mr. Herman said the Safe Streets and Roads for All program is open for applications until May 26.

Mr. Herman said the State College Area Connector Project's comment period is open through Apr. 20. More information can be found on the project page at PennDOT's website.

Emily Kelkis highlighted rabbittransit's Transit Asset Management (TAM) Performance Targets for fiscal year 2026. The Executive Summary was included in the meeting packet. The full TAM plan can be found on rabbittransit's website.

Mr. Herman said accessibility upgrades to Amtrak's Lewistown station began this week. This station is considered to be the oldest depot in the nation served by Amtrak. The press release regarding the renovations was included in the meeting packet.

The following additional handout was provided in the meeting packet:

- PennDOT District 3 Construction Overview news release

### **Adjournment**

With there being no further comments, Mr. Herman adjourned the meeting at 10:58 a.m. with a motion from Mr. McLaughlin; Mr. Kaufman seconded the motion; motion carried. The next regular meeting of the MPO is scheduled for Jun. 12, 2026.