



**SEDA-COG METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MPO)
MEETING MINUTES
Hybrid Meeting
Friday, July 21, 2023
SEDA-COG, Lewisburg, PA
9:30 A.M.**

MPO VOTING MEMBERS

Lisa Dooley, Town of Bloomsburg (via teleconference)
Frank Hampton, PennDOT Central Office (via teleconference)
Steve Herman, SEDA-COG
Lincoln Kaufman, Snyder County
Brad Kerstetter, Juniata County
Jack Kytte, Borough of Berwick (via teleconference)
Carriane Love, Mifflin County (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 (via teleconference)
Mark Schultz, PennDOT District 2-0 (via teleconference)
Eric Stahley, Columbia County (via teleconference)

GUESTS

John Breneman, Office of State Senator Jake Corman (via teleconference)
Michelle Brummer, Gannett Fleming (via teleconference)
Duane Gaugler, Larson Design Group (via teleconference)
Jeff Iseman, PA SILC/PA Transportation Alliance (via teleconference)
Gini Feigles-Kaar, Dewberry Engineers
Gene Porochniak, FHWA (via teleconference)
Beth Nidam, rabbittransit (via teleconference)
Craig Sattesehn, PennDOT District 2.0 (via teleconference)
Matt Wise, Office of State Senator Gene Yaw (via teleconference)

STAFF

Michelle Ballou, Program Assistant
Bryce Buck, Program Analyst
Don Kiel, Senior Principal Program Analyst
Kristin McLaughlin, Principal 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. Mr. Sattesahn introduced himself to the members and stated that he could serve as a backup voting member for Mr. Schultz.

Approval of the May 19, 2023, Meeting Minutes of the SEDA-COG MPO

Mr. Kerstetter made a motion to approve the minutes from the May 19, 2023, MPO meeting; Mr. Molter seconded the motion; motion carried.

TIP Administrative Modifications and Amendments

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

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

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

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

Mr. Buck stated that a new webmap is being created for the TIP project adjustments. There will be several ways of searching such as by action id, multimodal project management system number, status, PennDOT District, county, or municipality. There will be a new link to access the webmap for the September 15th MPO meeting.

CSVT Project and SR 54 Safety Project Status Reports

CSVT Southern Section

Earthwork Contract: Mr. Ranck stated that as of July 11th, this contract is 27% complete. Earthwork is progressing near Park Rd and there will be detours in August to realign Park Rd and Colonial Dr. The detour will last approximately five weeks.

Structures Contract: Mr. Ranck stated that this contract is expected to be let in fall 2023 with construction work to begin on the structures starting in 2024, and a completion date in 2025.

Paving Contract: Mr. Ranck stated that this contract is expected to be let in late 2025 or early 2026. This will allow the Southern Section to be opened to traffic in 2027 as planned.

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

SR 54 Section 090 Intersection Realignment with SR 642 in Montour County

Mr. Ranck provided the following updates for this project:

- A meeting with the Community Advisory Committee will be rescheduled and is anticipated to take place in late summer.
- Bidding will take place in 2024 and work is expected to be completed in 2026.

Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) Update

Mr. Herman highlighted items from the SEDA-COG MPO Staff Activity Report – July 2023 provided in the meeting packet.

Other handouts provided in the meeting packet included:

- Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Status Update – 2018 Funding Round and 2021 Funding Round
- Recently Accessed Highway Occupancy Permit Applications
- Recently Accessed Traffic Impact Study Scoping Applications

2025 Twelve Year Program Public Participation

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

- State Transportation Commission Public Comment Period Survey Summary Results for the SEDA-COG MPO region, including information regarding identified issues and survey participants.
- Comparison of the 2021 and 2023 Survey Results for the SEDA-COG region.
- 2025 TIP Update Timeline.

Local Bridge Prioritization Process for 2025 TIP

Mr. Buck stated that prioritization meetings were conducted in March and April of this year to identify preliminary local bridge concerns and other transportation issues. A survey was sent out in May to collect additional planning information on local bridge priorities. There are still missing survey data points from certain counties. Once the remaining data has been received it will be checked for accuracy and the Decision Lens scoring will be finalized. The local bridge priority list is anticipated to be presented at the September meeting for endorsement by the MPO Board.

Complete Streets Planning Update

Ms. McLaughlin stated that in March Gannett Fleming began a work order for the MPO on Complete Streets planning. This is to develop standards and policies for the MPO as well as a template that municipalities can use if they are interested in adopting a complete streets policy. A draft MPO Complete Streets Policy is expected to be presented at the September 15th MPO meeting. In addition, we are also working with the Town of Bloomsburg on complete streets technical assistance, for which the kickoff meeting occurred on July 11th.

Active Transportation Committee Update

Mr. Buck provided an update on the Active Transportation Committee. The next Committee meeting will be held on August 16, 2023. The director of the PA DCNR Office of Planning and Policy will be a guest speaker to discuss DCNR's e-bike policy.

The new Active Transportation Committee Esri Hub site will be similar to the LRTP dashboard that was presented at the May MPO meeting. This will act as a repository for information on the Committee, resources for members, and a way for the public to view more interactive elements of the Middle Susquehanna Regional Bike/Ped Plan. Mr. Buck also mentioned that the trail counting initiative will be moving to the next round for 2023-2024. There will be four counters on the Bald Eagle Valley Trail and two on the Lock Haven Riverwalk. Data from the first trail counting round will be downloaded in August and updates will be shared at the September 15 MPO meeting.

Member Forum

The following handouts were provided in the meeting packet:

- Items of Potential Interest to MPO Members as of July 2023

Ms. McLaughlin stated that the Rural and Tribal Assistance Pilot Program's guidance was specific that the funding is first come, first served – therefore, early application is encouraged once it opens up on August 14.

Mr. Porochniak provided information on current funding opportunities and resources. The USDOT discretionary grants dashboard provides an overview of discretionary grant opportunities and can be searched by project type or eligible organization to find grant opportunities. The BIL Launch Pad was developed by USDOT in partnership with The Build America Center at the University of Maryland. This site provides information on funding opportunities. It is anticipated that the Bridge Investment Program discretionary grant will come out later this summer, as well as the Thriving Communities Program. The SMART grants program will be available beginning in August.

Adjournment

With there being no further comments, Mr. Herman adjourned the meeting at 11:02 a.m. with a motion from Mr. Molter; Mr. Kaufman seconded the motion; motion carried. The next regular meeting of the MPO is scheduled for September 15, 2023.