Northeastern Pennsylvania Metropolitan Planning Organization 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Notice of Public Comment Period, Public Hearing & Joint MPO Committee Meeting

The Northeastern Pennsylvania Alliance (NEPA), designated by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for Carbon, Monroe, Pike and Schuylkill counties, is the organization that will consider and approve the plans and programs and the Federal and State funding for highway and transit systems in the four-county MPO area. In accordance with the provisions of the Sunshine Law and federal transportation legislation, notice is hereby given that the NEPA MPO will hold a 30-day public comment period on the draft 2023-2026 TIP beginning on May 2, 2022 and ending on May 31, 2022. Public notice of public participation activities and time established for public review of and comments on the TIP will satisfy POP requirements.

NEPA has distributed for public review the following documents: 2023-2026 TIP including highway, bridge and transit project listings; TIP administrative procedures; air quality conformity analysis; environmental justice analysis determination; and related policy documents. These documents concern highway, bridge and transit projects for Carbon, Monroe, Pike and Schuylkill counties, for the four-year TIP, which will become effective on October 1, 2022. The Air Quality Conformity Analysis Report reflects the compliance of the transportation projects in Carbon County portion of the Allentown-Bethlehem-Easton nonattainment area to the 2008 8-hour ozone standard as written within the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990. The Air Quality Conformity Analysis report also includes Monroe County designated as an Ozone Maintenance Area in accordance with guidance issued by EPA (EPA-420-B-18-050).

TIP documentation is available on NEPA Alliance's website at www.nepa-alliance.org/tip and at the following locations within the region.

Carbon Co. Office of Planning & Development	410 Center Avenue	Jim Thorpe, PA
Lehigh and Northampton Transportation Authority	1060 Lehigh Street	Allentown, PA
Monroe County Planning Commission	701 Main Street, Suite 405	Stroudsburg, PA
Monroe County Transportation Authority	134 MCTA Drive	Swiftwater, PA
Pike County Community Planning Office	837 US 6, Unit 3	Shohola, PA
Schuylkill County Planning Commission	401 N. Second Street (Courthouse)	Pottsville, PA
Schuylkill Transportation System	1 Progress Circle	Pottsville, PA
PennDOT District 4-0	55 Keystone Industrial Park	Dunmore, PA
PennDOT District 5-0	1002 W. Hamilton Street	Allentown, PA
NEPA Alliance	1151 Oak Street	Pittston, PA

A public hearing will be held on <u>Tuesday, May 17, 2022 at 9:30 AM</u> at the Monroe County Transportation Authority, 134 MCTA Drive, Swiftwater, PA 18370. Additional meeting locations that will have remote access to the public meeting are listed below.

Carbon County Building, 44 Susquehanna Ave, Jim Thorpe, PA
Pike County Community Planning Office, 837 US 6, Unit 3, Shohola, PA
Schuylkill Economic Development Corporation, Union Station, 1 Progress Circle, Pottsville, PA

Individuals providing oral testimony will be allotted five minutes and must provide three (3) written copies of their testimony. Those unable to attend may provide written testimony by sending comments to the NEPA Alliance office at 1151 Oak Street, Pittston, PA 18640 or by emailing kmcmahon@nepa-alliance.org.

Notice also given that the NEPA MPO Technical Planning Committee and NEPA MPO Policy Board will conduct a joint virtual business meeting on Tuesday, June 21, 2022 at 9:30 AM at the NEPA Alliance Office to consider the endorsement and approval of the 2023-2026 TIP and action on other business matters. Following approval of the TIP, it will be submitted to the Commonwealth and the Federal Highway Administration.

Both meetings will also be offered virtually via phone and video conference. The phone number and conference ID for the meetings are below. A link to the video conference can be found on the NEPA website at www.nepa-alliance.org/transportation.

Phone Number: (323) 475-1191 Conference ID: 418 625 295

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