

**SOUTHERN ALLEGHENIES  
PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION**

**RURAL TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL COMMITTEE**

**April 8, 2026**

**9:00 AM**

**SAP&DC**

**Altoona, PA**

**ACTION SUMMARY**

The following are the major actions taken by the Rural Transportation Technical Committee (RTTC) at its regular meeting held on April 8, 2026, at the SAP&DC in Altoona, PA.

1. Approved the February 4, 2026, RTTC meeting minutes as presented.
2. Recommended approval of the HSIP safety funds on the State Route 1060 resurfacing project
3. Recommended approval of the MOU, as is with no changes.
4. Recommended approval of the release of the Draft FFY 2027-2030 Highway, Bridge, and Transit TIPs for public comment May 1 – 30, following approval by the RTCC.

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**MEETING MINUTES**

**I. Welcome**

The following members were present at the meeting:

- Matthew Bjorkman, SAP&DC
- Lee Slusser, SAP&DC
- Rick Suder, Bedford County Planning Commission
- Stephanie Clebenstine, Bedford County Planning Commission
- Laurie Nearhood, Huntingdon County Planning Commission
- Jim Pruss, PennDOT District 9
- Frank Hampton, PennDOT Central Office
- Julie Dovey, Fulton County Family Partnership, Inc.
- Anthony Molinari, Huntingdon-Bedford-Fulton Area Agency on Aging
- Donald Hedge, Broad Top Township, Bedford County
- Stew Neff, Warriors Mark Township, Huntingdon County
- Ron Rabena, Huntingdon County Rail Authority
- Tom Peppernick, Fulton County Planning Commission
- Tom McInroy, Bedford County Airport Authority

Others in attendance included:

- Anne Stich, PennDOT District 9
- Jaclyn Himmelwright, PennDOT District 9
- Tyler Schurr, SAP&DC
- Gene Proochniak, FHWA
- Erin Weyant, State Representative Jesse Topper's Office

Each participant received a meeting packet that included:

- Agenda
- February 4<sup>th</sup> RTTC Meeting Minutes
- FFY 2025-2028 SA RPO TIP Adjustments
- SA RPO Highway and Bridge TIP
- SA RPO Transit TIP

- Memorandum of Understanding
- TIP Development Timeline
- PennDOT documentation for functional classification and NHS Email

## **II. Review and Approval of the February 4, 2026, RTTC Meeting Minutes**

Matthew Bjorkman called the meeting to order and conducted roll call. He asked the committee to review the February 4, 2026, meeting minutes included in the meeting packet.

With no further discussion, Frank Hampton made a motion to approve the February 4, 2026, meeting minutes as presented. Jim Pruss seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

## **III. FY 2025-2028 TIP Modifications**

The first was an amendment on State Route 1060 from McGregor Avenue to Hillsboro Road. The resurfacing project used the remaining \$143,000 of Federal HSIP safety funding remaining in that line item. The remainder of the project will be funded with County Maintenance funds. This is to add high friction surface treatment around some of the curves and is expected to be let in May. District 9 did receive approval from Central Office this morning to use these funds.

With no further discussion, Stu Neff made a motion to approve the HSIP safety funds on the State Route 1060 resurfacing project. Ron Rabena seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Anne Stich noted that the remaining projects are just for your information and do not require approval. If anyone has any questions on any of those projects, please let PennDOT know.

Stu Neff mentioned a rough road in Huntingdon County on Rt. 353 and Hundred Spring Road. Ann noted that several municipalities have been successful applying for Multimodal funds to do resurfacing projects and recommended they look into it.

## **IV. FY 2027-2030 TIPs Bridge and highway and Transit**

Provided in the packet is the narrative version of the Highway and Bridge TIP and Transit TIP. Also included is the MOU. Matthew reviewed the MOU with the committee and asked if they would like any changes to it. We are asking for your approval to release the TIP and MOU for public comment following the RTCC meeting. This will include the TIP development process, fiscal constraint, public participation, and Title VI Documentation, MOU procedures, self-certification, regionally important projects, PennDOT Connects and the LRTP.

The MOU also needs approved today. The MOU outlines the TIP revision guidelines. An Amendment is adding to or deleting from a phase or any change in funding over \$2M.

With no further discussion, Tom McInroy made a motion to approve the MOU as is with no changes. Stephanie Clevestine seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

With no further discussion, Laurie Nearhood made a motion to approve releasing the Draft FFY 2027-2030 Highway, Bridge, and Transit TIPs for public comment May 1 – 30, following approval by the RTCC. Rick Suder seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

**A hardcopy of the FY 2027-2030 Highway, Bridge, and Transit TIPs will be delivered to the four RPO Counties, PennDOT District 9, and one copy will be kept here at the SAP&DC for the public comment period. Public meetings will be scheduled in each of the four counties. Once the public comment period is over, the public comments will be added to the TIPs and the final TIPs will be presented to this committee and the RTCC for final approval. The new TIP will go into affect on October 1<sup>st</sup>.**

#### **V. 2029 – 2032 TIP**

A timeline has not yet been set, but based on 2027 TIP, Anne gave a potential timeline. As the 2027-2030 TIP goes out for public comment, the Counties will begin soliciting for projects for the 2029-2032 TIP. Projects will be due to PennDOT by the end of the calendar year. This allows PennDOT to review them by summer and compare them to their priorities, giving them a good idea of where they want to go.

Local Bridge Risk Assessments have been sent out. Please let PennDOT know if you did not receive them.

#### **VI. Pennsylvania Turnpike Meeting – Breezewood April 16, 2026**

This meeting will be held next Thursday at the Breezewood Fire Hall at 1030 am. The SAP&DC is moving forward with applications to ARC and D DCED to do a preliminary engineering study. Bedford County will be the applicant.

#### **VII. Other Business**

##### NHS Updates

We received the list from PennDOT. It included a few potential deletions and one very small addition in Bedford County. The County Commissioners were against the removal of any corridors. Matt sent an email to the Committee members noting the changes.

PennDOT County Outreach Sessions

They are next week. Monday is Blair at 9am at the District 9 Office, and Huntingdon is at 1:30 at the National Guard. Wednesday is Somerset at 9:00am at Sipesville Volunteer Fire Department and Cambria at 1:30pm at the Ebensburg Borough Building. And on Thursday, Bedford at 9 am at Snakes Spring Township Building on Penn Knoll Road and Fulton at 1:30 PM at the County Maintenance Building.

**VIII. Adjournment**

Jim Pruss looked up the last high friction resurfacing project they did to get a cost estimate and discussed it with Stu.

Matt noted that the Safe Streets for All grant program just opened. Closing date for applications is May 26. If you have any questions, Matt can forward the email to you.

With no further discussion, Jim Pruss made a motion to adjourn at 9:45 am.

**NOTE:** The next meeting of the Rural Transportation Technical Committee is scheduled for June 10, 2026, at 9:00 am at the SAPDC in Altoona PA.

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**ACTION ITEMS**

<b>Date Issued</b>	<b>Action Items</b>	<b>By Whom</b>	<b>Due Date</b>
April 8, 2026	Make hard copies of the draft Highway, Bridge, and Transit TIPs and distribute to the 4 RPO Counties, PennDOT District 9, and the SAP&DC.	SAP&DC Staff	By May 1st
April 8, 2026	Let PennDOT know if they did not receive their Local Bridge Risk Assessments.	The four RPO Counties	As soon as possible