SEDA-COG METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MPO)
MEETING MINUTES
Hybrid Meeting
Friday, October 9, 2026
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
Steve Herman, SEDA-COG
Lincoln Kaufman, Snyder County
Brad Kerstetter, Juniata County
Chris King, PennDOT District 3-0 (via teleconference)
James Lettiere, Mifflin County (via teleconference)
Shawn McLaughlin, Union County
Greg Molter, Montour County
Mark Schultz, PennDOT District 2-0 (via teleconference)
Bob Stoudt, SEDA-COG Board, Multi-modal Interests (via teleconference)
Nathan Walker, PennDOT Central Office (via teleconference)

GUESTS

Justin Batiuk, PennDOT Central Office (via teleconference)
Colton Brown, PennDOT Central Office (via teleconference)
Shawn Hurst, Larson Design Group (via teleconference)
Jeff Iseman, PA SILC/PA Transportation Alliance (via teleconference)
Preston Mausteller, PennDOT District 3-0 (via teleconference)
Dan Merk, STEP, Inc. (via teleconference)
Emily Mrochko, WATS MPO (via teleconference)
Beth Nidam, rabbittransit (via teleconference)
Katherine Wilde, Michael Baker International (via teleconference)
Matt Wise, Office of State Senator Gene Yaw (via teleconference)

STAFF

Don Kiel, Program Analyst
Bridget Kinnaman, Program Intern (via teleconference)
Kristin McLaughlin, Principal Program Analyst
Willow Perkins, Senior Program Analyst

Call to Order

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

Public Forum

Mr. Lettiere shared updates on the Amtrak service expansion at the Lewistown Train Station.

Mr. Iseman provided a legislative update on House Bill 1633. He reported that a federal budget extension and continuing resolution (CR) have been approved through Dec. 11, including transportation funding provisions. He noted uncertainty regarding funding for some infrastructure projects associated with the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) that were not included in the current funding package.

Approval of August 7, 2026, Meeting Minutes of the SEDA-COG MPO

Mr. Kerstetter made a motion to approve the minutes of the Aug. 7, 2026 MPO meeting; Mr. McLaughlin seconded the motion; motion carried.

TIP Administrative Modifications and Amendments

Mr. Schultz summarized the TIP amendments for PennDOT District 2-0 included on page 10 of the packet.

Mr. Kerstetter made a motion to approve the TIP amendments as presented by PennDOT District 2-0; Mr. Lettiere seconded the motion; motion carried.

Mr. Schultz also 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 amendments for PennDOT District 3-0 included on page 17 of the packet.

Mr. McLaughlin made a motion to approve the TIP amendments as presented by PennDOT District 3-0; Mr. Kaufman seconded the motion; motion carried.

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

Mr. Herman reviewed the One Map status report link that was included in the meeting packet, noting that it allows users to view project locations and related information through interactive mapping and street-view features. The map consolidates all TIP administrative modifications into a single shareable platform, making project review more efficient. Mr. Herman stated that the map is publicly accessible and asked members to report any issues accessing the site.

Ms. Dooley provided an update on the Fort McClure Boulevard project and the status of funding through the federal Local Access Road Program. Ms. Dooley noted that a final funding award determination has not yet been received and remains pending.

CSVT Project and SR 54 Corridor Safety Project Status Reports

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

Southern Section Paving Contract: Construction continues, including drainage work, subbase grading, ramp construction and realignment at the Selinsgrove Interchange, concrete paving, noise wall installation, and reconstruction of southbound Routes 11 and 15. The CSVT mainline remains on schedule to open in fall 2027, with the Route 61 Connector anticipated to open in fall 2028.

Southern Section Intelligent Transportation Systems Contract: The Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) contract has been awarded. The contract includes the installation of variable message boards in both travel directions along the mainline and traffic cameras at each interchange. Field work is expected to begin later this year. Installation of the ITS equipment will be coordinated with ongoing construction activities and is expected to continue through project completion in 2028.

SR 54 Corridor Safety Project: The project website is continuously updated with project milestones and construction progress. Current work includes drainage installation, rehabilitation of the westbound Route 54 bridge, paving along Churchill Road, Red Roof Road, and portions of the relocated Route 642 alignment, as well as ongoing construction at the Route 642 intersection under flagging operations. Project completion is planned for 2029.

Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) Staff Activity Report

Mr. Herman highlighted items from the SEDA-COG MPO Staff Activity Report – October 2026 provided in the meeting packet.

Mr. Kiel noted that LTAP continues to expand its training offerings and encouraged members to suggest ideas for future training topics. He also reported that he will attend the upcoming Roadway Management Conference to gather ideas and best practices from neighboring states and will provide an update at a future meeting.

Mr. Kiel highlighted scheduled upcoming fall LTAP training opportunities and noted that plans for spring training are being considered. He also reported that he would be attending the Columbia County Association of Township Officials Convention to promote LTAP resources and training opportunities.

Other handouts provided in the meeting packet included:

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

NEVI Community Charging Program

Mr. Colton Brown, Alternative Fuels Infrastructure Coordinator for PennDOT, gave a presentation overviewing Pennsylvania's National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (NEVI) Program and fielded questions afterward. The following key points were reviewed:

- Pennsylvania reported approximately 177,244 registered electric vehicles as of August 2026.
- Pennsylvania has received approximately $171.5 million in NEVI funding.
- PennDOT reported 88 active NEVI projects in 46 counties representing approximately $58.4 million in federal investment.
- Pennsylvania has 52 operational NEVI stations and was recognized as having the most NEVI stations of any state.
- The Community Charging Program will invest more than $100 million through regional funding rounds.
- Eligible organizations may receive up to 80% funding for EV charging station design and installation.
- Central Region funding applications are scheduled to close March 12, 2027. Awards are typically announced within 90 days of the application deadline. Projects must then complete federal permitting and contracting requirements and are generally expected to be completed within two years of contract execution, although extensions may be granted.
- Publicly available chargers can be viewed through the PA 511 app and other navigation platforms.
- Members can sign up for the NEVI email list by contacting ra-pdevcorridors@pa.gov.

Draft FY 2027-29 Unified Planning Work Program

Mr. Herman provided an update on the MPO's draft FY 2027-2029 Work Program, highlighting minor updates since the August meeting such as a new cover page, incorporation of 2027 STIP Planning Finding recommendations, budget figures, and planned new deliverables such as the crash data dashboard. The draft has been distributed to transit operators, PennDOT, FHWA, and FTA for review, with adoption anticipated at the November meeting. Members were encouraged to provide comments and share local planning initiatives that may benefit from MPO support.

Active Transportation Plan Update

Ms. Wilde provided an update on the Active Transportation Plan, reporting that the public WikiMap survey received 114 responses, with most comments focused on safety and comfort concerns, as well as gaps in the active transportation network. She announced four upcoming public listening sessions across the region and noted that stakeholder interviews will be conducted throughout October and November. Staff will continue public outreach, data analysis, and plan development, with completion of the plan anticipated for mid-2027.

Mr. Herman thanked participants for their contributions to the Active Transportation Plan outreach process. He noted opportunities to incorporate findings from Mr. Lettiere's Safe Streets and Roads for All initiative in Mifflin County and noted the usefulness of the WikiMap tool for identifying transportation issues, gaps, and opportunities. He encouraged participation in upcoming stakeholder interviews and public engagement events as plan development continues.

Member Forum

Mr. Herman noted that the PennDOT Pennsylvania Micromobility Information Sheet has been updated and is available in the meeting packet. Members were encouraged to review the resource, which includes information on various micromobility devices, including newer technologies such as e-scooters, and supports ongoing discussions related to micromobility transportation options.

Mr. Herman highlighted several funding and planning opportunities of interest to members, including recent DCED Local Share Account awards for transportation-related projects in Danville and Sunbury. He also noted that the Susquehanna Greenway Partnership Mini Grant Program is accepting applications through October 30, with awards of up to $25,000 for projects related to trails, parks, active transportation, and placemaking.

Mr. Herman encouraged members to review the proposed 2027 MPO meeting schedule and provide feedback on potential conflicts or preferred meeting dates before formal approval in November.

Mr. Iseman announced that the Pennsylvania Statewide Independent Living Council (PA SILC) is seeking public input for its State Plan for Independent Living, with transportation remaining a longstanding topic of concern alongside housing and other disability-related issues. Public comments will be accepted through December 31, and participation opportunities include in-person, virtual, email, and mailed submissions. Upcoming public forums include sessions in Altoona, Scranton, and the Harrisburg area.

Mr. Merk reported that, in coordination with the Clinton County Transition Council and PennDOT, efforts are underway to expand the designated stop transit service in Clinton County to include individuals ages 16 to 18. The initiative is intended to improve transportation access for students and support employment opportunities, with additional details to be shared as the program is developed.

Mr. Herman invited members to suggest future guest presentation topics. He also referenced information in the packet regarding the upcoming second daily Amtrak train between Pittsburgh and Harrisburg, as well as a federal transportation funding overview prepared by AMPO for MPO board members.

Adjournment

With there being no further comments, Mr. Herman adjourned the meeting at 11:05 a.m. with a motion from Mr. Molter; Mr. McLaughlin seconded the motion; motion carried. The next regular meeting of the MPO is scheduled for Nov. 20, 2026.