

**SOUTHERN ALLEGHENIES
PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION**

RURAL TRANSPORTATION COORDINATING COMMITTEE

April 22, 2026

1000 AM

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Altoona, PA

ACTION SUMMARY

The following are the major actions taken by the Rural Transportation Coordinating Committee (RTCC) at its regular meeting held on April 22, 2026, at the SAP&DC in Altoona PA.

1. Approved the February 18, 2026, meeting minutes as presented.
2. Approved the addition of \$143,000 in HSIP funds for the State Route 1060 resurfacing project as presented
3. Approved the Draft FY 2027-2030 Highway and Bridge TIP for public comment from May 1-30
4. Approved the Draft FY 2027-2030 Public Transit TIP for public comment from May 1-30.
5. Approved changing the MOU threshold for amendments to \$1M.

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MEETING MINUTES

I. Welcome

The following members were present at the meeting:

- Matt Bjorkman, SAP&DC
- Lee Slusser, SAP&DC
- Commissioner J.R. Winck, Bedford County
- Vince Greenland, PennDOT District 9-0
- Steve Howsare, SAP&DC
- Dean Roberts, Alternate Andrea Bahoric
- Commissioner Jeff Thomas, Huntingdon County
- Frank Hampton, PennDOT Central Office

Others in attendance included:

- Commissioner Mike Stiles, Bedford County
- Anne Stich, PennDOT District 9-0
- Jaclyn Himmelsworth, PennDOT District 9-0
- Ayden Forlina, PennDOT District 9-0
- Erin Weyant, Representative Topper
- Tyler Schurr, SAP&DC

Each participant received a meeting packet that included:

- Agenda
- February 18, 2026 RTCC Meeting Minutes
- SARPO FY 2025-2028 TIP Adjustments
- SARPO Highway Bridge TIP
- SARPO Transit TIP
- Memorandum of Understanding
- TIP Development Timeline
- Functional Classification and NHS Updates Email

II. Review and Approval of the February 18, 2026, RTCC Meeting Minutes

Vince called the meeting to order and Matthew Bjorkman conducted roll call. He asked the committee to review the February 18, 2026, meeting minutes included in the meeting packet.

With no further discussion, Commissioner Jeff Thomas made a motion to approve the February 18, 2026, meeting minutes as presented. Commissioner J R Winck seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

III. FY 2025-2028 TIP Modifications

There was one amendment requiring a vote today. This is to reaffirm the e-memo vote sent out on April 8th. It is on State Route 1060 from McGregor Avenue to Hillsboro Road. The resurfacing project will add high friction surface treatment around some of the curves using 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. The project will be Let May 21st. PennDOT is currently waiting on FHWA approval.

With no further discussion, Commissioner J R Winck made a motion to approve the addition of the \$143,000 in HSIP funds for the State Route 1060 resurfacing project as presented. Steve Howsare seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

IV. FY 2027-2030 Draft TIP

Matthew noted that in the packet is the public narratives for the Highway and Bridge TIP and Public Transit TIP. It explains the projects in more detail. Today we are asking the committee to approve the FY 2027-2030 Draft Highway & Bridge and Public Transit TIPs for public comment from May 1-30, 2026.

With no further discussion, Commissioner J R Winck made a motion to approve the Draft FY 2027-2030 Highway and Bridge TIP for public comment from May 1-30, 2026. Steve Howsare seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

With no further discussion, Steve Howsare made a motion to approve the Draft FY 2027-2030 Public Transit TIP FOR public comment from May 1-30, 2026. Commissioner J R Winck seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Matthew is currently working with the Counties to schedule the public hearings. One will be held in each of the four RPO counties. Once the dates are finalized, he will let the committee know. The Meetings will be held in May during the public comment period.

The MOU defines the threshold of federal funds required to trigger an amendment vs administrative action. The current threshold is \$2M. Steve suggested lowering the threshold. Commissioner Jeff Thomas recommended \$500,000. Vince suggested \$1M. The committee can take a better look at the projects and try \$1M for a year and see how it goes.

The committee added that they want to be kept informed. Dean added that District 9 does a wonderful job keeping the costs down on their projects.

Matthew asked if he needs to explain this when he sends the MOU in for signature. He does not. There was some discussion about language triggering DC approval.

With no further discussion, Steve Howsare made a motion to change the MOU threshold for approval of projects to \$1M. Commissioner J R Winck seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

V. F 2029-2032 TIP

Anne reviewed the timeline for developing the FFY 2029/2032 TIP. The counties are beginning to solicit projects for the next TIP. The Counties will submit their priorities by December for PennDOT to review. PennDOT will review the projects through June, and when Financial Guidance comes out in July, will begin to assemble the TIP, This is a very time-consuming process.

The Counties should have received an updated Local Bridge Assessment and their former priorities with the current status of those projects. Let PennDOT know if you have not received them. SAP&DC has an online form to solicit for regional projects. Staff promote the website when out in the spring and summer months.

VI. Pennsylvania Turnpike Meeting Summary

Lee noted that last Thursday the initial stakeholder's meeting was held. DCNR, PennDOT District 9, Bedford County Planning Commission, Bedford County Commissioners, BCDA, Bedford Fulton Joint Recreation Authority, the RPO, and people from the community were in attendance. They went over the process for redesigning the intersection. A consultant has been hired although Lee could not remember the name. Vince thought it might be JMT. They are a large group so there will be several consultants involved. There was some discussion about the location of the intersection, and a church located there. Vince said that he has been asked what PennDOT's vision of Rt. 30 is and he said he can't answer that without knowing the plans for land use around it. The other thing is the South Breezewood Interchange. They will be adding another high-speed interchange and Vince doubted it would be there.

Bedford plans to do a redevelopment study. The 7-lane highway will probably be reduced. There was some discussion about access to service roads and driveways as well. Matthew asked if they discussed the timeline. There are multiple phases each with 4-10 alternatives to be discussed. Once narrowed down, they will need more detailed information and an environmental impact statement. Vince said they will probably be looking at 2033-2035. He added that once we see what the alternatives are and can see the impact to Breezewood, they can discuss what they want to do with Rt. 30. If the lanes are reduced, what are the plans for the increased right of way? There was some discussion about several alternatives.

Bedford County is applying for funding through ARC for the project.

VII. Other Business

NHS Updates

Matthew noted that we discussed this at the last meeting. He received an email at the end of March detailing what they want from the RPO and provided a timeline. They want the RPO to provide documentation of functional classification by January 2, 2029. Last time the RPO didn't feel any changes were necessary.

Safe Streets 4 All Grant open until May 26, 2026

Matthew informed the committee that this grant program has opened for applications. This grant is for Safety Action Plans or projects to implement Safety Action Plans. It can also be used for bicycle pedestrian safety such as Bicycle Pedestrian Plans and their implementation. Commissioner Winck asked if those who have the plans know the program is available. Matthew said he would send out an email blast to make sure those that are eligible are aware.

Bridge Inspections

Vince had some inquiries from local bridge owners about how inspections happen. He reviewed the national bridge inspection standards noting that every bridge over 20 ft. on public roads must be inspected. District 9 inspects all bridges 8 ft and over. Owners can do it on their own, but PennDOT must review and approve it. Inspections are done twice a year and inspectors must be certified under NBIS standards.

In the Pittsburgh bridge collapse in 2022, the type of cleaning necessary was not done before measuring. The Inspectors are not required to clean up the mess around bridge after cleaning it for inspection.

There was some discussion about a bridge on the Maryland Bedford County border that needs replaced. It is used more by Maryland and the City of Cumberland than PA. Bedford County plans to meet with them to see if they can help pay to replace the bridge. Also the trucks can't make one of the turns on the detour while the replacement is being done. Bedford could close the bridge if they desire. Someone suggested replacing it on the Maryland side.

VIII. Adjournment

With no further discussion, Steve Howsare made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:16 AM. J. R. Winck seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

<p>NOTE: The next meeting of the Rural Transportation Coordinating Committee (RTCC) is scheduled for June 17, 2026, at the SAP&DC beginning at 10:00 AM.</p>

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ACTION ITEMS

Date Issued	Action Items	By Whom	Due Date
April 22, 2026	Let PennDOT know if you have not received an updated Local Bridge Assessment and former priorities with the current status of the projects.	The four RPO Counties	Following the meeting
April 22, 2026	Provide documentation of functional classification to the NHS by January 2, 2029	The RPO	January 2, 2029
April 22, 2026	Send an email blast out to those that are eligible for the Safe Streets 4 All grant program to make sure are aware the program is open.	Matthew Bjorkman	Following the meeting