



SEDA-COG METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MPO)
MEETING MINUTES
Hybrid Meeting
Friday, Nov. 21, 2025
SEDA-COG, Lewisburg, PA
9:30 a.m.

MPO VOTING MEMBERS

Christopher Anderson, Columbia County (via teleconference)
Lisa Dooley, Town of Bloomsburg (via teleconference)
Stephen Gibson, Clinton County (via teleconference)
Steve Herman, SEDA-COG
Randy Karschner, SEDA-COG Board (via teleconference)
Chris King, PennDOT District 3-0 (via teleconference)
James Lettiere, Mifflin County
Shawn McLaughlin, Union County
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 (via teleconference)

GUESTS

Justin Batiuk, PennDOT Central Office
Rich Farr, rabbittransit (via teleconference)
Brian Funkhouser, Michael Baker International (via teleconference)
Betsy Lockwood, SEDA-COG
Alayna Hemphill, SEDA-COG
Jeff Iseman, PA SILC/PA Transportation Alliance (via teleconference)
David Juba, rabbittransit (via teleconference)
Rob Manzella, Lackawanna-Luzerne MPO (via teleconference)
Preston Mausteller, PennDOT District 3-0 (via teleconference)
Dan Merk, STEP (via teleconference)
Emily Mrochko, WATS MPO (via teleconference)

STAFF

Tina Heintzelman, Program Assistant
Don Kiel, Senior Principal Program Analyst (via teleconference)
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 9:35 a.m.

Public Forum

No comments were received from the public.

Approval of the Sept. 19, 2025, Meeting Minutes of the SEDA-COG MPO

Mr. Lettieri made a motion to approve the minutes from the Sept. 19, 2025, MPO meeting; Mr. McLaughlin seconded the motion; motion carried, with Mr. Stoudt abstaining.

TIP Administrative Modifications

Mr. Schultz summarized the TIP administrative modifications for PennDOT District 2-0 as information-only items that do not require MPO approval.

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

ARC Local Access Road Project Approval – Fort McClure Blvd.

Ms. Lockwood gave a summary of the Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) Local Access Road Project proposal for Fort McClure Boulevard in the Town of Bloomsburg. She said DCED has invited a full application for the project in the amount of \$1,361,093. The application is due Dec. 19 and requires the MPO to approve adding the project to the TIP if it is awarded funding.

Ms. Dooley said the Town of Bloomsburg is hoping to align this project with PennDOT's future improvement to Route 11 in that area. She said the hope is the access road project will help traffic get in and out of the Bloomsburg Fairgrounds in a more efficient and safe way.

Mr. Molter asked if the entrance to the fairgrounds was going to change. Ms. Dooley said the entrance off Route 11 would be relocated slightly but the traffic patterns getting into the fairgrounds at the main gates would not.

Mr. Stoudt made a motion to approve the Fort McClure Boulevard access road project in Bloomsburg for addition to the SEDA-COG TIP contingent on the project receiving ARC funding; Mr. Molter seconded the motion; motion carried, with Ms. Dooley abstaining.

CSV Project Status Report

Mr. King provided a status report on the CSV project.

CSV Southern Section

Structures Contract: The project is roughly 95% complete overall. Work is nearly complete on the bridge carrying CSV over Grangers Road, the bridge carrying Cortland Drive over the Route 61 Connector and the Route 61 Connector over the ramps to Routes 11/15. Work is nearly complete on the bridge over 11th Avenue. Decks have been placed and concrete for the bridge barriers is

being placed on the bridges over Stetler Avenue, Park Road, Attig Road and Mill Road. Noise wall construction is nearly complete; final panels and caulking are underway. Overall, construction of the 9 bridges and 4 noise walls included in this contract is scheduled to be completed by the end of 2025.

Paving Contract: Contract bids were opened on Sept. 25. A low bid of \$186.4 million was submitted by a joint venture with Trumbull Corporation and Golden Triangle Construction Company. The contract was awarded and notice to proceed was issued in mid-November. Along with paving of the CCSVT mainline, the Route 61 Connector and various interchange ramps, the contract includes drainage features, guide rails, traffic signals, highway lighting and overhead sign structures. Mobilization and other prep work is anticipated to be performed throughout the winter to allow paving operations to begin in spring. The mainline CCSVT Southern Section highway is anticipated to be opened to traffic in fall 2027. The Route 61 Connector is anticipated to be fully completed and opened to traffic in fall 2028.

Mr. Herman said traffic counts will be taken in 2026 to establish a baseline ahead of the opening of the Southern Section to see what changes occur once it is opened.

Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) Staff Activity Report

Mr. Herman highlighted items from the SEDA-COG MPO Staff Activity Report – November 2025 provided in the meeting packet.

Mr. Kiel gave an update on the Local Technical Assistance Program (LTAP) activities. He said most of the LTAP classes, historically, have been oriented towards local road safety and maintenance. He said the program leaders have started looking into offering different types of classes designed to meet some of the new challenges facing municipalities. He said one of the new classes for next year is called Leadership Development for Public Works. He said LTAP would like SEDA-COG to host the pilot implementation of that class, which will be scheduled for Jan. 14, once final approval is received.

Other handouts provided in the meeting packet included:

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

Presentation on rabbittransit Stop Hopper Service

David Juba, planning manager with rabbittransit, provided an overview on the Stop Hopper microtransit service in the region.

He said Stop Hopper, an on-demand service model, began in 2018 in the York area to fill gaps in traditional service models. It currently operates seven microtransit zones across five counties. The wait and travel time is dependent on the needs of the local community at any given time and is only available in a limited area of travel.

He then explained how Stop Hopper works, including how to book a ride and what payment options are available. He said the service is based around three service design concepts: First and Last Mile Solutions, Transit Propensity Analysis and Unserved Suburban/Rural Needs.

He shared maps showing origins and destinations within the northern service areas that include the SEDA-COG MPO counties of Columbia, Montour, Northumberland, Snyder, and Union.

Mr. Iseman asked if service is available during off-hours. Mr. Juba said the service only operates Monday through Friday, from 6:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Mr. Juba also shared some highly positive user comments rabbittransit received from a survey done in 2024.

Mr. McLaughlin said the service is very affordable compared to other services and is valuable to the community.

Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Project Recommendations

Ms. McLaughlin shared the recommendations from the TA Set-Aside Project Review Committee meeting held on Nov. 18. She said there were eight applicant presentations, followed by the review and discussion of the applications. The recommendations will be submitted to the statewide project selection committee, which makes the final decision on funding awards. Mr. Herman said that decision should come in spring 2026.

Mr. Molter made a motion to approve the presented recommendations from the TA Set-Aside Project Review Committee; Mr. Stoudt seconded the motion; motion carried, with Ms. Dooley, Mr. McLaughlin, Mr. Gibson and Mr. Lettierie abstaining.

SEDA-COG MPO 2026 Meeting Dates

Mr. Herman presented the 2026 SEDA-COG MPO meeting dates.

Mr. McLaughlin made a motion to approve the MPO's 2026 meeting dates; Mr. Stoudt seconded the motion; motion carried.

Election of MPO Officers and Member Re-appointments

Mr. Herman mentioned that, per the MPO bylaws, nominations of officers may occur at the end of the year. The current officers can be renominated or there can be new ones appointed. The practice has been to continue with the SEDA-COG Transportation Planning Program Director as the chair and the PennDOT Program Center voting member as the vice-chair.

Mr. Herman also said letters will be sent to the county commissioners regarding the re-appointments of members whose terms expire at the end of the year.

Mr. Stoudt made a motion to reappoint the existing MPO Officers as Chair and Vice-Chair; Mr. Lettierie seconded the motion; motion carried.

SEDA-COG Long-Range Transportation Plan Update

Mr. Funkhouser delivered a PowerPoint presentation that highlighted activities related to developing the 2050 Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP). A meeting with the plan's steering committee was held in October, where some of the draft elements were presented. A formatted version of the

plan will be distributed to the steering committee in late December. He reviewed milestone dates leading up to the plan adoption in June 2026.

2027 Transportation Improvement Program Update

Mr. Herman said the local bridge prioritization recommendations approved in September were submitted to PennDOT. The draft TIP will be submitted to PennDOT Central Office before end of year. A high-level summary of the draft TIP will be presented at the January 2026 MPO Board meeting. At the April meeting, the agenda will include approval to advertise the draft TIP for public comments, with adoption planned for the June meeting.

Active Transportation Committee Update

Mr. Herman discussed the ongoing activities of the Middle Susquehanna Active Transportation Committee. He said that a presentation about Shamokin's Safe Streets and Roads for All comprehensive safety action plan was given at the Nov. 12 meeting. The next full committee meeting will be on Feb. 18, 2026. He said the bicycle crash cards and stickers the committee created have arrived and were available at the meeting, but if anyone needs more to let him know. The committee is working with Pennsylvania Downtown Center to put on an active transportation planning workshop planned for Mar. 20, 2026, at the CSIU in Montandon.

Member Forum

The following handouts were provided in the meeting packet:

- Items of Potential Interest to MPO Members as of November 2025

Mr. McLaughlin mentioned there have been a lot of detection issues with the rectangular rapid flashing beacon on the Buffalo Valley Rail Trail at Fairground Road and that it will be removed.

Mr. Iseman said there wasn't anything in the recently passed state budget for transit to address the systemic issues. He said there are two bills to watch regarding e-scooters: Senate Bill 1008, which addresses issues with children and e-scooters; and House Bill 1633 to restart the e-scooter program in Pittsburgh and expand it to third-class cities.

Mr. McLaughlin said Union County is seeing e-scooters and fast-traveling e-bikes. He said only Class I e-bikes are allowed on the Buffalo Valley Rail Trail, but they are seeing fully motorized e-bikes on the trail and in communities.

Mr. Stoudt said fast e-bikes are also an issue in Montour County and that enforcement is very difficult.

Mr. King said there was discussion about e-bike issues at PennDOT's recent Pedalcycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee meeting and it is a widespread concern.

Adjournment

With there being no further comments, Mr. Herman adjourned the meeting at 11:31 a.m. with a motion from Mr. McLaughlin; Mr. Molter seconded the motion; motion carried. The next regular meeting of the MPO is scheduled for Jan. 30, 2026.