

**SOUTHERN ALLEGHENIES
PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION**

RURAL TRANSPORTATION COORDINATING COMMITTEE

June 17, 2026

10:00 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 June 17, 2026, at the SAP&DC in Altoona PA.

1. Approved the April 22, 2026, meeting minutes as presented.
2. Approved the FY 2027-2030 Highway and Bridge TIP as presented.
3. Approved the FY 2027-2030 Transit TIP as presented.

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MEETING MINUTES

I. Welcome

The following members were present at the meeting:

- Commissioner J R Winck, Bedford County
- Commissioner Hervey Hann, Fulton County
- Commissioner Brian Fochtman, Somerset County
- Anderia Bahoric, PennDOT Central Office
- Vince Greenland, PennDOT District 9-0
- Steve Howsare, SAP&DC
- Matt Bjorkman, SAP&DC

Others in attendance included:

- Commissioner Mike Stiles, Bedford County
- Frank Hampton, PennDOT Central Office
- Anne Stich, PennDOT District 9-0
- Jaclyn Himmlewright, District 9-0
- Lee Slusser, SAP&DC
- Eugene Porochniak, FHWA
- Nicholas Kupnicwski, Senator Judy Ward's Office
- Michele Ivory, Senator Judy Ward's Office

Each participant received a meeting packet that included:

- Agenda
- April 22, 2026 RTCC Meeting Minutes
- FY 2025-2028 TIP Modifications
- 2027-2030 SA RPO TIP Procedures for TIP Revisions MOU
- PennDOT MTF Applications
- PennDOT Cooperative Process Letter and Response Form

II. Review and Approval of the April 22, 2026 RTCC Meeting Minutes

Vince called the meeting to order and Mathew conducted roll call. Vince asked the committee to review the April 22, 2026, RTCC meeting minutes included in the meeting packet.

With no further discussion, Commissioner J R Winck made a motion to approve the April 22, 2026, meeting minutes as presented. Steve Howsare seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

III. FY 2025-2028 TIP Modifications

Anne reviewed a few of the modifications with the committee, answering any questions they had. They were all administrative actions and did not require approval. Most of the increases were from an increase in consulting costs and were funded through the SA RPO Line Item.

There was a resurfacing project in Bedford County that did not require a vote this time but will require a vote beginning October 1, 2026, due to the change of the allowable amount for administrative actions in the MOU. The project was let on May 21st.

Next is a PennDOT Multimodal project in Huntingdon County. Multimodal funds come from a statewide line item. The RPO does not select these projects but does provide comments. Action was just to put project on the TIP.

Next is the preliminary engineering phase on a bridge rehabilitation project that was opened on the previous TIP. The phase cost \$1.25M as it required both phase 1 and 2 archeology. Funds came from the Bridge Improvement Program. Anne explained a little about reading the charts.

The next two projects are part of the digital delivery program, which is a pilot program to create 3D digital models of the project. Vince added that a cost benefit analysis needs to be done on this to show it is being done correctly and at the correct pace as the cost is significant. There are no paper copies of this needed, it is all electronic. There are going to be some growing pains with it but there will be benefits moving forward. We need to take a pause until this gets worked out.

There was some discussion about what PennDOT reviews at these meetings and why. Commissioner Winck asked if the RTTC goes over the same projects at their meeting PennDOT responded that they do. He plans to begin discussing the projects with Rick and Stephanie before the meeting.

IV. 2027-2030 Draft TIP Item

The TIP is a four-year plan that is revised every two years. Two changes have been made to the FY 2027-2030 TIP since it was last presented to this committee. The list of projects reviewed at the public meetings is still the same. The two changes are the threshold for

administrative actions was changed from \$2M to \$1M. The revised MOU was included in the meeting packet. This will go into effect October 1, 2026. And the public comments received at the public meetings were added. No comments were received other than at the public meetings.

With no further discussion, J R Winck made a motion to approve the FY 2027-2030 Highway and Bridge TIP as presented. Matthew Bjorkman seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

With no further discussion, Matthew Bjorkman made a motion to approve the FY 2027-2030- Transit TIP as presented. Hervey Hann Seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

V. PennDOT MTF Applications and Comments

Matthew reviewed the four PennDOT Multimodal applications with the committee answering any questions they had. The RPO submitted their comments last week; as they were due on the 12th. The projects were reviewed by the RTTC before comments were submitted. The RPO looks at how the projects align with the regional plans. Three projects were highly recommended, and one was just recommended.

The first was to replace a dump truck. This project was highly recommended as keeping the roads clear during the winter months is very important to the constituents. This also goes along with the Bicycle Pedestrian Plan and the LRTP. Usually, these requests apply for the LSA program. This could open the door for this kind of funding being used for equipment purchases. Matthew will keep an eye on this one. Commissioner Fochtman asked if the municipality was aware of the LSA grant? They had some in Somerset County that were not aware of the program. Michele Ivory from Senator Judy Ward's office added that they do a mass email each month of all the grants that open or close that month so most should be aware.

The second project was in Huntingdon County, the Old Mill Road Culvert and paving a portion of Gutshall Road. The culvert is deteriorated and they are having flooding issues. Requested \$173,000 with \$52,000 match. The amount requests are different in different parts of the application. Think they are applying for \$173,000 but budget table has half that amount. This could affect the application review. This project was just recommended. The project is good, but the budget is inconsistent. Michele will call the engineer and see what she can find out.

GAP Trail Bridges Rehabilitation Project in Somerset County-This project rehabs bridges and culverts along the GAP Trail. Seeking \$2.6M with \$1.15M local match. This project was highly recommended. There are six sites along the trail to be rehabbed, one being a 480 ft long bridge. The cost estimate is \$2M just for that bridge.

The last project is also in Somerset County. They are seeking \$1.6M in funding to replace a culvert. No local match was committed. PennDOT added that it is rare, but the Secretary

can agree to waive the match. The RTTC decided to highly recommend the project. The culvert was destroyed in floods a little over a year ago.

The decision should be made on these projects in the fall. Last year, announcements weren't made until January. Matthew will present the awards to the committees when announced. Applications are sent to RPO and MPO staff. Timescale was condensed because of delay last year. Typically have two months to review with the committees.

There is a list of previously funded projects on PennDOT's Multimodal website. The match is the hard part of this as a 30% match is required. No other State or Federal funds can be used as match. PennDOT's annual outreach provides potential funding sources for match. Other sources can be found at grant workshops, and Judy Ward's office sends out emails listing the grants opening and closing every month.

VI. PennDOT Cooperative Process Letter

The RPO received an email last week from PennDOT Central Office regarding the cooperative process. In the last State update of the LRTP and STIP, PennDOT said they would reach out to see how the coordination and cooperative process is working. They are asking for feedback and/or proposed changes. PennDOT would like our comments by July 31st. Please provide any comments to Matthew.

VII. Other Business

Project Updates

PennDOT gave a PowerPoint presentation giving updates on a few construction projects. The first was a TASA project, Rockwood Streetscape Improvements. The project sponsor is the Redevelopment Authority of Somerset County. The award was for \$1,390,000.00. This project provided Pedestrian facilities and transportation enhancements including sidewalks, curbing, and ADA curb ramps on PA 653 from Chestnut Street to Rock Street in Rockwood Borough, Somerset County.

The second project was the US 30 Scenic Road to State Route 4010. This was a resurfacing project on US 30 from Scenic Road to Pitt Street in Bedford Borough and Bedford Township in Bedford County. The project also includes two bridge rehabilitations and a bypass. The project cost is \$6,059,067.26 with an anticipated completion date of September 2026.

Next was Current design projects. Fort Littleton Intersection Improvements project on US 522 and State Route 1011 (Sinoquipe Road) State Route 1012 (Plum Hollow Road), and T-433 (Brown Road) in Dublin Township. This project came from the 522 Corridor Study. They are looking at two alternatives to improve the turning movement to slow vehicles down. Costs are estimated to be between \$1M & \$5M. Construction will start in 2028. The project is under an alternatives study right now. PennDOT did commit to doing some traffic calming there.

Next was the Trough Spring Bridge replacement on PA 35 over a tributary of a branch of Trough Spring in Tell Township, Huntingdon County. This project will begin construction next year. It will be a single lane run around with signals, and they will replace the box culvert. The cost estimate is between \$1M - \$5M.

Vince added that if there is any specific projects the committee would like to see, let them know.

Other Business

Matthew informed the committee that the RPO received some DCNR Trail, ATV and Snow applications. They are asking the RPO to provide comments on the applications in the region. They would also like to know if the RPO has had any involvement with the projects. Comments are due on June 26, 2026.

The four projects are the H&BT Trail Paving Project, Rothrock State Forest: Greenlee Mountain Phase A, Motorsports Club Snowmobile Maintenance Heavy Equipment, and GAP Trail Rehabilitation. Staff plan to download the applications and send them to the committee members for comment following today's meeting. Please provide comments to Matthew.

Staff attended a meeting in Warfordsburg to discuss an interchange just across the Fulton County border from Maryland near the Mellot plant. There were several businesses, municipalities, County representatives, and elected officials in attendance. There are several issues; there is the Warfordsburg interchange and the interchange with I 68 in Maryland. FHWA requires three miles between interchanges, and it is 3.2 miles from Warfordsburg and Maryland with I 68 being a high-speed interchange. Could lose the current off ramps. Commissioner Hervey Hann added that they have been in communication with Senator Fetterman's office and they would be interested in helping to find some planning funds for the project, but the project needs to be listed on other plans. This project needs to be added to the LRTP and the illustrative list. Vince added that he thinks they are on the right track. They need to put together a vision of what it should look like and do a study to determine the cost.

VIII. Adjournment

Commissioner Winck made a motion to adjourn at 11:45 AM

<u>NOTE:</u> The next meeting of the RTCC is scheduled for October 28, 2026, at the SAP&DC beginning at 10:00 AM.

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RURAL TRANSPORTATION COORDINATING COMMITTEE NAME

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ACTION ITEMS

Date Issued	Action Items	By Whom	Due Date
June 17, 2026	Download the DCNR Trail, ATV and Snow applications and send them to the committee members for comment	Matthew Bjorkman, SAP&DC	following the meeting
June 17, 2026	Provide coordination and cooperative process comments to PennDOT.	Matthew Bjorkman, SAP&DC	July 31, 2026