

Northeastern Pennsylvania Metropolitan Planning Organization

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

August 18, 2026, Technical Planning Committee Business Meeting Summary and Minutes

<u>Attendees:</u>	<u>Organization:</u>	<u>Attendees:</u>	<u>Organization:</u>
Rocky Ahner*	Carbon Co.	Harold Pudliner*	Carbon Co. Redevelopment
David Bodnar	Carbon Co. Planning	Emma Pugh	PennDOT District 4
John Christy*	Monroe Co.	Jeff Rai	PennDOT District 5
Scott Cressman	PennDOT District 5	Nick Raio*	PennDOT Central
Cynthia Defebo	Pike County	Jen Ruth	PennDOT District 5
Steve Fisher*	PennDOT District 4	Rich Schlameuss*	MCTA
Brian Funkhouser	Michael Baker Intl.	Krista Ripley*	STS
Micah Gursky*	St. Luke's Hospital	Susan Smith*	Schuylkill Co. Planning
Jodi Hinger	Carbon County	Nate Staruch	Monroe Co. Planning
AJ Knee*	LANTA	Scott Vottero	PennDOT District 5
Robert Manzella	Luzerne Co. Planning		
Christine Meinhart-Fritz*	Monroe Co. Planning	Jeff Box	NEPA Alliance
Mike Mrozinski*	Pike Co. Planning	Nettie Ginocchetti	NEPA Alliance
Nyomi Nonnemaker	PennDOT Central	Kate McMahon	NEPA Alliance
Ken O'Brien	HDR	Jonathan Shaw	NEPA Alliance
Larry Peterson*	PennDOT District 5	Daniel Yelito	NEPA Alliance
John Petrini	PennDOT District 4		

*Technical Committee 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. Mrozinski requested a motion from the Technical Committee to nominate a new Technical Committee Chairperson. Mr. Christy nominated Ms. Meinhart-Fritz, seconded by Mr. Schlameuss. The motion to elect Ms. Meinhart-Fritz as chairperson passed unanimously.

Action 2: Ms. Meinhart-Fritz requested a motion from the Technical Committee to nominate a new Technical Committee Vice-Chairperson. Mr. Christy nominated Mr. Ahner, seconded by Mr. Pudliner. The motion to elect Mr. Ahner as Vice-Chairperson passed unanimously.

Action 3: Ms. Meinhart-Fritz requested a motion from the Technical Committee to approve the minutes from the June 16, 2026 Joint Technical Committee and Policy Board Meeting. A motion was made by Mr. Christy, seconded by Mr. Mrozinski, to approve the minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

Action 4: Ms. Meinhart-Fritz requested a motion from the Technical Committee to approve the PennDOT District 4-0 Amendment as presented. A motion was made by Mr. Mrozinski, seconded by Mr. Pudliner. The motion passed unanimously.

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

1) Business Items

a) Nomination/Election of Technical Committee Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson

Mr. Mrozinski requested a motion from the Technical Committee to nominate a new Technical Committee Chairperson. Mr. Christy nominated Ms. Meinhart-Fritz, seconded by Mr. Schlameuss. The motion to elect Ms. Meinhart-Fritz as chairperson passed unanimously.

Ms. Meinhart-Fritz began chairing the meeting.

Ms. Meinhart-Fritz requested a motion from the Technical Committee to nominate a new Technical Committee Vice-Chairperson. Mr. Christy nominated Mr. Ahner, seconded by Mr. Pudliner. The motion to elect Mr. Ahner as Vice-Chairperson passed unanimously.

b) Technical Committee Approval of Minutes from the June 16, 2026, Joint Technical and Policy Board Business Meeting

Ms. Meinhart-Fritz requested a motion from the Technical Committee to approve the minutes from the June 16, 2026, Joint Technical Committee and Policy Board Meeting. A motion was made by Mr. Christy, seconded by Mr. Mrozinski, to approve the minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

2) TIP Amendments and Administrative Actions

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

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 – Shohola Falls Road over Balliard Creek & Carlton Hill Road over Taylor Creek – Increase ROW per additional claims. The source is the NEPA 4-0 Highway Line Item.

Action 2 – SR 507, SR 3001, and SR 3004 Resurfacing – Add CON phase in FFY27. The source is the RDP Reserve Line Item.

Amendment 1 – SR 739 Clear Zone & SR 2001 Clear Zone Restoration – Add CON phase in FFY27 per estimate. The source is the NEPA 4-0 Highway Line Item.

Ms. Meinhart-Fritz requested a motion from the Technical Committee to approve the PennDOT District 4-0 Amendment as presented. A motion was made by Mr. Mrozinski, seconded by Mr. Pudliner. The motion passed unanimously.

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 – Increase funds to match current estimate. The sources are Centre Street over tributary to Shenandoah Creek and the NEPA Highway & Bridge Regional Line Item.

Action 2 – Bridge overlay Bundle 3 – Increased to cover additional design. The source is the NEPA Highway & Bridge Regional Line Item.

Action 3 – Delaware Ave Signal Improvements – Increased to match current estimate. The sources are the CMAQ Line Item Reserve and the NEPA Highway & Bridge Regional Line Item.

Action 4 – Delivery Consult Assist – Increase to cover ongoing project management agreement. The sources are NEPA In House Geotech Assist, Paradise Road over Upper Little Swatara Creek, Red Rock Road over Paradise Creek, and the NEPA Highway & Bridge Regional Line Item.

Action 5 – NEPA BOF Preventative Maintenance – ROW phase added for acquisition services. The sources are Berne Drive over Red Creek Bridge and the NEPA Highway & Bridge Regional Line Item

Action 6 – Box Culvert Bundle – Round 1 – ROW phase added for acquisition services. Mutton Hollow Road over Kettle Creek – ROW phase added to TIP to match 971 damage claim estimate. UTL phase cash flow to align with anticipated need, also carried the 2027 Draft TIP. SR 209 over Mine Hollow Run - ROW phase added to TIP to match 971 damage claim estimate. UTL phase cash flow to align with anticipated need, also carried the 2027 Draft TIP. US 209 over Eagle Hill Run - ROW phase added to TIP to match 971 damage claim estimate. UTL phase cash flow to align with anticipated need, also carried the 2027 Draft TIP. Mill Creek Road over Brodhead Creek, Schuylkill Road over Little Schuylkill River, and Seneca Road over Mahoning Creek - ROW phase added to TIP to match 971 damage claim estimate. The sources are NEPA PM #7 and the NEPA Highway & Bridge Regional Line Item.

Action 7 – SR 903 over Mud Run – Increased to meet Low Bid. The source is the NEPA Highway & Bridge Regional Line Item.

Action 8 – St. Clair to Frackville Reconstruction – Increase for anticipated slope stabilization, additional class 1 excavation for slope stabilization, wall 5 and 6 constructability and realignment of SB 61 Elimination. The sources are Environmental Impacts Resolution and SR 715 over Pocono Creek.

Action 9 – PA 191 Brodhead Creek Bridge – PE phase preliminary maintenance and protection of traffic, temporary traffic signal design, project management/administration. The sources are PA 191 Brodhead Creek Bridge FD and ROW phases and the NEPA Highway & Bridge Regional Line Item.

Action 10 – SR 903 over Mud Run – Funds added to use available 2026 BRIP funds The sources are 209 & 33 NB over Appenzell Creek and the NEPA Highway & Bridge Regional Line Item.

Action 11 – Jim Thorpe Wall Rehabilitation – Increase for R&R flagging agreement. The source is the NEPA Highway & Bridge Regional Line Item.

Action 12 – 209 Holy Cross Road to Hollow Road – Increase CON phase to cover PS&E estimate. Increase UTL phase to cover current estimate. The source is the Urban Regional Reserve Line Item.

Action 13 – Hunters Creek Bridge – ROW phase added to TIP to match 971 damage claim estimate. Smith Hill Road over Appenzell Creek – Increase funds to match 971 damage claim estimate. The source is the NEPA Highway & Bridge Regional Line Item.

Interstate Action 1 – I-80 I-380 Tannersville Resurface – Increased to cover an AUC. The source is the Interstate Contingency Line Item.

Interstate Action 2 – I-80 Section 17M Breakout – Phase added to the TIP for AC conversion. The source is the Interstate Contingency Line Item.

Interstate Action 3 – I-80 Phase 2 Reconstruction – PE cost increase to match estimate. The source is the Interstate Contingency Line Item.

Interstate Action 4 – I-80/Exit 308 Realignment – CON cost increase due to inspection agreement needs to be supplemented in order to over additional time added to the contract. The source is the Interstate Contingency Line Item.

Statewide Action 1 – Croasdale Road over Cherry Creek – Add phase to 2025 TIP. Funds never carried from the 2023 TIP. Source of funds transferred from FY 2027 TIP CON phase. Additional local funds are to cover the overage.

Statewide Action 2 – Jim Thorpe Resurface Center Ave - Adding CON phase to 2025 program. The source is the STP Reserve Line Item.

Statewide Action 3 – 309 – 895 Intersection Improvements – Excess funding returned to statewide HSIP Reserve for use elsewhere.

Statewide Action 4 – SR 903 over Mud Run – Advance funding on the 903 Mud Run. The sources are the Federal Carryover Reserve Line Item and the NEPA Highway & Bridge Regional Line Item.

Statewide Action 5 – SR 903 over Mud Run – Project decreased to committed amount. The Federal Carryover Reserve was used to maintain fiscal constraint.

Statewide Action 6 – NEPA High Friction Surface – 2025 – Increased to cover AUC. The source is the HSIP Set Aside Reserve Line Item.

Ms. Smith asked about the impact to the Centre Street over tributary to Shenandoah Creek project. Mr. Vottero stated that the project required right of way acquisition, and that Shenandoah had applied for a DCED Multimodal Transportation Fund grant. PennDOT is hoping to bundle two projects together in Shenandoah. Ms. Smith asked if the closure would remain in place if the project does not receive MTF funding and the projects end up being bid separately. Mr. Vottero stated that it would most likely be the case. Ms. Smith asked for further explanation of the note on the St. Clair to Frackville Reconstruction Action. Mr. Peterson stated that he believes the SB elimination is a reconfiguration to move traffic back to the northbound side. Mr. Cressman stated that he would email the construction manager for any info they had and provide a follow-up.

Mr. Cressman later stated that he received an update on the SR 61 realignment. The project will remove the sliver cut and geotechnical remediation. The construction team did a cost comparison analysis and found that shifting the Southbound road would be more cost effective.

Mr. Ahner stated that Carbon County closed their covered bridge for PennDOT repairs. Carbon County also met with PennDOT to add two bridges in West Penn Township to the TIP and Mr. Ahner asked for an update. Ms. McMahon stated that the two bridges are included in the Municipal Bridge Bundle on the TIP and are scheduled for 2029. Mr. Ahner stated that he believes the bridges were around \$130,000 and that companies have contacted the county to run data lines across county bridges. He would like the companies to assist in funding the bridge projects in order to run data lines across them. Mr. Cressman stated that the district bridge engineer reviewed available funding and made selections of municipal structures that were deemed structurally deficient across the three counties. The two bridges in Carbon County were selected because they are non-composite adjacent box beams and are already load posted.

Mr. Christy asked what 971 Damage Claims are. Mr. Peterson stated that they are forms that PennDOT fills out to begin the Right of Way process. Mr. Christy stated that he has been told by federal elected officials that the Borough of Stroudsburg requested \$1.6 million for a roundabout project at the intersection of US 209, PA 191, N 5th Street, and Ann Street in the borough, and that it is a priority at the federal level. Mr. Christy stated that he has contacted Secretary Carroll to confirm that the project would be a good use of funds because Monroe County has received federal money in the past that it was unable to use due to matching requirements. Ms. McMahon stated that Rep. Bresnahan has selected the borough's earmark request, and if it is approved it will go to PennDOT and it may become a PennDOT project. The borough did not reach out to NEPA asking for a letter of support for the earmark request and Ms. McMahon asked if PennDOT District 5 was contacted. Mr. Vottero stated that the district is no longer allowed to write letters of support, and if PennDOT takes over the project from the borough they would follow all federal procedures. If there is a match requirement it would depend on what type of funds are received. Mr. Vottero stated that past roundabout projects have cost around \$3 million in construction alone. Ms. Meinhart-Fritz asked how PennDOT would handle the borough doing improvements on a PennDOT owned road. Mr. Vottero stated that the borough would need to go through the HOP process. Ms. McMahon stated that federal earmarks typically require a 20% match. Mr. Box asked if the borough has any cost estimates for the project. Ms. Meinhart-Fritz stated that the borough has estimates from consultants, but not engineering cost estimates. Ms. Smith asked if the project is included in the Long-Range Transportation Plan. Ms. McMahon stated that it is not. Ms. Smith stated that a process to engage municipalities to determine which projects they have interest in doing during plan development would be helpful so that amendments do not need to be made further down the line.

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) 2027-2030 Transportation Improvement Program

Ms. McMahon stated that the TIP was approved at the June MPO meeting. Staff compiled the final version of the TIP and submitted it to Central Office. TIP from across the state were incorporated into the Statewide TIP and it was approved by the State Transportation Commission on August 5th. The Statewide TIP was submitted to FHWA and FTA for final approval, which is expected in September. A planning finding letter is expected by October which will highlight things the MPO did well, and things that should be improved going forward. The TIP is posted on the NEPA website and can be accessed at <https://www.nepa-alliance.org/tip/>

Mr. Fisher asked if there were any updates on the federal reauthorization bill. Ms. McMahon stated that there are no new updates. An extension of the current authorization bill was included in the continuing resolution of appropriations to December 11th.

c) Long Range Transportation Plan

Mr. Funkhouser provided a presentation on the Long Range Transportation Plan schedule. The slides are attached. Mr. Mrozinski asked if Mr. Funkhouser needed to get a time slot for the Pike County PSATS convention. Ms. McMahon stated that public outreach and convention attendance will be handled by NEPA staff and we will have a table at the PSATS meeting. Mr. Mrozinski recommended contacting neighboring counties in New Jersey as part of the stakeholder outreach process.

d) Active Transportation Plan Implementation

Ms. McMahon stated that the Active Transportation Task Force met on August 6th. The task force is planning two Active Transportation Workshops in person. The Schuylkill/Carbon county workshop will be held at the Lehigh Carbon Community College Tamaqua campus. The Monroe/Pike county workshop will be held at Middle Smithfield's Community Building. NEPA staff are working with each location to determine which date works best. Workshops will be half day events from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. A shorter virtual workshop will be scheduled at night for anyone who cannot attend the in person events.

e) Eastern PA Freight Alliance

Ms. McMahon stated that a coordination meeting was held on June 29, 2026, to review the plan recommendations. There was a presentation on truck parking in the Lehigh Valley. Another meeting is scheduled for August 27th to prioritize action items for the group moving forward. Ms. Meinhart-Fritz asked if all of the EPFA member MPOs have adopted the freight plan. Ms. McMahon stated that all of the member MPOs have adopted the plan and executed the MOU to formalize the EPFA.

f) New Member Orientation

Ms. McMahon stated that a virtual presentation is scheduled for August 31 at 1 p.m. to brief new Technical Committee members. A new member orientation packet will be sent out ahead of the meeting.

g) Increased Funding for County Highway & Bridge Maintenance Projects

Ms. McMahon stated that PennDOT Central Office met with Planning Partners on July 16th. As part of the PA budget agreement, Governor Shapiro and Secretary Carroll are releasing additional funding from the Motor License Fund. \$775 million is available for county paving projects that can be executed quickly. District 4-0 has identified three paving projects and funded them through administrative actions. District 5-0 is still identifying projects. Mr. Raio stated that most of the money will be available in this fiscal year and is broken into allocations by county. Mr. Cressman stated that District 5-0 has submitted 2026 calendar year projects and are finalizing estimates for 2027. Mr. Cressman outlined which projects were selected.

The list of projects is attached. Ms. Smith asked if the projects were being programmed onto the 409 TIP or the regional TIP. Mr. Raio stated that the projects will be programmed onto the regional TIP from the statewide reserve. Ms. Meinhart-Fritz asked what formula was used to determine the county allocations. Ms. McMahon stated that the same allocation formula from the TIP was used. Mr. Raio stated that the STP formula was used.

h) 2027-2029 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)

Ms. McMahon stated that the current NEPA MPO UPWP will expire on June 30, 2027. The plan for development of the 2027-2029 UPWP was presented. The slides are attached. The Technical Committee will be engaged for UPWP development instead of a work group since there is a significant amount of membership overlap. The UPWP is expected to be approved by the NEPA Technical Committee and Policy Board on December 15. The UPWP would then go to the NEPA Board for approval on January 6, 2027.

Mr. Christy asked if there were any GIS programs available that would place a zoning overlay to track development for the Functional Classification. Ms. McMahon stated that the MPO typically looks at increases or decreases to the AADT, and then there is a discussion on whether the county and district want to reclassify the road, since it will change the design requirements. Ms. Smith asked if there was an opportunity to create a consistent database to track development across the MPO region. Ms. Meinhart-Fritz stated that Monroe County has a GIS based land development database. Mr. Mrozinski state that Pike County does not currently have a digital database. Ms. Smith stated that Schuylkill County scans in plans and has a database of the documents. The counties and NEPA staff will continue the discussion in the future.

4) Other Business

Mr. Ahner stated that Carbon County is planning on purchasing a drone and asked in NEPA Alliance has any information on reputable drones and any purchasing requirements. Ms. McMahon stated that NEPA is required to use an American-made drone since the MPO is funded with federal funds. The county may not be under that requirement depending on the funding they are using for the drone purchase and staff hours. Mr. Ahner stated that the county is planning to use FEMA money and asked for the list of approved drones. Ms. McMahon stated that they would share the list and that NEPA is hoping to purchase a drone at the end of the fiscal year if funding is available in the work program.

Ms. McMahon stated that PennDOT Multimodal Transportation Fund awards were announced. Schuylkill County and Pike County both received awards. The opening dates for the next round of MTF was also announced. The program will open on September 14, 2026.

5) Adjournment

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

District	County	Planning Region	MPMS	Project Title	SR	Sec	Project Description	Limits of Work (Segment s/BRKeys)	Project Length (Miles)	RDP Funds	Total Project Estimate	Earliest Est Let Date	Estimated Completion Date
5	Carbon	NEPA	124484	SR 209 Micro - La Rosa to Monroe	209	RDP	Microsurface and Base Repair to State Route 209 Segment 350 to Monroe County Line, in Franklin and Towamensing Township, Carbon County.	0350/0000-0500/2064	8.41	\$2,868,227	\$2,868,227	12/3/2026	11/1/2027
5	Carbon	NEPA	124486	SR 209 Micro - 248 to La Rosa	209	RDP	Microsurface and Base Repair to State Route 209 Divided Section from Segment 310/311 to Segment 350/351 Line, in Franklin and Towamensing Township, Carbon County.	0310/0000-0350/0000 & 0311/0000-0351/0000	4.23	\$1,200,000	\$1,200,000	12/3/2026	11/1/2027
5	Carbon	NEPA	124490	SR 4012 Resurface	4012	RDP	Surface Improvement (Pave) for State Route 4012 from State Route 4010 (Main St) to Seg 60 in Weatherly Boro, Lehigh and Lausanne Twps Carbon County	10/0000 - 60/0000	2.35	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	12/3/2026	11/1/2027
5	Monroe	NEPA	124495	SR 209 Smithfield Resurface	209	RDP	Surface Improvement (Pave) to State Route 209 near State Route 447 (Independence Rd.) to Twin Falls Road and from Oak Grove Drive to Mt. Nebo in Smithfield and Middle Smithfield Township, Monroe County.	0420/0269-0460/2724	2.50	\$1,526,000	\$1,526,000	12/3/2026	11/1/2027
5	Monroe	NEPA	124489	SR 447 Hot-in-Place	447	RDP	Hot-in-place Pave & Micro to State Route 447 from State Route 191 (Paradise Tr.) to Pike County Line in Barrett, Price, and Stroud Township, Monroe County.	0110/0000-0390/3346	14.20	\$2,169,000	\$2,169,000	11/5/2026	11/1/2027
5	Monroe	NEPA	124488	SR 390 Hot-in-Place	390	RDP	Hot-in-place Pave & Micro to State Route 390 from State Route 940 (Pocono Bl.) to Pike County Line in Barrett Township, Monroe County.	0010/0000-0160/1969	5.94	\$2,599,585	\$2,599,585	12/10/2026	11/1/2027
5	Schuylkill	NEPA	124496	SR 309 - 895 to Tamaqua	309	RDP	Surface Improvement (Pave) for State Route 309 from bridge over Kershner's Creek to bridge over Little Schuylkill River in the Borough of Tamaqua, and West Penn Township, Schuylkill County.	0080/2546-0250/2928	7.53	\$8,857,000	\$8,857,000	12/17/2026	11/1/2027
5	Schuylkill	NEPA	124498	SR 183 - 443 to 61	183	RDP	Surface Improvement (Pave) for State Route 183 from State Route 443 to State Route 61 in the Borough of Cressona, and North Manheim and Wayne Township, Schuylkill County.	0160/0000-0220/1348	2.90	\$2,146,000	\$2,146,000	12/10/2026	11/1/2027



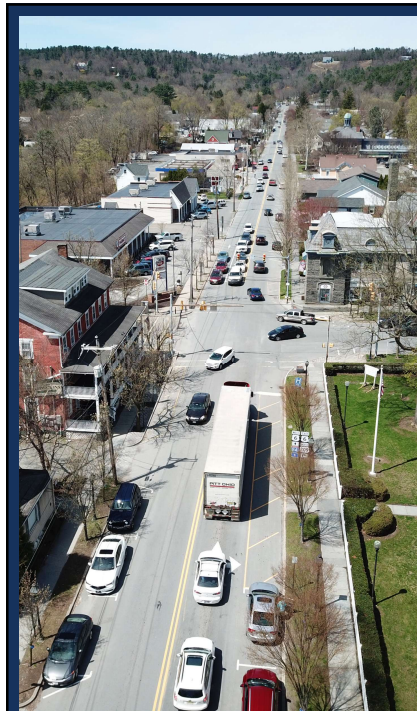
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2055 Long-Range Transportation Plan

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Agenda

Project Scope and Schedule

Key deliverables through plan adoption

Review of Proposed Draft LRTP Outline

Data Sources

Identification of Stakeholders

Pop-Up Meetings

WikiMap Public Survey

Next Steps

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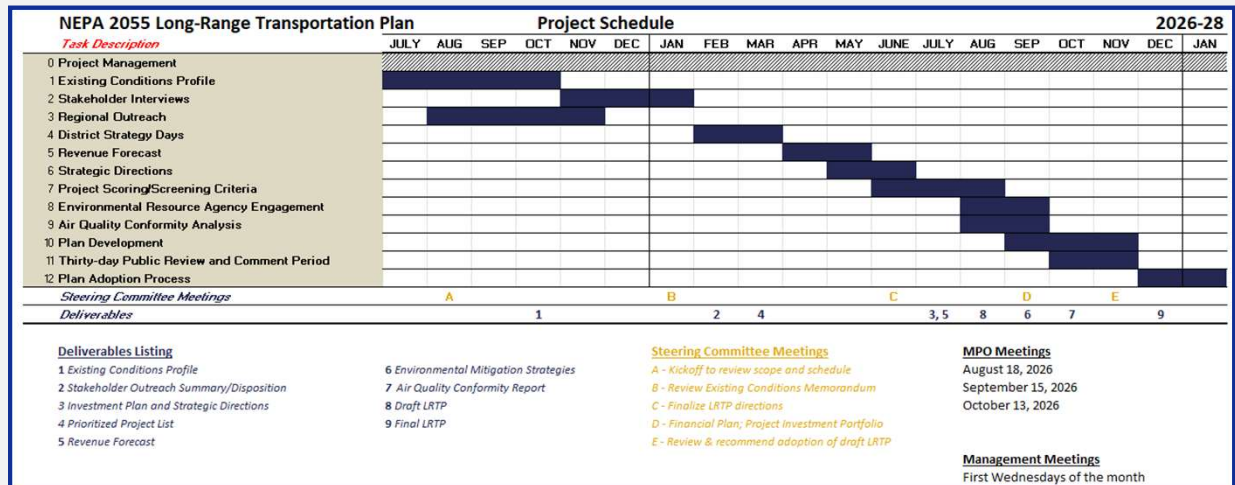
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Project Scope and Schedule

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Project Schedule



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Identification of Stakeholders

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Coordinating Agencies and Contacts

Modal, county, and state partners engaged throughout the plan process.

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Pop-up events

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Upcoming Outreach Opportunities

Events where the team can meet the public and partner agencies directly.

August 23	West End Fair Monroe County
September 9	Fall Foliage Jim Thorpe Carbon County
September 17	Pike County Road Task Force Meets the third Thursday of each month
October 2	PSATS County Convention Pike County
Date TBD	Schuylkill Parks and Open Space Plan Schuylkill County
Date TBD	Carbon County COG Carbon County

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WikiMap Survey

NEPA 2055 LONG-RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN

Public Input Map

Instructions

1. Use the "Add Point" button to share your thoughts on concerns and ideas.
2. Click on the location on the map where you would like to place your pin.
3. Add your feedback and click Submit.
4. Show support for existing pins by giving a thumbs up and/or leaving a comment.

Survey Topics:

- Traffic Congestion Concern
- Traffic Safety Concern
- Transit Need
- Bicycle/Pedestrian Concern
- Roadway Concern
- Traffic/Truck Concern
- Parking Concern
- Other Concern/ Emerging Issue

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Next Steps

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Next Steps

- 01 Complete the existing conditions profile**
Data collection and the regional profile continue through the fall.
- 02 Begin stakeholder interviews**
Modal agencies, county planning, and adjoining MPO regions.
- 03 Launch regional outreach and pop-up events**
Starting with the West End Fair on August 23.
- 04 Confirm remaining pop-up dates and contacts**
Schuylkill, Carbon County COG, etc.

KEY DATES AHEAD

MPO meeting
September 15, 2026

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Background

The Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) is a statement of work identifying the planning priorities and activities to be carried out within a metropolitan/rural planning area.

Source Per 23 CFR 450.104

**NEPA MPO
UNIFIED PLANNING
WORK PROGRAM**

Adopted January 8, 2025
Amended March 2025

Fiscal Year 2025-2027 (July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2027)

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Key Aspects

The UPWP Must Include:



Task information including roles and responsibilities of those completing the task.



Federal Planning Factors – must show a tie-in of the factors to work program tasks.



Inclusion of a milestones table reflecting dates for major planning documents/requirements.



Documentation of the process for development and adoption of the UPWP

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Key Aspects

The UPWP Must Include:



Individual MPO/RPO work programs must address the applicable federal and state requirements provided through guidance issued by PennDOT but also be tailored to reflect the specific planning needs and emphasis areas unique to your region.



The work programs should be accessible on the organization's website.



Work programs should only include those tasks which will be completed/underway during the contract years of the document.

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2027-2029 UPWP



The 2027-2029 UPWP will run from July 1, 2027, to June 30, 2029.



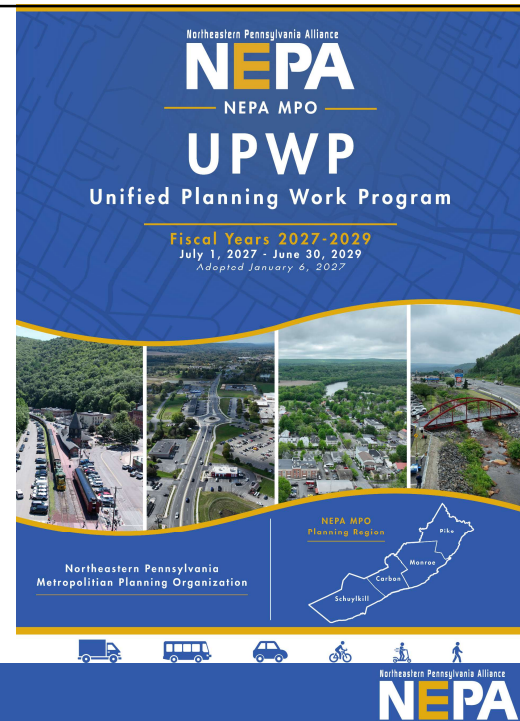
Formal guidance for the development of the 2027-2029 UPWP was received in July.



Separate priority tasks will be developed for each year of the two-year UPWP.



The draft UPWP must be provided to FHWA and FTA for a 45-day review.



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NEPA MPO Plan Adoption and Update Dates

Plan Name	Current Plan Adoption Date	Next Update Effective Date
Long Range Transportation Plan	March 19, 2024	January 2028
Transportation Improvement Program	June 16, 2026	June 2028
Unified Planning Work Program	January 2025	January 2027
Public Participation Plan	April 16, 2024	Spring 2027
Title VI Plan	April 16, 2024	Spring 2027
Limited English Proficiency Plan	April 16, 2024	Spring 2027
Active Transportation Plan	June 2025	June 2030
Coordinated Transit Plan	June 2025	June 2029
LTAP Annual Report	October 31, 2025	October 31, 2026
Annual List of Federally Obligated Projects	December 2025	December 2026
Functional Classification Review	February 9, 2024	January 2, 2029

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2025-2027 UPWP Task Status

Deliverable		Status
	2027-2030 Transportation Improvement Program Development	Completed July 2026
	SR 2001 Alternatives Analysis	Completed December 2025
	PA 611 Corridor Study	Completed June 2026
	Long Range Transportation Plan Update	Underway, with completion by January 2028
	Cressona Borough Congestion Mitigation and Safety Improvement Study	Led by District 5, study is underway
	Active Transportation Plan and Coordinated Transit Plan Implementation	Ongoing
	Eastern Pennsylvania Freight Alliance	Ongoing
 Complete  Underway  Ongoing  Needs Attention  Upcoming		

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2025-2027 UPWP Task Status

Deliverable		Status
	Annual Highway Performance Monitoring System (HPMS) Data Collection	Ongoing, with next data collection completion by December 2026
	Roadway Safety Reviews	Needs attention
	Annual List of Obligated Projects	Completion by December 2026
	Local Technical Assistance Program (LTAP)	Ongoing
	Development of 2027-2029 UPWP	Underway, completion by January 2027
	2029-2032 Transportation Improvement Program Development	Begins Spring 2027
	Review of Public Participation Plan, Title VI Plan and Limited English Proficiency Plan	Completion in Spring 2027
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2027-2029 UPWP Potential Tasks



2055 Long Range Transportation Plan Completion

Complete development of the 2055 Long Range Transportation Plan by January 2028.



Transportation Improvement Program Development

Complete development of the 2029-2032 Transportation Improvement Program by June 2028. Begin development of the 2031-2034 Transportation Improvement Program in Spring 2029.



Coordinated Public Transit-Human Services Plan Update

The Coordinated Transit Plan was adopted in June 2025 and the plan should be reviewed and updated every four years. Complete update of the plan by June 2029.



Functional Classification Review

Complete a review of the functional classification of the region's roadway system, including revisions to the National Highway System, by January 2029.



2029-2031 Unified Planning Work Program Development

Prepare the 2029-2031 UPWP, establishing planning priorities, work activities, and funding allocations for the next planning cycle.

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2027-2029 UPWP Potential Tasks



Current Plan Implementation

Advance recommendations and action items identified in existing regional transportation plans and studies to support continued progress toward regional goals.



Annual Listing of Obligated Projects

Annually prepare and publish a listing of projects for which federal funds have been obligated in the previous federal fiscal year.



Annual Highway Performance Monitoring System Data Collection

Coordinate the annual collection and reporting of roadway data to PennDOT and the Federal Highway Administration to support transportation planning efforts.



Local Technical Assistance Program

Promote training, technical assistance, and educational opportunities for municipal officials to improve local transportation infrastructure management and maintenance.

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Supplemental Planning Fund Requests



Supplemental Planning Fund Request process is outlined in UPWP Guidance



Requests for funds should be included as a task in the draft UPWP or in a separate request with UPWP submission



Central Office will review the request and approve or decline it



Notice of Supplemental Planning Fund awards will be made by April 30, 2027



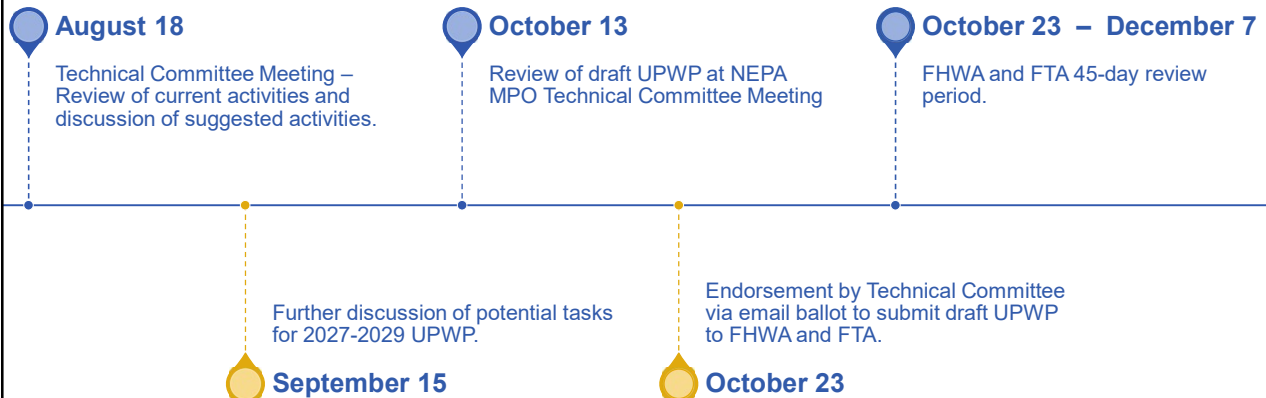
If the request was included in the draft UPWP and is not approved for funding, it will need to be removed

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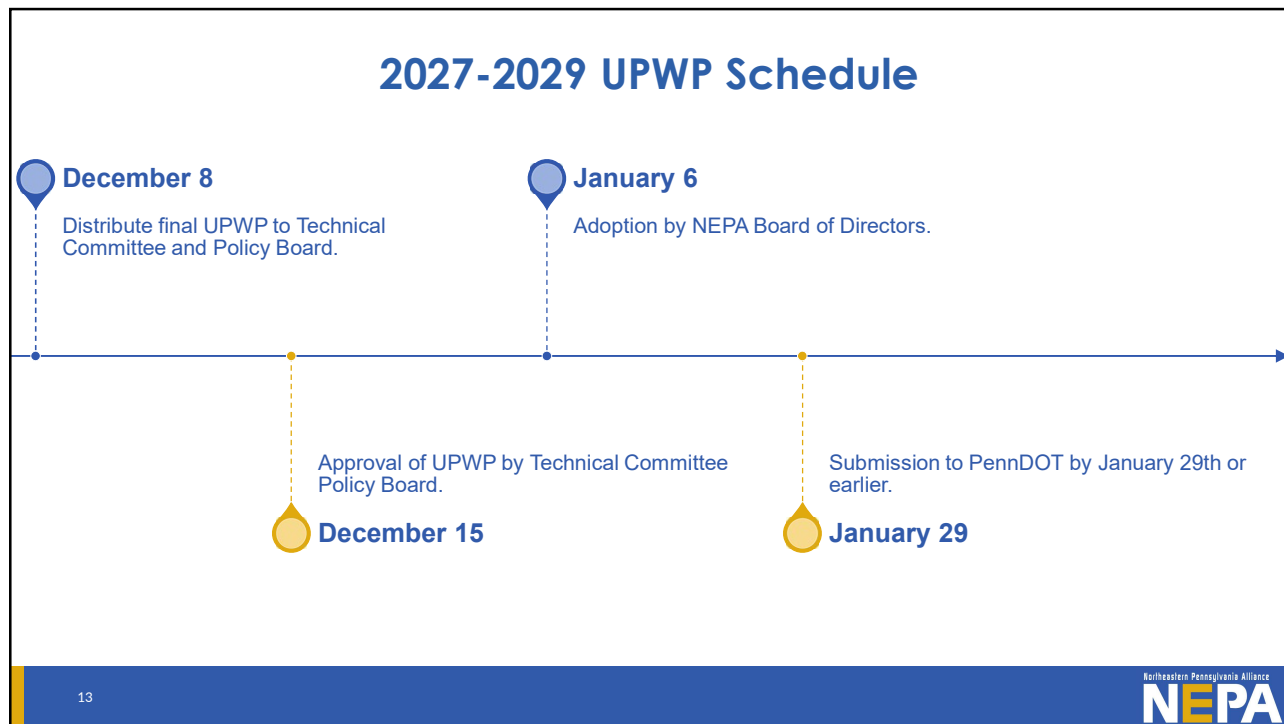
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