



SEDA-COG METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MPO) MEETING

Hybrid Meeting
Friday, June 10, 2022
SEDA-COG, Lewisburg, PA
9:30 A.M.

MPO VOTING MEMBERS

Mark Colussy, Mifflin County
Katie de Silva, Clinton County
John DeVecchio, Union County (via teleconference)
Lisa Dooley, Town of Bloomsburg (via teleconference)
Steve Herman, SEDA-COG
Lincoln Kaufman, Snyder County
Brad Kerstetter, Juniata County
Carey Mullins, PennDOT Central Office
Jonathan Ranck, PennDOT District 3-0 (via teleconference)
Mark Schultz, PennDOT District 2-0 (via teleconference)
Eric Stahley, Columbia County (via teleconference)

OTHER MPO MEMBERS

Chris King, PennDOT District 3-0 (via teleconference)

GUESTS

Eric Adams, Gannett Fleming (via teleconference)
Michelle Brummer, Gannett Fleming (via teleconference)
Chris Chapman, Luzerne County MPO (via teleconference)
Steven Beattie, Lewisburg Borough (via teleconference)
H. Virginia Feigles-Kaar, Dewberry
Beth Nidam, rabbittransit (via teleconference)

STAFF PRESENT

Kay Aikey, Program Assistant
Don Kiel, Senior Principal Program Analyst
Matt Semeraro, GIS Intern (via teleconference)
Jeff Stover, Transportation Program Chief (via teleconference)
Katherine Wilde, Senior Program Analyst

OTHER SEDA-COG STAFF

Kim Wheeler, Executive Director

Call to Order

After it was determined that a quorum was present, Mr. Herman called the meeting to order at 10:07 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. Kaufman made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 8, 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 adding a safety project using HSIP funding on US 22 in Mifflin County. Mr. Schultz stated this is a new project to install solar powered sequential lighted chevrons on US 22 in Derry Township, Mifflin County. Mr. Schultz stated this project is a new initiative and will be installed in curve areas. This project is being combined with two projects in Centre County and PennDOT is hoping for a quick turnaround of the project and to be able to secure a much better bid by joining this with other similar solar powered sequential lighted chevrons in the District.

Mr. Colussy made a motion for the MPO to approve the amendment for PennDOT District 2-0 for the lighted solar powered sequential chevrons; Mr. Mullins seconded the motion; motion carried.

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

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

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

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

CSVT Project and SR 54 Safety Project Status Reports

The following handout was provided in the meeting packet:

- Press Release from PennDOT regarding the CSVT Northern Section Public Event

Mr. Ranck provided the following update:

CSV T Northern Section Opening/Southern Section Groundbreaking

- A public walking/biking event will be held on Saturday, 6/25, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Attendees will park at the Ridge Road interchange.
- An invitation-only ribbon cutting/groundbreaking ceremony (for public officials, parties who worked on the project and the media) will be held on Wednesday, 6/29, at 10:30 a.m.
- Open to traffic is anticipated by mid-July.

Southern Section

- The 1st earthwork contract was awarded to Trumbull Corporation from Pittsburgh in early May and notice to proceed was issued on 5/16/22.
- Final design work continues for the 2nd (structures) and 3rd (paving) contracts
 - PennDOT has mostly focused on preparing plans for the 9 new bridges that will be included in the 2nd contract.
 - FHWA is currently reviewing the final design noise analysis and PennDOT anticipates receiving FHWA's approval to move forward with public coordination this summer related to the proposed noise barriers that will also be included in the 2nd contract.

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

Route 54 and 642 Intersection Improvement

- Final right-of-way plan is currently in review.
- Waterway permit has been submitted to DEP for review.
- The National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit will be submitted for DEP to review by the end of June 2022.
- Bid opening is anticipated in Spring of 2023.

Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) Update

Mr. Herman highlighted items from the SEDA-COG MPO Staff Activity Report – June 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

SEDA-COG MPO Self-Certification Resolution

Mr. Herman reviewed the Resolution for the SEDA-COG MPO Self-Certification of the Metropolitan Transportation Planning and Programming Process. This resolution certifies that the SEDA-COG MPO's transportation planning process is being carried out in accordance with all applicable federal requirements and that the local process to enhance the participation of the general public, including the transportation disadvantaged, has been followed in developing the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and the Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP).

Mr. Colussy made a motion for the MPO to approve the SEDA-COG MPO Self-Certification Resolution; Mr. Kaufman seconded the motion; motion carried.

2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Adoption

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

- SEDA-COG MPO Public Involvement Activities and Milestones - Draft 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program Public Comment Period Summary
- Draft 2023 TIP Public Comment Period: April 22, 2022 – May 23, 2022. Mr. Herman stated that there were 15 participants in the public meeting – 9 were in person and 6 joined virtually. Mr. Herman briefly shared some of the comments that were submitted during the comment period and staff responses to the comments.
- Meeting Summary of the May 9, 2022, Public Meeting
- 2023 TIP Submission Required Documentation
- 2023-2026 Transportation Program Submission Checklist
- Memorandum of Understanding covering 2023-2026 SEDA-COG Transportation Improvement Program Procedures for Transportation Improvement Program Revisions

Mr. Kaufman made a motion for the MPO to adopt the 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and approve submission of all the TIP documents to PennDOT; Ms. de Silva seconded the motion; motion carried.

Mr. Herman stated that the new TIP will take effect October 1, 2022.

SEDA-COG MPO Title VI Program Adoption

Mr. Herman briefly referenced recent activity with preparing the SEDA-COG MPO Title VI Program. He stated that the SEDA-COG MPO Title VI Program certifies the MPO's compliance with federal requirements under Title VI of the Civil Rights Act and referenced a resolution in the meeting packet for adopting the Title VI Program.

Ms. Brummer provided a PowerPoint presentation on the Title VI Program Update.

Ms. de Silva made a motion for the MPO to approve the SEDA-COG MPO 2022 Title VI Program; Mr. Kaufman seconded the motion; motion carried.

SEDA-COG MPO Bylaws Amendments

Mr. Herman reviewed the SEDA-COG MPO Bylaws amendments provided in the meeting packet and discussed the primary adjustments made to the original 2012 bylaws. The MPO bylaws will also be taken to the SEDA-COG Board of Directors for its endorsement on June 22, 2022.

Mr. Mullins made a motion for the MPO to approve the revised June 10, 2022 SEDA-COG MPO Bylaws; Mr. Colussy seconded the motion; motion carried.

Active Transportation Committee Update

Ms. Wilde provided the following update for the Active Transportation Committee:

- Upcoming schedule of meetings for 2022 – 2023: August 24, November 2, February 8, 2023, and May 17, 2023.
- Six trail counters are going to be purchased and the committee will be working with Michelle Beiler from Bucknell University on gathering trail usage data for the region.
- The Committee work groups will be reconvening soon.
- The Northumberland County Rail Trail Master Plan is in the process of being approved by DCNR.

Member Forum

The following items were included in the meeting packet:

- Items of Potential Interest to MPO Members as of June 2022.
- 2022 DCNR Trail Grant Application Review Comments from the SEDA-COG MPO.

Adjournment

With there being no further comments, Mr. Herman adjourned the meeting at 11:15 a.m. with a motion from Mr. Mullins and a second from Mr. Kaufman. The next regular meeting of the MPO is scheduled for August 12, 2022.