



SEDA-COG METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MPO) MEETING

Hybrid Meeting
Friday, May 19, 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
Steve Gibson, Clinton County (via teleconference)
Lincoln Kaufman, Snyder County
Brad Kerstetter, Juniata County (via teleconference)
Jack Kytte, Borough of Berwick (via teleconference)
Carriane Love, Mifflin County (via teleconference)
Shawn McLaughlin, Union County (via teleconference)
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 Judy Ward (via teleconference)
Michelle Brummer, Gannett Fleming (via teleconference)
Brian Funkhouser, Michael Baker International (via teleconference)
Jeff Iseman, PA SILC/PA Transportation Alliance (via teleconference)
Gini Feigles-Kaar, Dewberry Engineers (via teleconference)
Gene Porochniak, FHWA (via teleconference)
Morgan Ruziecki, Rockland Planning (via teleconference)

STAFF

Bryce Buck, Program Analyst
Don Kiel, Senior Principal 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 9:33 a.m.

Public Forum

Mr. Iseman stated PennDOT has provided an update on the Lewistown Amtrak Station project. The project should be starting shortly and be completed in 2025.

Approval of the March 17, 2023, Meeting Minutes of the SEDA-COG MPO

Mr. Kaufman made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 17, 2023, MPO meeting; Mr. Kerstetter 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 amendment as presented for PennDOT District 2-0 for additional funding on the 2023 SEDA-COG Bridge Preservation Project (MPMS 69423); Mr. McLaughlin seconded the motion; motion carried.

Mr. Hampton made a motion for the MPO to approve the TIP amendment as presented for PennDOT District 2-0 for slide repair on State Route 1002 Honey Creek Road (MPMS 119778); Mr. Kaufman seconded the motion; motion carried.

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

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

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

Mr. Kaufman made a motion for the MPO to approve the TIP amendments as presented for PennDOT District 3-0 for the CSVT Southern Section Project; Mr. Phillips seconded the motion; motion carried.

Mr. Kaufman made a motion for the MPO to approve the TIP amendments as presented for PennDOT District 3-0 for the Bridge Epoxy Overlay Project (MPMS 117570); Mr. Schultz seconded the motion; motion carried.

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

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

CSVT Project and SR 54 Safety Project Status Reports

CSVT Northern Section

Mr. Ranck stated that one remaining overhead sign structure on Ridge Road will need to be installed. No completion date was given.

CSVT Southern Section

Mr. Ranck stated construction activity is ramping up on the first contract. There will be some road detours and a list will be provided at the next MPO meeting.

Mr. Ranck stated that the Southern Section Structures Contract is expected to be let later in 2023 with construction work on the structures starting in 2024.

Mr. Ranck stated that the Southern Section Paving Contract is expected to begin in 2026.

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

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

Mr. Ranck stated that the final right-of-way plan was approved in April. There should be additional updates at the next MPO meeting.

Long-Range Plan Performance Measures Online Dashboard

Ms. Ruziecki presented on the Long-Range Plan Performance Measures online dashboard and walked through the draft ArcGIS Hub site created to serve as the dashboard. The dashboard conveys transportation system performance relative to federally required measures (e.g., Safety, Pavement/Bridges, System Reliability, Transit) included in the 2021 Long-Range Transportation Plan, along with supplemental performance indicators and topics important to the MPO. Compared to former performance reporting mechanisms used by SEDA-COG, the online dashboard was designed to be more visually appealing, highly interactive, include more resources, and be more easily understood by broad audiences. MPO members expressed satisfaction with the tool and how quickly the page refreshes as users filter the performance data for charts and maps included on the dashboard pages.

Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) Update

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

Complete Streets Planning Update

Mr. Herman stated that a work order was executed with Gannett Fleming for Complete Streets planning work on behalf of the MPO. The first priority is to develop a Complete Streets Policy for the MPO, which is expected to be completed by late summer 2023. The second priority is to develop a Complete Streets Policy template for area municipalities. Additional work will center on customized Complete Streets assistance for an interested municipality and preparing a matrix of Complete Streets project priorities for the MPO to support.

2025 Twelve Year Program Public Participation

Mr. Herman stated that the 2025 Twelve Year Program public comment period concluded on April 30, 2023. The State Transportation Commission received 10,573 survey responses statewide, which is the highest-ever number of completed surveys. The survey data will be available on the State Transportation Commission website in June. Mr. Herman stated that over 3,000 people attended the online public forum that was held on April 12, 2023.

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

- 2025 Financial Guidance Key Messaging Points
- 2025 General and Procedural Guidance Key Messaging Points
- Comparison Charts of SEDA-COG TIP Funding by Year and Program Area for the 2023 and 2025 TIP Updates
- Pennsylvania 2025 Transportation Program Financial Guidance

Local Bridge Prioritization Process for 2025 TIP

Mr. Buck stated that the county prioritization meetings were concluded and notes for each meeting were shared with the participants. He also shared that a SurveyMonkey survey has been issued to each county to collect more land use and planning-level information about their priority candidate local bridge projects for evaluation in Decision Lens. Survey responses should be submitted by May 31, 2023. A prioritized local bridge list for the 2025 TIP is slated for endorsement by the MPO at the meeting on September 15, 2023.

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. 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 May 2023
- PennDOT Press Release on Traffic Fatalities, Crashes Decrease Statewide in 2022
- PennDOT Press Release on Shapiro Administration Previews 2023 Construction Season in Northcentral PA

Mr. Ranck stated that the right-hand shoulder on I-80 West, along Fishing Creek in-between the Buckhorn and Lightstreet interchanges, will be shut down. The creek is starting to erode the embankment along I-80 at a high rate. Interim mitigation will occur in summer 2023 and additional repairs will coincide with an I-80 reconstruction project in 2025.

Mr. Porochniak stated that the deadline for the Charging and Fueling Infrastructure Program discretionary applications has been extended to June 13, 2023.

Ms. Love stated that work is currently taking place to complete the Active Transportation Plan for Mifflin County and develop a capital bridge plan for the county.

Mr. Kaufman stated that PennDOT is looking to streamline the permitting process across all of its regulatory processes.

Mr. Iseman stated that the E-Scooter Pilot Program currently in the city of Pittsburgh is set to expire at the end of June. The state legislature is looking to renew and expand the pilot to PA 3rd class cities. This would include Sunbury and Shamokin in the MPO area.

Adjournment

With there being no further comments, Mr. Herman adjourned the meeting at 11:11 a.m. with a motion from Mr. Kaufman; Mr. Phillips seconded the motion; motion carried. The next regular meeting of the MPO is scheduled for July 21, 2023.