



SEDA-COG METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MPO)
MEETING MINUTES
Hybrid Meeting
Friday, August 7, 2026
SEDA-COG, Lewisburg, PA
9:30 a.m.

MPO VOTING MEMBERS

Lisa Dooley, Town of Bloomsburg (via teleconference)
Stephen Gibson, Clinton County (via teleconference)
Steve Herman, SEDA-COG
Lincoln Kaufman, Snyder County
Brad Kerstetter, Juniata County (via teleconference)
James Lettiere, Mifflin County
Preston Mausteller, PennDOT District 3-0 (via teleconference)
Shawn McLaughlin, Union County
Mark Schultz, PennDOT District 2-0 (via teleconference)
Bob Stoudt, SEDA-COG Board, Multi-modal Interests (via teleconference)
Nathan Walker, PennDOT Central Office (via teleconference)

GUESTS

Justin Batiuk, PennDOT Central Office (via teleconference)
Gini Feigles-Karr, DEWBERRY (via teleconference)
Shawn Hurst, Larson Design Group (via teleconference)
Jeff Iseman, PA SILC/PA Transportation Alliance (via teleconference)
Stacey Knoebel, Knoebels Amusement Resort (via teleconference)
Jack Kytte, Berwick Borough (via teleconference)
Robert Manzella, Luzerne County (via teleconference)
Eric Murnyack, PennDOT District 2-0 (via teleconference)
Bob Pento, PennDOT Central Office (via teleconference)
Gerald Wertz, PennDOT District 3-0 (via teleconference)
Katherine Wilde, Michael Baker International (via teleconference)

STAFF

Don Kiel, Program Analyst
Bridget Kinnaman, Program Intern (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

Mr. Herman shared staffing announcements.

Mr. Iseman shared updates on behalf of the Pennsylvania Transportation Alliance and noted that the next Alliance meeting has been scheduled for Aug. 18, at 1:00 p.m. Mr. Iseman also provided an update on recent Pennsylvania state budget and legislative developments affecting transportation, as well as key federal transportation reauthorization initiatives.

Approval of June 12, 2026, Meeting Minutes of the SEDA-COG MPO

Mr. Kaufman made a motion to approve the minutes of the Jun. 12, 2026 MPO meeting; Mr. Stoudt seconded the motion; motion carried.

TIP Administrative Modifications and Amendments

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

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

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

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

Mr. Mausteller was asked about the status of the SR 54 Corridor Safety Improvement Project in Montour County. He noted some concerns about traffic control but that the project is on schedule. He agreed to provide a comprehensive project update at a future MPO meeting.

Mr. Herman noted the meeting packet also includes the standard list of projects that have previously been approved for TIP addition by the MPO but are pending actions by other parties, including local access road projects. He said that any future decisions made by the Appalachian Regional Commission regarding the most recent project, the Town of Bloomsburg's Fort McClure Boulevard project, will be communicated and reflected in the project status table as updates become available.

CSVT Project Status Report

Mr. Mausteller provided a status report on the CSVT project.

Southern Section Paving Contract: Drainage installation is ongoing throughout project limits. At the north end of the project, subbase placing and grading operations are continuing. Ramp construction and realignment are progressing near the Selinsgrove interchange. The concrete batch

plant is expected to open in August. The project remains on schedule, with the mainline anticipated to open to traffic in fall 2027 and the Route 61 connector expected to be completed and opened to traffic in fall 2028.

Southern Section Intelligent Transportation Systems Contract: Bids were opened in mid-July for a separate, smaller construction contract to install permanent message boards in both directions of the CSVT southern section and traffic cameras at each of CSVT's interchanges. The contract has been awarded, and work is expected to begin in September, with the ITS devices scheduled to be installed as highway construction progresses through fall 2028.

Mr. Herman shared that a public meeting was held at the end of June regarding the Ridge Road Restoration Project, which is related to the CSVT project and includes funding to address traffic that will be diverted after CSVT's full completion. He said as the design and bidding process advance, updates will continue to be shared.

Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) Staff Activity Report

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

Mr. Kiel provided an update on his involvement with the Pittsburgh Region Clean Cities (PRCC) organization, which supports electric vehicle initiatives. The group receives U.S. Department of Energy funding and has been assisting communities with grant applications for EV infrastructure and related projects. He said the PRCC is anticipating being able to provide support with grant writing and application coordination. He said their expertise will help local stakeholders prepare for the Community Charging Program grant funding round which is expected to open in September.

Mr. Kiel shared that he is continuing to coordinate with LTAP (Local Technical Assistance Program) and is organizing fall training classes. He encouraged county representatives to reach out if municipalities are interested in hosting future sessions. Six classes have already been scheduled, with five taking place in September. Mr. Kiel said The LTAP Advisory Committee is also developing a new course called Municipal Bridge Maintenance. The class will be geared toward local public works and maintenance crews responsible for performing bridge maintenance activities, and it is expected to be available in 2027.

Mr. Herman gave a demonstration of the 2025 Trail Demand StoryMap Report. He said the report will first be shared with MPO members and trail owners. After they have had an opportunity to review it and are comfortable with the content, the StoryMap will be made publicly available.

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

PennDOT Truck Parking Initiative

Mr. Robert Pento of the PennDOT Bureau of Operations gave a presentation overviewing PennDOT's current truck parking activities. The following key points were reviewed.

- Background and need for additional truck parking
- Priority corridors for expanding truck parking
- Recommended statewide analysis, capital projects, and policies for expanded parking
- Progress toward truck parking expansion
- Public information and 511PA integration

Mr. Pento said PennDOT has opened 583 of its planned 1,200 new truck parking spaces. He said that truck parking remains a collaborative effort involving PennDOT traffic operations, planning staff, maintenance teams, MPOs, and law enforcement. Future emphasis will focus on leveraging capital projects and regional planning efforts to further expand truck parking availability across Pennsylvania.

Mr. Kiel shared there is ongoing national research and development aimed at improving truck parking information for drivers through in-cab alerts and dynamic message signs that could provide real-time information on available truck parking spaces. These technologies are expected to significantly improve the truck parking situation over time.

Mr. Kiel also promoted LTAP's "Trucks on Local Roads: Issues and Solutions" course, which addresses many of the same challenges PennDOT is working on, including increased truck traffic on local roads, last-mile deliveries, and truck parking impacts on municipalities. The course is particularly valuable for local governments and will be held on September 22 in Montoursville. He recommended the course highly and noted that he is available to help with registration. He said the course will likely be offered again in the future.

Mr. Pento said that PennDOT is monitoring connected and autonomous vehicle technologies, though not specifically in relation to truck parking at this time. He said Pennsylvania currently uses the Drivewyze electronic bypass system, which allows subscribed truck drivers to receive in-cab notifications when approaching weigh stations. He said truck parking information could potentially be incorporated into these in-cab notification systems in the future.

FY 2027-29 Unified Planning Work Program Priorities

Mr. Herman provided an overview of the draft FY 2027-2029 MPO Work Program. The work program, which is updated every two years, outlines the region's major planning tasks, deliverables, responsibilities, schedules, and funding allocations, including federal, state, and local funding shares. Mr. Herman asked committee members to review the draft and submit any comments or recommendations by August 31. He said the revised work program will be brought to the MPO for further consideration in October, with adoption anticipated in November and implementation scheduled for July 1, 2027.

Federal Transportation Reauthorization Update

Mr. Herman gave a presentation on the Federal Transportation Reauthorization process and directed members to additional resources and presentations available on the AMPO website. He highlighted aspects of the draft transportation bill working through the House of Representatives,

including the continuation of Metropolitan Planning funds, Surface Transportation Block Grant funding, Transportation Alternatives, and Recreational Trails funding.

He also noted proposed changes affecting certain programs, including the potential elimination of the Carbon Reduction Program and Active Transportation Infrastructure Investment Program, as well as efforts to streamline project delivery and expand safety initiatives for pedestrians, cyclists, and emerging micromobility modes.

Mr. Herman indicated that Congress will likely extend current transportation programs and funding levels and fully address reauthorization legislation after September 30.

Mr. Iseman noted that transportation reauthorization issues were discussed during recent meetings with members of Pennsylvania's congressional delegation in Washington, D.C. He emphasized the importance of continued advocacy and encouraged interested stakeholders to meet with congressional representatives during the August recess to discuss transportation funding priorities.

Active Transportation Committee Update

Mr. Herman reported the next Active Transportation Committee meeting is scheduled for August 19. The meeting will feature a presentation by Helena Kotala of the Pennsylvania Environmental Council on growing interest in gravel cycling in Pennsylvania and the Activating Route 6 initiative. He also noted that the Outreach and Implementation Work Groups will meet in October.

Mr. Herman provided an update on the Active Transportation Plan Update, which is being conducted with assistance from Michael Baker International. Early efforts are focused on public engagement and include development of an online survey, planned listening sessions, stakeholder interviews, and participation in community events to promote public involvement in the planning process.

Ms. Katherine Wilde, of Michael Baker International, provided an update on public engagement efforts for the Active Transportation Plan Update. She announced that a public survey would launch on Monday, Aug. 10 and remain open through September 14. Supporting outreach materials, including flyers and social media graphics, have been developed to help promote participation.

Ms. Wilde also demonstrated the project's online WikiMap tool, which will allow residents to identify and map active transportation concerns, safety issues, and improvement opportunities throughout the region. Users will complete a brief survey before accessing the mapping tool, where they can submit locations of concern and view or endorse comments submitted by others.

Member Forum

Mr. Herman highlighted the Pennsylvania Wildlife Connectivity Work Group's ongoing effort to develop a statewide strategic plan focused on wildlife crossings and transportation safety. The MPO has been invited to participate in the initiative, with MPO staff involved in providing input on the development of mapping tools and strategies to improve wildlife connectivity and reduce vehicle-wildlife collisions.

Mr. Herman also noted information regarding the Rail Freight Assistance Program, which is open for applications through Aug. 28, 2026.

Mr. Herman provided an update on the ongoing Functional Classification Review. He said MPO recommendations were submitted to PennDOT District Offices in mid-July, and feedback is anticipated to be received by the end of August. He said following review of any comments, final recommendations will be submitted to PennDOT Central Office. Mr. Herman noted that finalized classification information and mapping updates will be shared with MPO members once the process is complete.

Mr. Iseman noted that Amtrak is expected to add an additional daily route between New York City and Pittsburgh, which will include service through Lewistown, with implementation anticipated in late 2026. The expanded service is expected to improve transportation options throughout the corridor and provide additional benefits for individuals with disabilities as accessibility improvements at the Lewistown Amtrak station are completed.

Mr. Herman noted that a press release regarding the I-99 designation was included in the meeting packet and encouraged members to review the information.

Mr. Herman also highlighted the recent decision to release an additional \$775 million from the state Motor License Fund over the next two years for transportation improvements statewide. He said county allocation information was included in the meeting packet. He said the funding is expected to support primarily short-term, ready-to-deliver projects, including paving and culvert replacements. He said additional details will be provided as project programming and implementation move forward.

Adjournment

With there being no further comments, Mr. Herman adjourned the meeting at 11:34 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 Oct. 9, 2026.