

# Northeastern Pennsylvania Metropolitan Planning Organization

*Transportation Programming for the Counties of: Carbon ✧ Monroe ✧ Pike ✧ Schuylkill*

## December 16, 2025, Joint Technical Planning Committee and Policy Board Business Meeting Summary and Minutes

### Attendees:

Rocky Ahner\*  
Chris Barrett^  
Cristie Barry  
Marie Bishop  
Roger Christman\*  
Kerri Cox  
Steve Fisher\*  
Brian Funkhouser  
Jacob Gardner  
Micah Gursky\*^  
Doyle Heffley\*  
Kent Himmelright  
Ben Holderman  
Julia Hurlle  
AJ Knee\*  
Larry Kopp  
Chris Kufro\*  
Robert Manzella  
Gary Martinaitis\*  
Christine Meinhart-Fritz\*  
Mike Mrozinski\*  
Matthew Osterburg\*^  
Ken O'Brien  
Danny Peters

### Organization:

Carbon County  
PMVB  
PennDOT District 5  
PennDOT District 4  
Ross Township  
PennDOT District 5  
PennDOT District 4  
Michael Baker Intl.  
Schuylkill River Gwy.  
St. Luke's Hospital  
PA State Rep.  
Schuylkill River Gwy.  
Michael Baker Intl.  
Schuylkill River Gwy.  
LANTA  
Stroudsburg Borough  
PennDOT District 5  
Luzerne Co. Planning  
STS  
Monroe Co. Planning  
Pike Co. Planning  
Pike County  
HDR  
Stroudsburg Borough

### Attendees:

Larry Peterson  
John Petrini  
Emma Pugh  
Jeff Rai  
Nick Raio\*  
Michael Rebert  
Rich Schlameuss\*  
Yvonne Schock  
Anna Shigo  
Susan Smith\*  
Brian Snyder  
Jared Soto^  
Nate Staruch  
Steve Thomas  
Mark Tobin^  
Scott Vottero  
Dominic Yanuzzi  
  
Jeff Box  
Nettie Ginocchetti  
Kate McMahon  
Sean Papke  
Jonathan Shaw  
Daniel Yelito

### Organization:

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PennDOT District 4  
PennDOT District 4  
PennDOT District 5  
PennDOT Central  
JMT  
MCTA  
Michael Baker Intl.  
Carbon County  
Schuylkill Co. Planning  
Pike Co. Planning  
Carbon Co. Chamber  
Monroe Co. Planning  
Michael Baker Intl.  
PennDOT Central  
PennDOT District 5  
Alfred Benesch  
  
NEPA Alliance  
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\*Technical Committee members who voted at this meeting

^Policy Board Members who voted at this meeting

### **Summary of Actions Taken by the NEPA MPO Technical Planning Committee:**

During this meeting, the MPO Technical Committee and Policy Board voted on the following actions:

Action 1: Mr. Gursky requested a motion from the Policy Board to approve the minutes from the June 17, 2025 Joint Technical Committee and Policy Board Meeting. A motion was made by Mr. Soto, seconded by Mr. Tobin, to approve the minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

Action 2: Mr. Mrozinski requested a motion from the Technical Committee to approve the minutes from the November 18, 2025 Technical Committee Meeting. A motion was made by Ms. Smith, seconded by Mr. Ahner, to approve the minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

Action 3: Mr. Mrozinski requested a motion from the Technical Committee to approve the HSIP Performance Measures targets proposed by the state. A motion was made by Ms. Meinhart-Fritz, seconded by Mr. Raio, to approve the measures. The motion passed unanimously.

Action 4: Mr. Mrozinski requested a motion from the Technical Committee to recommend awarding the open-end consultant contract to Michael Baker International to the Policy Board for approval. A motion was made by Mr. Kufro, seconded by Ms. Smith. The motion passed unanimously.

Action 5: Mr. Gursky requested a motion from the Policy Board to award the open-end consultant contract to Michael Baker International. A motion was made by Mr. Soto, seconded by Mr. Tobin, to approve the contract. The motion passed unanimously.

**Mr. Gursky called meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.**

Following the opening of the meeting, the committee received presentations from the project sponsors who submitted requests for Transportation Alternatives Set Aside funding. Three applications for the Transportation Alternatives Set Aside program were received for projects located in the NEPA MPO region.

East Union Township SR 924 Pedestrian Improvements- Dominic Yanuzzi presented on behalf of East Union Township.

Stroudsburg Borough Transforming Main Street- Larry Kopp presented on behalf of Stroudsburg Borough

Schuylkill River Trail Phase 2- Julia Hurle presented on behalf of Schuylkill River Greenways.

Ms. McMahon asked the voting committee members to fill out a score sheet for each TASA application and email them to her by December 23<sup>rd</sup>. The scores will be compiled, and each application will receive a score from 1-5, with 5 being the highest. The scores are due to Central Office by January 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**1) Business Items**

a) Policy Board Approval of Minutes from the June 17, 2025, Joint Technical and Policy Board Business Meeting

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**2) TIP Amendments and Administrative Actions**

a) District 4-0 2025-2028 TIP Amendment and Administrative Actions

Information was included in the meeting packet which highlighted administrative actions on the 2025 TIP for District 4. Mr. Fisher presented the actions for District 4.

Action 1 – SR 739 Shoulder Widening – Increase CON phase due to low bid plus inspection. The sources are SR 6 over Wallenpaupack Creek, SR 209 over Sawkill Creek, and the NEPA 4-0 Highway Line Item.

b) District 5-0 2025-2028 TIP Administrative Actions

Information was included in the meeting packet which highlighted administrative actions on the 2025 TIP for District 5. Mr. Peterson presented the actions for District 5.

Action 1 – PA 924 over tributary to Catawissa Creek & Minersville Arch Bridge – Aligning funds with actual need. The balancing source is the NEPA PM #7 .

Action 2 – St. Clair to Frackville Reconstruction – Increase to cover additional PSP slope stabilization, clearing and grubbing, mulching straw, guiderail, traffic signal support, and over excavation and backfill of subgrade areas. The sources are Sterling Road Safety Improvement Area 1 and the NEPA Highway & Bridge Regional Line Item.

Action 3 – 209 Mt. Nebo to Holy Cross Road PE Phase – Increase funds to match negotiated agreement plus internal cost. The sources are 209 Mt. Nebo to Holy Cross Road ROW Phase, 209 Middle Smithfield Elem. Dr. to Portuguese Lane, the Safety Line Item Reserve, and the Urban Regional Reserve Line Item.

Interstate Action 1 – I-80 Phase 2 Reconstruction – Cashflow to align with anticipated let date 3/28/30 FFY 33 and beyond shows a change of \$0. The Interstate Contingency Line Item was used as a source to maintain fiscal constraint.

### 3) Transportation Planning & Programs

a) Current Project Status Update – Major/Interstate Projects

Mr. Vottero provided an update on Major/Interstate projects in District 5.

b) 2026 Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) Performance Measures (PM-1)

Ms. McMahon stated that PM-1 safety measures are established on an annual basis. Each year the MPO can choose to establish the regional targets set by PennDOT or set their own targets. MPO staff are recommending that the Technical Committee vote to approve the state targets.

Mr. Mrozinski requested a motion from the Technical Committee to approve the HSIP Performance Measures targets proposed by the state. A motion was made by Ms. Meinhart-Fritz, seconded by Mr. Raio, to approve the measures. The motion passed unanimously.

c) Request for Qualifications for LRTP Update

Ms. McMahon stated that in September, the NEPA MPO issued a Request for Qualifications for a three-year consultant assistance open-end agreement. The current open-end agreement with Michael Baker will not expire until 2027, which will not cover the Long Range Transportation Plan development cycle, which is recommended by FHWA to begin 30 months from the expected adoption date of the plan. NEPA received 22 requests for copies of the RFQ. The RFQ closed on October 24th. Michael Baker was the only respondent and provided a presentation to the Technical Committee at the November MPO meeting.

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d) 2027-2030 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Ms. McMahon stated that the MPO is continuing to work with the districts to develop the 2027-2030 TIP. Projects need to be submitted in MPMS by December 31<sup>st</sup>. One of the outstanding issues is the use of CMAQ funds in Carbon County. A call is scheduled with Central Office, District 5, and LANTA following

the MPO meeting. The MPO may be able to use the funds to expand transit in Carbon County. The MPO is waiting to receive the draft Interstate TIP but expects the I-80 projects to still be on it. The MPO is also working with transit providers to prepare the Transit TIP. In February, the MPO will meet with Central Office to review the TIP with them. NEPA staff are developing the TIP mapping and Community Demographic Analysis and other parts of the TIP package. The draft TIP will be prepared in April, with a public comment period in May and adoption at the June MPO meeting.

e) Annual Listing of Obligated Projects

Ms. McMahon stated that each year the MPO is required to list all projects in the region that have been obligated using federal funds. The report was posted to the NEPA website on December 1<sup>st</sup> and can be accessed here:

<https://www.nepa-alliance.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/12/NEPA-MPO-List-of-Obligated-Projects-2025.pdf>

f) Eastern PA Freight Alliance

Ms. McMahon stated that the MPO has received the signed MOU formalizing the freight alliance. A meeting will be scheduled in the new year to discuss next steps for the alliance.

g) Coordinated Public Transit-Human Services Plan Implementation

Mr. Funkhouser provided an update on implementation of the Coordinated Public Transit Plan. A meeting of the Transit Subcommittee was held on November 19<sup>th</sup> at the NEPA Alliance office and virtually. The subcommittee reviewed the Action Plan and prioritized focus items for implementation through a survey. The committee will be working on implementing the items in 2026 and will schedule another meeting early next year.

h) SR 611 Corridor Study

Mr. Thomas provided an update on the Route 611 Corridor Study. Branding for the project has been developed so that the public can easily identify the project as it moves into future phases. The team has completed the existing conditions review and data collection phase. Traffic counts and turning movement counts at the intersections were conducted in October. The project is moving into the public engagement phase. An open house will be held on January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2026, from 5:30 to 7:30p.m. A presentation and wikimapping survey tool demonstration will be held at 6:00. An inclement weather date is January 28<sup>th</sup>. A second open house will be held in the Spring to review the study recommendations with the public. A number of interviews will be held in the new year to gather feedback from stakeholders along the corridor.

i) SR 2001 Section 405 Alternatives Study

The SR 2001 Section 405 Alternatives Study has been completed. Mr. Funkhouser provided a presentation to the Policy Board and Technical Committee outlining development and findings of the study. The presentation slides are attached. Mr. Mrozinski stated that the study has also been presented to the Pike County Road Task Force, Delaware Township Supervisors, Pike County Commissioners, and PennDOT Districts 4 and 5. Mr. Gursky asked if the MPO has shared the study with the Pike County legislators. Ms. McMahon stated that sharing the study with them was a great suggestion. She noted that the study has been posted to the NEPA website. Mr. Fisher asked if Mr. Funkhouser has seen MPOs looking to corridor studies more frequently due to funding constraints. Mr. Funkhouser stated that this study has been fairly unique.

**4) Other Business**




None.

**5) Adjournment**

There being no further business, the NEPA MPO Joint Technical Planning Committee and Policy Board meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Northwestern Pennsylvania Alliance


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## SR 2001 Alternatives Study

### Joint Technical Committee and Policy Board Mtg

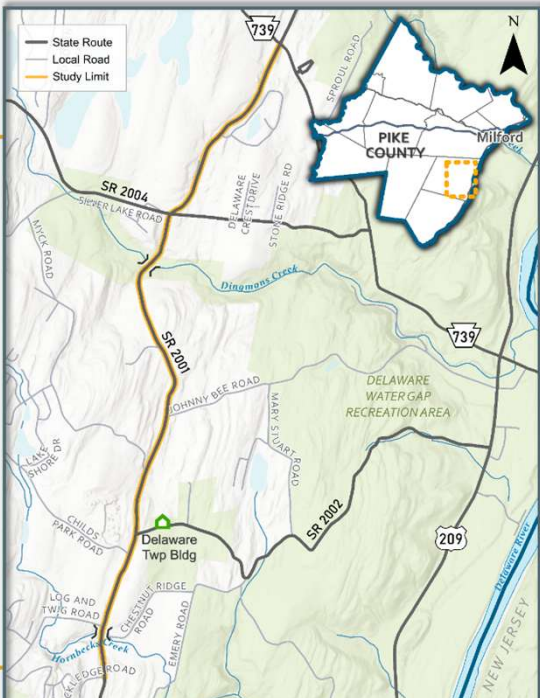
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## Study Overview

- A local and regional priority
- PennDOT has improved sections of the corridor over time
- Limits include PA 739 and Rockledge Road
- Includes two structures: over Dingmans Creek and Hornbecks Creek



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## Key Study Findings and Recommendations

- Community Priority
- Roadway Segmentation
- Cost Analysis
- Safety Improvements
- Interim Projects



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## Interim Safety Projects (Top Priorities)

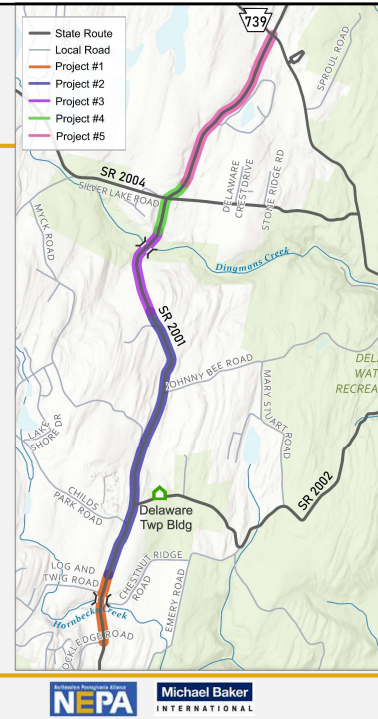
- PA 402 Truck Routing Project
  - Option A = \$10.5 million
  - Option B = \$5.8 million
- SR 2001/SR 2004 Intersection Advanced Warning Signing
  - \$43,000



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# Reconstruction Projects

Priority	Description	Lower Estimate	Higher Estimate
1	SR 2001 Widening & Bridge Replacement (Hornbecks Creek) Alt 1 (8%) Alt 2 (10%)	\$8.6 million (Alt 2)	\$10.3 million (Alt 1)
2	SR 2001 Widening & Recon (SR 2004 to PA 739)	\$15.5 million	
3	SR 2001/SR 2004 Intersection Improvements 4-Way Stop Roundabout	\$6.4 million (4-way Stop)	\$6.8 million (roundabout)
4	SR 2001 Widening & Recon	\$12.8 million	
5	SR 2001 Widening & Bridge Replacement (Dingmans Creek) Alt 1 (8%) Alt 2 (10%)	\$12.6 million (Alt 2)	\$22.7 million (Alt 1)



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# Cost Estimating

- Original cost estimate: \$47.7 million
- Current study cost estimate (present-day dollars): \$55-68 million
- FFY2027 NEPA MPO Base Funding Allocation: \$49 million



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