



SEDA-COG METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MPO)
MEETING MINUTES
Hybrid Meeting
Friday, June 12, 2026
SEDA-COG, Lewisburg, PA
9:30 a.m.

MPO VOTING MEMBERS

John DeVecchio, Union County
Lisa Dooley, Town of Bloomsburg (via teleconference)
Stephen Gibson, Clinton County (via teleconference)
Steve Herman, SEDA-COG
Randy Karschner, SEDA-COG Board, At-large Member (via teleconference)
Lincoln Kaufman, Snyder County
Brad Kerstetter, Juniata County
Jack Kytte, Berwick Borough (via teleconference)
James Lettiere, Mifflin County (via teleconference)
Preston Mausteller, PennDOT District 3-0 (via teleconference)
Greg Molter, Montour County
Mark Schultz, PennDOT District 2-0 (via teleconference)
Justin Skavery, Northumberland County (via teleconference)
Bob Stoudt, SEDA-COG Board, Multi-modal Interests
Nathan Walker, PennDOT Central Office

GUESTS

Justin Batiuk, PennDOT Central Office
Brian Funkhouser, Michael Baker International
Shawn Hurst, Larson Design Group (via teleconference)
Robert Manzella, Luzerne County (via teleconference)
Dan Merk, STEP, Inc. (via teleconference)
Emily Mrochko, WATS MPO (via teleconference)
Cindy Sunderland, Call A Ride Service, Inc. (via teleconference)

STAFF

Don Kiel, Senior Principal Program Analyst
Kristin McLaughlin, Principal Program Analyst
Sam Saxe, Program Analyst

Call to Order

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

Public Forum

Mr. Herman congratulated Mr. Kiel on his upcoming retirement and noted that he would continue working with the Transportation Department on a part-time basis after July 3rd. Mr. Kiel expressed his appreciation and said he looks forward to remaining involved with the department and MPO.

Approval of April 10, 2026, Meeting Minutes of the SEDA-COG MPO

Mr. Kaufman made a motion to approve the minutes of the Apr. 10, 2026 MPO meeting; Mr. Molter seconded the motion; motion carried.

TIP Administrative Modifications and Amendments

Mr. Schultz summarized the TIP amendments for PennDOT District 2-0 included on pages 9 through 11 of the packet.

Mr. Lettiere made a motion to approve the TIP amendments as presented by PennDOT District 2-0; Mr. Kerstetter seconded the motion; motion carried.

Mr. Schultz summarized the TIP administrative modifications for PennDOT District 3-0 as information-only items that do not require MPO approval.

Mr. Mausteller summarized the TIP amendments for PennDOT District 3-0 included on page 21 of the updated packet.

Mr. DelVecchio made a motion to approve the TIP amendments as presented by PennDOT District 3-0; Mr. Molter seconded the motion; motion carried.

Mr. Mausteller summarized the TIP administrative modifications for PennDOT District 3-0 as information-only items that do not require MPO approval.

CSVT Project Status Report

Mr. Mausteller provided a status report on the CSVT project.

Southern Section Structures Contract: The 9 new bridges and 4 noise walls included in this contract have been completed.

Southern Section Paving Contract: Drainage installation is ongoing throughout project limits. At the north end of the project, subbase placement and grading operations are continuing. Preparations for the concrete batch plant are underway, and ramp construction and realignment activities are progressing at the Selinsgrove interchange.

Southern Section Intelligent Transportation Systems Contract: Plans and other bidding documents were advertised in late May 2026 for a separate smaller construction contract to install

permanent message boards along each direction of the CSVT Southern Section mainline and traffic cameras at each of CSVT's interchanges. The bids are anticipated to be opened in July 2026.

Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) Staff Activity Report

Mr. Herman highlighted items from the SEDA-COG MPO Staff Activity Report – June 2026 provided in the meeting packet.

Mr. Kiel provided an update on Local Technical Assistance Program (LTAP) activities and highlighted key items discussed at the LTAP Advisory Committee meeting held on Jun. 4. He noted that the federal Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) has recently been updated, and the relevant LTAP classes are being revised to reflect those changes. He also reported that PennDOT is currently updating its Speed Management Plan, Strategic Highway Safety Plan, and Active Transportation Plan, all of which are expected to influence future LTAP course offerings. In addition, LTAP is expanding its catalog of soft-skills training opportunities. Mr. Kiel added that SEDA-COG will hold an Equipment Operator Training class on Jul. 24.

Mr. Kiel provided highlights of proposed Functional Classification revisions and the corresponding map. An electronic version of the draft Functional Classification map will be sent to members after the meeting.

Ms. McLaughlin thanked everyone who submitted applications for the most recent Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside (TASA) Program funding round. She reported that five of the submitted projects from the region were awarded funding by PennDOT in May 2026.

Ms. McLaughlin reported that funding requests submitted through the most recent PennDOT Multimodal Transportation Fund Program round totaled nearly \$8.5 million across 12 projects. She referred members to the staff comments about the applications included in the packet and requested additional input to include.

Other handouts provided in the meeting packet included:

- Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Projects Status Update for 2018, 2021, and 2023 Funding Rounds
- Recently Accessed Highway Occupancy Permit Applications
- Recently Accessed Traffic Impact Study Scoping Applications

2027-2030 Transportation Improvement Program Adoption

Ms. McLaughlin stated that the public comment period for the Draft 2027–2030 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) was held from April 22 through May 22 and that a public meeting took place at the Union County Government Center on May 4. Additional feedback was received via email. Ms. McLaughlin highlighted several of the public comments and noted that a summary of all comments is included in the meeting packet.

A resolution for adopting the 2027–2030 SEDA-COG TIP was included in the meeting packet. Ms. McLaughlin recommended approval.

Mr. Molter made a motion to adopt the 2027-2030 SEDA-COG Transportation Improvement Program; Mr. DeVechhio seconded the motion; motion carried.

2026-2050 Long-Range Transportation Plan Adoption

Ms. McLaughlin stated that the public comment period for the Draft 2026–2050 Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) was held from April 22 through May 22. She said the final draft report was posted to SEDA-COG’s website and shared with the meeting packet email. A summary of the public comments and responses to them were added as Appendix J.

Mr. Funkhouser presented an update on the 2050 SEDA-COG LRTP, noting that the plan represents the culmination of more than two years of data collection, analysis, and public outreach. He reported that a public meeting was held at the Union County Government Center on May 4, and that additional public feedback was gathered through the project webpage. Mr. Funkhouser then provided an overview of the comments received and discussed key themes that emerged from the public input. He noted that edits for the final report version addressed the illustrative project list, transit TIP listing, additional photographs, and discussion about freight flows.

Mr. Kaufman made a motion to adopt the 2050 SEDA-COG Long-Range Transportation Plan; Mr. Molter seconded the motion; motion carried.

SEDA-COG MPO Self-Certification Resolution

Mr. Herman explained the self-certification process and reviewed the resolution included in the meeting packet. This is a normal step taken every two years in conjunction with the TIP update to certify that the MPO’s planning process is compliant with all applicable federal transportation planning regulations.

Mr. Kaufman made a motion to adopt the SEDA-COG MPO Self-Certification Resolution; Mr. DelVecchio seconded the motion; motion carried.

Active Transportation Committee Update

Mr. Herman reported that the most recent quarterly Active Transportation Committee meeting was held in May. He noted that the guest presentation on e-bikes was informative and encouraged committee members to share ideas and suggestions for future presentations and discussion topics. The next committee meeting will be on August 19.

Mr. Herman mentioned that the statewide Active Transportation Summit was recently held in the Harrisburg area and could offer some possible presentation ideas.

Mr. Herman noted that staff continue to work with the new Susquehanna Greenway Partnership team on committee business and active transportation initiatives.

Mr. Herman reported that work is underway to update the MPO’s 2019 Active Transportation Plan. The updated plan is anticipated to be completed by Jun. 30, 2027.

Mr. Herman also noted that an LTAP Active Transportation course is being planned for fall 2026.

Member Forum

Mr. Merk said there will be a ribbon cutting ceremony for the new STEP transportation facility on 4th Street in Williamsport on Jun. 26. He said due to rising costs, STEP will be implementing a 6% fare increase as of Jul. 1.

Mr. DelVecchio said the resurfacing of the Buffalo Valley Rail Trail is nearly completed.

Mr. Herman highlighted excerpts from the interest items handout included in the meeting packet.

The following additional handouts were provided in the meeting packet:

- PennDOT District 2 Construction Overview news release
- PennDOT Crashes and Fatalities in 2025 news release

Adjournment

With there being no further comments, Mr. Herman adjourned the meeting at 10:58 a.m. The next regular meeting of the MPO is scheduled for Aug. 7, 2026.