



SEDA-COG METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MPO) MEETING

Hybrid Meeting
Friday, August 12, 2022
SEDA-COG, Lewisburg, PA
9:30 A.M.

MPO VOTING MEMBERS

Mark Colussy, Mifflin County
Katie de Silva, Clinton County
Lisa Dooley, Town of Bloomsburg (via teleconference)
Frank Hampton, PennDOT Central Office (via teleconference)
Steve Herman, SEDA-COG
Brad Kerstetter, Juniata County
Jack Kytte, Borough of Berwick (via teleconference)
Shawn McLaughlin, Union County (via teleconference)
Greg Molter, Montour County
Steve Phillips, SEDA-COG Board, Multi-Modal Interests (via teleconference)
Jonathan Ranck, PennDOT District 3-0
Mark Schultz, PennDOT District 2-0 (via teleconference)
Justin Skavery, Northumberland County (via teleconference)
Eric Stahley, Columbia County (via teleconference)

GUESTS

Eric Adams, Gannett Fleming (via teleconference)
Steven Beattie, Lewisburg Borough (via teleconference)
Michelle Brummer, Gannett Fleming
Chris Chapman, Luzerne County MPO (via teleconference)
H. Virginia Feigles-Kaar, Dewberry (via teleconference)
Duane Gaugler, Larson Design Group (via teleconference)
Carrie Long, Gannett Fleming (via teleconference)
Gene Porochniak, FHWA (via teleconference)
Jonathan Shaw, Luzerne County MPO (via teleconference)

STAFF PRESENT

Kay Aikey, Program Assistant
Kristin McLaughlin, Principal Program Analyst
Jeff Stover, Transportation Program Chief (via teleconference)
Katherine Wilde, Senior Program Analyst

Call to Order

After it was determined that a quorum was present, Mr. Herman called the meeting to order at 9:34 a.m.

Public Forum

No comments were received from the general public.

Approval of the April 8, 2022, Meeting Minutes of the SEDA-COG MPO

Mr. Colussy made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 8, 2022, MPO meeting; Mr. Molter seconded the motion; motion carried.

Approval of the June 10, 2022, Meeting Minutes of the SEDA-COG MPO

Mr. Colussy made a motion to approve the minutes from the June 10, 2022, MPO meeting; Ms. de Silva seconded the motion; motion carried.

TIP Administrative Modifications and Amendments

Mr. Herman stated there is an amendment from PennDOT District 2-0 for some high friction surface safety treatments on I-80 in Lamar Township, Clinton County, and SR 74 in Turbett Township, Juniata County.

Mr. Schultz summarized the amendment details.

Mr. Molter made a motion for the MPO to approve the amendment for PennDOT District 2-0; Ms. de Silva seconded the motion; motion carried.

Mr. Schultz summarized the TIP administrative actions for PennDOT District 2-0.

Mr. Colussy made a motion for the MPO to approve the TIP administrative actions as presented for PennDOT District 2-0; Ms. de Silva seconded the motion; motion carried.

Mr. Herman stated there is an amendment from PennDOT District 3-0 for reconstruction of I-80 in Liberty/Valley Townships, Montour County.

Mr. Ranck summarized the amendment details.

Mr. Molter made a motion for the MPO to approve the amendment for PennDOT District 3-0; Mr. Hampton seconded the motion; motion carried.

Mr. Ranck summarized the TIP administrative actions for PennDOT District 3-0.

Mr. Molter made a motion for the MPO to approve the TIP administrative actions as presented for PennDOT District 3-0; Mr. Stahley seconded the motion; motion carried.

Mr. Herman briefly reviewed the following handout provided in the meeting packet:

- Summary of Transportation Projects in the SEDA-COG Region Approved for TIP Addition Pending Available Funding/Actions by Other Parties

CSV T Project and SR 54 Safety Project Status Reports

The following handouts were provided in the meeting packet:

- Press Release from PennDOT regarding the CSV T Northern Section Public Event
- Press Release from PennDOT regarding Wolf Administration, U.S. Senator Casey, Local Officials Cut Ribbon for CSV T Northern Section, Break Ground for Southern Section

Mr. Ranck provided the following update:

CSV T Northern Section

In June 2022, PennDOT held two events to celebrate major milestones for the Central Susquehanna Valley Project: a public event and a ribbon cutting. On Saturday, June 25, approximately 6,000 people crossed the CSV T river bridge by walking, biking, or other means before the new roadway was opened to traffic. On Wednesday, June 29, around 200 invited guests celebrated opening of the new river bridge and roadway for the CSV T Northern Section and breaking ground to begin construction of the CSV T Southern Section.

The northern section of the CSV T was opened to traffic in early July. The Northern Section is still under construction to build a mile of roadway at the northern end of the project. This final section will be opened to traffic this fall. All four lanes of the Northern Section will be opened to traffic between Montandon and Winfield.

Southern Section

The notice to proceed for the first of three contracts for the Southern Section, the earthwork contract, was issued in May 2022. The contractor is performing prep work throughout the project including clearing trees, constructing access roads, and acquiring materials. The contract includes 4.5 million cubic yards of earthwork, various drainage and E&S facilities, and upgrades to a few adjacent roadways will be constructed. A right turn lane is being constructed at the State Route 15 southbound – Grangers Road intersection, just south of the Winfield interchange. There will also be prep work on Attig Road and the State Route 204 – Mill Road intersection.

Final design work is ongoing for the two remaining construction contracts anticipated to be let over the next few years. Currently the preparation of the structure contract to construct nine new structures, and to construct noise walls is proceeding with construction anticipated to start in 2024. Regarding the noise walls, FHWA recently concurred with the final design noise analysis for the Southern Section. The next step is to obtain input from each neighborhood where a noise wall is warranted, feasible, and reasonable: first to confirm that the wall is desired and second to determine what texture and color are preferred for the side of the wall facing the neighborhood.

Neighborhood meetings are scheduled later this month to obtain input, and invitations were recently sent to property owners and residents who would be benefitted by the proposed noise walls. The last contract to construct the pavement and upgrade the interchanges is ongoing, with construction anticipated to start in 2026 and opened to traffic in 2027.

Slides were shared of the groundbreaking and the public event.

More information is available at <http://www.csvt.com/>

Route 54 and 642 Intersection Improvement

Mr. Ranck stated that at this time he does not have an update on this project.

Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) Update

Mr. Herman highlighted items from the SEDA-COG MPO Staff Activity Report – August 2022 provided in the meeting packet.

Other handouts provided in the meeting packet included:

- SEDA-COG MPO TIP Local Project Tracking
- SEDA-COG MPO TIP Project Updates
- Requests to Add Projects to the SEDA-COG MPO TIP
- Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Projects Status Update - 2018 Funding Round and 2021 Funding Round
- Recently Accessed Highway Occupancy Permit Applications and Traffic Impact Study Scoping Applications
- Correspondence to Tracy Miller of Catawissa Township regarding DCED Multimodal Grant Application – McIntyre Road Reconstruction Project in Catawissa Township, Columbia County
- Correspondence to Walter Paczkoskie of Zerbe Township regarding DCED Multimodal Grant Application – Village of Trevorton Street Improvements Project in Zerbe Township, Northumberland County
- Correspondence to Katie de Silva, Clinton County Planning Director, regarding Clinton County's Application to the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development – Commonwealth Financing Authority – for Phase 6 of the Bald Eagle Valley Trail

Hogan Boulevard Bike/Ped Safety Study Findings

Ms. Carrie Long of Gannett Fleming provided a PowerPoint presentation on the Hogan Boulevard Bike/Ped Safety Study Findings.

Ms. de Silva made a motion for the MPO to accept the findings of the Hogan Boulevard Bike/Ped Safety Study and to include the recommendations in the MPO's Planning and Programming Process; Mr. Molter seconded the motion; motion carried.

Mr. Herman stated that the study's final report and today's presentation will be posted to SEDA-COG's website in the near future.

Trail Counting Initiative

Mr. Herman reviewed the fact sheet on the Bicycle & Pedestrian Counts Program and planned locations for the counting program provided in the meeting packet.

The initial plan is to conduct year-long counts on the following trails during 2022-23: Milton State Park, North/South Trails; Watsontown Towpath Trail; and Dale's Ridge Trail. These trails were selected based on their proximity for staff in checking on the equipment and doing manual validation counts.

Active Transportation Committee Update

Ms. Wilde presented the following update on the Active Transportation Committee:

- The Safety Work Group will be meeting the week of August 15th.
- The full committee will be meeting on Wednesday, August 24, 2022. This will be a fully virtual meeting.

Member Forum

The following handout was provided in the meeting packet:

- Items of Potential Interest to MPO Members as of August 2022

Adjournment

With there being no further comments, Mr. Herman adjourned the meeting at 11:15 a.m. with a motion from Mr. Hampton and a second from Mr. Molter. The next regular meeting of the MPO is scheduled for October 7, 2022.