



MEMORANDUM

TO: NEPA MPO Technical Committee, Policy Board members & Stakeholders

FROM: Jonathan Shaw, Transportation Planning Manager

DATE: October 6, 2026

SUBJECT: October 13, 2026 Meeting Agenda

Enclosed, please find the agenda for the Northeastern Pennsylvania Metropolitan Planning Organization Technical Committee meeting on Tuesday, October 13, 2026, at 9:30am at the NEPA Alliance office in Pittston. The meeting will also be held virtually via phone and video conference. The call and weblink information are below.

Join Microsoft Teams Meeting

Phone Number: 323-475-1191

Conference ID: 418 625 295

Please RSVP to me at (570) 891-4093, or jshaw@nepa-alliance.org by **COB on Friday, October 9, 2026**, with your attendance plans.

NEPA MPO Technical Committee Upcoming Meetings:

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

Attachments:

1. [NEPA MPO Technical Committee Business Meeting Agenda for October 13, 2026](#)
2. [NEPA MPO Technical Committee Meeting Minutes from September 15, 2026](#)
3. [Fiscal Constraint Chart – District 5-0; October 13 2026](#)
4. [Current Project Status Reports – Bridge Projects](#)
5. [Tamaqua Gateway Study Funding Request Letter](#)
6. [Draft 2027-2029 Unified Planning Work Program \(Attached Separately\)](#)



NEPA MPO TECHNICAL COMMITTEE BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA

Locations:

NEPA Alliance Office
and
Virtual Meeting via Microsoft Teams

Date & Time:

October 13, 2026 – 9:30AM

Call the Meeting to Order

1) Business Items

- a) Approval of September 15, 2026 Technical Committee Meeting Minutes

2) PennDOT NEVI Community Charging Round Presentation

3) TIP Amendments and Administrative Actions

- a) District 5-0 2027-2030 TIP Administrative Actions

4) Transportation Planning & Programs

- a) Current Project Status Update – Bridge Projects
- b) Long Range Transportation Plan
- c) Active Transportation Plan Implementation
- d) 2027-2029 Unified Planning Work Program

5) Other Business

6) Adjournment

Additional Information on Selected Agenda Item

2. NEVI Community Charging Round

The National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (NEVI) Program represents federal investment aimed at expanding EV infrastructure nationwide. PennDOT is leveraging these funds to develop an accessible, reliable, and equitable network of EV charging stations throughout the state. The initial rounds of NEVI funding focused on building out the alternative fuel corridors on the interstates and key expressways across the state. NEVI Community Charging rounds in the Southeastern Region and Western Region have already opened. The Eastern Region funding opportunity was released in September. The deadline to submit proposals is March 12, 2027. Information about the NEVI Community Charging can be found in the attached flyer and on the PennDOT website [here](#). At the October meeting, Colton Brown, the PennDOT Alternative Fuels Infrastructure Coordinator, will present more information about the NEVI Community Charging Program.

4a. Current Project Status – Bridge Projects

District 4 and 5 continue to update the committee about various project activities on a regular basis. Projects are categorized as Bridge, Highway, Major/Interstate and TA/MTF/ARC/FLAP. Projects with notable activity are reported for a single category as a regular agenda item throughout the year's meeting schedule. A handout of the report is provided in advance of the meeting when possible. At the October meeting, we will review the Bridge Projects in District 4 and District 5.

4b. Long Range Transportation Plan

The update of the next LRTP is due by January 2028. Michael Baker International was selected as the consultant for the Long Range Transportation Plan through our open-end consultant agreement. The LRTP Scope of Services was approved at the June meeting and the new contract with Michael Baker International commenced on July 1st. Development of the LRTP has commenced with a kickoff meeting of the LRTP Steering Committee held on August 11th. The draft LRTP outline was reviewed, stakeholders were identified, and plans for public outreach, including review of a [Wikimap public survey](#), were discussed. Outreach at community events is ongoing. Michael Baker will provide an update during the meeting.

4c. Active Transportation Plan Implementation

The Active Transportation Plan was adopted by the Policy Board on June 17, 2025. NEPA staff have developed an Active Transportation page on the NEPA website with federal, state, and local resources. The Active Transportation Task Force met on August 6th. Staff reviewed the current Active Transportation Plan Record Card which tracks the status of the recommendations in the Active Transportation Plan. In addition, Active Transportation Workshops are being planned for the fall, with input from the task force. Topics, locations, and scheduling for the workshops were discussed. The workshops will be held in-person in November/December. Staff have finalized dates and locations for the workshops. The Monroe/Pike County workshop at the Middle Smithfield Community & Cultural Center has been scheduled for November 18th. The Schuylkill/Carbon County workshop at LCCC Tamaqua has been scheduled for December 2nd. Another meeting of the Active Transportation Task Force will be held in October/November.

4d. 2027-2029 Unified Planning Work Program

The current NEPA MPO Unified Planning Work Program will expire on June 30, 2027. The final [UPWP Guidance](#) was provided to the NEPA MPO on July 30th. A draft of the UPWP is attached

to the meeting packet and will be reviewed at the October meeting. Following the MPO meeting, an email ballot will be held to send the draft UPWP for review by FHWA and FTA. Adoption of the 2027-2029 UPWP by the Technical Committee and Policy Board is expected at the joint December 15th meeting. The schedule for approval is below:

- **October 23, 2026-** NEPA MPO Technical Committee endorses UPWP and authorizes submission to FHWA and FTA by email ballot
- **October 23, 2026 to December 7, 2026-** 45-day review period for FHWA and FTA (includes time for revisions and resubmission to FHWA and FTA prior to distribution to MPO committees)
- **December 8, 2026-** Distribute final 2027-2029 UPWP to NEPA MPO committees
- **December 15, 2026-** Joint NEPA MPO Policy Board and Technical Committee Meeting to approve UPWP and refer to NEPA Board of Directors
- **January 6, 2027-** NEPA Board of Directors Meeting to approve UPWP
- **January 29, 2027-** Submission of 2027-2029 UPWP to PennDOT

Northeastern Pennsylvania Metropolitan Planning Organization

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

September 15, 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.	John Petrini	PennDOT District 4
David Alas	PennDOT Central	Harold Pudliner*	Carbon Co. Redevelopment
Chris Barrett	PMVB	Emma Pugh	PennDOT District 4
David Bodnar	Carbon Co. Planning	Nick Raio*	PennDOT Central
Jennifer Borino	PennDOT District 4	Daniel Reese	Luzerne County
John Christy*	Monroe Co.	Krista Ripley*	STS
Scott Cressman	PennDOT District 5	Jen Ruth	PennDOT District 5
Cynthia Defebo	Pike County	Rich Schlameuss*	MCTA
Steve Fisher*	PennDOT District 4	Susan Smith*	Schuylkill Co. Planning
Brian Funkhouser	Michael Baker Intl.	Nate Staruch	Monroe Co. Planning
Jodi Hinger	Carbon County	Scott Vottero	PennDOT District 5
AJ Knee*	LANTA		
Robert Manzella	Luzerne Co. Planning	Jeff Box	NEPA Alliance
Christine Meinhart-Fritz*	Monroe Co. Planning	Nettie Ginocchetti	NEPA Alliance
Mike Mrozinski*	Pike Co. Planning	Kate McMahon	NEPA Alliance
Nyomi Nonnemaker	PennDOT Central	Jonathan Shaw	NEPA Alliance
Ken O'Brien	HDR	Daniel Yelito	NEPA Alliance
Larry Peterson*	PennDOT District 5		

*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: Ms. Meinhart-Fritz requested a motion from the Technical Committee to approve the minutes from the August 18, 2026, Technical Committee Meeting. A motion was made by Mr. Christy, seconded by Mr. Pudliner, to approve the minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Meinhart-Fritz called meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

1) Business Items

- a) Approval of Minutes from the August 18, 2026, Technical Committee Business Meeting
Ms. Meinhart-Fritz requested a motion from the Technical Committee to approve the minutes from the August 18, 2026, Technical Committee Meeting. A motion was made by Mr. Christy, seconded by Mr. Pudliner, 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 – SR 6 over Wallenpaupack Creek and PP and L Flume – Cashflow adjustment while increasing federal funds and decreasing state funds to establish 80/20 fed/state share for obligation. Funds were returned to the Highway Reserve and Bridge Reserve. The Deob Reserve Line Item was utilized as a balancing source to maintain fiscal constraint.

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 61 Resurfacing Walmart Plaza to SR 1004 – Increase to cover PS&E estimate. The source is the NEPA Highway & Bridge Regional Line Item.

Action 2 – Brockton Mtn Road over Locust Creek – Increased to cover undercut, additional protective fence, vibration monitoring, and well survey. The sources are NEPAPM #7 and the NEPA Highway & Bridge Regional Line Item.

Action 3 – Columbia Street Arch Bridge – CON phase increased to cover AC amount. The sources are the Columbia Street Arch Bridge PE phase, 443 Roadway Improvements, Existing Message Board, NEPA PM #7, and the NEPA Highway & Bridge Regional Line Item.

Action 4 – US 209 over Eagle Hill Run – Increase funds to match current estimate. The sources are SR 209 over Mine Hollow Run, NEPA Bridge Preservation and Repair #9 and the NEPA Highway & Bridge Regional Line Item.

Action 5 – Box Culvert Bundle Round 1 – ROW acquisition services. The sources are Main Blvd over Trib Catawissa Creek, NEPA PM #7, and the NEPA Highway & Bridge Regional Line Item.

Action 6 – Delaware Ave Signal Improvements – Increase to meet low bid. The source is Urban Regional Reserve Line Item.

Action 7 – Red Rock Rd over Paradise Creek – Increased to match 971 damage claim estimate. The source is the NEPA Highway & Bridge Regional Line Item.

Action 8 – St. Clair to Frackville Reconstruction – Adding STP and NHPP funds due to HSIP maximum allowance on project being exceeded. The sources are AMTRAK Passenger Rail, Hamilton West Resurface-Sciota, SR 715 over McMichael's Creek II, the Urban Regional Reserve Line Item, and the NEPA Highway & Bridge Regional Line Item.

Action 9 – St. Clair to Frackville Reconstruction – Cashflowed to use available NHPP and STP funds for 26. The sources are PA 33 Resurfacing, PA 33 Median Barrier, Hamilton West Resurface-Sciota, 209 Betterment, NEPA Camera Gaps, and the NEPA Highway & Bridge Regional Line Item.

Action 10 – PA 715 Stone Arch Replace – FD phase increase to providing assistance with right-of-way plan interpretation, addressing final structure plan comments and completing utilities. The sources are PA 309 Resurface Ben Titus Rd North, PA 715 Stone Arch Replace CON phase, and the NEPA Highway & Bridge Regional Line Item.

Action 11 – Gap View Drive – Hallet Road over Cranberry Run – Upper Smith Gap Rd over Aquashicola Creek – Sugar Hollow Road over Sugar Hollow Creek – Paradise Road over Upper Little Swatara Creek – Advance E&S plans, utility coordination and foundation design to finalize DEP permit. The sources are Paradise Rd over Upper Little Swatara Creek FD and ROW phases, the NEPA Highway & Bridge Regional Line Item.

Action 12 – SR 715/611 Intersection – Cash Flowed to use available 581 funds. The NEPA Highway & Bridge Regional Line Item was used as a balancing source to maintain fiscal constraint.

Action 13 – PA 209 Mt Nebo to Holy Cross Rd – Increase due to additional design cost for the turn lanes at the intersection and design costs for the riparian buffer issues with NPDES permit. The sources are NEPA low cost signal upgrades and the NEPA Highway & Bridge Regional Line Item.

Interstate Action 1 – I-80 sec 17M Breakout – Increased to match low bid. The source is the Interstate Contingency Line Item.

Interstate Action 2 – I-80 Exit 308 Realignment – CON cost increase due to NTP issue which resulted in shifting the construction season. The source is the Interstate Contingency Line Item.

Interstate Action 3 – I-80 Sec 17M Breakout #2 Exit 304/305 – End of year cashflow. The source is I-80 from Creek Rad to SR 487.

Statewide Action 1 – 611/715 Improvements – Cash flow to align with anticipated LET date 8/12/27. The Girard Point Bridge Rehab was used as a balancing source to maintain fiscal constraint.

Statewide Action 2 – Route 447 Hot-in-Place – Phase added to the TIP. The source is the RDP Reserve Line Item.

Statewide Action 3 – PA 209 Holy Cross Road to Hollow Road – Decrease sHSIP funds to match 1:1 BCR application amount. PA 209 Middle Smithfield Elem. Drive to Portuguese Lane – Cashflow pre-con phases out to later years to better align with let date of 4/1/2029. Projects are carried on the FY27 TIP. The HSIP Set-Aside Reserve used as balancing source of funds to maintain fiscal constraint.

Mr. Christy asked when the PA 209 Mt Nebo to Holy Cross Rd project would be let. Ms. Ruth stated that the let date would be August 2028. The project has received CE clearance and is entering the FD and ROW phases. Ms. Meinhart-Fritz asked for an update on the 611/715 Improvements project. Mr. Cressman stated that PennDOT can set up a future meeting to give Monroe County an update.

3) Transportation Planning & Programs

a) Current Project Status Update – TA/ARC/MTF/FLAP Projects

Mr. Fisher provided an update on TA/ARC/MTF/FLAP projects in District 4. Mr. Vottero provided an update on TA/ARC/MTF/FLAP projects in District 5.

Mr. Mrozinski asked for confirmation that county MTF funding was added to the Carlton Hill Road over Taylor Creek Project. Mr. Fisher stated that he would follow up with Mr. Mrozinski.

b) Long Range Transportation Plan

Mr. Funkhouser provided a presentation on the Long Range Transportation Plan update. The LRTP Steering Committee held a kickoff meeting on August 11, 2026. Data collection and analysis has begun, and NEPA staff have conducted public outreach at community events across the NEPA MPO region. The LRTP public input map can be found here: <https://wikimapping.com/wikimapping-project>. Later in the year, the project team will begin conducting stakeholder interviews and complete data collection for the LRTP Regional Profile.

Mr. Ahner asked which events NEPA Staff would attend in Carbon County. Ms. McMahon stated that NEPA staff will be attending the Carbon County COG Meeting and the State of the County Breakfast. Mr. Ahner asked if NEPA Staff could look for events to attend in Lehigh. Ms. Meinhart-Fritz stated that NEPA staff did an outstanding job at the West End Fair. Mr. Yelito stated that he is also promoting the survey at LTAP classes to get municipal workers involved. Ms. Smith stated that she would be sharing the public input tool at the Schuylkill County EMA LEPC Conference. Mr. Knee stated that LANTA can share the tool on public transit and noted that Lehigh has had some turnover in municipal staff. Ms. Smith asked if the project team could ask about PA 183 during the stakeholder interview with RATS MPO. Mr. Funkhouser confirmed that they would.

c) 2027-2029 Unified Planning Work Program

Ms. McMahon stated that development of the draft 2027-2029 UPWP is ongoing. A Supplemental Planning Study request was made from Schuylkill County for a Tamaqua Gateway Study. A gap through Tamaqua was identified in the 9/11 National Memorial Trail Anthracite Connector Feasibility Study. The study would identify the trail alignment and look at traffic calming options coming into Tamaqua from the Western end of the borough. The study would be included as a separate task in the draft UPWP. If Central

Office does not grant the supplemental request the UPWP would be amended to remove the task. The NEPA MPO is anticipating that the study would cost roughly \$100,000 and be done by Michael Baker under their open-end agreement. Ms. Meinhart asked if there were other funding opportunities for the study. Ms. McMahon stated that there are other programs through DCNR, but a 50/50 match is required. Ms. Smith stated that Schuylkill County is also pursuing DCNR grants, but that the project is related more to traffic calming than trail development.

Ms. McMahon stated that the next UPWP also identifies an update to the Coordinated Transit-Human Services Plan. Initial conversations with Luzerne County have been underway about doing a joint Coordinated Transit Plan with the LLTS MPO. A joint plan would help identify transit needs between all counties. Mr. Knee stated that PennDOT has an inter-city bus coordinator that may be a useful contact for the future plan update.

Ms. McMahon stated that the Draft UPWP will be presented to the Technical Committee at the October 13 Technical Committee Meeting. The Technical Committee will vote to approve sending the draft UPWP to FHWA and FTA for a 45-day public comment period. The UPWP will be brought for adoption at the December 15th Joint Technical Committee and Policy Board Meeting. The UPWP will then go before the NEPA Board in January for final approval.

d) Active Transportation Plan Implementation

Ms. McMahon stated that the Active Transportation Task Force is planning two Active Transportation Workshops for October and November. The Schuylkill/Carbon county workshop will be held at the Lehigh Carbon Community College Tamaqua campus. The Monroe/Pike county workshop could not be held at Middle Smithfield's Community Building, so NEPA staff are reaching out to ESU for a potential meeting space. Once dates and locations are confirmed information will be sent out to schedule the workshops.

e) Eastern PA Freight Alliance

Ms. McMahon stated that a coordination meeting was held on August 27, 2026, to prioritize action items for the group moving forward. LVPC organized the plan recommendations into a single excel spreadsheet and asked EPFA members to update the alliance on any projects, and rank policy recommendations. Many of the projects identified in the NEPA MPO region are already programed.

f) NEVI Community Charging Round

Ms. McMahon stated that the NEPA MPO identified priority locations for EV charging in 2025 based on the results of the NEVI Community Charging survey and submitted the results to PennDOT. PennDOT has divided the state into four regions for the NEVI Community Charging Funding Rounds. The Eastern Region program is expected to open by the end of September. Interested Organizations can apply for funding to install electric vehicle charging stations. Awards will be between \$500,000 and \$1,000,000 with a 20% match.

Mr. Christy asked if contractors and businesses would be eligible for the program. Ms. McMahon stated that they are eligible for the program, and that PennDOT has some requirements for site location and requires coordination with electric suppliers to ensure that adequate infrastructure can power the charging stations. Ms. Meinhart-Fritz stated that several Wawa stores have been proposed in Monroe County and asked if they would be eligible as site hosts. Ms. McMahon stated that they should be eligible. Mr. Fisher asked if PennDOT is coordinating NEVI charging station construction across state lines so that two stations are not constructed across the border from each other. Ms. McMahon stated that she would reach out to PennDOT's Alternative Fuels Coordinator to speak at the next MPO meeting. Ms. Smith stated that potential applicants must submit an interested organization form on the PennDOT website. Some EV stations in Frackville have been brought online.

4) Other Business

Ms. McMahon stated that Mr. Raio was promoted to Western Section Manager position in PennDOT CPDM and will no longer be the Central Office Representative for the NEPA MPO. Mr. Alas and Ms. Nonnemaker will be the PennDOT contacts until Mr. Raio's spot is filled. Mr. Raio thanked everyone and stated it has been great working with the NEPA MPO.

5) Adjournment

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

NEPA
FISCAL CONSTRAINT TABLE
FFY 2025-2028 TIP Highway Element
PMC Request/Administrative Action Request

Modifications from September 8, 2026 to October 5 , 2026..

MPO Meeting: October 13 , 2026.

Interstate Administrative Action #1				Fund Type		FFY 2025			FFY 2026			FFY 2027			FFY 2028			FFY 2029 and Beyond			Total	Remarks	
Project Title	MPMS	Phase	Amts	Fed.	Sta.	Fed. (\$)	State (\$)	Loc/Oth (\$)	Fed. (\$)	State (\$)	Loc/Oth (\$)	Fed. (\$)	State (\$)	Loc/Oth (\$)	Fed. (\$)	State (\$)	Loc/Oth (\$)	Fed. (\$)	State (\$)	Loc/Oth (\$)			
I-80 Sec 17M Breakout 80 - BO1 Monroe County	118999	CON	Before	BRIP	Toll				3,995,398						30,000,000						33,995,398.00	AC Conversion using August Redistribution.	
			Before	NHPP	Toll				44,844,363				50,000,000			40,000,000			89,457,600		224,301,963.00		
			Adjust	BRIP	Toll																0.00		
			Adjust	NHPP	Toll				43,771,876								(43,771,876)				0.00		
			After	BRIP	Toll				3,995,398						30,000,000						33,995,398.00		
			After	NHPP	Toll				88,616,239				50,000,000			40,000,000			45,685,724		224,301,963.00		
Interstate Contingency / Central Office	75891	CON	Before	BRIP	185											4,311,900			1,457,304	17,010,026	22,779,230.00	Balancing Source	
			Before	NHPP	581		3,000,000		16,577,860	2,003,821		11,126,396	2,944,597		8,071,909	12,842,668		32,336,303	48,317,735	137,221,289.00			
			Adjust	BRIP	185																0.00		
			Adjust	NHPP	581													43,771,876			43,771,876.00		
			After	BRIP	185											4,311,900		1,457,304	17,010,026	22,779,230.00			
			After	NHPP	581		3,000,000		16,577,860	2,003,821		11,126,396	2,944,597		8,071,909	12,842,668		76,108,179	48,317,735	180,993,165.00			
Statewide Administrative Action #1				Fund Type		FFY 2025			FFY 2026			FFY 2027			FFY 2028			FFY 2029 and Beyond			Total	Remarks	
Project Title	MPMS	Phase	Amts	Fed.	Sta.	Fed. (\$)	State (\$)	Loc/Oth (\$)	Fed. (\$)	State (\$)	Loc/Oth (\$)	Fed. (\$)	State (\$)	Loc/Oth (\$)	Fed. (\$)	State (\$)	Loc/Oth (\$)	Fed. (\$)	State (\$)	Loc/Oth (\$)			
PA 33 Median Barrier SR 2002 33 - 05S Monroe County	110457	CON	Before	sSTP	Toll				0			13,200,000									13,200,000.00	Cashflow and aligned with anticipated need. 9/17/2026 EST let date.	
			Adjust	sSTP	Toll				1,124,201			(1,124,201)									0.00		
			After	sSTP	Toll				1,124,201			12,075,799									13,200,000.00		
STP Reserve / Central Office	102620	CON	Before	sSTP	Toll				15,877,947			3,843,000			27,000			100,668,852.00			120,416,799.00	Line item used as funding source to maintain fiscal constraint.	
			Adjust	sSTP	Toll				(1,124,201)			1,124,201								0.00			
			After	sSTP	Toll				14,753,746			4,967,201			27,000			100,668,852			120,416,799.00		
Administrative Action #1				Fund Type		FFY 2025			FFY 2026			FFY 2027			FFY 2028			FFY 2029 and Beyond			Total	Remarks	
Project Title	MPMS	Phase	Amts	Fed.	Sta.	Fed. (\$)	State (\$)	Loc/Oth (\$)	Fed. (\$)	State (\$)	Loc/Oth (\$)	Fed. (\$)	State (\$)	Loc/Oth (\$)	Fed. (\$)	State (\$)	Loc/Oth (\$)	Fed. (\$)	State (\$)	Loc/Oth (\$)			
NEPA BPN-4 Guide Rail Upgrades 3021 - BPN Monroe County	120986	CON	Before		581		50,000			50,000			50,000			50,000					200,000.00	Released due to funds not being encumbered. Carried on the 27 TIP under MPMS #123526	
			Adjust		581		(50,000)			(50,000)			100,000								0.00		
			After		581		0			0			150,000				50,000				200,000.00		
St.Clair to Frackville Reconstruction 61 - 14M Schuylkill County	96470	CON	Before	CRP																	0.00	Balancing source to maintain fiscal constraint	
			Before	sHSIP	s581	4,500,000	8,500,000		2,500,000												15,500,000.00		
			Before	NHPP	581	10,868,096			2,320,015	2,233,477		3,787,265	513,848		318,499	572,422			9,072,678		29,686,300.00		
			Before	STP		6,915,326			7,420			93,910			720,606			4,935,520			12,672,782.00		
			Adjust	NHPP	581		50,000			50,000			(100,000)								0.00		
			After	CRP																	0.00		
			After	sHSIP	s581	4,500,000	8,500,000		2,500,000												15,500,000.00		
			After	NHPP	581	10,868,096	50,000		2,320,015	2,283,477		3,787,265	413,848		318,499	572,422			9,072,678		29,686,300.00		
After			STP		6,915,326			7,420			93,910			720,606			4,935,520			12,672,782.00			
Administrative Action #2				Fund Type		FFY 2025			FFY 2026			FFY 2027			FFY 2028			FFY 2029 and Beyond			Total	Remarks	
Project Title	MPMS	Phase	Amts	Fed.	Sta.	Fed. (\$)	State (\$)	Loc/Oth (\$)	Fed. (\$)	State (\$)	Loc/Oth (\$)	Fed. (\$)	State (\$)	Loc/Oth (\$)	Fed. (\$)	State (\$)	Loc/Oth (\$)	Fed. (\$)	State (\$)	Loc/Oth (\$)			
St.Clair to Frackville Reconstruction 61 - 14M Schuylkill County	96470	CON	Before	CRP																	0.00	AC Conversion using August Redistribution	
			Before	sHSIP	s581	4,500,000	8,500,000		2,500,000														15,500,000.00
			Before	NHPP	581	10,868,096	50,000		2,320,015	2,283,477		3,787,265	413,848		318,499	572,422			9,072,678		29,686,300.00		
			Before	STP		6,915,326			7,420			93,910			720,606			4,935,520			12,672,782.00		
			Adjust	NHPP	581				2,155,927			(1,837,428)			(318,499)						0.00		
			After	CRP																			0.00
			After	sHSIP	s581	4,500,000	8,500,000		2,500,000														15,500,000.00
			After	NHPP	581	10,868,096	50,000		4,475,942	2,283,477		1,949,837	413,848			572,422			9,072,678		29,686,300.00		
NEPA Highway & Bridge Regional Line Item Carbon County	102240	CON	Before	BOF	185										64,328	5,405		28,201,478	12,037,450		42,143,844.00	Balancing source to maintain fiscal constraint	
			Before	BRIP											11,836			31,237,206			31,249,042.00		
			Before	NHPP	581							1,661,247	628,653		3,211,525	1,013,938		30,734,272	58,087,942		95,337,577.00		
			Before	STP								1,218,569			928,852			28,026,047			30,173,468.00		
			Adjust	NHPP	581							1,837,428			318,499						2,155,927.00		
			After	BOF	185							64,328	5,405			1,835,183		28,201,478	12,037,450		42,143,844.00		
			After	BRIP											11,836			31,237,206			31,249,042.00		
			After	NHPP	581							3,498,675	628,653		3,530,024	1,013,938		30,734,272	58,087,942		97,493,504.00		
After			STP								1,218,569			928,852			28,026,047			30,173,468.00			
Before FFY Totals						0	3,000,000	0	65,417,621	2,003,821	0	61,126,396	2,944,597	0	78,071,909	17,154,568	0	123,251,207	65,327,761	0	418,297,880	Actions do not affect the project delivery schedules or air quality conformity.	
FFY Adjustment Totals						0	0	0	43,771,876	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	43,771,876		
After FFY Totals						0	3,000,000	0	109,189,497	2,003,821	0	61,126,396	2,944,597	0	78,071,909	17,154,568	0	123,251,207	65,327,761	0	462,069,756		

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PIKE COUNTY

SR 6-456 – SR 6 over Spring Brook

MPMS 116692 – estimated let 1/27/2028 – Dominick Lovallo

- Agreement executed 2/21/2025
- In Preliminary Engineering Phase, working on/ Progressing the following items:
 - Preliminary E&S Plan
 - Preliminary MPT Plan
 - Preliminary Roadway Plan
 - Preliminary Cross Sections
 - Utility Coordination
 - H&H
 - TS&L
 - Preliminary Safety Review

SR 6-472 - SR 6 over Wallenpaupack Creek and PP and L Flume

MPMS 68758 – estimated let 12/3/2026 – Dominick Lovallo

- Environmental Scoping held 11/1/2016
- Project currently in Final Design phase, NTP 9/5/2024
- Scoping Form approved 2/6/2018
- Line Grade & Typical Section approved 6/6/2018
- Flume Bridge Type, Size and Location approved 7/13/2020
- Environmental Clearance approved 8/16/2024
- ROW is clear 5/29/2025
- Permit received
- PS&E Package delivered 6/25/25
- Traffic Control Plan being signed at October Township Meeting
- Still need Utility Clearance to finalize remaining items in PS&E package; With Verizon legal department

SR 434-473 – SR 434 over Branch Ballard Creek

MPMS 68843 – estimated let 1/27/2028 – Laury De Jesus

- Utility verification plans sent 05/02/2025
- Virtual Plans display was submitted 06/03/2025
- Archaeology report approved 10/29/2025
- L&G WAIVER 10/30/2025
- DFV comments received 10/18/2025
- TS&L approved 10/28/2025
- DFV meeting 1/12/2026
- BRPA approval 1/12/2026
- Working through Final Design

SR 1006-D50 – SR 1006 over Shohola Creek

MPMS 9411 – estimated let 4/27/2028 – Laury De Jesus

- Project currently in Preliminary Engineering phase, NTP issued 11/14/2024.
- Utility notification sent 5/9/2025
- Bridge alternatives analysis meeting – update project to replacement. 09/2025
- Updating scope to include additional items 09/2025

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- Safety Review, TS&L, SEPS, and H&H pending

SR 4003-450 – SR 4003 over Masthope Creek

MPMS 9343 – estimated let 1/27/2028 – Laury De Jesus

- Project currently in Preliminary Engineering phase, NTP issued 11/14/2024.
- Pre-design meeting 6/10/2025
- Submitted TS&L report 10/17/2025
- Developed ROW plans
- Scoping document approved
- Completed additional field survey and developed cad files 10/13/2025
- Line and Grade Meeting 10/20/2025
- Submitted draft public involvement document 10/09/2025
- Drilling bid opening and award 1/02/2026
- Meetings with PA Game Commission 1/9/2026 and 1/26/2026
- 30% Constructability Meeting held 3/30/2026
- Advance level 1B CE/BRPA – section 4(f) for PGC (being worked on)

SR 7204-456 – Carlton Hill Road over Taylor Creek

MPMS 116060 – estimated 6/10/27 – Laury De Jesus

- Designer selected through Local Engineering Agreement 9/3/2021
- Reimbursement agreement for local designer executed 3/31/2022
- Local Engineering Agreement executed on 6/1/2022
- Notice To Proceed for Preliminary Engineering 6/7/2022
- Project put on hold by Pike County on 6/30/2022 to re-evaluate project costs
- Notice To Proceed for Preliminary Engineering reissued 10/14/2022
- Environmental Scoping approved on 12/08/2022
- Line, grade, and typical section approved 9/11/2023
- Type, Size and Location approved on 3/19/2024
- Pavement design approved 12/2/2024
- Public meeting held on 10/2/2024
- Hydrologic and Hydraulic analysis resubmitted on 10/15/2024
- DFV approval 9/17/2025
- E&S Plan Technically complete 2/5/2025
- PADEP permit submitted 01/30/2026
- ROW acquisition active
- CE approved 8/22/2025
- Final Plan Check, Final Safety Review, Structure Plan Complete
- Entered Final Design March 2026

SR 7210-457 – Shohola Falls Road over Balliard Creek

MPMS 116059 – estimated let 4/29/2027 – Laury De Jesus

- Designer selected through Local Engineering Agreement 9/3/2021
- Reimbursement agreement for local designer executed 3/31/2022
- Local Engineering Agreement executed on 6/1/2022
- Notice To Proceed for Preliminary Engineering 6/2/2022
- Project put on hold by Pike County on 6/30/2022 to re-evaluate project costs
- Notice To Proceed for Preliminary Engineering re-issued 10/14/2022
- Line, grade, and typical section approved 9/19/2023
- Pavement design approved 10/15/2024
- Hydrologic and Hydraulic analysis approved 9/20/2024
- Type, Size and Location conditionally approved 3/14/2024

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- Public meeting held on 10/10/2024
- DFV Approval 3/4/2025
- TS&L approval 2/19/2025
- Final ROW plan arrival 8/26/2025
- Foundation approval 8/28/2025
- Structure Plan Resubmitted 1/21/2026
- 60% Constructability Review 12/17/2025
- PADEP Permit Submission Approved 2/2/2026
- Final Plan check, Final Safety Review Complete
- 90% Constructability Review 6/8/2026
- Entered Final Design August 2025

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CARBON COUNTY

SR 0080-19B – I-80 Bridge Improvements (C-B. Rotz)

Various Municipalities

MPMS 72746 – est. let January 25, 2029

- Preliminary Engineering underway.
- Preparing Wetland Identification and Delineation Reports.
- Bridge Rehabilitation Assessment Reports for 4 bridges submitted for review on May 21, 2025
- Bridge Unit recommends full replacement of 4 bridges instead of rehabilitation. Additional PE, FD and CON funds needed. Coordinating with Interstate Steering Committee to determine if additional funds are available. Notified that additional funding is in place on January 08, 2026
- PE scope of work amended to include full bridge replacements.
- Let date adjusted to allow for additional design time.
- Coordinating with the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission on bridge and roadway design requirements.

SR 903-04B – SR 903 over Mud Run Bridge Replacement (C-K. Bellotti)

Penn Forest Township

MPMS 109967 - est. let July 2, 2026

- Bids opened July 2, 2026. H&K Group Low Bidder.
- Bid amount was \$4,917,820.99
- Preconstruction meeting held August 11, 2026, and Notice to Proceed granted to the contractor.

SR 2002-03B – Hunter Creek Bridge (C-L. Montgomery)

Lower Towamensing Township

MPMS 96416 – est. let November 4, 2027

- GP-11 permit being developed.
- Structure Foundation Report being developed.
- Bat Survey complete, working on PNDI clearance.
- Final ROW plan under review by District.
- Phase III hazardous waste testing to be completed in October.
- Let date moved to November 4, 2027, due to delays in securing additional final design funds.

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MONROE COUNTY

SR 0380-07B - I-380 Bridge Improvements (C-J. Fertich)

Tobyhanna and Tunkhannock Townships

MPMS 112355 – est. let November 9, 2028

- TS&L Pro-Team meeting held for 4 structures on August 25, 2025
- For the Culvert rehabs:
 - TS&L conditional approval on December 24, 2025
 - L&G approved on June 2, 2026
 - H&H approved on June 2, 2026
- For the Bridge replacements, Line & Grade, TS&L, and environmental studies are in progress.
- Preliminary Engineering Supplement executed on July 16, 2026, for additional design work.

SR 715-04B – over McMichael’s Creek Replacement (C-D. Wilson)

Chestnuthill Township

MPMS 96434 – est. let March 25, 2026

- Let date moved to March 25, 2027, due to right-of-way process.
- Final structure plan was approved August 7, 2026

SR 1003 02B – Hallet Road over Cranberry Run Replacement (C-D. Wilson)

Stroud Township

MPMS 79207 – est. let December 7, 2028

- Line & grade was approved June 4, 2026
- Coordination on span length ongoing.

SR 1006-02B – Red Rock Road over Paradise Creek (C-L. Montgomery)

Paradise Township

MPMS 79203 – est. let October 7, 2027

- Traffic Control Plan and specification resubmitted, comments issued August 24, 2026
- Final ROW plan submitted for signatures September 15, 2026
- GP-11 submitted to District for review September 4, 2026

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SR 2012-BRM – NEPA Region Bridge Preventative Maintenance 8 Project (C-B. Rotz)

Stroudsburg Borough

MPMS 113494 – est. let January 14, 2027

- Project is in Preliminary Engineering.
- Evaluated scope and cost of bridge repairs and determined 10 structures to be included in this package. Reviewed construction cost estimates, structure types and funding again in October 2023, divided structures into PM 8 and PM 9 (MPMS 114329) packages. PM 9 will be 100% state funded and include any structures less than 20 feet, now 6 structures total. PM 8 will now include 6 structures and construction cost estimate matches TIP programmed funding.
- PennDOT Connects project information forms completed and held meetings with municipalities, counties and MPO for input on May 11 and 21, 2026.
- Pavement Design information completed.
- Safety Review Waiver submissions for the rest of the 5 structures submitted for review July 22, 2025, approved on September 18, 2025
- Right-of-Way acquisition needed for 5 of 6 structures. Preliminary Right-of-Way Plans for all 5 structures submitted for review on March 25, 2025, and May 7, 2025. 5 plans all approved by September 6, 2025. All 5 plans signed by DE on November 05, 2025. Funding approved and appraisals completed. Currently negotiating settlements with property owners. Final Right of Way Clearance issued for SR 4033 on September 11, 2026, and SR 0191 on September 15, 2026
- Section 4(f) Temporary Occupancy form for SR 9101, No Use form for SR 209 over RBMN RR, and Temporary Occupancy for SR 209 over Panther Creek all approved by September 23, 2025
- BRPA approved on October 30, 2025. BRPA Reevaluation to add individual MPMS numbers for all structures approved on November 10, 2025
- Preparing Final Structure Plan Submissions for all structures and coordinating review comments with District.
- Preparing E&S Plans and DEP permit submissions. All PNDI and bat documentation updated and 5 DEP permit submissions made by July 29, 2026. SR 209 over Panther Creek permit issued on September 9, 2026
- Coordinating railroad agreement with Reading Blue Mountain and Northern railroad.
- On September 8, 2026, determined SR 443 and SR 3002 structures would be moved from the MPMS 120984 NEPA BOB3 project to this NEPA PM 8 package to better align available construction funds. Will revise all clearances and PS&E package as needed to incorporate two new structures.
- Coordinating railroad agreement with Reading Blue Mountain and Northern railroad.

SR 2021 01B – Gap View Drive over Marshalls Creek Replacement (C-D. Wilson)

Smithfield Township

MPMS 121653 – est. let May 11, 2028

- 30% Constructability Review completed July 16, 2026
- Preliminary Right-of-Way plan submitted July 23, 2026
- BRPA approved August 21, 2026
- Design Field View was approved September 3, 2026

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SR 2036-01B – Shiffer Rd over PA 33 (C-K. Oszeyczik)

Hamilton Township

MPMS 85808 – est. let February 25, 2027

- Let date moved to avoid conflict with the closure of the Business 209 bridge over Kettle Creek (ECMS 85882) reconstruction scheduled to take place in summer 2027.
- ROW Negotiations on-going.
- Environmental Permitting –
 - Chapter 102 permit application resubmitted for technical review. Currently in 30-day public notice period.
 - Chapter 105 permit application - technical review complete. Approval pending E&S plan approval in Chapter 102 application.
- Environmental Clearance – A re-evaluation of the approved CE document is being prepared for the new bridge alignment. Awaiting approval of bat survey findings (June 2026) to attach to the CE document. No significant change is anticipated.
- A revised Drainage Facilities Maintenance Agreement with updated Exhibit A was prepared and sent to Hamilton Township for review and signature (September 2026).
- Shiffer Road detour coordination on-going with emergency service providers, post office and school buses.
- Structure Foundation Report submitted and approved (September 2026).
- Upcoming submissions:
 - CE Re-Evaluation
 - Final Structure Plans
 - 90% Constructability Review

SR 3002-01B – Upper Smith Gap Road over Aquashicola Creek Replacement (C-J. Fertich)

Eldred Township

MPMS 94301 – est. let June 8, 2028

- Line & Grade submitted No. 2 submitted on September 2, 2026, in PDCC for review.
- TS&L submitted on January 26, 2026. District provided comments on February 20, 2026. Resubmission required. Consultant waiting for L&G approval before resubmitting TS&L.
- H&H submitted on January 26, 2026, in PDCC for review. District provided comments on April 10, 2026, Resubmission required. Consultant waiting for L&G approval before resubmitting TS&L.
- Environmental studies are in progress.

SR 3011-02B – Sugar Hollow Road over Sugar Hollow Creek Replacement (C-J. Fertich)

Chestnuthill Township

MPMS 121656 – est. let July 13, 2028

- Preliminary design underway.
- TS&L Pro-Team meeting held on January 29, 2026
- Line & Grade Submission No. 1 was submitted on September 1, 2026, in PDCC for review.
- On July 7, 2026, the Township Supervisors signed the detour approval form for PennDOT to use township roadways for the local truck movements in and out of the landscaping business at the north end of the project site.
- TS&L, H&H, and environmental studies are in progress.

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SR 3023-02B – Kellersville Historic Structures (C-B. Rotz)

Hamilton Township

MPMS 93634 – est. let November 09, 2028

- Preliminary Engineering continues.
- Environmental and cultural resource work ongoing.
- Let date changed to November 09, 2028, due to significant Section 106 cultural resource coordination.
- Designer prepared Determination of Effect (DOE) Report. Includes full replacement of both the bridge and culvert, which will result in an Adverse Effect since the structures are contributing elements to the Kellersville Historic District. Held meeting to review mitigation measures with PennDOT Cultural Resource Professional (CRP) on June 20, 2024. Revised DOE report submitted on September 13, 2024; CRP approved on September 23, 2024. CRP posted DOE Report in PATH on February 26, 2025, SHPO concurred on March 13, 2025. CRP now needs to do consultation for resolution of the adverse effects and mitigation. Letter of Agreement (LOA) must be prepared with SHPO. LOA reviewed by CO and Chief Counsel, posted to PATH for SHPO and CP review April 22, 2026, comment period ended May 22, 2026. SHPO comments issued on May 04, 2026, requested changes to the LOA language and stone arch management process. Meeting held with CO and with District staff on May 29, 2026, to ensure changes can be accommodated. Revised LOA posted to PATH on July 29, 2026, SHPO concurred on August 10, 2026. LOA now being circulated for signatures, SHPO signed on August 13, 2026, need CO, OCC and FHWA to finalize agreement.
- H&H Report submitted, and comments issued on March 15, 2024. Revised H&H Report submitted for review on September 11, 2024, comments issued on September 20, 2024. Revised submission received December 2024, comments issued on March 17, 2025, requested model revisions and resubmission. H&H review meeting held on April 02, 2025. Revised H&H Report submitted on May 07, 2025, conditional approval issued on May 13, 2025, pending supplemental plan review in Final Design.
- Designer requested pre-application meeting with DEP to discuss stream causeway details for Joint Permit Application. Awaiting E&S Plan and meeting materials prior to scheduling.
- Preliminary Right-of-Way Plan submitted for review on January 06, 2026, comments issued on May 22, 2026. Designer preparing revised plan.
- Design Field View Submission submitted for review on October 21, 2025. Approval memo issued on April 21, 2026, contingent upon environmental clearance.
- Let date moved to allow adequate time for LOA approval process.
- Draft Section 4(f) forms for bridges and historic district submitted for review on April 29, 2026.
- Designer revising forms based on final LOA mitigation measures.
- Core boring bids received on February 17, 2026. Received approval to award to low bidder, GeoStructures, on March 03, 2026. Proposed lab testing program concurrence issued on May 19, 2026

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SR 3026-02B – Smith Hill Road over Appenzell Creek (C-D. Wilson)

Jackson Township

MPMS 79190 – est. let November 21, 2027

- Design Field View was resubmitted August 18, 2026
- Updated SEPS approved September 8, 2026
- Preliminary ROW plans resubmitted August 6, 2026

SCHUYLKILL COUNTY

SR 209-BCB – NEPA Box Culvert Bundle (C-L. Montgomery)

New Philadelphia Borough, Blythe Twp, Shenandoah Borough, Pine Grove Twp, and Hamilton Twp

MPMS 116811 - est. let August 26, 2027

- SR 3018-02B; ROW meeting held September 8, 2026, with acquisition firm, minor plan comments being addressed. H&H resubmitted May 28, 2026, awaiting District approval. Structure Foundation Report being developed. Permit submitted to DEP August 13, 2026
- SR 443-04B; ROW meeting held September 8, 2026, with acquisition firm, minor plan comments being addressed. Structure Foundation Report being developed. Permit submitted to DEP August 7, 2026
- SR 54-07B; Project separated from box bundle on draft 2027 TIP but including in overall BRPA. Project was not selected for PennDOT Multimodal Grant.
- SR 209-09B; ROW meeting held September 8, 2026, with acquisition firm, minor plan comments being addressed. Structure Foundation Report reviewed, minor comments provided September 20, 2026. Permit submitted to DEP August 10, 2026
- SR 209-11B; ROW meeting held September 8, 2026, with acquisition firm, minor plan comments being addressed. Structure Foundation Report being developed. Permit submitted to DEP August 7, 2026

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SR 443-03B – SR 443 over Swatara Creek Replacement (C-S. Finan)

Pine Grove Township

MPMS 85835 - est. let April 12, 2029

- Scoping Field View approved March 2025
- Phase 1 Bog Turtle (negative) report approved September 24, 2025
- ACM/LBP approved September 24, 2025
- Alignment concepts have been reviewed. Alternative 3 will be advanced. 443 will be realigned in order to improve geometry and avoid detours during construction.
- Wetland Report approved September 11, 2026
- Geomorphology memo submitted April 18, 2026. Memo accepted June 1, 2026. Phase 1 report will be required.
- Line and Grade/Safety submitted July 29, 2026

SR 924-06B – Main Boulevard over tributary to Catawissa Creek (C-L. Montgomery)

East Union Township

MPMS 85817 - est. let May 27, 2027

- GP-11 permits submitted for all structures July 31, 2026. Technical comments received on SR 924-06B.
- Utility meeting was held June 24, 2026. Relocation coordination underway.
- Structure foundation reports submitted for SR 924-06B approved August 11, 2026, SR 924-07B under review.
- Final TCP, SPMP and 901 specification submitted, comments issued August 24, 2026
- RULD's submitted to District August 3, 2026
- Pavement design submitted to District September 4, 2026

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SR 3002-01B – SR 3002 over Upper Little Swatara Creek (C-B. Rotz)

Washington Township

MPMS 117330 – est. let November 2, 2028

- Preliminary Engineering ongoing.
- Asbestos and Lead Based Paint Investigation report submitted for review on July 09, 2024, awaiting comments.
- Designer contacted Schuylkill County Parks and Recreation to discuss proposed shoulder width for trail users. On January 30, 2025, County requested 6-foot shoulders on the bridge. Designer revised all design submissions as needed.
- Safety Review Submission and Alternate Bridge Railing authorization submitted for review on September 06, 2025, comments issued on November 13, 2025. Revised Safety Review submitted on December 09, 2025, approval issued on March 12, 2026. Alternate Bridge Railing authorization form approved on May 29, 2026
- H&H Submission submitted for review on November 12, 2025. Comments issued on December 09, 2025, resubmission is required.
- TS&L Submission submitted for review on November 12, 2025. Held TS&L review meeting with District on December 08, 2025. Comments issued on December 24, 2025, resubmission is required.
- Preparing SEPS Report.
- DEP Waterway Permit Pre-Application meeting held on January 07, 2026. DEP agreed with proposed GP-11 permit, designer looking into complete removal of existing abutments per DEP request. Designer requesting supplement to revise H&H, TS&L and E&SPC per DEP guidance and to incorporate the Resilient Design Assessment into the project. PE supplement incorporating this work executed on September 24, 2026
- Preparing Public Involvement PMC packet.
- Project now being designed as digital delivery. Held kick-off meeting with Central Office on September 09, 2026. Will complete PE as currently scoped and incorporate digital delivery tasks into FD.

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<u>ACRONYM REFERENCE</u>	
ACM/LBP	ASBESTOS CONTAINING MATERIAL / LEAD BASED PAINT
ADA	AMERICAN WITH DISABILITIES ACT
BRPA	BRIDGE AND ROADWAY PROGRAMMATIC AGREEMENT
CBR	CONSTANT BIT RATE
CE	CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION
CEE	CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION EVALUATION
CO	CENTRAL OFFICE
DCNR	DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION AND NATURAL RESOURCES
DEP	DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
DFV	DESIGN FIELD VIEW
DO	DISTRICT OFFICE
E&S	EROSION AND SEDIMENTATION
ESA	ENVIRONMENTAL SITE ASSESSMENT
FD	FINAL DESIGN
FHWA	FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION
H&H	HYDROLOGIC AND HYDRAULIC
HOP	HIGHWAY OCCUPANCY PERMIT
HRSF	HISTORIC RESOURCE SURVEY FORM
JD	JURISDICTIONAL DETERMINATION
JPA	JOINT PERMIT AGREEMENT
L&G	LINE AND GRADE
LGTS	LINE, GRADE AND TYPICAL SECTION
MPT	MAINTENANCE AND PROTECTION OF TRAFFIC
NOITE	NOTICE OF INTENT TO ENTER
NPDES	NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM
NTP	NOTICE TO PROCEED
PHMC	PA HISTORICAL AND MUSEUM COMMISSION
PNDI	PENNSYLVANIA NATURAL DIVERSITY INVENTORY
POA	POINT OF ACCESS
PS&E	PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS AND ESTIMATE
ROW	RIGHT OF WAY
RSGER	RECONNAISSANCE SOILS AND GEOLOGICAL ENGINEERING REPORT
SEPS	SUBSURFACE EXPLORATION PLANNING SUBMISSION
SFV	SCOPE AND FIELD VIEW
SHPO	STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE
SPMP	SIGNING AND PAVEMENT MARKING PLAN
SUE	SUBSURFACE UTILITY ENGINEERING
T&E	THREATENED AND ENDANGERED SPECIES COORDINATION
TCP	TRAFFIC CONTROL PLAN
TIF	TECHNICALLY INFEASIBILITY FORM
TS&L	TYPE, SIZE AND LOCATION
USFWS	UNITED STATES FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE



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SUBJECT: Request for UPWP Supplemental Planning Funding – Tamaqua Gateway Study

Dear Kate:

Schuylkill County respectfully requests that the NEPA MPO submit the proposed **Tamaqua Gateway Study** to PennDOT for supplemental planning funding through the Unified Planning Work Program. The study has an estimated cost of \$100,000.

The study would examine the western approach to the Borough of Tamaqua along SR 209, beginning near Broad and Lehigh Streets and extending west toward the Newkirk Tunnel. Its purpose would be to develop a gateway concept that calms traffic entering Tamaqua while safely accommodating the proposed Anthracite Connector Trail, a segment of the September 11th National Memorial Trail, within the available right-of-way.

The request follows two significant planning efforts. Schuylkill County and its partners participated in the NEPA MPO Active Transportation Plan and completed the DCNR-funded Anthracite Connector Trail Feasibility Study. Together, those efforts established the regional importance of the trail and identified the Tamaqua gateway as a connection that needs more detailed study before it can advance toward design and construction.

The study also builds on work already underway across Pennsylvania to complete the September 11th National Memorial Trail. PennDOT, DCNR, and the September 11th National Memorial Trail Alliance are identifying and advancing on-road and off-road portions of the route. The Alliance, which served as the feasibility study grantee, supports this request, as do the Borough of Tamaqua and the Tamaqua Area Community Partnership. Their letters are included.

The Anthracite Connector Trail is a proposed approximately 30-mile active transportation and recreational trail connecting the Schuylkill River Trail in Pottsville with the Delaware & Lehigh Trail in Jim Thorpe. Tamaqua is a pivotal point along that route. Existing trails, including the Switchback Trail and Schuylkill Valley Heritage Trail, the planned Tamaqua River Walk, which has received TASA funding, and local road segments identified in the feasibility study offer opportunities to extend the trail through a series of achievable projects. The western gateway presents a more difficult connection. Studying it now will help the County and its partners determine how those segments can be joined into a continuous, usable route.

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SR 209 must continue to serve vehicular traffic while also safely accommodating people walking and bicycling, including future trail users. The proposed study would evaluate available right-of-way, potential trail alignments, traffic speeds, traffic-calming opportunities, intersection treatments, and other safety considerations to identify a practical approach for all transportation modes.

The study directly supports the NEPA MPO Active Transportation Plan (ATP), which identifies the Anthracite Connector Trail as a high-priority project. The ATP also recommends using its Bicycle and Pedestrian Level of Service analyses to identify and prioritize improvements. Within the proposed study area, the pedestrian level of service is Level 4, while the bicycle level of service includes Level 3 and Level 4 conditions. These findings support a closer examination of walking and bicycling conditions along the corridor.

The ATP further recommends using STRAVA data to understand existing activity. Its data shows a bicycle total of 200 along one portion of the proposed study area and pedestrian totals of 895 and 170 along two portions. People are already walking and bicycling here. The gateway study would allow the County, Borough, MPO, PennDOT, and other partners to evaluate improvements that respond to current use while preparing for additional activity as the trail develops.

The project would also advance one of the fundamental objectives of the Active Transportation Plan: connecting existing community destinations and regional trail systems. For residents, it could improve access to downtown businesses, employment, transit stops, human service providers, and educational destinations, including Lehigh Carbon Community College in Tamaqua. For visitors, a connection to the Tamaqua Railroad Station and central business district would create more opportunities to stop at local restaurants, shops, attractions, and services. As the larger trail network develops, it will support trail-related business activity and would also strengthen connections between the region's heritage destinations and some of the most significant visitor destinations including Jim Thorpe, the No. 9 Coal Mine and Museum, and the Yuengling Brewery.

The Tamaqua Gateway Study is well positioned for supplemental planning funding. It would carry forward recommendations from the NEPA MPO Active Transportation Plan and the DCNR-funded feasibility study, address documented walking and bicycling conditions, and resolve a challenging connection in a high-priority regional trail. Schuylkill County respectfully asks the NEPA MPO to advance the study to PennDOT for supplemental planning funding and requests that PennDOT fund the project through supplemental planning funding so that the partners can identify a practical design approach and move this important connection toward implementation.

Thank you for your consideration and your continued partnership with the County and its municipalities.

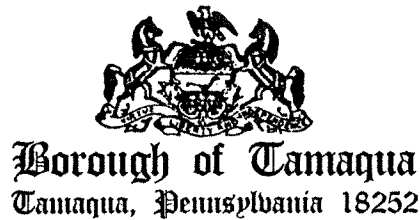
Respectfully,

Susan A Smith
Planning and GIS Director

cc: Kevin Steigerwalt, Tamaqua Borough Manager (via email)
Micah Gursky, Tamaqua Area Community Partnership Executive Director (via email)
Jeff McCauley, September 11th National Memorial Trail Alliance President (via email)
Christine Verdier, Senator David Argall's Chief of Staff (via email)

Attachments (3)

320 East Broad Street



Phone 570-668-3444 or 668-0300

August 26, 2026

Kate McMahon, AICP
Vice President, Transportation Planning Services
NEPA Alliance
1151 Oak Street
Pittston, PA 18640

Re: UPWP Supplemental Planning Funding for Tamaqua Gateway Study

Dear Ms. McMahon,

I am writing on behalf of the Tamaqua Borough Council to express its support for the Schuylkill County Commissioners' request for Supplemental Planning Funding through the Unified Planning Work Program. The county's request would provide funding for a Tamaqua Gateway Study to explore safety enhancements for all forms of transportation along State Route 209 at the western approach to Tamaqua.

The Tamaqua Gateway Study would evaluate a section of SR 209 where the highway narrows, turns sharply into a commercial/residential neighborhood, and transitions to West Broad Street, the borough's main street. Beginning at the Newkirk Tunnel and proceeding to the intersection of West Broad and Lehigh streets, the proposed study area follows the route designated for the future Anthracite Connector Trail. A study is a necessary first step in developing a coordinated gateway concept that serves existing vehicle traffic while safely accommodating the Anthracite Connector Trail.

The commissioners' request for supplemental planning funding is appropriate and timely since it addresses recommendations in the NEPA MPO Active Transportation Plan and the Anthracite Connector Trail Feasibility Study. The western approach to Tamaqua was identified as a critical location in the Anthracite Connector Trail Feasibility Study and additional planning in this area was specifically recommended.

The Tamaqua Gateway Study will need to evaluate a number of design challenges such as available rights-of-way, roadway widths, sight distance, turning movements, vehicle speed, and safely accommodating vehicle, bicycle and pedestrian use.

In addition to exploring these design issues, the study will advance several transportation-related priorities including connecting the local Schuylkill Valley Heritage Trail and the regional

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Anthracite Connector Trail; promoting alternate transportation methods; providing access to business and community destinations; and supporting economic development, recreation and tourism.

The Tamaqua Gateway Study is a strong candidate for supplemental planning funding since it would advance a high-priority trail project, support coordinated regional planning efforts, and directly implement the findings and objectives in the NEPA MPO Active Transportation Plan.

The Borough of Tamaqua strongly supports Schuylkill County's proposal for supplemental planning funding and respectfully requests that the MPO support this important step in the planning and implementation process.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Kevin A. Steigerwalt". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large, stylized "K" and "S".

Kevin A. Steigerwalt
Borough Manager



Tamaqua Area
Community Partnership
125 Pine St Tamaqua PA 18252

August 5, 2025

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SUBJECT: Request for UPWP Supplemental Planning Funding – Tamaqua Gateway Study

Dear Kate:

The Tamaqua Area Community Partnership supports the request of Schuylkill County's Board of Commissioners for PDOT supplemental planning funding through the Unified Planning Work Program for a Tamaqua Gateway Study.

The proposed study would examine the western approach to the Borough of Tamaqua along SR 209, beginning near the intersection of Broad and Lehigh Streets and continuing westward beyond the Borough to the Newkirk Tunnel. Its purpose would be to develop a coordinated gateway concept that calms traffic as it enters Tamaqua while safely accommodating the Anthracite Connector Trail within the available right-of-way.

This is a timely, well-supported opportunity to advance the recommendations of both the NEPA MPO Active Transportation Plan and the recently completed, DCNR-funded Anthracite Connector Trail Feasibility Study. The County and its partners participated in the MPO's active transportation planning process, completed corridor-level feasibility work, and are now seeking the focused planning assistance necessary to begin implementing those recommendations.

The Tamaqua Gateway Study is an especially strong candidate for PennDOT Supplemental Planning Funding because it:

- Directly implements the NEPA MPO Active Transportation Plan
- Advances a high-priority regional trail project
- Responds to documented bicycle and pedestrian conditions
- Addresses demonstrated existing bicycle and pedestrian use
- Improves safety for all transportation modes
- Connects an existing trail as part of a larger planned regional trail
- Supports access to employment, education, businesses, and community destinations
- Complements Pennsylvania's ongoing investment in the 9/11 National Memorial Trail
- Supports local economic development, outdoor recreation, and heritage tourism
- Advances a specific recommendation from a completed, DCNR-funded feasibility study.

This supplemental planning funding for the Tamaqua Gateway Study would demonstrate the value of coordinated regional planning: the MPO identified the priorities, local and regional partners completed the corridor-level work, and the requested study would now translate those shared plans into a practical

path toward implementation. Schuylkill County respectfully requests the MPO's support in advancing this important next step.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Micah Gursky', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Micah Gursky
Executive Director
570-449-8996



September 21, 2026

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Re: Supplemental Planning Funding for Tamaqua Gateway Study

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The September 11th National Memorial Trail Alliance strongly supports Schuylkill County's proposal for supplemental planning funding and respectfully requests that the MPO support this important step in the planning and implementation process.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey McCauley
President
September 11th National Memorial Trail Alliance