

# AGENDA

## Shenango Valley Area Transportation Study

### Metropolitan Planning Organization

**Tuesday, June 10, 2025 (10:30am) Coordinating Committee**

### Hybrid Meeting

#### Virtual Meeting through GoToMeeting Platform—Join-in Information:

Join via computer, tablet or smartphone:	Dial by phone (long distance rates may apply):
<a href="https://meet.goto.com/721015909">https://meet.goto.com/721015909</a>	United States: <a href="tel:+18722403412">+1 (872) 240-3412</a> , Access Code: 721-015-909

**Note: Items marked with a star (★) are action items requiring a vote.**

1. Roll Call
2. Approval of Minutes of the March 11, 2025 SVATS MPO Coordinating Committee Meeting. ★
3. 2025-2028 Highway/Bridge TIP Modifications and Informational Items (Julia Cornell), PennDOT CPDM). ★  
*Note: Information regarding these modifications will be posted to the "Mercer County MPO and Public Information" page of MCRPC's website (within the "transportation" subsection) at <https://www.mcrpc.com/mercer-county-mpo-public-information/>*
4. Award contract to the selected consultant to undertake 2026 Long Range Transportation Plan. ★
5. Amendment to 2025-2027 Unified Planning Work Program. ★
6. Ratification of PA Department of Health/Downtown Center WalkWorks Capacity Building Program –Active Transportation Applications/Capacity Building and Workshop. ★
7. Service Avenue Bridge Project Options to fund Utility Costs. ★
8. Project Update Summary
  - a. STU and TA Projects (Peter Messina, SVATS MPO)
  - b. Major Projects/Other TIP Projects (Mark Nicholson, PennDOT D-I)
  - c. PennDOT Construction Projects Status 2024 (Thomas McClelland, PennDOT D-1)
9. Transportation Funding Updates (PennDOT CPDM and other partners)
  - a. PennDOT – Preparation for 2027-2030 TIP Coordination
  - b. FHWA/FTA
10. Additional Discussion
11. Adjournment

## **MINUTES**

### **SHENANGO VALLEY AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION COORDINATING COMMITTEE**

#### **HYBRID MEETING**

#### **MERCER COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION**

**2491 Highland Road**  
**Hermitage, PA 16148**  
**Conference Room**

**Tuesday, March 11, 2025 – 10:30 AM**

#### **PRESENT**

Jeremy Coxe, Chair  
Bill Finley, Commissioner  
Parke Wentling, State Representative  
Christopher Conti, Senior Planner  
Erin, Kepple Adams, Senior Planner  
Peter Messina, Planner  
Mark Tobin, Director, CPDM  
Julia Cornell, Transportation Planning Specialist  
Brian McNulty, Executive  
Thomas McClelland, Assistant Executive  
Courtney Lyle, Project Manager  
Sara Tassone, Transportation Planning Specialist  
Jill Boozer, Executive Director  
Michael Nashtock, Assistant Director  
Dale Perry, Supervisor  
Robert Lark, Supervisor  
Paul Hamill, Mayor  
Jasson Urey, Manager  
Cindy Black, Secretary/Treasurer  
Brenda Heck, Secretary/Treasurer  
Ken Robertson, Manager  
Mary Kay Mattocks, Council President  
Vance Oakes, Manager  
Garry Hittle, Supervisor  
Jason Tomko, Finance Director  
Sandy Swogger, Chief Executive  
Erin Houston, President  
Rod Wilt, Executive Director  
Edward Reese, Director  
Andy Wapple, Director  
Emily Aloiz, Planning Administrator  
Ron Johnson, Public/Resident  
Stephen Theiss, Public/Resident

#### **REPRESENTING**

City of Hermitage  
Mercer County  
PA  
MCRPC  
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PennDOT  
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MCRCOG/SVSS  
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Shenango Township  
Borough of West Middlesex  
Town of Greenville  
Town of Greenville  
Wilmington Township  
Liberty Township  
Borough of Sharpsville  
Borough of Grove City  
Borough of Grove City  
Hempfield Township  
City of Sharon  
Mercer County Agency on Aging  
Shenango Valley Urban League  
Penn Northwest  
GPD Group  
AECOM  
Erie MPO  
Guest  
Guest

1. **Mr. Jeremy Coxe, Chair**, called the meeting to order at 10:30 AM. **A quorum was present.**
2. **Approval of Minutes of the December 10, 2024 Coordinating Committee Meetings.**
  - A. There were no comments on the December 10, 2024 meeting minutes. A motion was made by **Mr. Michael Nashtock** and seconded by **Mr. Gary Hittle** to approve the minutes. The December 10, 2024 minutes passed unanimously.
3. **2023-2026 TIP and 2025-2028 TIP Modifications/Administration Actions, and FY 2025 STIP Amendment - Ms. Julia Cornell, Transportation Planning Specialist, PennDOT, Center for Program Development and Management (CPDM): Information on these items is available on the MCRPC Website (mcrpc.com) on the "Transportation" webpage.**
  - A. **2025-2028 TIP Modifications/Administrative Actions:** Ms. Julia Cornell stated that she only covered informational items concerning amendments that were completed by PennDOT Central Office at the state level. **Therefore, there was no action or vote was needed.**
    - a. Information Item #1 was to add the Service Avenue Bridge Project in Sharon as a TASA carryover program to the current SVATS 2025-2028 TIP. Approximately \$1.3 million was added to the CON Phase in 2025 from TASA Carryover reserve.
    - b. Information item #2 was to add the State Street Pedestrian Project in Sharon as a TASA carryover item to the SVATS 2025-2028 TIP and statewide TIP with a 2025 CON budget of \$811,369.
    - c. Information Item #3 was an amendment made previously by PennDOT Central Office to move approximately \$18 million from the interstate contingency item to the CON phase of the reconstruction of Interstate 80 in Mercer County from mile markers 0 to 5.
      - i. Mr. Dale Perry asked about the Interstate 80 project being over budget and whether it will still be going forward. Mr. Brian McNulty assured that the project is moving forward as planned. He stated that a future amendment will be needed to provide additional funds for this project. These statements were further supported by Ms. Courtney Lyle and Mr. Tom McClelland.
4. **Discussion and Approval of Request for Proposals (RFP) to seek a consultant to undertake the 2026 Long Range Transportation Update.**
  - A. Mr. Peter Messina explained the SVATS MPO will seek a consultant to undertake the 2026 Long Range Transportation Plan Update. He stated the RFP specifies consultants must meet all state and federal requirements and will solicit projects from municipalities to be added to the new project listing. He also stated that the RFP was discussed and approved by the steering committee at their kick-off meeting on February 27, 2025. The RFP will be released this week and responses are due by May 12, 2025 at 4:00 PM. It is anticipated the contract will be awarded at the next SVATS MPO Coordinating Committee meeting on June 10, 2025. There were no comments on the RFP.
    - a. A motion was made by **Mr. Robert Lark** and seconded by **Mr. Paul Hamill** to approve the RFP for the LRTP. The motion passed unanimously.

## 5. Discussion of PA WalkWorks Program

- A. Mr. Messina explained that the PA WalkWorks Program under PA Downton Center and the PA Department of Health is a program that provides funding for planning grants. He stated that because Mercer County is a priority area, there would be no matching requirements. He also made the committee aware that SVATS MPO is planning to apply for a capacity building program that opens in April 2025. Finally, he stated that there is an opportunity for WalkWorks to hold their regional workshop in Mercer County in 2025.
  - a. Mr. Dale Perry asked if the WalkWorks Program could be used for a corridor study on Route 18 in Shenango Township and West Middlesex Borough. Mr. Messina responded that the WalkWorks program is for municipal wide planning grants and not for individual projects, but Shenango Township could advocate for this project to be included in the upcoming LRTP and the potential Active Transportation Plan.

## 6. Project Updates Summary

### A. STU and TA Projects (SVATS MPO Staff): Mr. Messina gave updates for four STU projects.

- a. SR 18/SR 58 (College Avenue Project) – Town of Greenville
  - i. The upcoming road work on SR 18: SR 58-College Avenue will begin March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025 and last through May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2026. This project includes flexible base replacement, overlays with Superpave Asphalt Mixtures, drainage, traffic signals, ADA curb ramps, signing, delineators, and pavement markings. The operations will span approximately from the intersection of Main St. (SR 18) and College Ave (SR 18) to the intersection of Conneaut Lake Rd. (SR 18) and Mill Hill Rd as well as from the intersection of Clarksville St. (SR 18) and Orangeville St. to the intersection of Main St (SR 18) and S Mercer St. (SR 58). All efforts shall be made to minimize disturbance to traffic flow but occasional lane closures can be expected Monday through Friday between 7 AM-5 PM and Saturdays as needed. Small detours will occur occasionally throughout the year. All work will be performed per PennDOT's traffic restriction requirements.
- b. State Street Pedestrian Project – City of Sharon
  - i. Improvements will be made on East State Street from North Sharpsville Avenue to North Oakland Avenue, as well as a small portion of Pine Street. The proposed pedestrian improvements will include replacement of existing curb and sidewalk, updating the curb ramps to be ADA compliant, and planting of appropriate trees and landscaping. The project also includes the installation of additional drainage infrastructure on both sides of the roadway to control flooding during rain events.
  - ii. The lowest bid for the State Street Pedestrian Project came in overbudget at \$944,000 while the engineer's estimate was \$832,000. The City of Sharon will decide over the next two weeks how to address the deficit in funds and is considering rebidding the project.
- c. Service Avenue Bridge Project – City of Sharon
  - i. HRG is the consultant for the Service Avenue Bridge Project. The General Permit 11 was issued by the PADEP on January 17, 2025. The Type, Size, and Location (TS&L) letter was submitted to

PennDOT and approved on February 19, 2025. The preliminary safety review submission was made to PennDOT and approved on February 19, 2025. The preliminary maintenance and protection of traffic plans were resubmitted to PennDOT and approved on February 28, 2025.

- ii. HRG is currently working on the utility coordination, right-of-way plan preparation, and the Design Field View submission. In the next quarter (4Q 2025), HRG anticipates completing the Design Field View and sending Foundation Plan Submissions to PennDOT.

d. McKinley Avenue Bridge Project – Mercer Borough

- i. This project replaces the bridge that carries McKinley Avenue over Munnell Run. The proposed new bridge is a steel superstructure with a reinforced concrete deck on concrete abutments. Work will also include a new concrete sidewalk on the west side of the roadway to facilitate pedestrian traffic, in particular access for the employees and visitors to Imperial Systems from the parking lot on the south side of Munnell Run. The existing I-beam is classified as in poor condition and the bridge is limited to one lane traffic. Approximately 300 vehicles a day use the bridge on average. The bridge is owned by Mercer Borough.
- ii. Work is expected to occur in two phases during the 2026 construction season to allow for the roadway to remain open during the construction process. Phase 1 includes replacement of the east side of the bridge and Phase 2 involves replacement of the west side of the bridge and construction of a new sidewalk. PennDOT has taken over direct management of this project.

**B. Major Projects/Other TIP Projects/PennDOT Construction Project Status 2025 (Tom McClelland, PennDOT D-I):**

Mr. McClelland stated that to date PennDOT has bid 8 projects with a total budget of \$123,781,071, and has 43 projects remaining to be bid with an estimated cost of \$90 million to \$100 million. He discussed several key projects in Mercer County.

- a. **Hosack Road (T-784) Bridges (ECMS #112678) Bridge Replacement:** Mr. McClelland gave updates on two bridges on Hosack Road over Yellow Creek Branch in Jackson Township. These bridges are 27 feet and 28 feet in length and will be replaced. The let date was 01/30/2025 and there was an apparent lowest bid of \$987,959 by JET Excavating Co. It is anticipated that construction on this project will begin on 04/28/2025.
- b. **Sharon 2022 STU Grant – E. State Street (ECMS #119220) Transportation Improvement:** Mr. McClelland stated approximately one mile of sidewalk construction and curb replacement will be done on State Route 518 (US 62 & East State Street) from Oakland Avenue to Pine Street in the City of Sharon. The project had a let date of 01/30/2025 and an apparent lowest bid of \$993,843 by M and B Services, LLC. It is anticipated that construction on this project will begin on 04/28/2025.
- c. **I-80 MM0 to MM5 - Reconstruct (ECMS #91569) PAVING PROGRAM Reconstruction:** This project includes 10 miles (4 lanes) of reconstruction on Interstate 80 from mile mark 0 (the Ohio line) to mile mark 5 (West Middlesex) in Shenango Township. Work includes highway reconstruction along with 5 bridge rehabilitations. The project had a let date of 02/13/2025 with an apparent lowest bid of \$115,680,680 by Glenn O. Hawbaker, LLC. It is anticipated that construction for this project will begin on 03/31/2025. Mr. McClelland stated that both lanes will be open as much as possible during construction with only minor, short-term closures.
  - i. Mr. McNulty stated that the project was overbudget after the first round of bidding. Therefore, the project was rebid, and when the lowest bid was once again overbudget the decision was made to

add funding to this project.

- d. **SR 3020: SR 18 to SR 3011 (ECMS #98388) PAVING PROGRAM Resurfacing:** Mr. McClelland stated that this project involves approximately 0.5 miles of restoration on State Route 3020 (Lamor Road) from State Route 18 (Hermitage Road) to State Route 3011 (North Keel Ridge Road) in the City of Hermitage. The let date of this project is scheduled for 04/10/2025. This project has an estimated cost: of \$2.5M - \$5M. Construction on this project is expected to begin on 05/27/2025.
- e. **I-80 WB Mercer CO ITS Addition at SR 173 - TSMO (ECMS #121311) Safety Improvement:** Mr. McClelland described that this project is to install a message board on Interstate 80 Westbound at the State Route 173 interchange in Wolf Creek Township. This project's let date is scheduled for 03/27/2025. The estimated cost of this project is \$200K - \$500K. Construction for this project is anticipated to begin on 05/12/2025.
- f. **Blacktown Road Bridge / I-79 (ECMS #1925) BRIDGE PROGRAM Bridge Preservation: State Route 2006 (Blacktown Road) over Interstate 79 (Raymond P. Shafer Highway) in Springfield Township.** Mr. McClelland stated that improvements will be made to preserve the bridge. The bridge is 236 feet in length. This project has a let date scheduled on 04/10/2025. The estimated cost of this project is \$1M - \$2.5M. Construction on this project is expected to begin on 05/26/2025.
- g. **PA 718: Bank PI - River Road (ECMS #109750) PAVING PROGRAM Resurfacing:** Mr. McClelland stated that this project involves 2.33 miles of resurfacing on State Route 718 (North Water Avenue) from Bank Place to State Route 846 (River Road) in the cities of Sharon and Hermitage. This project has a let date of 04/10/2025. The estimated cost of this project is \$1M - \$2.5M. Construction is anticipated to begin on 05/26/2025.
- h. **PA 718: SR 846 – Ohio State Line (ECMS #115350) PAVING PROGRAM Resurfacing:** Mr. McClelland stated that this project involves approximately four miles of resurfacing on State Route 718 (Ivanhoe Road) from State Route 846 (River Road) to the Ohio State Line in the city of Hermitage and South Pymatuning Township. The let date of this project is scheduled for 04/10/2025. The estimated cost of this project is \$2.5M - \$5M. Construction is anticipated to begin on 05/26/2025.
- i. **I-80: MP 10 to MP 15 (ECMS #117601) SAFETY PROGRAM Safety Improvement:** Mr. McClelland stated that this project will improve skid resistance on Interstate 80 from mile marker 10 to mile marker 15 in Shenango, Lackawannock, and East Lackawannock Townships. The let date of this project is scheduled for 04/17/2025. The estimated cost of this project is \$2.5M - \$5M. Construction is anticipated to begin on 06/02/2025.
- j. **SR 7204 Old Mercer Road (T-401) Bridge (ECMS #1670) Bridge Replacement: Old Mercer Road (Township Road 401) Bridge over Neshannock Creek in East Lackawannock Township:** Mr. McClelland stated that this project will replace the bridge, which is 104 feet in length. The let date for this project is scheduled for 09/11/2025. The anticipated estimated cost is \$2.5M - \$5M. Construction for this project is anticipated to begin on 12/08/2025.
- k. **McKinley Avenue Bridge - STU (ECMS #1693) Bridge Replacement: McKinley Avenue Bridge over Munnell Run in Mercer Borough:** Mr. McClelland stated that this project will replace the bridge, which is 29 feet in length. The let date for this project is 09/11/2025. The estimated cost of this project is \$1M - \$2.5M. Construction is anticipated to begin on 12/08/2025. PennDOT has taken over direct supervision of this project.

- l. **Service Avenue Bridge (ECMS #1884) Bridge Replacement: Service Avenue Bridge over Pine Run in the City of Sharon.** Mr. McClelland stated that this project will replace the bridge, which is 22 feet in length. The let date for this project is scheduled for 10/23/2025. The estimated cost of this project is \$1M - \$2.5M. Construction for this project is anticipated to begin on 1/19/2026.
- m. **SR 718 over Pine Run (ECMS #117537) Bridge Replacement: State Route 718 (Dock Street) over Pine Run in the City of Sharon.** Mr. McClelland stated that this project will replace the bridge, which is 24 feet in length. The let date for this project is scheduled on 11/6/2025. The estimated cost of this project is \$2.5M - \$5M. Construction for this project is anticipated to begin on 12/22/2025.
- n. **Northwest 2025 RPM (ECMS# 116197) Reflective Pavement Markers:** Mr. McClelland stated that this project involves replacement and repair of reflective pavement markings on several state routes in various municipalities in Crawford, Erie, Forest, Mercer, Venango and Warren counties. The let date for this project is scheduled for 3/13/2025. The estimated cost of this project is \$200K - \$500K. Construction for this project is anticipated to begin on 4/28/2025.

#### **D. Comments**

- a. Mr. Robert Lark asked about the status of the milling and paving project on SR 18 between Interstate 80 and Interstate 376. Mr. McClelland responded that project would begin this Spring. Mr. Lark then asked about replacing a storm grate that was removed during construction of SR 18. Mr. McNulty said that he will investigate this concern.
- b. Mr. Dale Perry asked about the width of the berms on SR 18. Mr. Brian McNulty stated that the berms will be the same width as they are now (four feet). Mr. Conti noted that there should be enough room for bicyclists to ride on the shoulder with the use of rumble strips. Mr. McNulty stated that there will be enough room for bicyclists.

### **7. Transportation Funding Updates**

- a. PennDOT
  - i. Ms. Julia Cornell stated that a PennDOT Connects municipal outreach session will be held for PennDOT District 1-0 on April 28, 2025 from 1:00 to 3:00 PM in Harrisburg or virtually.
  - ii. Ms. Cornell stated that the 2025 public comment period for the State Twelve Year Plan (TYP) is open until April 30, 2025. The survey can be completed online, over the phone, or by requesting a paper survey.
  - iii. PennDOT has released the 2025 Transportation Performance Report that gives a summary of transportation in Pennsylvania over the last two years.
  - iv. There will be an online Public Forum on April 10, 2025 that will feature a presentation from Secretary Michael Carrol and a Q&A with PennDOT officials.
- b. FHWA and FTA
  - i. There were no updates from FHWA or FTA. Mr. Coxe asked if there any issues involving our federal partners. Mr. McNulty assured that there have been no issues to date and

that partners have been having been attending trainings. Mr. Mark Tobin stated that federal partners are examining changes to executive actions and waiting for guidance to be communicated.

## 8. Additional Discussion

### A. Discussion of National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (NEVI) Program

- a. Mr. Mark Tobin stated that there are 91 projects under agreement under the NEVI Program. There has been a pause on future obligations with the NEVI Program following rescinding of official federal highway guidance in February 2025. Current projects that have been awarded are still underway and will be going forward.

### B. Discussion of PA PROTECT Program

- a. Ms. Courtney Lyle stated that four applications have been submitting for PROTECT funding from PennDOT District 1-0 including one project in Mercer County. The Mercer County project is along SR 58 in Mercer Borough. Ms. Lyle stated that the PROTECT Program is a resiliency program to address areas prone to flooding.

### C. Final Discussion

- a. Mr. McClelland noted that the shoulders on SR 18 are four feet wide with eleven feet wide lanes. They will remain the same measurements following the repaving project.
- b. Mr. McNulty stated that Ms. Courtney Lyle has been promoted to a new position and title. She is now the PennDOT District 1-0 Asset Manager. She will now oversee both the planning management and the information/data management units.
- c. Mr. Conti asked Ms. Jill Boozer of MCRCOG/SVSS about the details of their ongoing Transit Development Plan. Ms. Boozer explained that the plan will give the first update to the transit system in Mercer County in over forty years.
- d. Mr. Lark asked for the date for the next SVATS MPO Coordinating Committee Meeting. Mr. Conti stated that the next meeting will be held on June 10, 2025 at 10:30 AM.

## 9. Adjournment

- A. A motion was called for by Mr. Cox to adjourn the meeting. The motion to adjourn was made by **Mr. Lark** and seconded by **Mr. Perry**. The motion passed unanimously at 11:12 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Doniele Russell,  
SVATS MPO Secretary



FISCAL CONSTRAINT CHART  
FFY 2025-2028 TIP Highway/Bridge

Amendment #1 Interstate TIP				Fund Type		FFY 2025			FFY 2026			FFY 2027			FFY 2028			TOTAL PROJECT	Outer Years			Remarks			
Project Title		MPMS	Phase	Amts	Fed	State	Federal	State	Loc/Oth	Federal	State	Loc/Oth	Federal	State	Loc/Oth	Federal	State	Loc/Oth	COST (EST.)	Federal	State		Loc/Oth		
Interstate Contingency  /  Central Office		75891	CON	Before	NHPP	581	9,354,519	5,354,710		7,902,124	9,219,292		34,848,040	2,406,358				15,626,836		Line Item	165,549,211	21,386,044		Interstate Contingency LI source of funds to maintain fiscal constraint.	
				Before	BRIP	185			6,748,716		2,931,000	1,611,000			10,079,830			5,049,024			12,000,000	71,064,808			
				Adjust	NHPP	581								(14,026,152)											
				Adjust	BRIP	185																			
Central Office				After	NHPP	581	9,354,519	5,354,710		7,902,124	9,219,292		20,821,888	2,406,358				15,626,836			165,549,211	21,386,044			
				After	BRIP	185			6,748,716		2,931,000	1,611,000			10,079,830			5,049,024		12,000,000	71,064,808				
I-80: MM0 to MM5 Reconstruct 80/A16 Mercer		91569	CON	Before	NHPP		35,165,431			40,000,000			35,322,000							\$129,044,068				Increase CON phase to remove PMC hold.	
				Adjust	NHPP								14,026,152												
				After	NHPP		35,165,431				40,000,000			49,348,152											
Before Totals							\$44,519,950	\$12,103,426	\$0	\$50,833,124	\$10,830,292	\$0	\$70,170,040	\$12,486,188	\$0	\$0	\$20,675,860	\$0		\$177,549,211	\$92,450,852	\$0	Actions do not affect air quality conformity.		
Adjustment Totals							\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0			
After Totals							\$44,519,950	\$12,103,426	\$0	\$50,833,124	\$10,830,292	\$0	\$70,170,040	\$12,486,188	\$0	\$0	\$20,675,860	\$0		\$177,549,211	\$92,450,852	\$0			
Project Description:										Narrative Notes:															
(MPMS# 91569) This project includes 13.63 miles (4 lanes) of rehabilitation/reconstruction on I-80 (Z H Confair Highway) from the Ohio/Pennsylvania line to Mile Marker 5 (West Middlesex) in Shenango Township, Mercer County.										Amendment to the 2025-28 Interstate TIP increasing the CON phase on the I-80: MM0 to MM5 Reconstruct project in Mercer county in order to remove a PMC hold. Interstate Contingency line item used as source of funds to maintain fiscal constraint.															
Amendment #2 D1-0 SVTS TIP				Fund Type		FFY 2025			FFY 2026			FFY 2027			FFY 2028			TOTAL PROJECT	Outer Years			Remarks			
Project Title		MPMS	Phase	Amts	Fed	State	Federal	State	Loc/Oth	Federal	State	Loc/Oth	Federal	State	Loc/Oth	Federal	State	Loc/Oth	COST (EST.)	Federal	State		Loc/Oth		
PROTECT Reserve / Central Office		118322	CON	Before	PRTCT		19,520,185			29,461,701			60,329,000			62,639,000				Line Item	250,556,000			PROTECT Reserve line item used as source of funds to maintain fiscal constraint.	
				Adjust	PRTCT					(925,000)															
				After	PRTCT		19,520,185			28,536,701			60,329,000			62,639,000									
SR 2014 - Market Street 2014/22M Mercer		32317	CON	Before																\$5,329,000				Let Date: 1/15/2026	
				Adjust	PRTCT																				
				After	PRTCT																				
Before Totals							\$64,040,135	\$12,103,426	\$0	\$80,294,825	\$10,830,292	\$0	\$130,499,040	\$12,486,188	\$0	\$62,639,000	\$20,675,860	\$0		\$428,105,211	\$92,450,852	\$0	Actions do not affect air quality conformity.		
Adjustment Totals							\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0				
After Totals							\$64,040,135	\$12,103,426	\$0	\$80,294,825	\$10,830,292	\$0	\$130,499,040	\$12,486,188	\$0	\$62,639,000	\$20,675,860	\$0		\$428,105,211	\$92,450,852	\$0			
Project Description:										Narrative Notes:															
(MPMS# 32317) This project includes resurfacing and stormwater improvements on State Route 58 and State Route 2014 (Market Street) in the Borough of Mercer.										Amendment to the 2025-28 SVTS and Statewide TIPs adding PROTECT funds to the CON phase for the SR 2014 - Market Street project.															
Administrative Action #1 STWD - SVTS				Fund Type		FFY 2025			FFY 2026			FFY 2027			FFY 2028			TOTAL PROJECT	Outer Years			Remarks			
Project Title		MPMS	Phase	Amts	Fed	State	Federal	State	Loc/Oth	Federal	State	Loc/Oth	Federal	State	Loc/Oth	Federal	State	Loc/Oth	COST (EST.)	Federal	State		Loc/Oth		
TAP Reserve / Central Office		60560	CON	Before	TAP		535,000			1,155,086			6,358,330			30,604,000				Line Item	122,416,000			Funding source	
				Adjust	TAP		(331,550)																		
				After	TAP		203,450			1,155,086			6,358,330			30,604,000									
Sharon 2022 STU Grant - E. State St 518/STU Mercer		119220	CON	Before	TAP		811,369		337,009											\$1,142,920				Increase for low bid plus inspection	
				Adjust	TAP		331,550		(337,009)																
				After	TAP		1,142,919																		
Before Totals							\$65,386,504	\$12,103,426	\$337,009	\$81,449,911	\$10,830,292	\$0	\$136,857,370	\$12,486,188	\$0	\$93,243,000	\$20,675,860	\$0		\$550,521,211	\$92,450,852	\$0	Actions do not affect air quality conformity.		
Adjustment Totals							\$0	\$0	\$(\$337,009)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0			
After Totals							\$65,386,504	\$12,103,426	\$0	\$81,449,911	\$10,830,292	\$0	\$136,857,370	\$12,486,188	\$0	\$93,243,000	\$20,675,860	\$0		\$550,521,211	\$92,450,852	\$0			
Project Description:										Narrative Notes:															
(MPMS# 119220) This project includes curb and sidewalk sealing or replacement, new drainage features and curb ramps, along with planting new trees along East State Street from North Oakland Avenue to SR 518 in the City of Sharon. This project is locally sponsored and was awarded SVATS MPO STU Funds in 2022 for use in 2023-2026.										Administrative Action to the Statewide TIP and SVTS TIP to increase the Sharon 2022 STU Grant - E. State Street project to match low bid plus inspection. Also to remove Local Funds.															

**FFY 2025-2028 TIP Highway/Bridge**

Administrative Action #2 Interstate TIP				Fund Type			FFY 2025			FFY 2026			FFY 2027			FFY 2028			TOTAL PROJECT	Outer Years			Remarks
Project Title	MPMS	Phase	Amts	Fed	State	Federal	State	Loc/Oth	Federal	State	Loc/Oth	Federal	State	Loc/Oth	Federal	State	Loc/Oth	COST (EST.)	Federal	State	Loc/Oth		
Interstate Contingency /	75891	CON	Before	581			5,304,710			3,219,292			2,406,358			15,626,836		Line Item		20,386,044		Line Item used to maintain fiscal constraint.	
Central Office			Adjust	581			(1,517,844)																
			After	581			3,786,866			3,219,292			2,406,358			15,626,836				20,386,044			
I-80: MM0 to MM5 Reconstruct 80/A16	91569	PE	Before	581														\$129,044,068				Adding PE to 2025 program	
Mercer			Adjust	581			1,400,551																
			After	581			1,400,551																
I-80: MM0 to MM5 Reconstruct 80/A16	91569	FD	Before	581														\$129,044,068				Adding FD to 2025 program.	
Mercer			Adjust	581			117,293																
			After	581			117,293																
Before Totals						\$65,386,504	\$17,408,136	\$0	\$81,449,911	\$14,049,584	\$0	\$136,857,370	\$14,892,546	\$0	\$93,243,000	\$36,302,696	\$0		\$550,521,211	\$112,836,896	\$0	Actions do not affect air quality conformity.	
Adjustment Totals						\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0	\$0		
After Totals						\$65,386,504	\$17,408,136	\$0	\$81,449,911	\$14,049,584	\$0	\$136,857,370	\$14,892,546	\$0	\$93,243,000	\$36,302,696	\$0		\$550,521,211	\$112,836,896	\$0		
Project Description:										Narrative Notes:													
(MPMS# 91569) This project includes 13.63 miles (4 lanes) of rehabilitation/reconstruction on I-80 (Z H Confair Highway) from the Ohio/Pennsylvania line to Mile Marker 5 (West Middlesex) in Shenango Township, Mercer County.										Administrative Modification to the 2025 Program. Adding PE and FD to MPMS #91569.													

\* Positive number denotes a surplus/Negative denotes a deficit

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Administrative Action #4				Fund Type		FFY 2025			FFY 2026			FFY 2027			FFY 2028			TOTAL PROJECT	Beyond FFYs			Remarks	Project Location
Project Title		MPMS	Phase	Amts	Fed	St	Fed (\$)	State (\$)	Loc/Oth (\$)	Fed (\$)	State (\$)	Loc/Oth (\$)	Fed (\$)	State (\$)	Loc/Oth (\$)	Fed (\$)	State (\$)	Loc/Oth (\$)	COST (EST.)	Fed (\$)	State (\$)		
Mercer Highway/Bridge Line Item Mercer County		106423	CON	Before	BOF	185	165,963	490,159											Line Item				Line Item Source of Funds.
				Adjust	BOF	185	(167)	(42)															
				After	BOF	185	165,796	490,117	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	0		
Blacktown Road Bridge over I-79 Mercer County 2006/B00		1925	PE	Before	BOF	185	20,000	5,000											\$2,160,000				Project is going into construction. Increase to close out phase.
				Adjust	BOF	185	167	42															
				After	BOF	185	20,167	5,042	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	0		
Before FFY Totals							185,963	495,159	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	0	0		
FFY Adjustment Totals							0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	0	0		
After FFY Totals							185,963	495,159	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	0	0	
Project Description:										Narrative Notes:													
(MPMS# 1925) This project includes the preservation of the State Route 2006 (Blacktown Road) Bridge over Interstate 79 (Raymond P. Shafer Highway) in Springfield Township, Mercer County. The bridge is 236 feet in length.										Administrative action to increase funds to close out phase. \$167 in Federal BOF funds and \$42 in State 185 funds were added to the PE phase of MPMS# 1925 in FFY 2025. Source was Mercer Highway/Bridge Line Item.													

Administrative Action #5				Fund Type		FFY 2025			FFY 2026			FFY 2027			FFY 2028			TOTAL PROJECT	Beyond FFYs			Remarks	Project Location	
Project Title		MPMS	Phase	Amts	Fed	St	Fed (\$)	State (\$)	Loc/Oth (\$)	Fed (\$)	State (\$)	Loc/Oth (\$)	Fed (\$)	State (\$)	Loc/Oth (\$)	Fed (\$)	State (\$)	Loc/Oth (\$)	COST (EST.)	Fed (\$)	State (\$)			Loc/Oth (\$)
Mercer Highway/Bridge Line Item Mercer County		106423	CON	Before		581		103,296			311,304			278,021			350,000			Line Item				Line Item Source of Funds.
				Adjust		581		(30,355)																
				After		581	0	72,941	0	0	311,304	0	0	278,021	0	0	350,000	0	0		0	0		
SR 3020: SR 18 to SR 3011 Mercer County 3020/A00		98388	CON	Before		581		1,428,692			1,708,308								\$2,919,542				Use as source of funds from LB+I results.	
				Adjust		581		(486,229)			(486,229)													
				After		581	0	942,463	0	0	1,222,079	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	0			
PA 718: Bank Pl - River Rd Mercer County 718/05M		109750	CON	Before		581		822,271			1,177,729								\$3,272,813				Increase to cover LB+I results.	
				Adjust		581		516,584			486,229													
				After		581	0	1,338,855	0	0	1,663,958	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	0			
Before FFY Totals							0	2,354,259	0	0	3,197,341	0	0	278,021	0	0	350,000	0		0	0	0		
FFY Adjustment Totals							0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	0	0		
After FFY Totals							0	2,354,259	0	0	3,197,341	0	0	278,021	0	0	350,000	0		0	0	0		
Project Description:										Narrative Notes:														
(MPMS# 109750) This project includes 2.33 miles of resurfacing on SR 718 (North Water Avenue) from Bank Place to SR 846 (River Road) in the Cities of Sharon and Hermitage, Mercer County.										Administrative action to increase funds to cover low bid + inspection results. \$516,584 in State 581 funds and \$486,229 in State 581 funds were added to the CON phase of MPMS# 109750 in FFY 2025 and 2026. Source was Mercer Highway/Bridge Line Item and MPMS# 98388.														

Administrative Action #6				Fund Type		FFY 2025			FFY 2026			FFY 2027			FFY 2028			TOTAL PROJECT	Beyond FFYs			Remarks	Project Location	
Project Title		MPMS	Phase	Amts	Fed	St	Fed (\$)	State (\$)	Loc/Oth (\$)	Fed (\$)	State (\$)	Loc/Oth (\$)	Fed (\$)	State (\$)	Loc/Oth (\$)	Fed (\$)	State (\$)	Loc/Oth (\$)	COST (EST.)	Fed (\$)	State (\$)			Loc/Oth (\$)
Mercer Highway/Bridge Line Item Mercer County		106423	CON	Before	BOF	185	165,796	490,117			260,400	102,667		173,312	2,828		150,374	21,098		Line Item				Line Item Source of funds
				Adjust	BOF	185			342,644	85,661														
				After	BOF	185	165,796	490,117	0	603,044	188,328	0	173,312	2,828	0	150,374	21,098	0			0	0	0	
Blacktown Road Bridge over I-79 Mercer County 2006/B00		1925	CON	Before	BOF	185	1,085,247	271,312			533,577	133,394								\$2,160,000				Return funds to the Line Item from LB+I Savings
				Adjust	BOF	185			(342,644)	(85,661)														
				After	BOF	185	1,085,247	271,312	0	190,933	47,733	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	0		
Before FFY Totals							1,251,043	761,429	0	793,977	236,061	0	173,312	2,828	0	0	21,098	0		0	0	0		
FFY Adjustment Totals							0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	0	0		
After FFY Totals							1,251,043	761,429	0	793,977	236,061	0	173,312	2,828	0	0	21,098	0		0	0	0		
Project Description:										Narrative Notes:														
(MPMS# 1925) This project includes the preservation of the State Route 2006 (Blacktown Road) Bridge over Interstate 79 (Raymond P. Shafer Highway) in Springfield Township, Mercer County. The bridge is 236 feet in length.										Administrative action to return funds to the line item due to low bid + inspection savings. \$342,644 in Federal BOF Funds and \$85,661 in State 185 funds were removed from CON phase of MPMS# 1925 in FFY 2026. Funds returned to Mercer Highway/Bridge line Item.														

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Highway/Bridge TIP Management Action**

## **2025 WalkWorks Capacity Building Pre-Application**

### **Statement of Need**

Mercer County is eager to partner with WalkWorks through the pre-application capacity building process to lay a strong foundation for a transformative Active Transportation Plan. As a SPAN priority community, Mercer County faces significant challenges and this initiative represents an important opportunity to improve public health, expand mobility, and enhance quality of life for all residents, especially those in disadvantaged communities.

Health disparities are stark across Mercer County. According to the CDC's Health Equity Index (2018), the county's adult obesity rate stands at 36.8%, with high cholesterol affecting 35.5% of residents and 12.2% diagnosed with diabetes. Heart disease impacts 8.2% of the adult population, and from 2010–2014, the county experienced 125.2 deaths per 100,000 from coronary heart disease. In addition, 17.3% of residents live with a disability, according to the latest 2019–2023 American Community Survey.

These issues are even more pronounced in our most disadvantaged communities. In nine census tracts identified for having higher rates of low-income and minority populations, 41% of adults are obese (compared to 35% in non-disadvantaged areas), and 14.6% have been diagnosed with diabetes (versus 11.2%). Disparities in coronary heart disease follow the same trend. This deep inequity underscores the urgency of creating an inclusive, well-informed Active Transportation Plan that will truly serve those who need it most.

Mercer County's plan will focus on identifying and addressing barriers to walking, biking, public transit use, and accessibility for residents with disabilities. Many of our residents face mobility challenges due to chronic illness, lack of transportation, or limited recreational access particularly in our low-income and rural areas. The Plan will prioritize equity, spotlight gaps in access, and offer realistic, actionable strategies to improve connectivity and promote healthier lifestyles.

Despite these challenges, Mercer County is rich with potential. We are home to cherished recreational assets like Buhl Park, Memorial Park, and Maurice K. Goddard State Park, along with an extensive trail system including the Shenango River Trail, Lake Wilhelm Trail, and Trout Island Trail. Our residents are proud of these spaces and passionate about building a healthier future. With help from the Mercer County Trails Association and local municipalities, we're already making strides—improving curb cuts, developing separated bike lanes, and enhancing accessibility infrastructure.

Mercer County is also planning for a more integrated future. The Mercer County Regional Planning Commission (MCRPC) is actively working on a new Comprehensive Plan and Long-Range Transportation Plan, while the Mercer County Regional Council

of Governments (MCRCOG) is developing a County Transit Plan. Together, these efforts will directly inform and support the Active Transportation Plan.

As a small, single-county MPO, MCRPC/SVATS MPO is committed but resource-limited. We face challenges that larger, better-staffed MPOs do not, which makes capacity-building support from WalkWorks not just helpful but essential. We've also successfully secured several Multimodal Transportation Fund grants and received recognition from state leaders for projects that improve pedestrian and bicycle access, signaling broad community and statewide support. In December 2024, SVATS MPO adopted a Complete Streets Policy to formally prioritize pedestrian and multimodal transportation. SVATS MPO staff gave an update on its interest to apply for WalkWorks capacity building at its most recent Coordinating Committee Meeting on March 11, 2025.

This is a pivotal moment for Mercer County. We're ready to act, and with WalkWorks' support, we can create an Active Transportation Plan that is not only data-driven and equitable, but also deeply rooted in community pride and long-term vision. Thank you for considering our application, we are excited about the opportunity to partner in creating healthier, more connected communities across Mercer County.

## **WalkWorks: Capacity Building**

### **Public Engagement Statement**

The Mercer County Regional Planning Commission (MCRPC) is dedicated to promoting an inclusive and equitable development process for the WalkWorks Capacity Building Program. Mercer County is fortunate to have an active community that strongly values recreation and active transportation, and our office will conduct outreach to involve as many members of our community as possible.

MCRPC will lead efforts to involve municipal officials, stakeholders, and the general public in the planning effort. The WalkWorks Capacity Building Program will be promoted on the planning commission website and municipal websites. MCRPC will engage residents on social media sites such as Facebook and LinkedIn to spread the word about the planning process. Paper communications will be utilized to reach the entire population of Mercer County, including those with limited access to technological resources. These efforts will ensure that the planning process is representative of all populations in Mercer County.

Local elected officials and other community officials will spread awareness of Mercer County's Capacity Building Program by announcing updates at public hearings and in press releases. Stakeholders such as the Mercer County Trails Association, health agencies, and business owners will be involved plan development. MCRPC (which also functions as the Shenango Valley Area Transportation Study MPO) will ensure coordination with transportation agencies including the Shenango Valley Shuttle Service and Mercer County Community Transit. MCRPC will work to align the future Active Transportation Plan with local plans including the developing Mercer County Long-Range Transportation Plan and the Mercer County Comprehensive Plan.

MCRPC is enthusiastic about the opportunity to promote active transportation through the WalkWorks Capacity Building Program. We look forward to engaging our community in a unified planning effort that is open to all residents of Mercer County.