



**SEDA-COG METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MPO) MEETING
MINUTES**

**Hybrid Meeting
Friday, September 15, 2023
SEDA-COG, Lewisburg, PA
9:30 A.M.**

MPO VOTING MEMBERS

Frank Hampton, PennDOT Central Office (via teleconference)
Steve Herman, SEDA-COG
Lincoln Kaufman, Snyder County
Brad Kerstetter, Juniata County
Greg Molter, Montour County
Steve Phillips, SEDA-COG Board, Multi-modal Interests (via teleconference)
Jonathan Ranck, PennDOT District 3-0 (via teleconference)
Justin Skavery, Northumberland County (via teleconference)
Mark Schultz, PennDOT District 2-0 (via teleconference)

GUESTS

John Breneman, Senator Judy Ward's Office (via teleconference)
Duane Gaugler, Larson Design Group (via teleconference)
Jeff Iseman, PA SILC/Transportation Alliance (via teleconference)

STAFF

Michelle Ballou, Program Assistant
Bryce Buck, Program Analyst
Kristin McLaughlin, Principal Program Analyst

Call to Order

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

Public Forum

No comments were received under the public forum.

Approval of the July 21, 2023, Meeting Minutes of the SEDA-COG MPO

Mr. Kerstetter made a motion to approve the minutes from the July 21, 2023, MPO meeting with a slight correction to note Gini Feigles-Karr as having attended in-person; Mr. Kaufman seconded the motion; motion carried.

TIP Administrative Modifications and Amendments

Mr. Schultz summarized the TIP amendments for PennDOT District 2-0.

Mr. Kerstetter made a motion for the MPO to approve the TIP amendments as presented for PennDOT District 2-0 for new high friction surface treatment projects on SR 322 and SR 333 in Mifflin and Juniata Counties; Mr. Hampton seconded the motion; motion carried.

Mr. Kerstetter made a motion for the MPO to approve the TIP amendment as presented for PennDOT District 2-0 for a new slow vehicle warning system project on SR 322 through the Seven Mountains area in Mifflin County; Mr. Kaufman seconded the motion; motion carried.

Mr. Schultz summarized the TIP administrative modifications for PennDOT District 2-0.

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

Mr. Ranck summarized the TIP administrative modifications for PennDOT District 3-0.

Mr. Molter made a motion for the MPO to approve the TIP administrative modifications as presented for PennDOT District 3-0; Mr. Kaufman seconded the motion; motion carried.

Mr. Buck reviewed recent enhancements to the TIP modifications webmap, including increased filtering, searching, and basemap options.

CSV T Project and SR 54 Safety Project Status Reports

CSV T Southern Section

Earthwork Contract: Mr. Ranck stated that as of September 7th, the contract is 36% complete. Current work includes an embankment being constructed from the Selinsgrove Interchange to Mill Rd. There are also roundabouts that are under construction at the Mill, App, and Airport Rd intersections. The western roundabout is almost complete, and the eastern roundabout is being prepared for concrete work and paving. The contractor is completing the installation of large pipes north of Attig Road. Park Rd will be reopened by the end of September. Park Rd and Colonial Dr are being relocated, then Fisher Rd will be detoured and realigned. The haul road north of 11th Avenue is currently being constructed. The concrete deck for the Sunbury Rd bridge is scheduled to be constructed at the end of September.

Structures Contract: The contract's bids were opened on September 14th. The apparent low bid of \$106,415,000 was submitted by Walsh Construction Company II, LLC.

Paving Contract: This contract is proceeding through the design phase and anticipating a let date for late 2025 or early 2026.

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

SR 54 Section 090 Intersection Realignment with SR 642 in Montour County

Mr. Ranck provided the following updates for this project:

- The right-of-way acquisition process has started and the PennDOT right of way staff are working through the acquisitions with the affected property owners.
- The community advisory committee update meeting has been scheduled for September 21st at 6:30 p.m. at the Mahoning Township Municipal Building.

Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) Update

Mr. Herman highlighted items from the SEDA-COG MPO Staff Activity Report – September 2023 provided in the meeting packet.

Other handouts provided in the meeting packet included:

- Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Projects Status Update – 2018 Funding Round and 2021 Funding Round
- Recently Accessed Highway Occupancy Permit Applications
- Recently Accessed Traffic Impact Study Scoping Applications
- Support Letter for Pennsylvania Wildlife Crossings Strategic Plan Application to USDOT

Draft MPO Complete Streets Policy

Ms. McLaughlin stated that there are several components of the MPO's Complete Streets activity. The first is the MPO policy planned for adoption in November. The final draft is expected to be received from Gannet Fleming within the next few weeks. This will be provided to Board members well in advance of adoption.

A sample policy for municipalities that are interested in implementing complete streets within their communities will also be developed – this will address rural, urban, and suburban contexts. The Town of Bloomsburg has been provided technical assistance with its pedalcycle ordinance. Lastly, a Complete Streets prioritization project list will be developed for the region.

Draft FY 24-25 SEDA-COG MPO UPWP

Mr. Herman provided an overview of the Draft FY 24-25 UPWP included in the meeting packet. The UPWP is normally a two-year program, but for FY 24-25 PennDOT recommended a one-year program to get the UPWP development and approval process off-cycle from the major Transportation Improvement Program preparation activity. The FY 24-25 UPWP will take effect on July 1, 2024, and run through June 30, 2025. The future UPWPs will return to two-year programs. MPO members were asked to provide any comments and recommended tasks or studies for the Draft FY 24-25 UPWP. A final version will be presented for adoption at the November 17th MPO meeting.

2025 Twelve Year Program Update

Mr. Herman discussed the 2025 Twelve Year Program Update process and reviewed the following item provided in the meeting packet:

- 2025 TIP Update Timeline

Local Bridge Prioritization Projects for 2025 TIP

Mr. Buck stated that the local bridge analysis has been completed and the prioritized local bridge listing is ready to be approved for submission to PennDOT for use in building the 2025 TIP. Mr. Buck reviewed the scoring process and results via a PowerPoint presentation and referred members to the bridge listings included in the packet.

Mr. Kaufman made a motion for the MPO to approve the local bridge prioritization projects for the 2025 TIP as presented; Mr. Kerstetter seconded the motion; motion carried.

Active Transportation Committee Update

Mr. Buck provided an update on the Active Transportation Committee. He mentioned that Corey Ellison is stepping down as Executive Director of the Susquehanna Greenway Partnership (SGP); however, the SGP remains committed to the Active Transportation Committee and her successor will assume the duties of Committee Vice-Chair. The first trail counting cycle was finished last month, and the usage data will be shared with MPO members soon. An Esri Hub site is being developed to host data, charts, and maps related to the Middle Susquehanna Regional Bike/Ped Plan. The next Committee meeting will be held on November 15, 2023.

Proposed SEDA-COG MPO 2024 Meeting Dates

A copy of the proposed 2024 MPO meeting dates was provided in the meeting packet. Members were asked to review the dates and identify if there are any known conflicts. The meeting schedule will be finalized at the November MPO meeting.

Member Forum

Mr. Herman referred to the following handout that was provided in the meeting packet:

- Items of Potential Interest to MPO Members as of September 2023

Mr. Kaufman mentioned that Snyder County just had its first steering committee meeting for the county's new greenways & open space plan that is getting underway.

Adjournment

With there being no further comments, Mr. Herman adjourned the meeting at 11:10 a.m. with a motion from Mr. Hampton; Mr. Molter seconded the motion; motion carried. The next regular meeting of the MPO is scheduled for November 17, 2023.