



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

MPO VOTING MEMBERS

Katie de Silva, Clinton County
John DeVecchio, Union County
Lisa Dooley, Town of Bloomsburg
Lincoln Kaufman, Snyder County
Brad Kerstetter, Juniata County
Chris King, PennDOT District 3-0
Greg Molter, Montour County
Carey Mullins, PennDOT Central Office
Steve Phillips, SEDA-COG Board, Multi-Modal Interests
Richard Ridgway, SEDA-COG Board At-Large Member
Vickie Rusnak, PennDOT District 2-0
Jim Saylor, SEDA-COG
Justin Skavery, Northumberland County
Eric Stahley, Columbia County

GUESTS

Kathleen Brady, Peters Consultants
Brian Funkhouser, Michael Baker International, Inc.
Brandon Leach, PennDOT Program Center
Anne Messner, Centre County MPO
Beth Nidam, rabbittransit
Tim Smith, Gannett Fleming
Steven Rusnak, PennDOT District 2-0
John Schneider, PennDOT District 2-0

STAFF PRESENT

Kay Aikey, Program Assistant
Steve Herman, Transportation Planner
Don Kiel, Senior Principal Program Analyst
Katherine Lewis, 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 August 21, 2020 Meeting Minutes of the SEDA-COG MPO

Mr. Skavery made a motion to approve the minutes from the August 21, 2020, 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:

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

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

Mr. DeVecchio 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 August MPO meeting.
- Letter from FHWA to PennDOT for approval of the 2021-2024 STIP that includes the TIP adopted at the June MPO meeting and includes several recommendations mostly pointed at the statewide planning program.

Central Susquehanna Valley Transportation (CSVT) Project Status

Mr. King reviewed the CSVT Project Status that was provided in the meeting packet.

Northern Section: completion/opening anticipated in 2022

Southern Section: completion/opening anticipated in 2027

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

Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) Update

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

- Staff Activity Report of October 2020
- Pennsylvania Transportation Funding and Funding Threats briefing from PennDOT

Mr. Saylor stated that the funding document covers the funding threats from a report done by the STC that Mr. Murawski presented previously, updates the picture to include the projected impacts of COVID on transportation funding and updates the “already” unmet needs. There has been a one-

year extension of the federal highway bill to September 30, 2021, but we will be following outcomes on the other points in the funding report to see if they will have impacts on the TIP.

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

- Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) Projects Status Update 2018 Funding Round
- SEDA-COG MPO Planning Calendar

Mr. King stated that the bids for the Bloomsburg Pedestrian Improvements project came in a little high. PennDOT District 3-0 was able to work with PennDOT Central Office to add additional funds from the statewide line item to cover the bid on this project.

Ms. de Silva stated that the Clinton County Rail Trail project was let; there were nine contractors in to pick up the plans.

Mr. Herman stated that he did not have current information on the Brown Township Streetscape project in Mifflin County and asked Ms. Rusnak for an update. Ms. Rusnak stated that this project is going to be on the 2021 TIP. There were some right-of-way issues, but they have been resolved. District staff will be submitting the documentation in for the 4232 to get the project on the schedule for a letting.

PennDOT Connects Project/Proposal Forms

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

- FFY 2022 New Starts Projects in District 2 Counties
- New Start Projects in District 3 Counties
- Roles & Responsibilities for PennDOT Connects System Forms

Proposed SEDA-COG MPO 2021 Meeting Dates

A copy of the proposed 2021 MPO meeting dates was provided in the meeting packet. Committee members were asked to review the dates and see if there are any conflicts. These dates will be finalized at the November MPO meeting.

SEDA-COG Long Range Transportation Plan Update

Mr. Kiel provided a PowerPoint status report of progress on the Long Range Transportation Plan, 2021-2045.

Slides included:

- Project Steps and Latest Schedule:
- Main Project Development and Progress Areas
- Draft Project Lists Sources
- Project List Approach – “Viability Model” Approach
- Graph from 2016 Project List – The Problem
- What’s Different about the Project Process in this LRTP Update?
- What was Wrong with the Old Approach?
- What Does the New Process do Better?
- Discretionary Projects – What are typical projects? Where do they come from?

- “Viability Model” Approach – Draft Selection/Weighting Criteria (August 2020)
- Project Lists – “Asset Management” Project List – currently 23 projects
- Project Lists – “Discretionary” Project List – currently 126 projects
- Project Lists – Action Needed – MPO members will receive spreadsheets listing projects for their county. MPO members were asked to provide feedback on the draft Asset Management and Discretionary projects for inclusion in the LRTP by October 30th.
- Next 2-3 Months – What’s Coming Up?

A copy of the presentation was provided in the meeting packet. An updated copy of the presentation will be emailed to MPO members.

Mr. Saylor called for a 10-minute break at 10:45 a.m. Mr. Saylor continued the meeting at 10:55 a.m.

PennDOT One Map Demonstration by Brandon Leach, PennDOT Program Center

Mr. Brandon Leach from PennDOT Program Center presented a demonstration on how to use PennDOT One Map. One Map is a web-based GIS mapping application for transportation projects and a multitude of data layers.

Mr. Leach stated he will send a copy of the PowerPoint overview slides for sharing with MPO members.

Mr. Leach stated he can do a longer demo upon request. He can also provide in-person or virtual online training to help people better utilize the system.

Mr. Leach stated that a transportation work group is in place for looking at creating a transportation data atlas or warehouse that will house things more related to freight movement, and One Map has been viewed as a potential option as a landing place for this. If this would materialize, it would most likely show up as a separate category and would be accessible by users.

This online tool can be used here: <https://gis.penndot.gov/onemap/>

2020 Highway Performance Monitoring System Samples

Ms. Lewis stated that the Highway Performance Monitoring System (HPMS) is used to collect roadway condition and performance data. The data is used to determine apportionment of federal funding and is a key portion of the conditions and performance report that is submitted to Congress. Ms. Lewis stated there are 179 segments for 2020 that she will be visiting in the MPO region and will be turning the data in by December 4, 2020. Approximately 15-20 attributes will be evaluated for each segment. Some of these will be pavement width, percentage of green time, and widening obstacles.

Ms. Lewis stated that currently she is about 1/8 of the way through the samples.

A screenshot of PennDOT One Map was provided in the meeting packet which shows the locations that Ms. Lewis will be visiting.

Active Transportation Committee Update

Ms. Lewis stated a couple of work group meetings have been held. The bike road safety decals for cars have been completed and should be received soon. Any MPO member needing any should contact Ms. Lewis. The next committee meeting is scheduled for November 18 and a smaller group will meet in October to discuss bike/ped projects in the Long Range Plan.

Member Forum

The following handouts were provided in the meeting packet:

- Items of Potential Interest as of October 2020
- RFQ for Concept Design Services to Demonstrate Adaptable and New Uses for Downtown Business Districts – Designing for Distance

Mr. Saylor stated that Lewisburg was included in the RFQ to develop design-based solutions to specific social distancing-related challenges affecting the public realm.

Adjournment

With there being no further comments, Mr. Molter made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Mr. Stahley seconded the motion. Mr. Saylor adjourned the meeting at 11:28 a.m. The next regular meeting of the MPO is scheduled for November 20, 2020.