



SEDA-COG METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MPO) MEETING
Virtual Meeting
Friday, November 20, 2020
9:30 A.M.

MPO VOTING MEMBERS

Mark Colussy, Mifflin County
John DeVecchio, Union County
Lisa Dooley, Town of Bloomsburg
Lincoln Kaufman, Snyder County
Brad Kerstetter, Juniata County
Jack Kytte, Borough of Berwick
Greg Molter, Montour County
Carey Mullins, PennDOT Central Office
Steve Phillips, SEDA-COG Board, Multi-Modal Interests
Jonathan Ranck, PennDOT District 3-0
Vickie Rusnak, PennDOT District 2-0
Jim Saylor, SEDA-COG
Justin Skavery, Northumberland County
Eric Stahley, Columbia County

OTHER MPO MEMBERS

Dean Ball, PennDOT District 2-0
Sal Vitko, Lycoming County Planning/Williamsport MPO
Austin Daily, Lycoming County Planning/Williamsport MPO

GUESTS

Michele Brummer, Gannett Fleming
Brian Funkhouser, Michael Baker International, Inc.
Anne Messner, Centre County MPO
Stevan Wilver, Larson Design Group

STAFF PRESENT

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

OTHER SEDA-COG STAFF

Mike Fisher, Assistant Executive Director

Call to Order

After it was determined that a quorum was present, Mr. Saylor called the meeting to order at 9:32 a.m.

Public Forum

No comments were received from the general public.

Approval of the October 9, 2020 Meeting Minutes of the SEDA-COG MPO

Mr. Molter made a motion to approve the minutes from the October 9, 2020, MPO meeting; Mr. DelVecchio seconded the motion; motion carried.

TIP Administrative Modifications and Amendments

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

Mr. Mullins stated that the Willow Run Bridge in Juniata County was recently added to the TIP, but it is not listed on the actions for District 2-0. There is a project in Union County: T-347 bridge over the north branch of Buffalo Creek, County bridge #15 using Act 13 bridge funds that was recently added to the TIP.

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

The following handouts were included 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 that there have been no changes since the October MPO meeting.
- Simplified TIP listing which shows a one line summary for each project.

Central Susquehanna Valley Transportation (CSVT) Project Status

Mr. Ranck provided the following update:

CSVT Northern Section

River Bridge:

- Final details to bridge: expansion dam, bridge railing, etc.
- Causeway is being removed.
- Boat launch is being constructed.
- Finish bridge in 2021.

Paving:

Remaining Activities of 2020:

- Traffic signals under construction.
- Install sign structures.

Activities for 2021:

- Complete concrete and 1st layer of asphalt paving from Ridge Road to Winfield interchange.
- Convert temporary E&S measures to permanent stormwater management features.

Activities for 2022:

- Pave final asphalt wearing course.
- Install guide rail, lights, signs, etc.
- Construct southbound lanes from Route 405 north to the existing 4-lanes.
- Realign existing Route 405 intersection with existing Route 147.
- Open to traffic between Winfield Interchange to Montandon in 2022.

CSV T Southern Section

Continuing to make progress on design, permitting, utilities and right-of-way – no update since the last meeting, except:

- PennDOT will be sending invitations this week for a virtual meeting in early December with local officials and emergency responders. The purpose of the meeting is to follow up on feedback that group provided last year. For example, PennDOT will review some measures planned to accommodate school buses, while detours are required during construction, as well as some adjustments made to the planned construction access in some areas.

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

SEDA-COG MPO 2021 Meeting Dates

The 2021 SEDA-COG MPO meeting dates were provided in the meeting packet. The following are the meeting dates for 2021:

January 22, March 19, May 21, June 25, September 17, and November 19.

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 2020. Those members are Greg Molter, Lincoln Kaufman and Shawn McLaughlin. A letter will be sent to the appropriate county for the representative's reappointment to the MPO.

Mr. Saylor stated that there are two offices 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.

Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) Update

The following handouts were provided in the meeting packet:

- SEDA-COG MPO Staff Activity Report – November 2020
- SEDA-COG MPO TIP Local Project Tracking
- SEDA-COG MPO TIP Project Updates
- Requests to Add Projects to the SEDA-COG MPO TIP
- Transportation Alternatives Set Aside Projects Status Update – 2018 Funding Round
- Action Plan Quarterly Activity Tracker for the MPO Strategic Plan as of November 2020
- Susquehanna Greenway Partnership press release about the new Bike Safety Decal from the Middle Susquehanna Active Transportation Committee (MSATC)

SEDA-COG Long Range Transportation Plan Update

Mr. Kiel provided an update on the SEDA-COG MPO Long Range Transportation Plan, 2021-2045 Steering Committee Progress Report via PowerPoint.

- **Project Steps and Schedule**
- **First Review Draft of LRTP Report**
 - Several “current conditions” sections to be completed
 - “Corridors of Concern” analysis, based on congestion, resiliency/flooding, freight generation, crashes/safety
 - Further inclusion/development of performance measures information
 - Maps and tables incomplete -some “placeholders”
 - Some “shifting target” sections to update (i.e., COVID, funding)
 - “Plan Implementation” section largely incomplete yet
- **Project Lists**
 - “Discretionary” First Cut Review Project List – Now, 62 projects
 - “Asset Management” Project List – Current, 29 projects
- **Public Input Approach**
 - Review existing project list – proposing other projects not emphasized
 - Use SEDA-COG’s existing Transportation Web site, with additional pages/links, including interactive GIS mapping
 - Site to include comments/survey section
 - Go live in mid-January, prior review by MPO Board/Steering Committee
 - Site development supported by consultant
- **District Strategy Days**
 - District 3-0 (December 1) and District 2-0 (December 8)
 - Main Purpose: Review Asset Management Projects List
 - Additional topics:
 - Recap of major input from 2015
 - Major projects pulled from TYP (over \$5 million, not in first two years of TIP)
 - Regional opportunities
 - BAMS/PAMS-driven asset management approach

- Potentially, review of Discretionary Projects list

A list of the Discretionary Projects for Consideration in the SEDA-COG 2021 LRTP Update was provided in the meeting packet.

A list of the Major Asset Management Projects in the MPO Region was provided in the meeting packet.

MPO members were asked to provide input on the draft Plan by December 4th.

Annual Listing of Obligated Projects

Mr. Herman reviewed the SEDA-COG MPO Annual Listing of Obligated Projects – Federal Fiscal Year 2020 (October 1, 2019 – September 30, 2020)

The Annual List of Obligated Projects report is a requirement of current federal transportation law, known as the Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act (FAST Act), which requires MPOs to publish an annual report on the projects for which federal funding has been obligated during the federal fiscal year from October 1 – September 30.

Mr. Herman stated that during FFY 2020, the SEDA-COG MPO saw a total of 91 obligations worth \$38,248,441 from the following funding classes: Bridge Off System, Enhancements, National Highway Performance Program, Rail & Highway, Safety, Special Funding and Surface Transportation Program.

A table listing of the Annual Obligations Report FFY 2020 was provided in the meeting packet. There were no federal transit grants awarded in FY 2019-2020 to a transit agency operating in the SEDA-COG eight-county MPO region.

The updated report will be posted on the SEDA-COG website and a social media post will also be issued shortly.

Mr. Saylor called for a 10-minute break at 10:32 a.m. Mr. Saylor continued the meeting at 10:43 a.m.

Annual Update of Safety Performance Measure Targets

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

- Annual Update of Safety Performance Measures Targets

In 2017, PennDOT began developing performance targets for the required five Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) performance measures. PennDOT is required to update the targets annually. Federal regulations require MPOs to establish targets for each safety performance measure within 180 days of PennDOT establishing its targets either by agreeing to plan and program projects in support of PennDOT targets, or by committing to their own quantifiable targets.

The PennDOT targets for 2021 reflect a 2% annual fatality reduction and maintaining level suspected serious injuries. A table for the values for the SEDA-COG MPO region was provided in the meeting packet.

Charts illustrating the most recent annual data for fatalities and serious injuries in the SEDA-COG MPO region and the fatality/serious injury targets were provided in the meeting packet.

The SEDA-COG MPO must decide whether to support PennDOT's targets or establish its own targets. Staff recommends that the SEDA-COG MPO support PennDOT's HSIP targets. PennDOT has asked for decisions from the MPOs/RPOs by February 27, 2021. Because the November 20th meeting is the last SEDA-COG MPO meeting scheduled in 2020, staff recommends that the MPO decide to support the 2021 state targets by planning and programming projects that contribute to meeting or making significant progress toward the established PennDOT safety targets.

Mr. Molter made a motion for the MPO to adopt the 2021 state-wide safety performance measures targets and to support them by planning and programming projects that contribute to meeting or making significant progress toward the safety targets; Mr. Colussy seconded the motion; motion carried.

Other handouts provided in the meeting packet include:

- Correspondence from PennDOT detailing the HSIP performance measure targets for 2021, and the individual targets enclosure that would apply if the MPO supports PennDOT's targets.

Active Transportation Committee Update

Ms. Lewis stated that the Active Transportation Committee met recently; the committee is working on developing a funding workshop for the members to discuss with various groups where their projects will fit best for applying to grants. A DCNR grant round is opening for funding in early 2021.

There are a couple of items going on in the Work Groups:

The Connections Work Group is currently working to update the matrix of projects created when the Middle Susquehanna Bike/Ped Plan was established. The group is closing in on receiving all the sheets back and will be compiling a fresh list of project updates which will be available on the SEDA-COG website by the end of the year.

The Safety Work Group is working on a road safety analysis that will use a variety of data to find sites where safety related projects may prove helpful.

The Community Engagement and Outreach Work Group is publicizing the availability of the stickers and safety decals.

Ms. Lewis stated that all the work groups will be holding a meeting in the next couple of months.

The next meeting of the Active Transportation Committee is scheduled for February 5, 2021.

Member Forum

Mr. Saylor briefly reviewed the Items of Potential Interest to MPO Members as of November 2020 provided in the meeting packet.

Mr. Saylor stated that Pennsylvania's Public Private Transportation Partnership (P3) Board approved a new transportation initiative that will help accelerate the reconstruction and rehabilitation of major bridges in partnership with the private sector.

Copies of the new PennDOT Pathways Program and Public-Private Partnership Major Bridge Initiative press releases will be forwarded to members.

Adjournment

With there being no further comments, Mr. Saylor adjourned the meeting at 11:03 a.m. The next regular meeting of the MPO is scheduled for January 22, 2021.