

SPC Transportation Operations & Safety Committee

Wednesday, June 25, 2008, 10:00AM

Regional Enterprise Tower, 23rd Floor, A.E. Hunt Room

ATTENDEES

Bruce Ahern, Michael Baker Corp.
Frank Cippel, PennDOT D11-0
Chuck DiPietro, SPC
Rich Feder, WR&A
Tony Hofmann, Michael Baker Corp.
Mary Beth Kim, SPC
Paul Koza, PennDOT District 10-0
Vincent Ley, Washington County
Brenda Murphy, PennDOT BHSTE
Darryl Phillips, PB
Steve Schillero, DMJM Harris
Scott Thompson-Graves, WR&A
Carol Uminski, SPC

Amanda Broadwater, City of Pittsburgh
Dominic D'Andrea, SPC
Rachel Duda, PennDOT D12-0
Scott Hissong, DMJM Harris
Keith Johnson, URS
Tom Klevan, SPC
Jeff Leithauser, Washington County
Duane McKee, Cranberry Township
Matt Pavlosky, SPC
Chuck Rompala, Port Authority
Doug Smith, SPC
Dave Tomaswick, PennDOT D10-0

MEETING SUMMARY

- Following introductions, Brenda Murphy provided an overview of the status of various TSOP implementation activities going on at the Bureau of Highway Safety & Traffic Engineering (BHSTE), including statewide ITS initiatives. The draft TIP/STIP includes \$120M over the next 4 years for ITS, with a focus on Interstate-to-Interstate junctions and key snow routes. BHSTE is also in the process of developing an ITS Strategic Plan, an ITS Device Deployment Master Plan, and Standard Operating Procedures for the Regional Traffic Management Centers (RTMC) and State Traffic Management Center (STMC).
- Darryl St. Clair is the new Director of BHSTE (formerly Craig Reed) and Doug Tomlinson is now the acting manager of the ITS & congestion division (formerly Steve Koser).
- Bob Pento provided an update on the development of a statewide 511 system. AN RFP was issued by PennDOT in May and proposals are due soon. SPC and the Port Authority are in discussions with BHSTE on how regional information, such as transit traveler information, will be integrated into 511.
- Bruce Ahern and Tony Hofmann gave an overview of the work that Baker is doing for the City of Pittsburgh to develop a CBD evacuation plan. There are many stakeholders involved in this process and transportation is a key element of the plan. Baker is analyzing various evacuation scenarios including shelter-in-place events, minor evacuations, major evacuations, and evacuations related to a catastrophic event. Port Authority's evacuation plan was used as a starting point for this effort. Work on the plan started in October ('07) and is expected to take approximately 1 year from that date.

- Domenic D'Andrea recapped the recent LED workshops that SPC has been hosting around the region and provided an update on the regional traffic signal program. SPC staff is working with the PennDOT Districts to finalize the program guidelines, prepare a call for projects and applications, and initiate the contract mechanisms to get the project started. The call for projects is anticipated to be released in July-August. Domenic also discussed the (draft) criteria that are being established to evaluate projects and how SPC will utilize the Congestion Management Process (CMP) to help identify additional candidates for retiming and coordination activities.
- Doug Smith provided an update on the regional CMP, a recap of the CMP Work Group meetings that SPC has been conducting, and a list of the CMP corridors that still need to be run in this 3-year data collection cycle. Data collection efforts have been complicated by the fact that there is so much major construction going on. For this reason, the 3-year data collection cycle may actually take a little longer to complete.
- The South Hills CMP Work Group meeting will be held at the Bethel Park Municipal Building on Thursday, June 26th at 10:00AM. The Greene-Fayette-Southern Westmoreland Work Group will meet in August. There will not be a Work Group meeting in July.
- SPC will host FHWA's Safety Considerations in Urban Streetscaping course on July 9th and 10th. Both sessions are full. SPC will be broadcasting the training on the Internet for anyone who can not attend in person. Contact Doug Smith for additional information on the webcast.
- SPC will also be hosting NHI's 2-day Road Safety Audits/Assessments training course on October 29 & 30. Registration and cost details are currently being finalized. Contact Doug Smith if you are interested in signing up for this course.
- The next meeting of the regional Transportation Operations & Safety Committee is tentatively scheduled for September 23, 2008. Committee participants are encouraged to submit potential agenda topics for future meetings.