

**SOUTHERN ALLEGHENIES
PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION**

RURAL TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

June 10, 2026

9:00 AM

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Altoona, PA

ACTION SUMMARY

The following are the major actions taken by the Rural Transportation Technical Committee (RTTC) at its regular meeting held on June 10, 2026, at the SAP&DC in Altoona, PA.

1. Approved the April 8, 2026, RTTC meeting minutes as presented.
2. Recommended approval of the Draft FY 2027-2030 Highway and Bridge TIP as presented.
3. Recommended approval of the FY 2027-2030 Transit TIP as presented.
4. Approved submitting the RPOs recommendations with comments on the four PennDOT Multimodal projects.

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MEETING MINUTES

I. Welcome

The following members were present at the meeting:

- Matthew Bjorkman, SAP&DC
- Lee Slusser, SAP&DC
- Frank Hampton, PennDOT Central Office
- Jim Pruss, PennDOT District 9-0
- Stephanie Clevensine, Bedford County Planning Commission
- Rick Suder, Bedford County Planning Commission
- Tom Peppernick, Fulton County Planning Commission
- Laurie Nearhood, Huntingdon County Planning Commission
- Ron Rabena, Huntingdon County Rail
- Chad Sines, Somerset County Planning Commission
- Cathie Beal, Somerset County Parks and Trails
- Anthony Molinari, Huntingdon-Bedford-Fulton Area Agency on Aging
- Don Hedge, Broad Top Township
- Stu Neff, Warriors Mark Township

Others in attendance included:

- Tyler Schurr, SAP&DC
- Janice Streightiff, SAP&DC
- Jaclyn Himmelwright, PennDOT District 9-0
- Anne Stich, PennDOT District 9-0
- Gene Porochniak, FHWA

Each participant received a meeting packet that included:

- Agenda
- April 8, 2026, RTTC Meeting Minutes
- FFY 2025-2028 SA-RPO TIP Adjustments
- FFY 2025-2028 Highway/Bridge Fiscal Constraint Chart
- 2027-2030 SA RPO TIP Procedures for TIP Revisions MOU
- PennDOT MTF Applications
- PennDOT Cooperative Process Letter

II. Review and Approval of the April 8, 2026, RTTC Meeting Minutes

Matthew Bjorkman called the meeting to order and conducted roll call. He then asked the committee to review the April 8, 2026, meeting minutes included in the packet.

With no further discussion, Stu Neff made a motion to approve the April 8, 2026, meeting minutes as presented. Jim Pruss seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

III. FY 2025-2028 TIP Modifications

Anne Stich reviewed several of the TIP modifications with the group. Consultants' costs have increased so there are several projects with increases. All the increases came from the SA RPO line item. She reviewed one that will need a vote moving forward but does not at this time. She also reviewed some of the remaining projects answering any questions the committee had.

IV. 2027-2030 Draft TIP

Matthew noted that under the current MOU the projects did not require a vote. The RTCC changed the amount for approvals to \$1M. The MOU is included in the packet. There will be more votes moving forward.

He informed the committee that all of the public meetings for the draft FY 2027-2030 TIP were held in May. Several comments were received at the meetings and have been added, and the TIP is ready for adoption. No comments were received outside of the public meetings.

With no further discussion, Don Hedge made a motion to recommend approval of the Draft FY 2027-2030 Highway and Bridge TIP as presented. Stephanie Clevestine seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

With no further discussion, Ron Rabena made a motion to recommend approval of the FY 2027-2030 Transit TIP as presented. Stu Neff seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

V. PennDOT MTF Applications and Comments

Matt turned it over to Tyler who reviewed the four PennDOT Multimodal project applications submitted in the RPO and the RPOs comments.

The first was the Fulton Vehicle Upgrade, applicant Todd Township. The application requests replacement of a 1999 Ford F550 dump truck. The application totals \$87,000 with

local match of \$37,000. The RPO highly recommended this project as it aligns with Bicycle Pedestrian Plan and the Long Range Transportation Plan.

The next was the Old Mill Road Culvert & Gutshall Road in Huntingdon County, applicant Clay Township. The culvert needs replaced as it has deteriorated and is not draining properly causing flooding. It will also pave a portion of Gutshall Road. There is a discrepancy in the request and match amounts. The application requests \$173,000 with a match of \$52,000, which is also what the supporting documents say. In the Cost table, the amount seems to be split in half noting a request of \$87,000 with a match of \$20,000. We recommended the project for funding as it is a good project, but the application has inconsistencies.

Somerset County Gap Trail Bridges Rehabilitation Project. Multiple bridge and culvert structures along the trail are in need of repair resulting in flooding. They are seeking \$2,680,316 with a match of \$1,148,707. The project is in line with the Somerset County Comprehensive Plan. There was some discussion about one of the bridges. It is approximately 480 feet, and it alone will cost \$1M. The RPO highly recommends the project.

Fogletown Road bridge in Brothersvalley Township is a culvert replacement project with the same issues as the Huntingdon County project. Properties are being affected by flooding. They are requesting the total cost of \$1.6M as they do not have match. They have requested a match waiver. The Secretary does have discretion in these cases but it is very rare. The project goes along with the Bicycle Pedestrian Plan. The RPO recommended the project. After some discussion, the committee decided to make this one highly recommended since the match waiver is possible.

With no further discussion, Ron Rabena made a motion to submit the RPOs recommendations with comments. Rick Suder seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

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

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. The project cost is \$6,059,067.26 with an anticipated completion date of September 26.

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 between \$1M & \$5M. Construction will start in 2028.

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.

Lee gave an update on the ARC Local Access Road (LAR) program. These projects build access for employment. Let us know if you know of any projects.

Staff attended a meeting in Warfordsburg last week. There were several businesses, municipalities, County representatives, and elected officials in attendance. They met to discuss an interchange just across the Fulton County border from Maryland near the Mellot plant. 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. The traffic includes a mix of trucks and school buses, creating a safety issue. This project needs to be added to the LRTP and the illustrative list.

The Big Boy Steam Engine is coming through July 8th. Stu Neff asked if there was any coordination with PennDOT on the viewing sites. He wanted to make sure they know what is going on. Jim responded that they have been coordinating for a month or more. There was some discussion about viewing locations.

Don thanked PennDOT for their work on Rt. 453. They get a lot of comments on it and people are noticing. Especially the culvert work. Jim responded that he will put that project on the next update. Anne added that if there is a project you would like to see, let them know and they will add it.

Don Hedge mentioned a curve on 350 that is a quick turn but there hasn't been accidents so it is not on PennDOT's radar. He said there used to be signs there telling trucks to take another route and he recommended signs be put up again. Jim responded that PennDOT will take a look at it.

Ron Rabena noted that on Rt 26 and 1036 a slide came off the mountain. A temporary fix of concrete barriers was put in place, making the road very narrow. He asked if PennDOT plans to widen that road again. Jim will look into it.

VIII. Adjournment

With no further discussion, Don Hedge made a motion to adjourn at 10:04 AM.

<u>NOTE:</u> The next meeting of the RTTC is scheduled for October 14, 2026, at the SAP&DC beginning at 9:00 AM.
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ACTION ITEMS

Action Items	By Whom	Due Date
Submit approval rating with comments to PennDOT on the four PennDOT Multimodal projects.	Matthew Bjorkman	Following the meeting
Provide comments to Matthew on the PennDOT Cooperative Process.	Committee Members	July 31 st
Look at the signage on the sharp turn on Rt. 350.	PennDOT	Before the next meeting
Check to see if they will be widening the road at the intersection of Rt. 26 and 1036 where a slide occurred. The temporary fix narrowed the road there.	PennDOT	Before the next meeting