

Minutes
for the
April 3, 2025, Meeting of
the
Danville Metropolitan Planning Organization

Attendees

Ken Bowman, MPO Chairman
Chris Winstead, VDOT
Brian Dunevant, Danville
Ken Gillie, Danville, via Zoom
Rick Youngblood, VDOT, via Zoom
Kristie Eberly, Danville MPO Administrator
Joseph Bonanno, Danville, MPO

1. Call to Order:

Mr. Bowman called the meeting to order at 5:36 p.m.

2. Approval of Minutes from February 4, 2025 meeting

The Chairman opened the meeting asking for a motion to approve the minutes from the February 4th meeting. Mr. Chris Winstead made a motion to approve the minutes, which was seconded by Mr. Brian Dunevant. The motion was voted on and was approved unanimously.

3. Presentation of FY 26 MPO Unified Work Program (UWP), Joe Bonanno, Senior Planner

The UPWP, or Unified Planning Work Program, is the document the Danville MPO uses to annually program anticipated funds and activities for the fiscal year, beginning July 1st. For this coming fiscal year, FY 26, the MPO will be receiving \$191,018.53 in PL funds. We will have a carry-over from FY 24 of \$92,787.43, for a total of \$283,805.96. The local portion of the match, \$19,101.85, will be provided by the City of Danville and Pittsylvania County, which works out to about \$9,550.93 each.

We have almost \$187,000 in our funding going toward consultant-led studies which, for FY 26, we anticipate the majority going toward update of the Long-Range Transportation Plan update. A total of \$17,000 will go toward Administration.

4. Adoption of FY26 MPO Unified Work Program (UWP)

The Chairman asked for a motion to adopt the FY 26 MPO Unified Work Program (UWP). A motion was made by Mr. Brian Dunevant, and was seconded by Mr. Chris Winstead. Upon the vote, the motion carried unanimously.

5. Adoption of 2025 Self-Certification, MPO Administrator

The MPO Administrator explained that this was an item completed each year to certify that the MPO is in compliance with Title VI. There is an update planned for the upcoming year as well as a review of the Title VI documents.

A motion was made to adopt the 2025 Self Certification by Mr. Chris Winstead, which was seconded by Mr. Brian Dunevant. Upon the vote, the motion was passed unanimously.

6. Update on Safe Streets and Roads for ALL (SS4A) Plan-Next Steps, Joe Bonanno, Senior Planner

Mr. Joe Bonanno explained that the Safe Streets and Roads for All Safety Action Plan was adopted by the board in February and is now up on the MPO website. One of the things being discussed is the possibility of the City of Danville and Pittsylvania County adopting the plan so that they would be able to apply for SS4A Implementation funding on their own, if they wish. Joe has been corresponding with the City and County about this, and the City has this topic on its City Council agenda for the 22nd of this month, which he noted he would be attending to answer any questions that may come up. He added that he would like to follow up with the County about this.

The Notice of Funding Opportunity for the 2025 intake of applications was just released at the end of last month, and the final submission date is June 26th, so we have a little time but we'll need to meet to discuss what the priorities will be. The MPO is willing to submit an application prior to the deadline, so we'll need to get together to discuss what our priorities will be at your earliest convenience so that we can get a strong application together.

7. Discussion of Danville MPO 2050 Long-Range Transportation Plan, Joe Boanno, Senior Planner

We'll be engaging our on-call consultants this month with respect to the Long-Range Plan update. We plan to seek proposals from three of the on-calls including EPR, Timmons, and WRA. We anticipate this plan to be our most dynamic and engaging yet, given all the changes in Danville. The last update was in 2020. Mr. Rick Youngblood noted that with the most recent data from SS4A and CLRP, it will not take as long to update, nor cost as much as previous updates.

8. Comments/Updates from VDOT/DRPT/FHWA

Mr. Chris Winstead noted a brief reminder that the Six -Year Improvement Program public meeting will be April 23, from 4 to 6 pm. Secretary Sheppard Miller will be in attendance, and it will be a good opportunity to speak about a few of the projects underway currently.

9. Other Business

There was no other business.

10. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 6:06



Joseph Bonanno
Danville MPO Senior Planner