



SEDA-COG METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MPO) MEETING

Virtual Meeting
Friday, May 21, 2021
9:30 A.M.

MPO VOTING MEMBERS

Katie de Silva, Clinton County
Lisa Dooley, Town of Bloomsburg
Brad Kerstetter, Juniata County
Greg Molter, Montour County
Carey Mullins, PennDOT Central Office
Steve Phillips, SEDA-COG Board, Multi-Modal Interests
Jonathan Ranck, PennDOT District 3-0
Jim Saylor, SEDA-COG
Mark Schultz, PennDOT District 2-0
Eric Stahley, Columbia County

OTHER MPO MEMBERS

Chris King, PennDOT District 3-0
Matt Smoker, FHWA-PA Division
Scott Williams, Williamsport MPO

GUESTS

Gini Feigles-Kaar, Dewberry
Brian Funkhouser, Michael Baker International, Inc.
Duane Gaugler, Larson Design Group
Rob Jaconski, PennDOT District 2-0
Beth Nidam, rabbittransit
Deb Palmer, LIFE Geisinger

STAFF PRESENT

Kay Aikey, Program Assistant
Steve Herman, Transportation Planner
Don Kiel, Senior Principal Program Analyst
Jeff Stover, Transportation Program Chief
Katherine Wilde, Program Analyst, GIS

Call to Order

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

Public Forum

No comments were received from the general public.

Approval of the March 19, 2021, Meeting Minutes of the SEDA-COG MPO

Mr. Molter made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 19, 2021, MPO meeting; Ms. de Silva seconded the motion; motion carried.

TIP Administrative Modifications and Amendments

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

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

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

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

Central Susquehanna Valley Transportation (CSVT) Project Status

Mr. Ranck provided the following update:

CSVT Northern Section

- Final paving operations are commencing in a full swing.
- PennDOT is probably within a year of opening up this section; therefore, the route designations are going to change a bit.

Mr. Ranck suggested that MPO members go to the website <http://www.csvt.com/> and click on the “maps” and go to the interim designation map which will show what the routes will become.

CSVT Southern Section

- PennDOT is working toward a letting in the Fall/early Winter for the first contract for the earthwork.

Ms. Wilde asked if there would be an opportunity to have a bike/ped day or weekend on the CSVT northern section before it opens to motor vehicles. Mr. Ranck replied that he will check into this for Ms. Wilde.

Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) Update

Mr. Saylor stated that PennDOT Center for Program Development and Management (CPDM) has given the MPO an opportunity to add \$30,000 of funding to year two of the UPWP. This is shown on the Budget Summary table provided in the meeting packet. Mr. Saylor stated this is being done by extending Work Task S2 for Plan Updates and Support into year two and shifting funding around

so that the \$30,000 will show up under the S2 task. If MPO members are in agreement, this change can be made to the UPWP. No dissenting comments were expressed by MPO members.

Mr. Saylor stated that staff is starting coordination on the development of the next UPWP. A draft of the UPWP will be brought to the September MPO meeting. A virtual coordination meeting will be held with PennDOT and FHWA on Thursday, May 27th. MPO members interested in joining in the call for the coordination meeting are asked to contact staff.

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

- SEDA-COG MPO Staff Activity Report – May 2021
- Hogan Boulevard Bicycle & Pedestrian Safety Study
- US Route 522 Corridor Improvements Study
- Summary of comments from the SEDA-COG MPO on Recommendations from the Metropolitan and Micropolitan Statistical Area Standards Review Committee to the Office of Management and Budget Concerning Changes to the 2010 Standards for Delineating Metropolitan and Micropolitan Statistical Areas
- Support letter to Congressman Fred Keller regarding safety transportation need in Woodward Township, Clinton County
- Support letter to Congressman Fred Keller regarding structural transportation need in Chapman Township, Snyder County

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

- Transportation Alternatives Set Aside Projects Status Update – 2018 Funding Round

Mr. Herman stated that the next round of the Transportation Alternatives Set Aside Projects Program will officially open on June 28th and applicants can then begin preparing applications for that program. Applications will be due October 8th and project sponsors will need to submit a pre-application by September 10th which is something new. Sponsors will need to meet with PennDOT District staff before applying. Once the applications are in, SEDA-COG MPO and other MPOs across the state will have until January 14, 2022, to review and comment on the applications. A local review meeting will be scheduled for MPO members who are interested in participating in the process to do the technical reviews and to do a Q&A with the project sponsors. The meeting will be scheduled sometime October through December. The statewide selection committee will meet in January 2022 to go through their decision-making process. PennDOT is projecting at least \$18 million to be available state-wide and there is a possibility there will be an additional \$18 million available contingent on Congress acting on a new federal transportation bill.

Mr. Herman stated that PennDOT will look to do a webinar on the new online application and updated guidelines in late June.

- List of Recently Assessed Highway Occupancy Permit Applications

Mr. Herman referenced a list of recently submitted Highway Occupancy Permit (HOP) applications from the region, with updates on activity related to them. MPO staff has access to the HOPs through PennDOT's Permitting System and will include the recent HOP activity for future MPO meetings on a regular basis. Ms. de Silva inquired about the permit subtype for driveway volumes. It was clarified that driveway classification is determined from anticipated access ADT for the property (i.e., one vehicle = two trips = ADT of two), where:

Minimum Use = less than or equal to 50 ADT
Low Volume = 51 to 1,500 ADT
Medium Volume = 1,501 to 3,000 ADT
High Volume = 3,001 ADT and higher
Local Road = three or more properties served

Draft SEDA-COG Long Range Transportation Plan

Mr. Kiel provided an update on the Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) 2021-2045 Project Status via PowerPoint.

The presentation included:

- Project Steps and Schedule
 - Virtual Public Meeting is scheduled for June 3, 2021
 - Public Comment Period is May 24, 2021 – June 22, 2021
 - Adoption of final Plan at the June 25, 2021 MPO Meeting
- Changes in LRTP Since First Draft (November 2020)
- Public Outreach and Comments Resolution
- Approval Steps

Mr. Kiel shared slides from the Executive Summary that will be presented at the June 3rd public meeting. The slides included:

- Background and introduction
- Strategic Directions
- Regional Trends & Findings
- Corridors of Opportunity
- Revenue Forecast
- Public Participation
- Project Listing

Mr. Funkhouser complimented Mr. Kiel on a comprehensive overview. He stated that the LRTP was presented to the Agency Coordination Meeting earlier this year as part of the consultation and that it fulfills the requirement to be coordinating with those who are representing the resource agencies.

Mr. Phillips made a motion for the MPO to take the draft LRTP out for a thirty-day public comment period beginning May 24 – June 22, 2021; Mr. Molter seconded the motion; motion carried.

Transit Asset Management Performance Targets

Mr. Herman reviewed the resolution regarding the transit asset management performance targets provided in the meeting packet. Mr. Herman stated that the resolution was reviewed by PennDOT's Bureau of Public Transportation.

Mr. Herman stated that the MPO has been involved with Performance Measures and has acted on and approved Safety Performance Measures, Pavement/Bridge Performance Measures and System Performance Targets. There is also a requirement that the MPO approve transit asset management performance targets. Mr. Herman stated that the MPO would adopt the performance targets that

are included in the Pennsylvania Transit Asset Management Group Plan. A copy of the Group Plan was included in the meeting packet.

Mr. Herman stated that the Pennsylvania Transit Asset Management Group Plan establishes statewide performance targets for the following capital asset categories:

- Rolling Stock – vehicles used for providing public transportation
- Equipment – non-revenue support service vehicles
- Facilities – buildings or structures used in the provision of public transportation, including administrative/maintenance and passenger/parking facilities

Mr. Stahley made a motion to authorize and approve the resolution for statewide Transit Asset Management Performance Targets for submission to PennDOT; Mr. Mullins seconded the motion; motion carried.

2023 Twelve Year Program Public Participation

Mr. Herman stated that the 2023 Twelve Year Program public comment period concluded April 14, 2021. He stated that the State Transportation Commission received 7,423 survey responses. There were 2,473 map point comments submitted to identify intersections and other locations of concern – safety, congestion, traffic signals, operations, bike/ped, etc. Mr. Herman stated that 1,900 people attended the public forum that was held online.

Local Bridge Prioritization Process for 2023 TIP

Ms. Wilde stated that all MPO counties completed their meetings with PennDOT and SEDA-COG MPO staff and the meeting notes will be distributed. Ms. Wilde stated that the next step will be to format the survey form which will be sent out in June. Ms. Wilde asked that the surveys be returned by the end of June to keep the process on schedule.

Active Transportation Committee Update

Ms. Wilde stated that the Active Transportation Committee had a meeting on Wednesday, May 19th and had a great presentation on demonstration projects. The presentation was recorded and can be shared. Ms. Wilde stated that the work group meeting schedule is available upon request and will be in the newsletter being sent out. She stated that the next meeting of the Active Transportation Committee will be held in August and that will include chair and vice-chair elections.

Member Forum

Mr. Saylor highlighted items from the Items of Potential Interest to MPO Members as of May 2021 that was provided in the meeting packet.

Mr. Molter asked if the Route 54/642 safety corridor project is still on track.

Mr. King replied that there is a large private development in planning stages directly in the project area that has potentially large ramifications on the operation of the safety project. He stated that PennDOT District 3-0 has pushed the project out a year until the development can provide more details on trips, etc. Mr. King stated he is not sure where District 3-0 is at with getting their traffic data.

Ms. de Silva wanted to know what the ceiling is on a TAP application. Mr. Herman replied it is \$1 million but if the project can show that it is regionally significant or would address a primary safety issue or economic development impact it can go above \$1 million.

Adjournment

With there being no further comments, Mr. Saylor adjourned the meeting at 11:04 a.m. The next regular meeting of the MPO is scheduled for June 25, 2021.