



SEDA-COG METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MPO) MEETING

Virtual Meeting
Friday, January 22, 2021
9:30 A.M.

MPO VOTING MEMBERS

Mark Colussy, Mifflin County
Lisa Dooley, Town of Bloomsburg
Lincoln Kaufman, Snyder County
Brad Kerstetter, Juniata County
Jack Kytte, Borough of Berwick
Shawn McLaughlin, Union County
Greg Molter, Montour County
Carey Mullins, PennDOT Central Office
Steve Phillips, SEDA-COG Board, Multi-Modal Interests
Jonathan Ranck, PennDOT District 3-0
Rich Ridgway, SEDA-COG Board At-Large Member
Vickie Rusnak, PennDOT District 2-0
Jim Saylor, SEDA-COG
Justin Skavery, Northumberland County
Eric Stahley, Columbia County

OTHER MPO MEMBERS

Dean Ball, PennDOT District 2-0
Matt Smoker, FHWA-PA Division

GUESTS

Kathleen Brady, Peters Consulting, Inc.
Brian Funkhouser, Michael Baker International, Inc.
Rob Jaconski, PennDOT District 2-0
Dave K.
Anne Messner, Centre County MPO
Kristin Mulkerin, PennDOT Program Center
Beth Nidam, rabbittransit
Robert Watts, McCormick Taylor
Stevan Wilver, Larson Design Group

STAFF PRESENT

Kay Aikey, Program Assistant
Steve Herman, Transportation Planner
Don Kiel, Senior Principal Program Analyst
Katherine Wilde, Program Analyst, GIS
Jeff Stover, Transportation Program Chief

Call to Order

After it was determined that a quorum was present, Mr. Saylor called the meeting to order at 9:33 a.m.

Public Forum

No comments were received from the general public.

Approval of the November 20, 2020 Meeting Minutes of the SEDA-COG MPO

Mr. Kaufman made a motion to approve the minutes from the November 20, 2020, MPO meeting; Mr. Phillips seconded the motion; motion carried.

TIP Administrative Modifications and Amendments

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

Mr. Kerstetter made a motion for the MPO to approve the TIP administrative actions as presented for PennDOT District 2-0; Mr. Kytte seconded the motion; motion carried.

Mr. Saylor summarized the 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.

The following handouts were included in the meeting packet:

- Summary of Transportation Projects in the SEDA-COG Region Approved for TIP Addition Pending Available Funding/Actions by Other Parties. Mr. Saylor stated that there have been no changes since the November MPO meeting.

Central Susquehanna Valley Transportation (CSV) Project Status

Mr. Ranck provided the following update:

CSV Northern Section

- Physical work on the river bridge contract was completed on December 31, 2020. (Therefore, work on 3 of the 4 contracts for the Northern Section is now complete.)
- There is very little work ongoing on the paving contract this winter. When weather allows, the primary work anticipated to be completed in 2021 is the construction of the pavement (not including the wearing course) from Ridge Road to the river bridge and from the river bridge to US 15 (including the interchange ramps). In 2022, PennDOT anticipates that the wearing course will be placed, all other associated work (guide rail, signing, pavement markings, etc.) will be completed, and CSV's Northern Section will be opened to traffic.

CSV T Southern Section

There are now three major contracts for this section: earthwork, structures, and paving. The one caveat is that the 61 connector work will be all intertwined to those so there will not be a separate 61 connector project; it will be all incorporated into the full project.

PennDOT continues to make good progress on the following major activities that must be completed prior to the anticipated start of construction in 2022:

Final Design:

- PennDOT is particularly focused on finalizing plans for the first construction contract, which will primarily consist of the roughly 5 million CY of earthwork required for the project. Last month, PennDOT met with local officials and emergency responders to provide an update on the planned construction access points and anticipated impacts to traffic on existing roadways during construction. No major concerns were identified during that meeting, and PennDOT is currently considering how to best share that information with the general public (most likely using a newsletter) sometime this spring to give them a better idea of what to expect during construction (e.g., what detours will be required on local roads during different stages).

Right-of-Way

- PennDOT recently completed the final check of the right-of-way acquisition plan that defines the exact areas of land and types of easements needed to accommodate the various features of the project over the bulk of its footprint. PennDOT is currently finalizing that plan and will soon focus on working through the appraisal and negotiation process with affected property owners.

Utilities

- PennDOT continues to regularly coordinate with utility companies on arrangements for relocating affected facilities either prior to or in conjunction with the highway construction.
- In particular, late last year, UGI completed their relocation of approximately 4,800' of their gas transmission pipeline to accommodate the proposed CSV T design in the area of the PA 61 Connector.

Permitting

- PennDOT is finalizing the stream hydraulic studies and impact accounting and anticipates submitting associated applications for waterway and wetland permits to the environmental agencies next month.
- PennDOT is also finalizing the erosion control and stormwater management details needed to complete a separate application for an NPDES permit, which PennDOT anticipates submitting to DEP and Snyder County Conservation District in March.

PennDOT plans on letting the earthwork contract in the fall/winter of 2021 and starting construction in the 2022 construction season.

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

Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) Update

Mr. Saylor reviewed the following handouts provided in the meeting packet:

- SEDA-COG MPO Staff Activity Report – January 2021
- SEDA-COG MPO TIP Local Project Tracking
- SEDA-COG MPO TIP Project Updates
- Requests to Add Projects to the SEDA-COG MPO TIP
- SEDA-COG MPO FY 2021-22 PennDOT Multimodal Fund Projects Application Review Comments
- PennDOT flyer on Personal Delivery Devices (PDD)
- Email comments to Kevin Tobias in response to PennDOT request for feedback on Personal Delivery Devices
- PennDOT Policy and Procedures for PPD Operations (draft document)

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

- Transportation Alternatives Set Aside Projects Status Update – 2018 Funding Round

Mr. Herman also mentioned that PennDOT is expected to open a new TA Set Aside statewide solicitation in late spring/early summer 2021.

SEDA-COG Long Range Transportation Plan Update

Mr. Kiel provided a PowerPoint presentation – Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) 2021-2045 Project Overview and Status.

The major next steps include:

- Draft online Hub/Survey site – January 26th
- Feedback from Steering Committee and Members – January 29th
- Preliminary round of stakeholder input/public comment – February
Full 30-day comment period later
ACM (Agency Coordination Meeting) presentation on March 24th
- Major input/feedback stage – final comment period in April-May

Mr. Saylor called for a 10-minute break at 10:29 a.m. The meeting was reconvened 10:39 a.m.

Pavement/Bridge and System Performance Measures Targets

Mr. Herman reviewed the Pavement/Bridge and System Performance Measures Targets provided as a handout in the meeting packet.

Mr. Herman stated that at the November MPO meeting members agreed to adopt PennDOT's revised performance measures for safety. There are no adjustments for the pavement and bridges on the National-Highway System (NHS). PennDOT did make some adjustments to the statewide 4-year system performance or PM-3 targets. These cover the performance on the National Highway System, freight movement on the Interstate, and the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement (CMAQ) Program for emissions reductions.

Mr. Mullins made a motion for the MPO to support the adjusted statewide PM-3 targets by planning and programming projects that contribute to meeting or making significant progress toward the established PennDOT performance targets; Mr. Kaufman seconded the motion; motion carried.

Local Bridge Prioritization Process for 2023 TIP

Ms. Wilde reviewed the 2023 TIP Local Bridge Prioritization Process handout provided in the meeting packet.

The next step involves emails that will go out by the end of January to MPO county members with a poll attached to schedule local bridge prioritization meetings.

Ms. Wilde reviewed the Summary of Prioritized Projects and Programming Status after Three Updates handout provided in the meeting packet.

Mr. Mullins asked that Ms. Wilde include Scott Williams from the Williamsport MPO on the emails regarding this topic. Mr. Mullins stated that PennDOT is considering doing this same process with the Williamsport MPO and Northern Tier RPO.

Active Transportation Committee Update

Ms. Wilde gave an update on the Active Transportation Committee and stated that the committee will be hosting a funding workshop panel via video conferencing on February 24th from 2-4 p.m. Panelists will include PennDOT, DCNR, SEDA-COG and more. Panelists will focus on active transportation grant opportunities by sharing common issues they see with grant applications, and ways to make applications competitive.

Upcoming Committee Meeting Schedule:

- 1/29/21: Safety Work Group Meeting 11-12 via conference call
- 2/23/21: Community Engagement and Outreach Work Group 2:30-4 p.m. via zoom
- 2/24/21: MSATC Full Committee Meeting and funding Workshop 2-4 p.m.

Ms. Wilde reminded MPO Members that there are still plenty of 4ft to pass decals/stickers to be distributed. Members are to contact Ms. Wilde for more information.

Member Forum

The following handouts were provided in the meeting packet:

- Items of Potential Interest to MPO Members as of January 2021
- Wolf Administration Invests in Rail Infrastructure, Supporting Business Development and 200 Jobs Statewide
- PennDOT Wraps Up 2020 Construction Season in North Central PA

Mr. Saylor stated that this will be Ms. Rusnak's last meeting as she is retiring after 35 years of service to PennDOT. Members praised Ms. Rusnak for her talents and contributions and wished her well in retirement.

Ms. Dooley stated there is a public session to be held February 16th at 5 p.m. for the East Street project in Bloomsburg. This is open to the public and construction will begin in 2021-2022.

Adjournment

With there being no further comments, Mr. Saylor adjourned the meeting at 11:12 a.m. The next regular meeting of the MPO is scheduled for March 19, 2021.