



SEDA-COG METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MPO) MEETING

Hybrid Meeting
Friday, March 17, 2023
SEDA-COG, Lewisburg, PA
9:30 A.M.

MPO VOTING MEMBERS

Mark Colussy, Mifflin County (via teleconference)
Frank Hampton, PennDOT Central Office (via teleconference)
Steve Herman, SEDA-COG
Steve Gibson, Clinton County
Lincoln Kaufman, Snyder County (via teleconference)
Brad Kerstetter, Juniata County (via teleconference)
Jack Kytte, Borough of Berwick (via teleconference)
Shawn McLaughlin, Union County (via teleconference)
Greg Molter, Montour County
Jonathan Ranck, PennDOT District 3-0
Mark Schultz, PennDOT District 2-0 (via teleconference)
Eric Stahley, Columbia County (via teleconference)

GUESTS

John Breneman, Office of State Senator Judy Ward (via teleconference)
Lisa Dooley, Town of Bloomsburg (via teleconference)
Duane Gaugler, Larson Design Group (via teleconference)
Lonnie Griffith, Mifflin County (via teleconference)
Chris King, PennDOT District 3-0 (via teleconference)
Beth Nidam, rabbittransit (via teleconference)
Heather Norton, PennDOT District 3-0 (via teleconference)
Gene Porochniak, FHWA (via teleconference)
Jonathan Shaw, Luzerne County (via teleconference)
John Steininger, PennDOT District 3-0 (via teleconference)
Matt Wise, Office of Senator Gene Yaw (via teleconference)

STAFF

Michelle Ballou, Program Assistant
Bryce Buck, Program Analyst
Kristin McLaughlin, Principal Program Analyst
Don Kiel, Senior Principal Program Analyst (via teleconference)

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 9:30 a.m.

Public Forum

Mr. Colussy stated that he is stepping down as the Planning Director for Mifflin County. Lonnie Griffith, Maintenance Director, will be the interim county contact for MPO matters until the planning director position has been filled.

Approval of the January 20, 2023, Meeting Minutes of the SEDA-COG MPO

Mr. Kerstetter made a motion to approve the minutes from the January 20, 2023, 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.

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

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

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

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

Mr. Molter made a motion for the MPO to approve the TIP amendments as presented for PennDOT District 3-0; Mr. Gibson 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 for PennDOT District 3-0; Mr. Stahley 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

CSVT Northern Section

Mr. Ranck stated that eight overhead sign structures will be installed this spring in Montandon and Winfield. Work is anticipated to be completed in June. Traffic is using the Northern Section effectively.

Financial Plan Annual Update

Mr. Ranck stated that PennDOT recently finalized the 2022 Financial Plan Annual Update (FPAU) for submission to FHWA. The total estimated project cost has increased from \$903 million to \$938 million. The \$35 million increase is almost exclusively the result of inflation.

CSV T Southern Section

Mr. Ranck stated that construction of the first contract to complete most of the earthwork began in May 2022 and is expected to be completed in March 2025. The project is 17% completed based on cost and 29% based on time. Less than 10% of the earthwork is complete. Work to date includes clearing and grubbing, excavation, construction of embankments, construction of drainage facilities including cast-in-place box culverts and large pipes, construction of erosion and sedimentation facilities, realignment of local roadways and relocation of various utilities. A new structure on Sunbury Rd will be constructed over the CSV T mainline in 2023. Mass excavation for this project is scheduled to begin soon.

Mr. Ranck stated that plans are being completed for nine new bridges that will be included in the Southern Section Structures Contract. Preparation has begun on the specifications and other bidding documents for this project. PennDOT anticipates letting that contract later in 2023 and starting construction work on the structures in 2024.

Mr. Ranck stated that plans for the Southern Section Paving Contract are advancing. The focus will be on refining the access modifications needed for properties adjacent to CSV T's southern interchange with existing Routes 11/15 and 522, in order to accommodate safe traffic movements on all four quadrants of that interchange. PennDOT is coordinating with affected property owners for the partial right-of-way acquisitions required to accommodate those access modifications.

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:

- The preliminary right-of-way plan has been approved and the final right-of-way plan is anticipated to be submitted in early April 2023
- The waterway permit has been approved for stream crossings
- The NPDES permit has been submitted and is currently in technical review with PA DEP
- The E&S Plan has been approved by Montour County Conservation District
- Some modifications to the stormwater management design were needed which impacted the right-of-way plan
- PennDOT is in the process of organizing an update meeting with the Community Advisory Committee to be held in early summer 2023
- The project is currently scheduled to be let in spring 2024
- Due to the funding and innovative intersection design (displaced left turn), approval from the FHWA is required in final design and is anticipated in fall 2023

Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) Update

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

Other handouts provided in the meeting packet included:

- Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Projects Status Update – 2018 Funding Round and 2021 Funding Round
- Recently Accessed Highway Occupancy Permit Applications
- Recently Accessed Traffic Impact Study Scoping Applications
- Support Letter and Map Related to Proposed US Bicycle Route 11
- MPO Staff Comments on FY 2023-24 PennDOT Multimodal Transportation Fund Round Applications from the Region

Pavement/Bridge and System Performance Measures Targets

Ms. McLaughlin reviewed the Pavement/Bridge and System Performance Measures Targets handout provided in the meeting packet.

Mr. Molter made a motion for the MPO to approve the state Pavement/Bridge and System Performance Measures Targets; Mr. McLaughlin seconded the motion, motion carried.

Road Safety Reviews Update

Ms. McLaughlin reviewed the draft report on the Road Safety Reviews completed in 2022/23. Since the last MPO Meeting there were two virtual reviews for Clinton and Snyder County locations. The final report will include location maps and some additional information.

2025 Twelve Year Program Public Participation

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

- PennDOT press release – “PennDOT Invites Public Feedback on Transportation in Pennsylvania”
- 2023 Public Outreach Campaign Factsheet for the 12-Year Program Update

Local Bridge Prioritization Process for 2025 TIP

Mr. Buck reviewed the 2025 TIP Local Bridge Prioritization Meetings Schedule. After the meetings conclude this spring, a survey will be issued to each county to collect their priority candidate bridge projects for adding to the TIP.

Active Transportation Committee Update

Mr. Buck provided an update on the Active Transportation Committee. The next Committee meeting will be held on May 17, 2023. Committee Work Group meetings will be determined in the future. An Esri Hub site will be developed to host data, charts, and maps related to the Middle Susquehanna Regional Bike/Ped Plan.

Member Forum

The following handouts were provided in the meeting packet:

- Items of Potential Interest to MPO Members as of March 2023
- PennDOT Press Release on Upcoming Transportation Improvements in District 3-0
- Planned 2023 Department Force Projects in District 3-0
- PennDOT Press Release on Annual Liquid Fuels Distribution to Municipalities to Support Local Roads and Bridges
- Fact Sheet for PennDOT Shared-Ride Public Transportation Sustainability Study

Adjournment

With there being no further comments, Mr. Herman adjourned the meeting at 10:45 a.m. with a motion from Mr. Hampton and a second from Mr. Molter. The next regular meeting of the MPO is scheduled for May 19, 2023.