



## Southwestern Pennsylvania Active Transportation Forum

March 4, 2020  
10:00 AM – Noon

North Meeting Room, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Two Chatham Center, 112 Washington Place  
Pittsburgh, PA 15219

### MEETING SUMMARY

#### Attendance

First	Last	Organization
Allison	Robinson	UPMC
Amy	Camp	Cycle Forward
Ann	Ogoreuc	Allegheny County Economic Development
Bill	Lesterick	PennDOT D-11
Chris	Corbran	Pennsylvania Environmental Council
Courtney	Mahronich Vita	Friends of the Riverfront
Darin	Alviano	Armstrong County
Dave	Wright	Allegheny County Public Works Department
Donna	Green	Regional Trail Corporation
Eric	Boerer	BikePGH
Haleigh	Wickett	Oakland Planning and Development Corporation
Joe	Rusiewicz	TranSystems
Joel	Mackay	Butler County
John	Turack	Penn State Extension/Smart Growth Partnership
Josh	Krug	Indiana County Office of Planning + Development
Justin	Beinhauer	Growing Together Through Trails
Justin	Miller	Michael Baker
Kelsey	Ripper	Friends of the Riverfront
Kim	Lucas	City of Pittsburgh /Department of Mobility + Infrastructure
Laurie	Lafontaine	C + I Trail Council, Indiana County Planning Commission
Linda	Gwinn	Blairsville Community Development Authority
Lynn	Manion	Airport Corridor Transportation Association (ACTA)
Mary	Shaw	Trail Volunteer Fund, Free Wheeling Easy
Mike	Zizan	Skelly + Loy
Moira	Egler	Port Authority of Allegheny County

Ned	Williams	Montour Trail Council
Nick	Goodfellow	University of Pittsburgh
Phil		Mentee (Mentor Telemachus)
Ron	Steffey	Steffey Trail Connections
Roy	Weil	Trail Volunteer Fund, Free Wheeling Easy
Ruth	McClelland	PennDOT

### SPC Staff

First	Last	Title
Andy	Waple	Director, Transportation Planning
Catherine	Tulley	Data Analyst
Chuck	Imbrogno	Models + Data Analysis Manager
Claire	Jordy	Development Specialist/Water Resource Center
David	Totten	Transit Planner
Domenic	D'Andrea	Manager, Transportation Operations + Safety
Evan	Schoss	Transportation Planner
Josh	Spano	Transportation Planner
Kathy	Stefani	Alliance for Transportation Working in Communities
Leann	Chaney	Transportation Planner
Tom	Klevan	Manager, Multimodal Planning

### 1. Welcome + Introductions

Leann Chaney opened the meeting and asked for introductions from those in attendance, starting with student mentees that are participating in the APA/PA Southwest Section's Mentor Telemachus program. Josh Spano, member of the SW Section Council, elaborated on the Mentor Telemachus program which was launched in October 2019.

### 2. Upcoming workshops for Walk + Bike Friendly Community designations

Leann elaborated on both the Walk and Bike Friendly Community programs and their upcoming deadlines. She shared that SPC staff can provide technical assistance to communities that are seeking designation and that they will be holding Bicycle Friendly Community workshops throughout the region in May 2020 and also distributed a flyer with information on content and locations of the workshops.

### 3. Presentations

#### SPC Tableau/Bike Counts: Catherine Tulley, SPC

Catherine reviewed SPC's interactive Tableau dashboard for the SPC bicycle count data program and recent updates to the dashboard, stating that she's working on getting new count site data finalized and plans to have the dashboard linked to the ATRC within the next week. Updates included making the dashboard more consistent with the look and feel of our new website and adding data from new count sites. She provided an overview of how the functionality allows users to review counting sites by location or by data comparison. She demonstrated how each location profile featured mapping of the

counter site along with the trail or road location, plus total counts per trail by date, with weather data included for reference. She also reviewed the comparison feature that allows users to compare the count data by trail, including hourly, daily, weekly, or directional summaries. Additionally, Catherine discussed new multimodal data available through the StreetLight.

Shady Avenue Road Safety Audit (RSA): Josh Spano, SPC

Josh Spano presented an overview of the RSA that SPC conducted along Shady Avenue in Pittsburgh, from Penn Avenue to Monitor Street, as requested by the City of Pittsburgh. Josh provided an overview of the audit team, followed by a summary of land uses in the corridor. He stated that the project kick off included interviews with stakeholders and that input was also collected via a Wiki map. He then highlighted safety successes, identified concerns and suggestions that were made related to pedestrian and bicycle mobility and safety.

Placemaking: Amy Camp, Trails + Tourism Consultant/Owner of Cycle Forward

Amy presented on a commitment to placemaking and the importance of using the “Power of 10” approach in public spaces. She elaborated on the definition of placemaking, engaged attendees in an interactive discussion and gave examples of the types of activities that may be considered one of ten things to do on the North Shore, and also provided a regional example centered on the Stavich Bike Trail in Lawrence County.

#### **4. Education + Advocacy**

Roundtable updates

Leann started off the updates by sharing that SPC’s Green Team created the Yellow Goat Bike Club for staff and distributed a flyer with the list of social rides planned through spring 2020. She also pointed out that although it’s a staff bike club, the rides are open to anyone interested in participating. She also highlighted that beginning in June, the active transportation forums will be held on Tuesdays, instead of Wednesdays. Other roundtable updates included the following: DOMI released their draft Bike+ Plan, they are also wrapping up their Pedestrian Safety Action Plan and Complete Streets guidelines, they have an open position for an active transportation planner and recently hired a Safe Routes to School coordinator; John Turack with Penn State Extension thanked Leann for presenting on active transportation during a recent land use webinar and stated that they are working with Delmont and Penn Townships to develop active transportation plans, and he promoted future land use webinars; Eric Boerer with BikePGH provided an update on the status of the “parking protected bike lane bill” and shared that they’ve finalized this year’s dates for the Open Streets events; Friends of the Riverfront shared that they have a lot of programming underway for the coming season, including activities related to Earth Day in April and activities with a wellness-related focus in May; the Port Authority will be launching development of a long range plan; the Regional Trail Corporation is working on funding to pave sections of trail behind the Waterfront; Steel Valley reported on birding activities and trail rides; Ned Williams with the Montour Trail reported on trail projects that are underway, which are mainly projects that will close gaps. He also shared that related to placemaking, they partnered with developers that plan to build residential developments along the trail; Growing Together Through Trails shared on placemaking and the importance of connecting to essential needs like grocery stores; Indiana County is planning their 4<sup>th</sup> annual decathlon, planning a Hoodlebug Trail extension multimodal grand opening

event in May, and participating in a multimodal study of Route 119 as it enters Indiana; C + I Trail Council reported that the Ghost Town Trail was selected as the DCNR Trail of the Year and they will be planning an event for that. Laurie also stated Cambria County is continuing to work on trail connections to the east; Allegheny County awarded two Active Allegheny grants to Ingram and Carnegie boroughs; Armstrong County is in the early stages of developing a master plan for Freeport borough as a regional trailhead; and Allegheny County Public Works added that the Panhandle Trail has its 3<sup>rd</sup> housing development along the trail.

**5. Upcoming Events**

- SPC staff bike club / social rides: Spring 2020
- April 18, 2020: Opening Day for Trails
- May 2020: National Bike Month
- May 15, 2020: Bike to Work Day
- May 2020: National Commute Month

**6. Future meeting dates**

- June 2, 2020
- September 1, 2020 (tentative)
- December 1, 2020 (tentative)
- March 2, 2021 (tentative)

**7. Networking Lunch**