



## SEDA-COG METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MPO) MEETING

Hybrid Meeting

Union County Government Center, Lewisburg, PA

Friday, November 19, 2021

9:30 A.M.

### MPO VOTING MEMBERS

Mark Colussy, Mifflin County

Katie de Silva, Clinton County (via teleconference)

Lisa Dooley, Town of Bloomsburg (via teleconference)

Brad Kerstetter, Juniata County (via teleconference)

Carey Mullins, PennDOT Central Office (via teleconference)

Beth Nidam, rabbittransit (via teleconference)

Steve Phillips, SEDA-COG Board, Multi-Modal Interests (via teleconference)

Jonathan Ranck, PennDOT District 3-0 (via teleconference)

Jim Saylor, SEDA-COG

Mark Schultz, PennDOT District 2-0 (via teleconference)

Justin Skavery, Northumberland County (via teleconference)

Eric Stahley, Columbia County (via teleconference)

### OTHER MPO MEMBERS

Gene Porochniak, FHWA (via teleconference)

### GUESTS

Steve Beattie, Borough of Lewisburg

Kathleen Brady, Peters Consulting (via teleconference)

Jennifer Coughlin, PennDOT District 3-0 (via teleconference)

H. Virginia Feigles-Kaar, Dewberry (via teleconference)

Scott Frantz, PennDOT District 3-0 (via teleconference)

Brian Funkhouser, Michael Baker International (via teleconference)

Jake Mashack, PennDOT District 3-0 (via teleconference)

Deb Palmer, LIFE Geisinger (via teleconference)

Teena Kubasti, LIFE Geisinger (via teleconference)

Robert Watts, McCormick Taylor, Inc. (via teleconference)

Emily Wells, Peters Consulting (via teleconference)

### STAFF PRESENT

Kay Aikey, Program Assistant

Steve Herman, Transportation Planner

Don Kiel, Senior Principal Program Analyst

Kyle Postupack, JRA Property Manager

Jeff Stover, Transportation Program Chief

Katherine Wilde, Program Analyst, GIS (via teleconference)

## **Call to Order**

After it was determined that a quorum was present, Mr. Saylor called the meeting to order at 9:37 a.m.

## **Public Forum**

No comments were received from the general public.

## **Approval of the September 17, 2021, Meeting Minutes of the SEDA-COG MPO**

***Mr. Mullins made a motion to approve the minutes from the September 17, 2021, MPO meeting; Mr. Phillips seconded the motion; motion carried.***

## **TIP Administrative Modifications and Amendments**

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

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

The following handout was 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 – Mr. Saylor stated there have been no changes since September 2021. Staff is continuing to follow the additional funding request for the Local Access Road project in Mifflin County. The county has been invited to submit a full application.

## **CSVT Project and SR 54 Safety Project Status Reports**

Mr. Ranck provided the following update:

Northern Section – The paving contract is still on track. The Northern Section will be opened to traffic in 2022. Will have more of a finalized schedule at the February or April MPO meeting.

State Route 405 and State Route 147 designations will be changing when the Northern Section is opened.

Southern Section – Right-of-way clearance has been delayed by preliminary objections (POs) that one property owner filed in September to taking declarations. PennDOT is waiting for the county court to act on the objections, which might occur in December. (PennDOT is also continuing to pursue an amicable settlement with the property owner.) Upon achieving right-of-way clearance, the first earthwork contract should be advertised in early 2022 and let by mid-spring.

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

Montour County State Route 54 Section 90: Final right-of-way approval is estimated for mid-December. Target is 2023 for letting the project construction.

### **CSVT Special Impact Study Presentation and Acceptance**

Mr. Brian Funkhouser, Michael Baker International Project Manager, presented the final CSVT Special Impact Study via PowerPoint. Mr. Funkhouser stated that the MPO has been working on the study in collaboration with PennDOT and the Williamsport MPO.

Highlights of the study:

- Study Purpose and Methodology (Existing Conditions Assessment, Land Use Visioning, Traffic Modeling and Safety Assessment, Strategy Evaluation, Study Report and Implementation Plan)
- Planning for the Future (Land Use & Growth Allocations, Regional “Build Out” Scenario, Traffic Modeling, Highway Safety Opportunities)
- Implementation and Next Steps (What is the Implementation Plan, Implementation Plan Elements)
- Study Recommendation (Traffic Safety, Traffic Operations, Transportation Enhancements, Land Use, Economic Development, Planning and Administration)

***Mr. Colussy made a motion for the MPO to accept the findings of the CSVT Special Impact Study as presented and include them in future planning and programming decisions as described; Mr. Stahley seconded the motion; motion carried.***

Mr. Saylor expressed his thanks to Mr. Funkhouser and the Michael Baker consultant team as well as to the Williamsport MPO.

### **SEDA-COG MPO 2022 Meeting Dates**

A list of 2022 MPO meeting dates was provided in the meeting packet. The following are the dates for the 2022 MPO meetings: February 4, April 8, June 10, August 19, October 7, and November 18. No significant conflicts with MPO members were identified.

Mr. Saylor stated that staff is still considering the venue for these 2022 meeting dates and whether they will be hybrid or in-person. Determination will be made before the February 2022 meeting.

### **Election of MPO Officers and Member Re-appointments**

Mr. Saylor stated that the terms for three members of the MPO are up at the end of December 2021. Those members are Eric Stahley, Brad Kerstetter, and Justin Skavery. A letter will be sent to the appropriate county for the representative’s reappointment to the MPO.

Mr. Saylor stated that there are two officers for the SEDA-COG MPO – a Chair, currently filled by SEDA-COG staff (Jim Saylor) and Vice-Chair, currently filled by PennDOT Central Office (Carey Mullins). The MPO by-laws are written to entertain elections at the last MPO meeting of each calendar year. No action is required if the consensus is to continue to operate as currently. The existing officers will be retained.

## **FY 2022-24 Unified Planning Work Program Approval/Resolution**

Mr. Saylor stated that the FY 2022-24 UPWP lays out the planned activities for MPO staff from July 2022 to June 2024. Mr. Saylor stated this document was shared with MPO members at the September meeting, but some minor changes have been made to the UPWP since that meeting to address some of the comments received from PennDOT and FHWA.

Mr. Saylor reviewed a list of major activities from the UPWP that will be worked on over the next two fiscal years. A resolution for approving the 2022-2024 UPWP was included in the meeting packet.

***Mr. Phillips made a motion for the MPO to adopt the UPWP for fiscal years 2022-2024 as well as the resolution as presented; Mr. Mullins seconded the motion; motion carried.***

Mr. Mullins expressed his thanks to Messrs. Saylor and Herman and the PennDOT Districts for their hard work in preparing the update to the UPWP.

Mr. Saylor reviewed the Potential FY 2022-2024 supplemental Planning Studies – Danville Area Route 11 Access Management Plan, Downtown Danville Area Circulation Study, and SEDA-COG Regional Economic Development and Transportation Study.

## **Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Project Recommendations**

Mr. Herman presented the recommendations from the Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Project Review Committee. Five applications were presented at the November 16<sup>th</sup> committee meeting.

The projects were given a star rating:

- Market Street Streetscape - City of Sunbury: 5 Star
- West Pine Street Decorative Streetlight and Curb Ramp Improvement Project - Borough of Selinsgrove: 5 Star
- Bald Eagle Valley Trail Phase 5 - Clinton County: 5 Star
- Sidewalk, Curb, and Stormwater Enhancements - Renovo Borough: 4 Star
- Main Street Revitalization Project - Catawissa Borough: 2 Star

The committee agreed that the City of Sunbury project be ranked the #1 project as that project had a higher safety benefit for K-12 students as they could walk to school more safely.

The statewide project selection committee will meet in January; approval announcement should be received in early spring 2022.

There is \$18 million available statewide. The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act was passed by Congress and signed by the President, so it is expected there will be additional funds awarded for this statewide round.

***Mr. Mullins made a motion for the MPO to approve the recommendations as presented by the Review Committee and submit them to PennDOT; Mr. Skavery seconded the motion; motion carried.***

### **Annual Update of Safety Performance Measure Targets**

Mr. Herman reviewed the Annual Update of Safety Performance Measures Targets provided in the meeting packet.

*Mr. Colussy made a motion for the MPO to approve the State Safety Performance Measures Targets for 2022; Ms. de Silva seconded the motion; motion carried.*

### **2023 Twelve Year Program Update**

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

- 2023 TIP Timeline
- 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Development Schedule

### **Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) Update**

The following handouts were provided in the meeting packet:

- SEDA-COG MPO Staff Activity Report – November 2021
- Comments Submitted by SEDA-COG MPO on Pennsylvania Draft 2045 Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) and Freight Movement Plan (FMP)

Mr. Saylor stated that staff has moved ahead with the PennDOT Connects studies on Hogan Blvd. and the Route 522 Corridor, so both work orders are executed, and staff is working with the selected consultant team on the kickoff meetings.

Staff shared the bridge prioritization list approved by the MPO in September with both PennDOT Districts and with PennDOT Central Office.

Since September, seven projects were added to a list of candidates requested by PennDOT for using increased state or federal funding, bringing the total illustrated funding up to approximately \$46 million for these projects.

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

- Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Project Status Update 2018 Funding Round
- Recently Accessed Highway Occupancy Permit Applications

### **Active Transportation Committee Update**

Ms. Wilde provided an update on the Active Transportation Committee. She stated that a committee meeting was recently held during which a presentation was given by Silas Chamberlain from York County on the American Rescue Plan Act Funding. The next meeting of this committee is scheduled for February 16, 2022. A presentation from a law firm in Philadelphia will be given as to the process to take when anyone is involved in a bicycle or pedestrian crash. Work groups continue to meet and will be meeting sometime between now and February.

## **Member Forum**

The following items were included in the meeting packet:

- Items of Potential Interest to MPO Members as of November 2021.
- PennDOT flyer on Electric Vehicle Fast-Charging

## **Adjournment**

***Mr. Phillips made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Ms. Dooley seconded the motion.***

With there being no further comments, Mr. Saylor adjourned the meeting at 11:15 a.m. The next regular meeting of the MPO is scheduled for February 4, 2022 (the date of the meeting was changed to February 11, 2022 subsequent to the November 19<sup>th</sup> meeting).