MPO VOTING MEMBERS
Don Alexander, Northumberland County
Katie de Silva, Clinton County (via teleconference)
Bill Gomes, Mifflin County (via teleconference)
Michele Holman, SEDA-COG Board, Transit (via teleconference)
Lincoln Kaufman, Snyder County
Brad Kerstetter, Juniata County
Jack Kytle, Borough of Berwick
Shawn McLaughlin, Union County
Greg Molter, Montour County
Carey Mullins, PennDOT Central Office
Jonathan Ranck, PennDOT District 3-0
Jim Saylor, SEDA-COG
Eric Stailey, Columbia County
Tom Zurat, PennDOT District 2-0

OTHER MPO MEMBERS
John Lavelle, Lycoming County Planning
Matt Smoker, Federal Highway Administration
Scott Williams, Lycoming County Planning

GUESTS
Michelle Brummer, Gannett Fleming (via teleconference)
Beth Nidam, rabbittransit
Robert Watts, McCormick Taylor
Steve Wilver, Larson Design Group

STAFF PRESENT
Kay Aikey, Program Assistant
Steve Herman, Analyst
Katherine Lewis, GIS
Kyle Postupack, Analyst

OTHER SEDA-COG STAFF
Mike Fisher, Assistant Executive Director

Call to Order

Mr. Saylor called the meeting to order at 9:34 a.m.
Public Forum

No comments were received from the general public.

Approval of the December 7, 2018 Meeting Minutes of the SEDA-COG MPO

Mr. Mullins made a motion to approve the minutes from the December 7, 2018, MPO meeting; Mr. Kaufman seconded the motion; motion carried.

TIP Administrative Modifications and Amendments

Mr. Gomes made a motion to approve the TIP amendment for PennDOT District 2-0 to resurface the Lewistown Bypass project west of SR 22; Mr. Kerstetter seconded the motion; motion carried.

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

Mr. McLaughlin made a motion to approve the TIP amendment for PennDOT District 3-0 to add local bridge projects in Union County with the local portion financed by the $5.00 fee and additional funding from the Statewide STP Program; Mr. Alexander seconded the motion; motion carried.

Mr. Molter made a motion to approve the TIP amendment for PennDOT District 3-0 to add a project on Interstate 80 in Montour County that extends from the Northumberland County line to the SR 54 interchange; Mr. Kaufman seconded the motion; motion carried.

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

Mr. Saylor reviewed the following handouts 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.

  Mr. Saylor stated that the administrative actions for the SR 4013 project for PennDOT District 2-0 was approved for TIP funds so that project will be taken off the list before the next MPO meeting. Mr. Saylor stated there has been progress on the Montour Street project in Danville as well as the Industrial Park Road project in Selinsgrove, but the projects are not ready to have funding added, so these projects will still be carried on the summary.

  Mr. Saylor reminded MPO members to contact Ms. Lockwood to assist with any candidate local access road projects that would serve two or more business entities. These projects are recommended to the SEDA-COG Board of Directors at their July meeting.

- SEDA-COG MPO TIP Local Project Tracking.
- SEDA-COG MPO TIP Project Updates.
- Requests to Add Projects to the SEDA-COG MPO TIP.
Ms. de Silva stated that she attended one of the slide hazard kick-off meetings in Clearfield and the reporter who wrote the article made it sound as if the projects were going to be done by Clinton County Planning and the commissioners and she wanted to apologize to SEDA-COG staff and PennDOT District 2-0 staff because she doesn’t want the county to take credit for what PennDOT is doing and she appreciates the work that PennDOT District 2-0 is doing in Clinton County. Mr. Zurat thanked Ms. de Silva for the compliment.

- Simplified TIP listing for all eight counties. Mr. Saylor stated that this is the breakdown from the TIP report of what projects are being worked on in each county and lists the year when the first construction phase will start.

Mr. McLaughlin had a question regarding the project total costs for Snyder and Union counties. Mr. Saylor replied that staff will verify the totals. These tables will be updated a couple times a year for MPO members.

Ms. de Silva stated that she likes the format of the tables that she can distribute to the Clinton County transportation committee for them to easily grasp what is going on in the county.

**Central Susquehanna Valley Transportation (CSVT) Project Status**

Mr. Ranck provided the following updates:

**Northern Paving:** Contract has been awarded and work will begin in the Northern Section and the Winfield Section in the Spring. Earthwork has been completed for both areas.

**CSVT River Bridge:** Major work has been moved to the Northumberland side with the Union County side almost completed with the decking. The major bridge work should be completed by 2021 and the entire Northern Section should be completed by 2022.

**Southern Section:** Received concurrence from FHWA on the NEPA review. PennDOT is waiting to have NEPA cleared by mid-February. PennDOT will then be able to move on to final design of the Southern Section.

MPO members also discussed increased project costs resulting from the need to avoid the Southern Section’s Ash Basin Focus Areas.

More information is available at [http://www/csvt.com/](http://www/csvt.com/).

**SEDA-COG MPO Strategic Plan**

A copy of the draft SEDA-COG MPO Strategic Plan was provided as an additional handout to MPO members.

Mr. Saylor stated that this draft is built on MPO members’ input from the November 20, 2018 workshop. The major issues were discussed at the December 7, 2018 MPO meeting, and this draft incorporates the discussion and also the follow up survey.

Ms. Brummer of Gannett Fleming presented an overview of the SEDA-COG MPO Strategic Plan. She stated that the purpose of the strategic plan is to help the MPO and staff guide their activities for the next five years.
MPO members were asked to provide staff with comments/revisions to the plan by February 8.

Ms. de Silva asked a question on the ‘resiliency’ section in Issue 3. She stated that one of the points is to participate in county hazard mitigation planning and was wondering how that would work because each county does this on a different schedule and it is an exhaustive process that probably takes a year per county. Ms. Brummer replied when this was written into the action plan it was not written to necessarily mean being on the committee and making every meeting. In terms of communicating, it is seen as more important to link up hazard mitigation plans with transportation plans in terms of the critical transportation facilities and routes and data, with perhaps occasional hazard mitigation plan committee meeting attendance. Ms. Brummer stated she will add a note to that particular point.

The final Strategic Plan will help set priorities for the next Long Range Transportation Plan, and the Strategic Plan could be shared during county TIP outreach meetings to validate the issues/actions.

**Functional Classification Revisions**

Mr. Postupack gave a brief overview of the handout provided to MPO members of the functional classifications for routes in the MPO region. He stated that a few corrections needed to be made to this handout: Columbia County, SR 4003 should be a minor collector; Montour County, SR 2005 Kaseville Road should be a minor collector. Mr. Postupack stated this information is being proposed to be sent to PennDOT.

Mr. Molter asked if the safety corridor improvements on Route 642/54 will cause the Frosty Valley Road classification to be readdressed. Mr. Postupack stated this will be reviewed. Mr. Ranck stated there will also be a 2020 census update to consider for functional classification changes. Mr. Postupack stated that several factors were reviewed – major employers, county seats and schools.

*Mr. Molter made a motion for the MPO to approve the proposed functional classification revisions as amended for submittal to PennDOT; Mr. Kerstetter seconded the motion; motion carried.*

**UPWP Update**

Mr. Saylor referred to the following handouts provided in the meeting packet:

- List of Plan/Activity Milestones
- SEDA-COG MPO Planning Calendar
- SEDA-COG MPO FY 2019-20 PennDOT Multimodal Fund Projects Application Review Comments
- Letter confirming the SEDA-COG MPO agrees to support the state safety performance measures targets.

Mr. Saylor mentioned that the MPO Planning Process Review will be held on March 26, 2019. MPO members wishing to participate in that meeting should notify staff.

Mr. Smoker stated that FHWA, PennDOT, and FTA are continuing their desk review related to the SEDA-COG MPO Planning Process Review. A summary of the desk review and an agenda for the March 26 meeting should be issued 2 weeks before the meeting.
Annual List of Obligated Projects

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

- Pennsylvania FFY 2019-2022 STIP Planning Finding
- SEDA-COG Metropolitan Planning Organization Annual Listing of Obligated Projects Federal Fiscal Year 2018 report, including a table showing the Obligated Projects

Mr. Herman noted that the List of Obligated Projects will be published to the SEDA-COG website and promoted via an upcoming social media posting.

Transportation Alternatives Update and Discussion

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

- Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) Projects Status Update 2016 Funding Round.
- Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) Projects Status Update 2018 Funding Round.

Mr. Herman stated that completion of construction for the Monument Square Phase V Project for Mifflin County is estimated for the summer of 2019.

Ms. de Silva stated that the project let date for the Clinton County Rail Trail is scheduled for August 2020 with the notice to proceed in September 2020.

Mr. Zurat stated that there will not be a project let for the Sidewalk and Curb Enhancements project for the Borough of Renovo. There is no project coming directly out of this, since it is just using study funds.

Mr. Herman stated that there will be a new TAP round opened in 2019. MPO members were encouraged to notify potential project sponsors and suggest that they take steps now to ensure their project proposals become competitive applications.

Coordinated Transit Plan Update

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

- Findings of Public Listening Sessions completed by Gannett Fleming

Mr. Herman stated that over 500 responses have been received from the general public survey and over 20 agencies responded to the organizational survey.

Mr. Herman stated the next step is to schedule key stakeholder interviews. Over 20 different stakeholders have been identified, including transit system operators, human service organizations and hospital systems in the region. The summary results from these interviews will be shared at the next MPO meeting. Mr. Herman stated the Coordinated Transit Plan is anticipated to be adopted at the May MPO meeting.
Local Technical Assistance Program (LTAP) Update

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

- News Release titled “SEDA-COG Wraps Up Successful Year for Local Technical Assistance Program”
- List of 2019 LTAP Classes and Other 2019 Municipal Training

Census Participant Statistical Areas Program

Mr. Postupack provided an update on the Census Participant Statistical Areas Program (PSAP). He stated that meetings have been held with the counties and there will be some work groups. MPO members will be kept updated throughout this process.

Member Forum

The following handouts were provided in the meeting packet:

- Items of Potential Interest to MPO members as of January 2019.
- Meeting calendars for January, February and March.
- PennDOT News Release titled “PennDOT Puts Finishing Touches on 2018 Construction Season in North Central PA”
- Flyer on PennDOT Connects Information/Training Sessions for Municipal Officials
- PennDOT Connects “Transform” newsletter for Fall 2018.
  Support letter regarding the designation of corridors in Pennsylvania as part of the Federal Highway Administration’s FAST Act Alternative Fuel Corridors.

Adjournment

Mr. Saylor adjourned the meeting at 11:22 a.m. The next regular meeting of the MPO is scheduled for March 22, 2019.