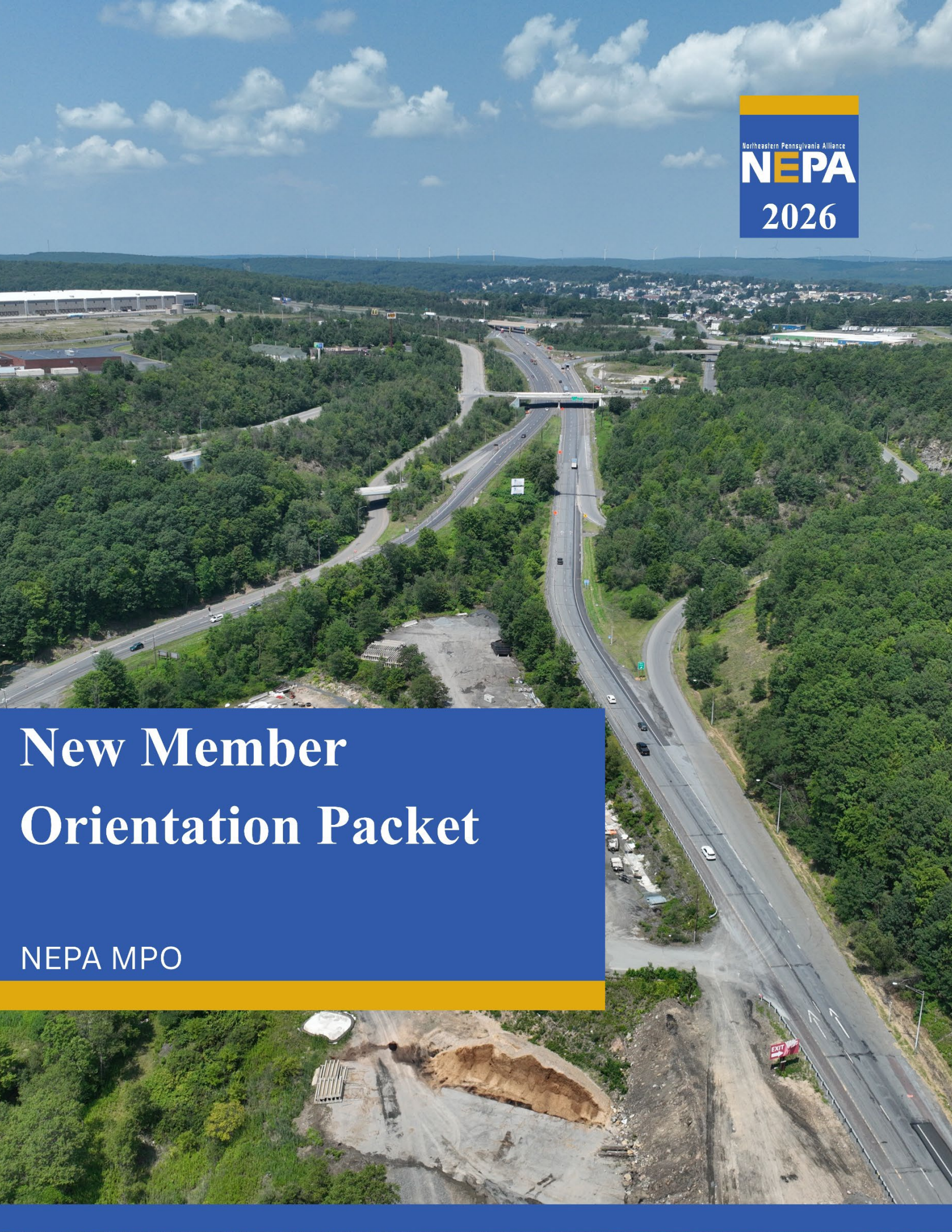
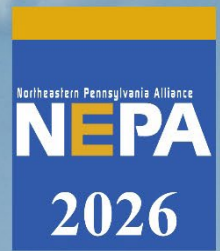




New Member Orientation Packet

NEPA MPO



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NOTICE UNDER THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT

In accordance with the requirements of Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 ("ADA"), the Northeastern Pennsylvania Alliance will not discriminate against qualified individuals with disabilities on the basis of disability in its services, programs, or activities.

Employment: The Northeastern Pennsylvania Alliance does not discriminate on the basis of disability in its hiring or employment practices and complies with all regulations promulgated by the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission under title I of the ADA.

Effective Communication: The Northeastern Pennsylvania Alliance will generally, upon request, provide appropriate aids and services leading to effective communication for qualified persons with disabilities so they can participate equally in the Northeastern Pennsylvania Alliance's programs, services, and activities, including qualified sign language interpreters, documents in Braille, and other ways of making information and communications accessible to people who have speech, hearing, or vision impairments.

Modifications to Policies and Procedures: The Northeastern Pennsylvania Alliance will make all reasonable modifications to policies and programs to ensure that people with disabilities have an equal opportunity to enjoy all of its programs, services, and activities. For example, individuals with service animals are welcomed in the Northeastern Pennsylvania Alliance offices, even where pets are generally prohibited.

Anyone who requires an auxiliary aid or service for effective communication, or a modification of policies or procedures to participate in a program, service, or activity of the Northeastern Pennsylvania

Alliance, should contact Kate McMahon, ADA Coordinator, at 570-891-4670 or kmcmahon@nepa-alliance.org as soon as possible but no later than 48 hours before the scheduled event.

The ADA does not require the Northeastern Pennsylvania Alliance to take any action that would fundamentally alter the nature of its programs or services, or impose an undue financial or administrative burden.

Complaints that a program, service, or activity of the Northeastern Pennsylvania Alliance is not accessible to persons with disabilities should be directed to Kate McMahon, ADA Coordinator, at 570-891-4670 or kmcmahon@nepa-alliance.org

The Northeastern Pennsylvania Alliance will not place a surcharge on a particular individual with a disability or any group of individuals with disabilities to cover the cost of providing auxiliary aids/services or reasonable modifications of policy, such as retrieving items from locations that are open to the public but are not accessible to persons who use wheelchairs.



AVISO BAJO LA LEY DE AMERICANOS CON DISCAPACIDADES

De acuerdo con los requisitos del Título II de la Ley de Estadounidenses con Discapacidades de 1990 ("ADA"), Northeastern Pennsylvania Alliance no discriminará a personas calificadas con discapacidades por motivos de discapacidad en sus servicios, programas o actividades.

Empleo: La Northeastern Pennsylvania Alliance no discrimina por motivos de discapacidad en sus prácticas de contratación o empleo y cumple con todas las regulaciones promulgadas por la Comisión de Igualdad de Oportunidades en el Empleo de EE. UU. bajo el título I de la ADA.

Comunicación efectiva: La Northeastern Pennsylvania Alliance generalmente, previa solicitud, proporcionará ayudas y servicios adecuados que conduzcan a una comunicación efectiva para personas calificadas con discapacidades para que puedan participar equitativamente en los programas, servicios y actividades de la Northeastern Pennsylvania Alliance, incluidos intérpretes calificados de lenguaje de señas, documentos en Braille y otras formas. de hacer que la información y las comunicaciones sean accesibles a las personas con discapacidades del habla, auditivas o visuales.

Modificaciones a las políticas y procedimientos: La Northeastern Pennsylvania Alliance hará todas las modificaciones razonables a las políticas y programas para garantizar que las personas con discapacidades tengan igualdad de oportunidades para disfrutar de todos sus programas, servicios y actividades. Por ejemplo, las personas con animales de servicio son bienvenidas en las oficinas de la Northeastern Pennsylvania Alliance, incluso donde las mascotas generalmente están prohibidas.

Cualquier persona que requiera una ayuda o servicio auxiliar para una comunicación efectiva, o una modificación de políticas o procedimientos para participar en un programa, servicio o actividad de Northeastern Pennsylvania Alliance, debe comunicarse con Kate McMahon, Coordinadora de ADA, al 570- 891-4670 o kmcmahon@nepa-alliance.org lo antes posible pero a más tardar 48 horas antes del evento programado.

La ADA no exige que la Northeastern Pennsylvania Alliance tome ninguna medida que altere fundamentalmente la naturaleza de sus programas o servicios, o imponga una carga financiera o administrativa indebida.

Las quejas de que un programa, servicio o actividad de Northeastern Pennsylvania Alliance no es accesible para personas con discapacidades deben dirigirse a Kate McMahon, Coordinadora de ADA, al 570-891- 4670 o kmcmahon@nepa-alliance.org.

La Northeastern Pennsylvania Alliance no impondrá un recargo a una persona con una discapacidad en particular ni a ningún grupo de personas con discapacidad para cubrir el costo de proporcionar ayudas/servicios auxiliares o modificaciones razonables de la política, como recuperar artículos de lugares que están abiertos al público. público pero no son accesibles para personas en silla de ruedas.



UWAGA ZGODNIE Z USTAWĄ O AMERYKANACH Z NIEPEŁNOSPRAWNOŚCIĄ

Zgodnie z wymogami tytułu II ustawy Americans with Disabilities Act z 1990 r. („ADA”) Stowarzyszenie Northeastern Pennsylvania Alliance nie będzie dyskryminować wykwalifikowanych osób niepełnosprawnych ze względu na niepełnosprawność w swoich usługach, programach lub działaniach.

Zatrudnienie: Stowarzyszenie Northeastern Pennsylvania Alliance nie dyskryminuje ze względu na niepełnosprawność w swoich praktykach zatrudniania i przestrzega wszystkich przepisów ogłoszonych przez amerykańską Komisję ds. Równych Szans Zatrudnienia w ramach tytułu I ustawy ADA.

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Każdy, kto potrzebuje dodatkowej pomocy lub usługi w celu skutecznej komunikacji lub modyfikacji zasad lub procedur, aby wziąć udział w programie, usłudze lub działaniu Sojuszu Północno-Wschodniej Pensylwanii, powinien skontaktować się z Kate McMahon, koordynatorką ADA, pod numerem 570-891- 4670 lub kmcmahon@nepa-alliance.org tak szybko, jak to możliwe, ale nie później niż 48 godzin przed zaplanowanym wydarzeniem.

Ustawa ADA nie wymaga od Sojuszu Północno-Wschodniej Pensylwanii podejmowania jakichkolwiek działań, które zasadniczo zmieniłyby charakter jego programów lub usług lub nałożyłyby nadmierne obciążenie finansowe lub administracyjne.

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Title VI Nondiscrimination Notice

NORTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (NEPA MPO) NOTIFICATION OF PROTECTIONS TO THE PUBLIC OF RIGHTS UNDER TITLE VI AND OTHER NON- DISCRIMINATION REGULATIONS WITH INSTRUCTIONS ON HOW TO

It is the NEPA MPO's policy to utilize its best efforts to assure that no person shall, on the grounds of race, color, disability, sex, age, low income, national origin, or Limited English Proficiency, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under its programs and services, as provided by civil rights statutes, executive orders, regulations, and policies applicable to the programs and services it administers. This includes Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. Any person who believes they – or with a specific class of persons – have been she or he has been aggrieved by any unlawful discriminatory practice may file a complaint. All complaints received are documented and investigated by the appropriate agency.

For more information about the NEPA MPO's civil rights program and the procedures to file a complaint, or to get information in another language, please contact:

Title VI Compliance Officer/ADA Coordinator Northeastern Pennsylvania MPO
1151 Oak Street
Pittston, PA 18640
(570) 655-5581

<https://www.nepa-alliance.org/public-participation-title-vi-and-environmental-justice/>

After the complaint is submitted, an acknowledgement of receipt will be provided to the individual submitting the complaints in writing within 15 calendar days. The complaint will then be forwarded to PennDOT and the appropriate federal agency for further review and investigation. Complaints and/or allegations received in alternative formats, such as by phone, will be transcribed and provided to the complainant for review and signature.

Complaints may be filed with PennDOT, FHWA Division Offices, the FHWA Headquarters Office of Civil Rights, the Federal Transit Administration, the United States Department of Transportation, the US Department of Justice, or the MPO.

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NEPA MPO está comprometida a asegurar que ninguna persona sea excluida de participar en sus servicios o negada los beneficios de sus servicios sobre la base de raza, color, discapacidad, edad, bajos ingresos financieros, origen nacional, o su habilidad limitada de hablar inglés. Ninguna persona debe ser excluida de participar de sus servicios según lo dispuesto por los estatutos de derechos civiles, órdenes ejecutivas, regulaciones y políticas aplicables a los programas y servicios que administra. Esto incluye el Título VI de la Ley de Derechos Civiles de 1964.

Cualquier persona que crea que ella o una clase específica de personas ha sido agraviada por alguna práctica discriminatoria ilícita puede presentar una denuncia. Todas las quejas recibidas son documentadas e investigadas por la agencia correspondiente.

Para obtener más información sobre el programa de derechos civiles de NEPA MPO y los procedimientos para presentar una queja, o para obtener información en otro idioma, comuníquese con:

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Una vez presentada la queja, se proporcionará un acuse de recibo por escrito a la persona que presente las quejas dentro de los 15 días calendario. Luego, la queja se enviará a PennDOT y a la agencia federal correspondiente para su posterior revisión e investigación. Las quejas y/o alegaciones recibidas en formatos alternativos, como por teléfono, se transcribirán y se entregarán al denunciante para su revisión y firma.

Las quejas se pueden presentar ante PennDOT, las oficinas de la división de la FHWA, la Oficina de Derechos Civiles de la sede de la FHWA, la Administración Federal de Tránsito, el Departamento de Transporte de los Estados Unidos, el Departamento de Justicia de los Estados Unidos o la MPO.

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ORAZ INNE PRZEPISY DOTYCZĄCE NIEDYSKRIMINACJI Z INSTRUKCJĄ ZŁOŻENIA SKARGI**

Bez względu na rasę, kolor skóry, niepełnosprawność, płeć, wiek, niskie dochody, pochodzenie, język lub ograniczona znajomość języka angielskiego (LEP) NEPA MPO zapewnia, że w ramach swoich usług żadna osoba nie zostanie wykluczona z udziału, korzyści, lub być przedmiotem dyskryminacji jak przewidziano w Title VI Civil Rights Act z 1964 roku, z późniejszymi zmianami.

Każda osoba, która uważa, że ona – lub w przypadku określonej kategorii osób – została pokrzywdzona jakkolwiek niezgodną z prawem praktyką dyskryminacyjną, może złożyć skargę. Wszystkie otrzymane skargi są dokumentowane i rozpatrywane przez odpowiednią agencję.

Więcej informacji o programie na rzecz praw obywatelskich w NEPA MPO i procedur jak złożyć skargę lub uzyskać informację w innym języku, prosimy o kontakt:

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Po złożeniu reklamacji, osobie składającej reklamację w terminie 15 dni kalendarzowych zostanie przekazane pisemne potwierdzenie jej otrzymania. Skarga zostanie następnie przekazana do PennDOT I odpowiedniej agencji federalnej w celu dalszego rozpatrzenia I zbadania. Skargi i/lub skargi otrzymane w alternatywnych formach, np. Telefonicznie, zostaną przepisane I przekazane osobie składającej skargę do sprawdzenia I podpisu.

Skargi można składać w PennDOT, biurach oddziałów FHWA, Biurze Praw Obywatelskich w siedzibie głównej FHWA, Federalnej Administracji Transportu, Departamencie Transportu Stanów Zjednoczonych, Departamencie Sprawiedliwości Stanów Zjednoczonych lub MPO.

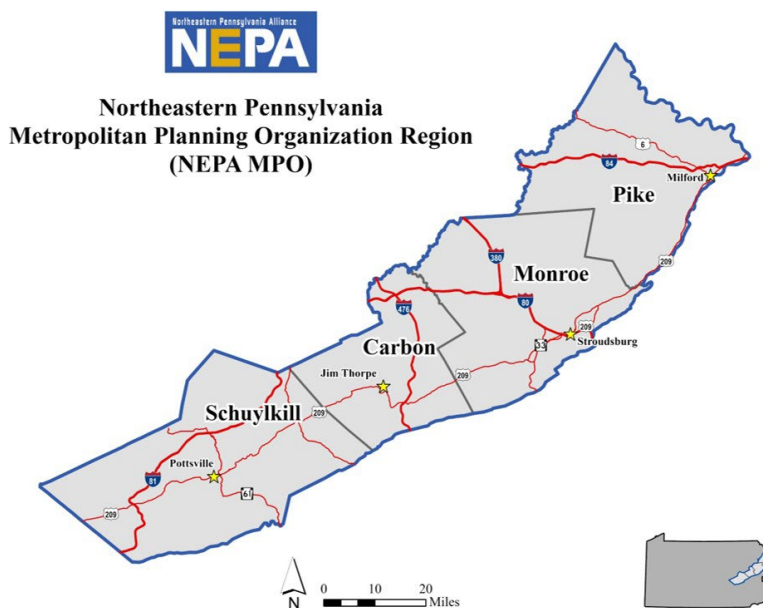
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NEPA MPO Background

The Northeastern Pennsylvania Alliance (NEPA), as a Local Development District (LDD), encompasses all of Carbon, Lackawanna, Luzerne, Monroe, Pike, Schuylkill, and Wayne counties. NEPA is also designated as a Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) serving as the coordinating agency for transportation planning and programming in Carbon, Monroe, Pike, and Schuylkill counties.



A metropolitan planning organization is the policy board of an organization created and designed to carry out the Federal metropolitan transportation planning process for urbanized areas with populations greater than 50,000 and is designated by local officials and the Governor.

The NEPA MPO is one of 24 planning partners with PennDOT. Since 1991, NEPA has contracted an annual work program with PennDOT. This work program requires that NEPA convene a transportation planning committee on a regular basis.

The NEPA MPO convenes the Northeastern Pennsylvania Metropolitan Planning Organization (NEPA MPO) Technical Planning Committee and Policy Board, which serve to assist and advise NEPA with assessing the transportation needs of these four counties. Other core functions of the NEPA MPO include:

- Developing a fiscally constrained Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)
- Preparing and maintaining the Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP)
- Ensuring compliance with federal and state planning requirements
- Administration of MPO meetings
- Administration of the Local Technical Assistance Program

Regional Overview

The NEPA MPO region includes 123 municipalities, a total land area of approximately 2,313 square miles, and according to the 2020 Census a regional population of 434,660. The NEPA MPO region includes 4,825 road miles and over 1,300 bridges.

Major east-west highway corridors within this region of the Commonwealth include I-80 and I-84. The north-south corridors include I-81, I-380, I-476, US 209, PA 309, and PA 61.

There are three primary public transit services in the MPO region:

- Schuylkill Transportation System (STS)
- Monroe County Transportation Authority (MCTA)
- Lehigh and Northampton Transportation Authority (LANTA)



All three agencies provide fixed route bus and paratransit services within their county borders. Pike County Transportation Department provides paratransit service in Pike County. In 2021-2022, there were 501,803 fixed route transit riders and 119,421 shared ride transit riders.



There are four public use airports in the NEPA MPO region. The East Stroudsburg-Pocono Airport and the Pocono Mountains Municipal Airport are both located in Monroe County. The Schuylkill County/Joe Zerbey Airport is in Schuylkill County. The Jake Arner Memorial Airport is in Carbon County.

Committee Structure

Technical Planning Committee:

The NEPA MPO Technical Planning Committee consists of 2 county representatives from each of the four MPO counties who are appointed by the county boards of commissioners, one representative from the East Stroudsburg Urbanized Area, three transit representatives, one representative from PennDOT District 4-0, 5-0 and Central Office and a representative from the NEPA Alliance Board of Directors, for a total of 16 members. Members of the committee serve for a two-year term. The current term began on July 1, 2026, and ends on June 30, 2028.

The Technical Committee approves TIP amendments, guides plan development, informs the UPWP process, and sets performance measure targets for the region. The committee also makes recommendations to the Policy Board on major plans and programs, and reviews projects submitted under some PennDOT funding programs, including the Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Program (TASA).

Policy Board:

The NEPA MPO Policy Board consists of one NEPA Board of Directors member from each of the four MPO counties and a representative from PennDOT Central Office, for a total of 5 members. Policy Board members must serve on the NEPA Alliance Board of Directors. The NEPA President and representatives from PennDOT District 4-0 and 5-0 also serve as ex-officio members with voice privileges.

The Policy Board approves major plans and policy documents following recommendations from the Technical Committee, including the TIP, LRTP, and UPWP.

The Policy Board and Technical Committee rosters and meeting dates are included in the appendices.



NEPA MPO Staffing

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TIP & LRTP Project Management	MPO Administrative Activities	GIS Mapping & Data Analysis	Local Asset Inventory
UPWP Administration & Contract Oversight	Bike/Ped, Trails and Transportation Alternatives	Drone Project Visualization	HPMS Data Collection
MPO Planning Studies	Public Outreach- Title VI, EJ and LEP Activities	Public Outreach- Social Media	Local Technical Assistance Program (LTAP)

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NEPA MPO Transportation Improvement Program

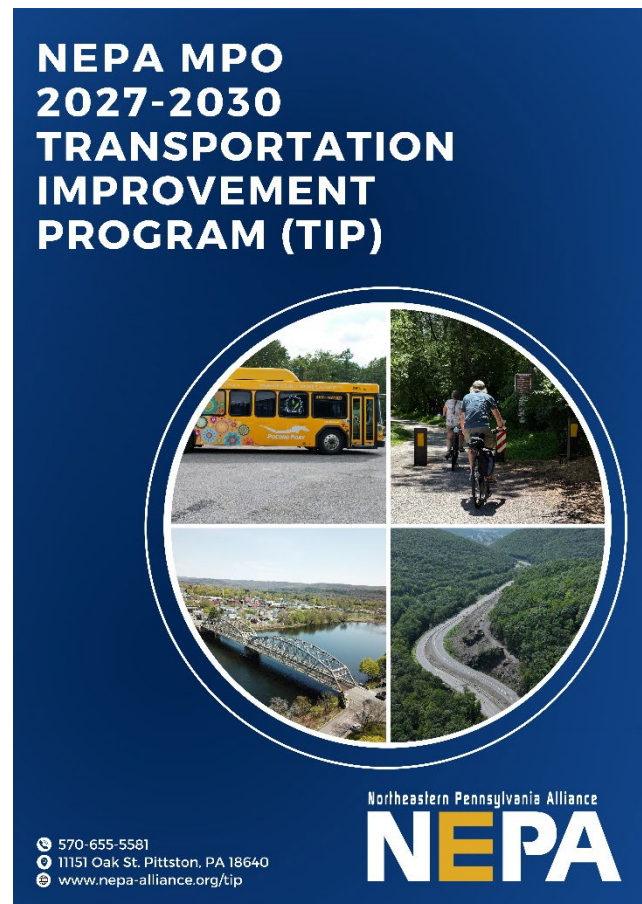
MPOs are required to prepare a Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and submit to PennDOT for approval. The TIP is a short-term (4-year) planning document that is used as the basis of the Statewide Twelve-Year Plan (TYP).

The TIP identifies the region's highest priority bridge, highway and transit projects for development and construction over a four-year period. It shows the estimated cost of each project and includes a projected schedule for completion of the project. TIPs are updated every two years alongside the TYP. The NEPA MPO, PennDOT and FHWA all have a role in developing the TIP.

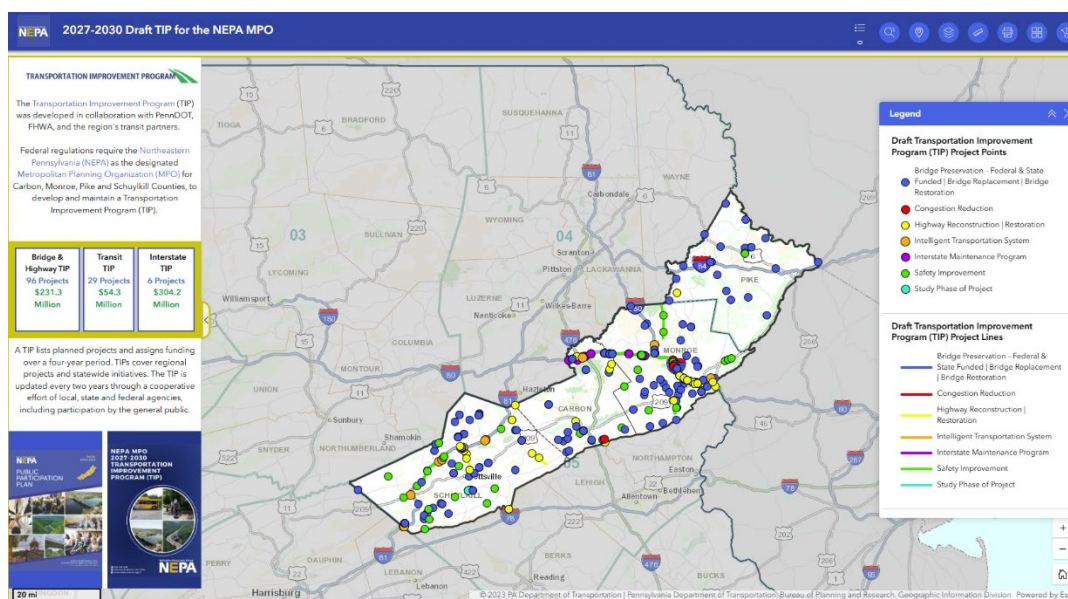
While the TIP can be amended, the program must remain fiscally constrained. The TIP demonstrates fiscal constraint by including sufficient financial information to confirm that projects in the program can be implemented using committed or available revenue sources. In addition, all the projects on the TIP must first be listed on the region's long range transportation plan (LRTP). Because of these requirements, the best time to submit new projects to the MPO is during the LRTP update, which occurs every four years.

For the 2027-2030 TIP, the NEPA MPO annual bridge and highway base funding allocation is \$49.1 million. Additional funding is provided to the region through discretionary funding. The 2027-2030 TIP includes:

- 96 Bridge and Highway Projects totaling \$231.3 million
- 29 Transit Projects totaling \$54.3 million
- 6 Interstate Projects totaling \$304.2 million



The NEPA MPO GIS staff has developed an online map which shows the location of the TIP projects, as well as the low income and minority populations in the region.



The TIP document includes:

- NEPA MPO Introduction and Background
- NEPA MPO TIP Development Process
- NEPA MPO TIP Transportation Performance Management Summary
- NEPA MPO TIP Public Outreach Summary
- NEPA MPO TIP Project Listing and Narrative for Bridge and Highway, Transit and Interstate
- NEPA MPO TIP Development Meeting Summaries
- NEPA MPO TIP Development Timeline
- NEPA MPO TIP Community Demographics Assessment
- Air Quality Conformity Analysis Report for Carbon County
- Air Quality Conformity Analysis Report for Monroe County
- NEPA MPO TIP Air Quality Conformity Analysis Resolution
- NEPA MPO TIP Administrative Actions and Amendments Guidelines and MOU
- NEPA MPO TIP Self-Certification Resolution
- NEPA MPO TIP Transit Fiscal Capacity Report

The 2027-2030 Transportation Improvement Program was approved by the NEPA MPO Policy Board on June 16, 2026, following a 30-day public comment period and public meeting. The 2027-2030 TIP is effective on October 1, 2026.

NEPA MPO Long Range Transportation Plan



The long-range transportation plan (LRTP) identifies the major transportation projects, programs and policies needed for the next twenty-five years and establishes the vision and goals that will guide public decisions affecting transportation facilities, infrastructure and services in the region. The LRTP is an essential element of the NEPA MPO's transportation planning process and serves as the foundation for the development

of the Transportation Improvement Programs (TIP). Developing and regularly updating the LRTP is a prerequisite to receiving federal transportation funding.

The LRTP inventories and assesses the region's current land use, transportation patterns, and the operations of all transportation modes. The LRTP identifies needed improvements to the multimodal transportation system – highway/bridge, rail, air, transit, bicycle, and pedestrian facilities – to facilitate a desired long-term outcome.

The LRTP is guided by the NEPA MPO and serves several key functions, including:

- Guiding the MPO's decisions on project prioritization for the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)
- Advising the region's four counties on local and regional planning decisions that impact transportation
- Fulfilling federal and state transportation laws and regulations
- Reflecting the needs and priorities of the region's residents, visitors, and businesses

During the development of the LRTP, the NEPA MPO conducts extensive outreach including public meetings and surveys, stakeholder interviews. During the LRTP development, project needs are identified, scored and ranked. The projects identified in the LRTP eventually move to the Twelve Year Plan and Transportation Improvement Program to funding and implementation. The NEPA MPO updates the LRTP every four years. The next LRTP update will begin in 2026, with adoption by March 2028.

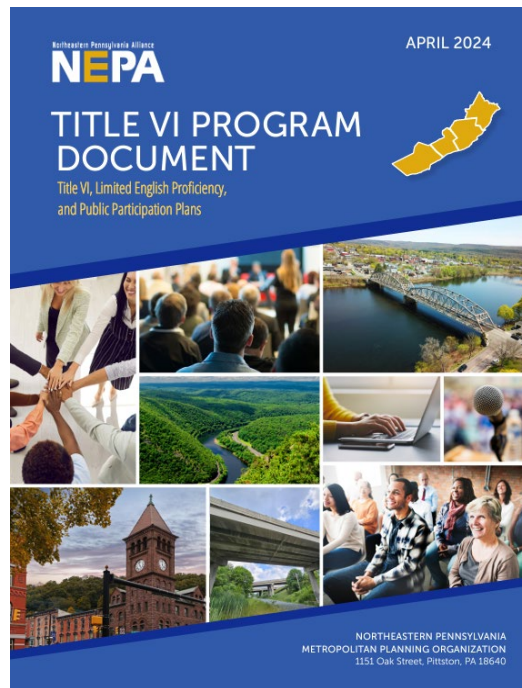


Title VI Plan

As a recipient of federal transportation funding, the NEPA MPO is required to comply with Title VI requirements and non-discrimination law. To ensure that these requirements are met, the MPO develops a Title VI Plan in conjunction with the Public Participation Plan. The Title VI Plan was developed to document and guide the efforts that the NEPA MPO undertakes to achieve the following goals:

- Ensure that the level and quality of transportation planning and related activities are conducted without regard to race, color, disability, gender, age, low income, national origin, language, or limited English proficiency.
- Identify and address, as appropriate, disproportionately high and adverse human health and environmental effects, including social and economic effects of the MPO's programs, and activities on minority populations and low-income populations.
- Promote the full and fair participation of all affected populations in transportation decision-making.
- Prevent the denial, reduction, or delay in benefits related to programs and activities that benefit minority populations or low-income populations.
- Ensure meaningful access to programs and activities by persons with Limited English Proficiency.

The Title VI Plan requires that Title VI and Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) notices be included in plans and documents produced by the NEPA MPO, including this orientation packet. In addition, the Title VI Plan outlines the procedures for any person who feels they have been excluded from, denied benefits of, or subjected to discrimination on the basis of race, color, or national origin under any NEPA MPO planning activity or program to file a complaint.

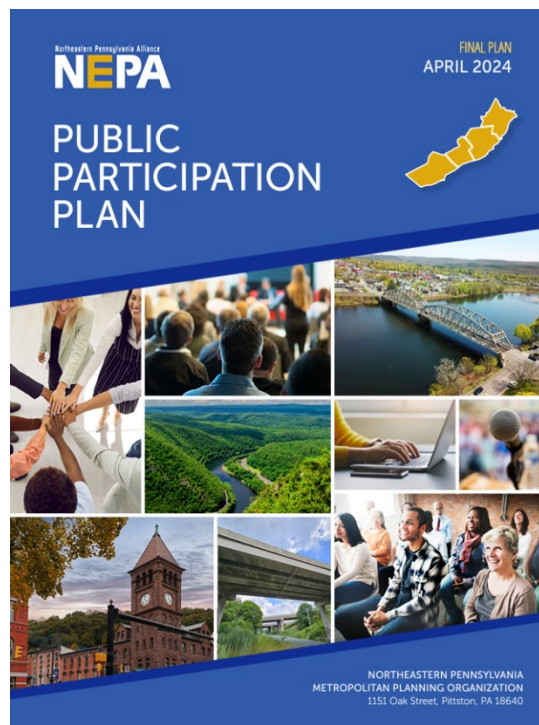


Public Participation Plan

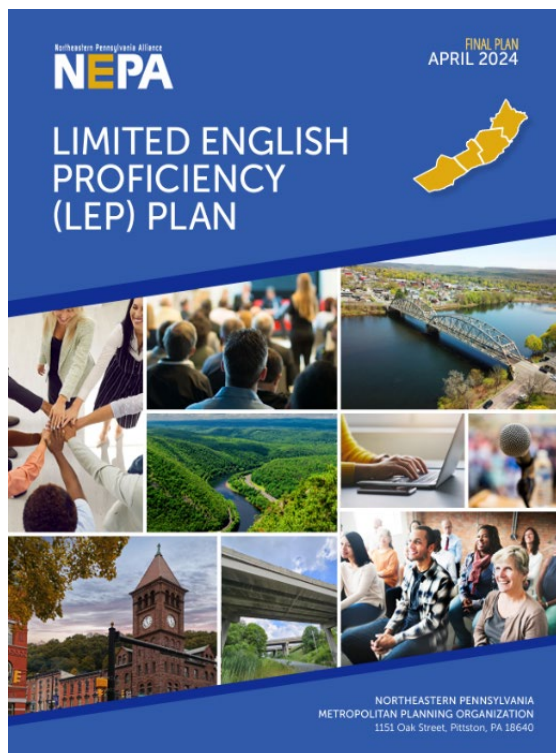
The NEPA MPO's goal for public participation is to provide reasonable opportunity and means for any member of the public to have input and take part in the transportation planning process.

The Public Participation Plan documents the NEPA MPO's ongoing efforts to provide timely and meaningful opportunities for public involvement in the transportation planning and decision-making process.

The plan also acts as a guide for the public involvement process as the NEPA MPO develops other regional plans and programs. The plan is updated every three years.



Limited English Proficiency Plan



As a recipient of federal transportation funding, the NEPA MPO is required to provide meaningful access to Limited English Proficiency (LEP) Individuals. To be in compliance with federal transportation laws and regulations, the NEPA MPO develops and maintains a Limited English Proficiency Plan in conjunction with the Public Participation Plan.

The goal of the plan is to establish a clear strategy that ensures that LEP Individuals have meaningful access to the MPO's planning and decision-making process. The LEP Plan also assists the NEPA MPO in identifying where LEP populations are geographically located and identifies strategies to ensure that they have access as well.

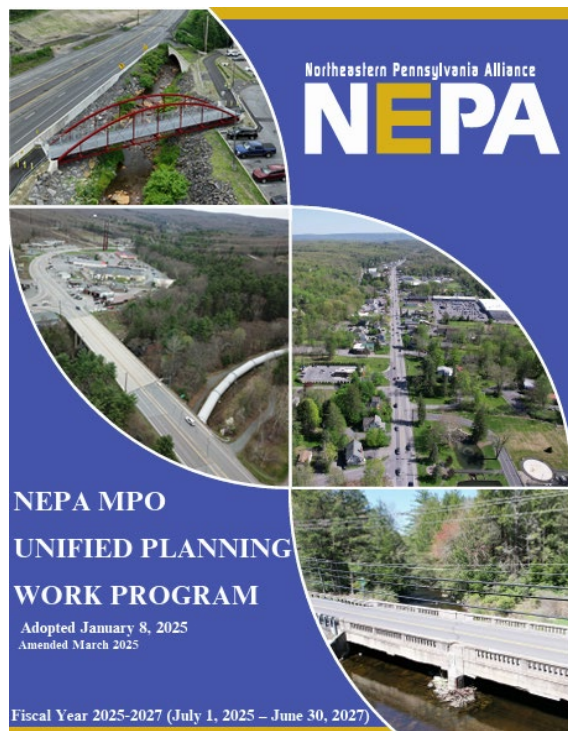
Coordinated Public Transit-Human Services Transportation Plan

The Coordinated Public Transit-Human Services Plan determines whether the region is effectively coordinating transportation needs, and filling gaps that exist in services. The plan also makes recommendations for future projects and how to fill current service gaps. In addition, the Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act requires that projects selected for FTA (5310) funding be listed within the Coordinated Public Transit-Human Services Plan. The goals of the plan are to:

- Help community leaders, organizations, and agencies involved in human service and public transportation identify current transportation services.
- Reach out to the public to determine needs, particularly for individuals with disabilities, older adults, minorities, people with low income, and LEP individuals.
- Develop prioritized recommendations to fill transportation gaps within the constraints of available financial resources.



The most recent plan was adopted on June 17th, 2025.



Unified Planning Work Program

The Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) describes the transportation-related work activities that NEPA Alliance and the NEPA MPO Committees will perform during a two-year period for the four-county metropolitan planning area.

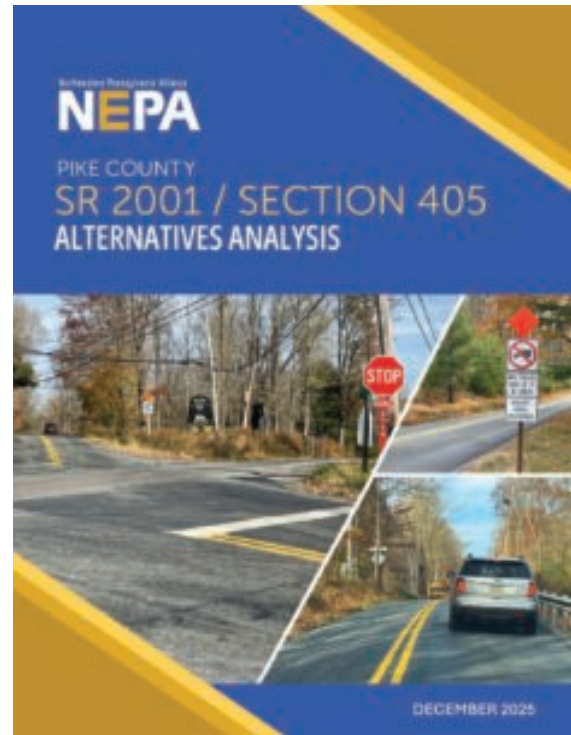
In consultation with the NEPA MPO UPWP Subcommittee, NEPA prepares a work program of activities and budget based on the allotted funding in accordance with the PennDOT and FHWA planning priorities. The NEPA MPO approved the 2025-2027 UPWP on December 17th, 2024.

SR 2001 Alternatives Analysis

Reconstruction of SR 2001 Section 405 in Delaware Township has been Pike County's number one project for over 30 years. In that time, the estimated cost of the project has continued to grow, and the NEPA MPO regional TIP allocation is unable to support the total cost of the project. As a result, NEPA obtained supplemental planning funds from PennDOT Central Office to complete a study to assess SR 2001 and to consider alternatives which could include phasing or smaller, lower-cost improvements.

The study was completed by Michael Baker International with extensive input from Pike County, PennDOT, Delaware Township, the National Park Service and other stakeholders.

The study identifies projects to improve safety and complete reconstruction of SR 2001 in Delaware Township. The study was completed in December 2025.



PA 611 Corridor Study

Pennsylvania State Route 611 (PA 611) is nestled within the picturesque landscapes of the Pocono Mountains in Monroe County, Pennsylvania. PA 611 is poised for continued growth and development, with numerous residential and commercial projects on the horizon. As more housing developments, resorts, and businesses take shape, the population in the region is expected to soar, further intensifying traffic congestion and safety concerns on the roadway. As a result, NEPA obtained supplemental planning funds from PennDOT Central Office to complete a corridor study of PA 611 in Pocono, Hamilton and Stroud Townships. Matching funds were provided by the Pocono Mountains Visitors Bureau.

The study was completed by Michael Baker International with extensive input from Monroe County, PennDOT, Pocono Township, Stroud Township and other stakeholders. The study includes roadway, intersection and land use/policy recommendations to address the current and projected challenges of the PA 611 corridor and the Pocono Region at large. The study was completed in June 2026. NEPA has developed an ESRI StoryMap to accompany the study report. It can be found [here](#). The report appendix can be found [here](#). The executive summary can be found [here](#).

Appendix A: Commonly Used Acronyms

3C - Continuing, Comprehensive, and Cooperative	MOU - Memorandum of Understanding
AADT - Annual Average Daily Traffic	MPMS - Multimodal Project Management System
AADTT – Annual Average Daily Truck Traffic	MPO - Metropolitan Planning Organization
BIL- Bipartisan Infrastructure Law	NBI - National Bridge Inventory
CFR - Code of Federal Regulations	NHS - National Highway System
CMAQ - Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality	P3 - Public Private Partnerships
DCED - Department of Community and Economic Development	PennDOT - Pennsylvania Department of Transportation
DOT - Department of Transportation	PPP- Public Participation Plan
EJ - Environmental Justice	SAFETEA- Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act
EPA - Environmental Protection Agency	STBG - Surface Transportation Block Grant Program
FAA - Federal Aviation Administration	STC - State Transportation Commission
FARS - Fatality Analysis Reporting System	STIP - Statewide Transportation Improvement Program
FAST Act - Fixing America’s Surface Transportation Act	STP - Surface Transportation Program
FHWA - Federal Highway Administration	TAM - Transit Asset Management
FRA - Federal Railroad Administration	TAMP - Transportation Asset Management Plan
FTA - Federal Transit Administration	TASA- Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Program
HPMS - Highway Performance Monitoring System	TIP - Transportation Improvement Program
HSIP - Highway Safety Improvement Program	TMA - Transportation Management Area
IJA- Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act	TYP - Twelve Year Transportation Program
IRI - International Roughness Index	UPWP - Unified Planning Work Program
ISTEA - Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991	USDOT - United States Department of Transportation
LDD - Local Development District	UZA - Urbanized Area (U.S. Census) VMT - Vehicle Miles Traveled
LEP - Limited English Proficiency	
LRTP - Long Range Transportation Plan	
LTAP - Local Technical Assistance Program	
MAP-21 - Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act	

NEPA MPO Technical Committee Meeting Schedule 2026-2027

Meetings will be held at the NEPA Alliance Office located at 1151 Oak Street, Pittston, PA 18640 unless noted otherwise. The meetings will also be available virtually via phone and video conference.

July 21, 2026 at 9:30 AM

August 18, 2026 at 9:30 AM

September 15, 2026 at 9:30 AM

October 13, 2026 at 9:30 AM

November 17, 2026 at 9:30 AM

December 15, 2026 at 9:30 AM (Joint Technical Committee and Policy Board Meeting)

January 19, 2027 at 9:30 AM

February 16, 2027 at 9:30 AM

March 16, 2027 at 9:30 AM

April 20, 2027 at 9:30 AM

May 18, 2027 at 9:30 AM

June 15, 2027 at 9:30 AM (Joint Technical Committee and Policy Board Meeting)

NEPA MPO Policy Board Meeting Scheduled 2026-2027

Meetings will be held in conjunction with the NEPA Board of Directors meetings or jointly with the NEPA MPO Technical Committee meetings. All meetings will be held at the NEPA Alliance office and virtually by Microsoft Teams.

November 4, 2026 at 2:00 PM

December 15, 2026 at 9:30 AM (Joint Technical Committee and Policy Board Meeting)

March 3, 2027 at 2:00 PM

June 15, 2027 at 9:30 AM (Joint Technical Committee and Policy Board Meeting)

Northeastern Pennsylvania Metropolitan Planning Organization (NEPA MPO) Technical Planning Committee Roster
County, At-Large and Transit Representatives - Updated July 31, 2026

	Sal.	F. Name	L. Name	Title	Organization/Agency Name	Representation/Voting Assignment	Term
1.)	Hon.	Rocky	Ahner	Commissioner	Carbon County	County Representative	7/1/26 to 6/30/28
	Mr.	David	Bodnar	Director of Planning & Development	Carbon County	Alternate	7/1/26 to 6/30/28
2.)	Ms.	Christine	Meinhart-Fritz	Director	Monroe County Planning Commission	County Representative	7/1/26 to 6/30/28
	Mr.	Nate	Staruch	Infrastructure Planner	Monroe County Planning Commission	Alternate	7/1/26 to 6/30/28
3.)	Hon.	Matthew	Osterberg	Commissioner	Pike County	County Representative	7/1/26 to 6/30/28
						Alternate	7/1/26 to 6/30/28
4.)	Ms.	Susan	Smith	Planning Director	Schuylkill County	County Representative	7/1/26 to 6/30/28
	Ms.	Lisa	Mahall	County Engineer	Schuylkill County	Alternate	7/1/26 to 6/30/28
5.)	Mr.	Harold	Pudliner	Chairman	Carbon Co. Redevelopment Authority	County Rep.-At Large	7/1/26 to 6/30/28
	Hon.	Doyle	Heffley	Representative	PA House of Representatives	Alternate	7/1/26 to 6/30/28
6.)						County Rep-At Large	7/1/26 to 6/30/28
	Mr.	Eric	Koopman	Lead Senior Planner	Monroe County Planning Commission	Alternate	7/1/26 to 6/30/28
7.)	Mr.	Michael	Mrozinski	Planning & Mapping Director	Pike County Planning & Mapping	County Rep.-At Large	7/1/26 to 6/30/28
						Alternate	7/1/26 to 6/30/28
8.)	Mr.	John	Malinchok	Member	Schuylkill Co. Planning Commission	County Rep.-At Large	7/1/26 to 6/30/28
	Mr.	Chris	Bentz	Civil Group Manager	Benesch	Alternate	7/1/26 to 6/30/28
9.)	Mr.	AJ	Knee	Planning & Scheduling Director	LANTA	Transit Representative	7/1/26 to 6/30/28
	Mr.	Brendan	Cotter	Sr. Director Service Support & Planning	LANTA	Transit Alternate	7/1/26 to 6/30/28
10.)	Mr.	Rich	Schlameuss	Executive Director	Monroe County Transit Authority	Transit Representative	7/1/26 to 6/30/28
	Ms.	Iris	Navarro	Chief Operations Officer	Monroe County Transit Authority	Transit Alternate	7/1/26 to 6/30/28
11.)	Ms.	Krista	Ripley	Executive Director	Schuylkill Transit System	Transit Representative	7/1/26 to 6/30/28
	Mr.	John	Consugar	Finance Director	Schuylkill Transit System	Transit Alternate	7/1/26 to 6/30/28
12.)	Hon.	John	Christy	Commissioner	Monroe County	UZA Representative	7/1/26 to 6/30/28
	Mr.	Robert	Gress	Chief Clerk/Administrator	Monroe County	UZA Alternate	7/1/26 to 6/30/28
13.)	Ms.	Cynthia	DeFebo	Director	Pike County Workforce Development	NEPA Board Rep.	7/1/26 to 6/30/28
						NEPA Board Alternate	
14.)	Mr.	Steven	Fisher	Planning & Programming	PennDOT District 4-0	District Representative	NA
15.)	Mr.	Larry	Peterson	Planning & Programming	PennDOT District 5-0	District Representative	NA
16.)	Mr.	Nick	Raio	Planning & Programming	PennDOT Central Office	Central Office Rep.	NA
	Mr.	Gene	Porochniak	Transportation Planner	U.S. DOT - FHWA	Non-Voting Rep.	NA
	Mr.	Timothy	Lidiak	Trans. Program Specialist	U.S. DOT - FTA	Non-Voting Rep.	NA

NEPA MPO Policy Board Voting and Alternate Members

Updated 7/1/2026

Monroe County

Mr. Chris Barrett, President/CEO, Pocono Mountains Visitors Bureau
John Christy, Monroe County Commissioner

Pike County

Hon. Matt Osterberg, Pike County Commission
Vacant (Alternate)

Schuylkill County

Mr. Micah Gursky, Director of Development, St. Luke's Miners Memorial Hospital
Mr. Bud Quandel, President, The Quandel Group, Inc. (Alternate)

Carbon County

Vacant
Mr. Joseph Sebelin, NEPA Board (Alternate)

PennDOT Central Office

Mr. Mark Tobin
Mr. Nick Raio (Alternate)

PennDOT District 4-0 (ex-officio member)

Mr. Steve Fisher

PennDOT District 5-0 (ex-officio member)

Mr. Scott Vottero

NEPA Alliance (ex-officio member)

Mr. Jeffrey Box, President and CEO

Operational Procedures and ByLaws

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October 2, 2013

ARTICLE I GENERAL INFORMATION

SECTION 1. **NAME.** The name of the organization shall be the Northeastern Pennsylvania Metropolitan Planning Organization, hereafter referred to as the NEPA MPO.

SECTION 2. **PURPOSE.** The Northeastern Pennsylvania Metropolitan Planning Organization has been established to provide an ongoing transportation planning program in CARBON, MONROE, PIKE and SCHUYLKILL COUNTIES. These four counties were formerly organized as a Rural Planning Organization designated by PennDOT. Following the 2010 Census, an urbanized area was identified for portions of Monroe County and was designated as the East Stroudsburg, PA-NJ Urbanized Area. The urbanized area must be represented by a Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO). In coordination with local officials and PennDOT, the Northeastern Pennsylvania Metropolitan Planning Organization has been designated to represent these counties.

The NEPA MPO has been created to conduct a continuing, comprehensive and cooperative process for transportation planning, programming and decision-making. Activities to be undertaken include developing a Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP), preparing a Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP), preparing the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), implementing an effective public participation process, collecting and analyzing data, conducting needs and feasibility studies; support of transportation projects that promote economic development; the identification and advancement of projects that provide for the restoration and development of an intermodal transportation infrastructure; and the creation of a safe and efficient travel environment for the movement of people and goods.

ARTICLE II NEPA MPO OBJECTIVES

SECTION 1. **OBJECTIVES.** The parties hereby establish that the NEPA MPO shall ensure that projects in Carbon, Monroe, Pike and Schuylkill Counties receive the benefits of inventory, analysis, justification, and consideration in Pennsylvania Department of Transportation's Twelve Year Program and the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP).

The NEPA MPO will periodically update, adopt, or amend the region's Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) and Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Actions taken with regards to these plans shall be in accordance with guidance from Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT), the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA);

The NEPA MPO will provide member counties with an additional opportunity to provide organized, systematic input to PennDOT and the State Transportation Commission;

The NEPA MPO will make transportation planning services available to all NEPA MPO counties and local governments;

The NEPA MPO will assist PennDOT in collecting and analyzing data for the management systems required by the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century (MAP-21) and any successive federal or state transportation legislation which is applicable and develop a list of needs as output from those systems;

The NEPA MPO will evaluate the effect of regionally significant projects on the Congestion Management System (CMS) and the Clean Air Act's Statewide Implementation Program (SIP); and

The NEPA MPO will foster the coordination of projects throughout the region that overlap political or other Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) and Rural Planning Organization (RPO) boundaries, including bi-state and tri-state projects.

The NEPA MPO shall be governed by Technical Planning Committee and a Policy Board.

ARTICLE III TECHNICAL PLANNING COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 1. VOTING MEMBERSHIP. The NEPA MPO Technical Planning Committee shall be composed of sixteen voting representatives from:
Carbon County – 2 voting members
Monroe County – 2 voting members
Pike County – 2 voting members
Schuylkill County – 2 voting members
Transit Providers – 3 voting members: 1 each from the three current transit providers within the MPO
East Stroudsburg, PA-NJ Urbanized Area – 1 voting member
PennDOT District 4-0 – 1 voting member
PennDOT District 5-0 – 1 voting member
PennDOT Central Office – 1 voting member
NEPA Board of Directors – 1 voting member

SECTION 2. ASSIGNMENT OF COUNTY AND PennDOT VOTING MEMBERSHIPS. Each of the NEPA MPO member counties shall have their Board of County Commissioners appoint two county representatives to the NEPA MPO Technical Planning Committee, each serving a two-year term, after which the Board of Commissioners may reappoint or select new members. The PennDOT District 4-0 and District 5-0 District Executives shall appoint their voting representatives to the NEPA MPO Technical Planning Committee. The PennDOT Deputy Secretary for Planning shall appoint a voting representative from the PennDOT Central Office to the NEPA MPO Technical Planning Committee.

- SECTION 3. ASSIGNMENT OF TRANSIT VOTING MEMBERSHIPS.** The governing body of each of the fixed route transit providers operating in the NEPA MPO counties shall appoint a representative to the NEPA MPO Technical Planning Committee for a two-year term. Should a new transit provider establish fixed route service in a member county, a voting member shall be appointed from that transit provider.
- SECTION 4. ASSIGNMENT OF EAST STROUDSBURG PA-NJ URBANIZED AREA (UZA) VOTING MEMBERSHIP.** The UZA voting assignment to the Technical Planning Committee shall consist of one member from a community located within the East Stroudsburg PA-NJ Urbanized Area (UZA). The Monroe County Board of Commissioners shall solicit interest from transportation stakeholders within the East Stroudsburg UZA and appoint a representative. The East Stroudsburg UZA representative shall be appointed for a two-year term.
- SECTION 5. ASSIGNMENT OF NEPA BOARD OF DIRECTORS VOTING MEMBERSHIP.** The NEPA Board Representative to the Technical Planning Committee must be a resident of one of the four MPO counties and be a Board Member of NEPA, serving A two-year term, rotating between each county (Carbon- Monroe-Pike-Schuylkill).
- SECTION 6. ALTERNATE.** Each of the NEPA MPO member counties' Board of Commissioners, member Transit Providers and NEPA Board of Directors may appoint a corresponding number of voting alternate(s) to serve on the NEPA MPO Technical Planning Committee. PennDOT District and Central Office may send an alternate to serve as necessary. Designated Alternates may only vote in the absence of the assigned voting member.
- SECTION 7. VOTING RIGHTS.** Each voting member shall have the right to one vote at each meeting of the committee. Each voting member has the right to abstain from voting. Proxy voting shall not be permitted.
- SECTION 8. EXPULSION.** After non-attendance at four consecutive committee meetings without prior notification of non-attendance, the Technical Planning Committee shall have the option to request a new member from that county.
- SECTION 9. MEMBERSHIP NON-TRANSFERABLE.** No member of the committee may transfer his or her membership.
- SECTION 10. OFFICERS.** The officers of the Technical Planning Committee shall consist of the Chairperson and Vice Chairperson who shall be one of the representatives appointed by the four counties' board of commissioners. The Chairperson and Vice Chairperson seats shall rotate by county (Carbon-Monroe-Pike-Schuylkill) for two-year terms. The Technical Planning Committee Members may decline to serve as an officer in which case the seat will be offered to the next county in the rotation. No officer may serve in that office more than two consecutive years. The Chairperson shall be responsible for presiding over the Technical Planning Committee meetings and ensuring that directives and action items are carried out. The Vice-

Chairperson shall carry out the duties of the Chairperson in the event that the Chairperson is absent.

SECTION 11. NON-VOTING MEMBERS. Representatives from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), the Federal Transit Administration (FTA), the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) and the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) shall serve as non-voting members. Individuals representing these agencies shall have voice privileges at all meetings.

SECTION 12. MEMBERSHIP TERM. All voting member appointments shall commence upon formal appointment by their respective aforesaid governing bodies following adoption of these Operational Procedures and By Laws, and continue until June 30, 2016. Thereafter, appointment terms shall be for two years commencing July 1, 2016.

ARTICLE IV NEPA MPO POLICY BOARD

SECTION 1: NEPA MPO POLICY BOARD. The NEPA MPO shall be assisted by the NEPA MPO Policy Board. The Policy Board shall consist of one voting member serving on the NEPA Alliance Board of Directors from each of the MPO Counties of Carbon, Monroe, Pike and Schuylkill County. A representative from PennDOT Central Office will also serve as a voting member. One representative each from PennDOT District 4-0 and 5-0 shall serve as ex officio non-voting members, who shall have voice privileges at all meetings. The President/CEO of the Northeastern Pennsylvania Alliance shall serve as an ex officio non-voting member, who shall have voice privileges at all meetings. The President/CEO may appoint an alternate for the ex officio seat.

The voting members of the Policy Board shall be appointed by the NEPA Alliance Board of Directors for a two-year term. Alternate members for each Policy Board member may be appointed by the NEPA Alliance Board of Directors. The PennDOT Deputy Secretary for Planning shall appoint a voting representative from the PennDOT Central Office to the NEPA MPO Policy Board. The PennDOT District 4-0 and District 5-0 District Executives shall appoint their ex officio representatives to the NEPA MPO Policy Board.

Matters for consideration by the Policy Board shall be limited to contracting matters, major TIP Actions and Adoption, and Policy Approvals set forth by formal recommendation from the Technical Planning Committee.

The Policy Board shall select from amongst the County Representatives a Chair to preside over Policy Board meetings and a Vice Chair to act in the absence of the Chairperson. All MPO business matters concerning TIP administration and programmatic issues of a routine nature shall rest in the full authority of the Technical Planning Committee. The MPO Policy Board shall meet as needed.

SECTION 2. **MEMBERSHIP TERM.** All voting member appointments shall commence upon formal appointment by the NEPA Alliance Board of Directors or PennDOT following adoption of these Operational Procedures and continue until June 30, 2016. Thereafter, appointment terms shall be for two years commencing July 1, 2016.

ARTICLE V STAFF

SECTION 1. **STAFF.** The Northeast Pennsylvania Metropolitan Planning Organization shall receive staff support from the Northeastern Pennsylvania Alliance (NEPA).

SECTION 2. **TASKS.** The tasks of the staff shall be determined through the Unified Planning Work Program referenced in ARTICLE VII.

ARTICLE VI MEETINGS & SUBCOMMITTEES

SECTION 1. **MEETINGS.** Meetings shall be scheduled every month. In the event that no action is required by the NEPA MPO Technical Planning Committee in a given month, the meeting may be cancelled at the discretion of the staff, in consultation with the Chairperson. There shall be at least one meeting of the NEPA MPO Committee in each quarter of the Commonwealth's fiscal year.

SECTION 2. **PLACE OF MEETING.** All meetings of the NEPA MPO Technical Planning Committee and Policy Board shall be held at the offices of NEPA unless other locations are agreed upon by a majority of the members. All meetings shall be open and accessible to the general public, including persons with disabilities.

SECTION 3. **SPECIAL MEETING.** Special meetings of the NEPA MPO Technical Planning Committee may be called by the Chairperson or at the request of at least four (4) voting members of the Technical Planning Committee. Special meetings of the NEPA MPO Policy Board may be called by the Chairperson or at the request of at least two (2) voting members of the Policy Board.

SECTION 4. **NOTICE OF MEETINGS.** Notice of all meetings of the MPO Technical Planning Committee and the Policy Board shall be given to each member not less than five (5) days prior to the day designated for the meeting.

SECTION 5. **QUORUM.** No vote on any matter shall be taken unless a quorum is present. One-half of the voting members shall constitute a quorum.

SECTION 6. **MANNER OF VOTING.** The manner of voting may be by ballot, voice, mail, roll-call or any other reasonable means that the Chairperson may from time-to-time determine or that may be permitted by the vote of the members present at any particular meeting. Matters requiring action between scheduled meetings of the NEPA MPO Committee may be conducted by ballot, voice, mail, or any other reasonable means as determined by NEPA staff in consultation with agency representatives and, MPO Technical

Planning Committee and Policy Board officers. Voting actions taken electronic or by remote methods shall be reaffirmed at the next regularly scheduled meeting. Other meeting attendance and voting methods sanctioned by PennDOT, FHWA and FTA are permissible if approved by the Technical Planning Committee and the Policy Board.

SECTION 7. **MAJORITY VOTE.** Except as otherwise required by law or in these operational procedures, all matters, including the election of the officers shall be decided by a simple majority vote of the members present at a duly constituted meeting.

SECTION 8. **SUBCOMMITTEES.** A Public Transit-Human Services Subcommittee shall serve as a standing subcommittee of the NEPA MPO Technical Planning Committee. Membership of the Public Transit-Human Services Subcommittee shall consist of one county representative from each NEPA MPO County, Transit Providers and Human Services Providers. The Public Transit-Human Services Subcommittee shall be engaged as necessary.

An Aviation/Rail Subcommittee shall serve as a standing subcommittee of the NEPA MPO Technical Planning Committee. The Aviation/Rail Subcommittee will address matters concerning air, freight or passenger rail issues as necessary. Membership of the Aviation/Rail Subcommittee shall consist of four members of NEPA MPO Technical Planning Committee and representatives of appropriate air and rail transportation interests in the NEPA MPO region as determined by the NEPA MPO Technical Planning Committee. The NEPA MPO Committee may establish additional standing or special purpose Ad Hoc subcommittees as deemed necessary. Activities of the subcommittees shall be presented at each meeting of the NEPA MPO Technical Planning Committee.

ARTICLE VII WORK PROGRAM

SECTION 1. **WORK PROGRAM.** Prior to the end of each state fiscal year, the NEPA MPO work program for the ensuing year shall be prepared by the NEPA staff under the guidance of PennDOT Central office directives in consultation with the MPO Technical Planning Committee. The work program shall be reviewed and approved by the Policy Board. The work program shall then be submitted to the PennDOT for approval and funding. It is understood that funding for the operation of the NEPA MPO shall be provided by PennDOT, and any other funding sources.

ARTICLE VIII MISCELLANEOUS

SECTION 1. **AMENDMENTS.** These operational procedures may be altered, amended, or added to, or repealed by a two-thirds majority of the NEPA MPO Technical Planning Committee and Policy Board voting members present at a duly constituted meeting, provided that written notice for the proposed

alteration, amendment, addition, or repeal shall be included in the notice of the meeting at which these actions are proposed.

SECTION 2. FISCAL YEAR. The NEPA MPO shall operate concurrent with the state fiscal year.

SECTION 3. EFFECTIVE DATE. These operational procedures shall become effective immediately upon approval by at least a two-thirds majority of the NEPA MPO Technical Planning Committee and the NEPA MPO Policy Board present at a duly constituted meeting.

SECTION 4. ENDORSED AND RECOMMENDED BY THE NEPA MPO TECHNICAL PLANNING COMMITTEE on the 17th day of September, 2013 .

NEPA MPO Technical Planning Committee, Acting Chairperson
(Signature)

Date

NEPA MPO Technical Planning Committee, Acting Vice-Chairperson
(Signature)

Date

SECTION 5. ADOPTED BY THE NEPA MPO POLICY BOARD on the 2nd day of October, 2013 .

NEPA MPO Policy Board, Acting Chairperson
(Signature)

Date

NEPA MPO Policy Board, Acting Vice-Chairperson
(Signature)

Date