



**SEDA-COG METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MPO) MEETING**  
**FRIDAY, JULY 19, 2019**  
**SEDA-COG**  
**LEWISBURG, PA**  
**9:30 A.M.**

**MPO VOTING MEMBERS**

Don Alexander, Northumberland County  
Justin Batiuk, PennDOT District 3-0  
Katie de Silva, Clinton County  
Bill Gomes, Mifflin County (via teleconference)  
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  
Richard Ridgway, SEDA-COG Board At-Large Member  
Vickie Rusnak, PennDOT District 2-0  
Jim Saylor, SEDA-COG  
Eric Stahley, Columbia County

**OTHER MPO MEMBERS**

Matt Smoker, Federal Highway Administration  
Scott Williams, Lycoming County Planning  
Tom Zurat, PennDOT District 2-0

**GUESTS**

Michael Benson, PennDOT District 3-0  
John Schneider, PennDOT District 2-0  
Damien Scoblink, Borough of Berwick  
Robert Watts, McCormick Taylor

**STAFF PRESENT**

Kay Aikey, Program Assistant  
Steve Herman, Analyst  
Katherine Lewis, GIS

**Call to Order**

Mr. Saylor called the meeting to order at 9:37 a.m. Introduction of MPO members, guests and staff present.

## **Public Forum**

No comments were received from the general public.

## **Approval of the May 17, 2019 Meeting Minutes of the SEDA-COG MPO**

***Mr. Kaufman made a motion to approve the minutes from the May 17, 2019, MPO meeting; Mr. Molter seconded the motion; motion carried.***

## **TIP Administrative Modifications and Amendments**

Mr. Saylor referred to the amendment to add federal funding for the T-439 over Tea Creek project in Brown Township, Mifflin County. These are Road MaP funds matching the \$5.00 fee for local use funding that Mifflin county has approved for this bridge replacement.

***Mr. Gomes made a motion to approve the TIP amendment as presented; Mr. Mullins seconded the motion; motion carried.***

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

***Mr. Molter made a motion to approve the TIP administrative actions for PennDOT District 3-0; Mr. Mullins 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 Montour Street project, Montour County, is now shown on the current TIP and so it will be removed from this listing for the next MPO meeting.
- SEDA-COG MPO TIP Local Project Tracking.
- SEDA-COG MPO TIP Project Updates.
- Requests to Add Projects to the SEDA-COG MPO TIP.
  - o Middleburg Borough projects in Snyder County will be removed from consideration based on the borough deciding to move forward with them as part of a CFA flood mitigation study rather than pursuing TIP funds for the replacement of those structures.
  - o A new addition is the Greene Township bridge, Snook Crossroads, over Fishing Creek in Clinton County. This was based on an email from Ms. deSilva and pending input from the countywide prioritization meeting.
- ARC Project Package 2020-2021 Project Priority Listing – There are three projects in the area under consideration for submission as a Local Access Road ARC project. The projects are Marsh Road Construction Project (Northumberland County), Commerce Drive Extension (Mifflin County), Reconstruction of Sawmill Road (Snyder County). All three project sponsors have met with their local municipalities and the municipalities have agreed to serve as sponsor; all three have met with their respective PennDOT Districts, and they seem to have an understanding of what applying for federal local access road funding means as opposed to using liquid fuels funds. No cost estimates or project construction schedules have been submitted for these projects, but all three projects seem to be underway in that process and staff feels that all three projects will be in a position to do that by the time that action needs to be taken at the December MPO meeting. Any MPO member having a

concern should speak with the respective SEDA-COG Board member before the July SEDA-COG Board meeting.

- Updated simplified project listing for projects currently on the TIP for each county. Mr. Herman stated that the following totals were not shown on the meeting handout: Columbia County - \$37.8 million; Juniata County - \$25.5 million; and the overall is \$405 million.

### Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) Update

The following handouts were included in the meeting packet:

- SEDA-COG MPO Staff Activity Report – July 2019. Mr. Saylor stated this is essentially an update to what staff has been doing since the May meeting. The guidance for the 2020-2022 UPWP and for the 2021-2024 TIP update were released.
- Working draft of the UPWP for fiscal years 2020-2022 (July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2022). Compared to the last UPWP update, there is a small funding increase for SEDA-COG and what staff is proposing to do is to put it into a project to bring in consultant support for the Long Range Transportation Plan Update to help do stakeholder interviews and public meetings similar to what was done on the Coordinated Plan update and to provide some technical assistance on the new requirements for Performance Based Planning and Performance Measures. The updated draft of the UPWP will be brought to the September MPO meeting and then gets sent to FHWA and PennDOT for comments. After those comments are incorporated into the UPWP, MPO members will be asked to adopt the UPWP at the November MPO meeting.

Mr. Saylor stated there is \$500,000 in supplemental SPR funds available for transportation and land use studies on a state-wide competitive basis. This is the type of funding that Union and Mifflin counties have used to fund the transportation component of their comprehensive plan updates. Mifflin County recently used this for their Electric Avenue interchange study and the Susquehanna Greenway Partnership was able to pursue this for funding for the bicycle/pedestrian plan that was adopted at the last meeting. There is a 20% cash match required for that funding and staff is asking that if MPO members have a need that this funding could help with to contact staff to discuss. If a county submits for this, then a two-page summary of that study will be needed by September 7, 2019 so it can be included in the draft of the UPWP. This can be used for safety studies or corridor studies; it is similar to the funding source that Lycoming County is using for their study on the impacts on the completion of the CSVI.

- Draft List of Bridges to Include in the Local Prioritization for 2021-2024 TIP Update.
- Non-Exempt Registered Vehicles by Owner County as of December 4, 2016.
- Long Range Transportation Plan Update to 2016 Plan.
- Mr. Saylor also stated that staff expects to see a decrease in TIP funding for the next TIP update, particularly for the first two years. There are less state funds available overall and that statewide, more funds will be put in the interstate management program bringing it up so that the proportion of NHPP funding that goes into the interstate reflects the proportion of vehicle miles traveled on the interstate compared to the rest of the system. A separate handout Preliminary Funding Information for the 2021-2024 TIP Update was provided to MPO members which showed the Comparison of Total SEDA-COG TIP Funding by Year and Comparison of SEDA-COG TIP Funding by Program and 2019 vs. 2021 Allocation Balances.
- DCNR Trail Grant Applications 2019 Application Review Comments from the SEDA-COG MPO.

- MPO Strategic Plan: Quarterly Activity Review – As of July 2019.
- 2019 Safety Priorities Summary for SEDA-COG District 2-0 Counties.

### **Draft Coordinated Transit Plan**

Mr. Herman provided a PowerPoint presentation on the Draft Coordinated Public Transit-Human Services Transportation Plan for the SEDA-COG and Williamsport MPOs.

The Coordinated Plan Anticipated Schedule:

July 29, 2019	Public comment period opens; legal notice advertised in area newspapers.
August 14, 2019	Public meeting on the Draft Plan
August 28, 2019	30-day public comment period closes
September 20, 2019	SEDA-COG MPO adopts the Plan
November 18, 2019	Williamsport MPO adopts the Plan
Spring 2024	Reevaluate the 2019 Plan

***Mr. Molter made a motion for the MPO to approve advertising the Draft Coordinated Transit Plan for public comment; Mr. Alexander seconded the motion; motion carried.***

### **2021 Twelve Year Program Public Participation**

Mr. Herman reviewed the following handouts provided in the meeting packet regarding public input results and upcoming milestones for developing the 2021 Twelve Year Transportation Program:

- 2021 Twelve Year Program Update Regional Transportation Survey Summary from the State Transportation Commission which showed transportation issues identified. 110 issues were identified within the SEDA-COG MPO region.
- STC 2021 Survey Participants in the SEDA-COG MPO region. There was a total of 144 from the eight-county SEDA-COG MPO region.
- Table listing of the STC 2021 TYP Survey Need Comments from SED-COG MPO region participants.
- 2021 Program Development Schedule

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

### **Transportation Alternatives Update and Discussion**

The following handouts were 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 there will not be a new round this year for the Transportation Alternatives Program due to the federal FAST Act expiring and limited funding available.

Mr. Herman stated that the PennDOT Multimodal grant program will be open from September 2019 – November 2019

### **PennDOT Connects Training and Technical Assistance**

Mr. Herman reviewed the PennDOT Connects brochures provided in the meeting packet:

- PennDOT Connects Municipal Training for Transportation and Land Use Planning
- PennDOT Connects Technical Assistance

MPO members were encouraged to take advantage of the PennDOT Connects technical assistance and promote it to their municipalities. The current contract for the technical assistance runs through the fall; staff will update members on the contract renewal for these services. Mr. Herman then played a short Capital Improvement Programming online training module video from the PennDOT Connects website.

### **Bicycle/Pedestrian Committee update**

Ms. Lewis stated that the plan was adopted by the Williamsport MPO and the Susquehanna Greenway Partnership Board in June. Staff will be forming the bicycle/pedestrian subcommittee and developing memberships. A target meeting date is anticipated for August to formally kick off the subcommittee. Copies of the plan can be found on SEDA-COG's website.

### **Census Participant Statistical Areas Program**

Ms. Lewis stated that the review period for the census participation statistical areas program has ended and staff will be submitting the changes. Census has some issues on their end. All of the information for the counties will be submitted by end of day and then there will be a 90-day review period in January.

### **Member Forum**

The following handouts were provided in the meeting packet:

- Items of Potential Interest to MPO members as of July 2019.
- Meeting calendars for July, August, and September.

### **Adjournment**

Mr. Saylor adjourned the meeting at 11:25 a.m. The next regular meeting of the MPO is scheduled for September 20, 2019.