

Part Four

Documentation of Public Outreach Efforts
June and July 2010

NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD AND PUBLIC MEETINGS

DRAFT 2011-2014 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AND RELATED DOCUMENTS

The Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission (SPC) is seeking input from the public on the following important draft documents that will impact the region's transportation system:

- Draft 2011-2014 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), which identifies the priority highway and transit improvements programmed for advancement over the next four years
- Environmental Justice Benefits and Burdens Assessment for the Draft 2011-2014 TIP
- Air Quality Conformity Determination for the Draft 2011-2014 TIP and 2035 Plan
- Amendment to the 2035 Transportation and Development Plan for Southwestern Pennsylvania (2035 Plan) to reflect project phasing and cost information included in the Draft 2011-2014 TIP

Beginning June 9, 2010, these draft documents will be available for public review on the internet at www.spcregion.org, and at the offices of the Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission, at the Pittsburgh Department of City Planning, at County Planning Departments, and at many public libraries in Southwestern Pennsylvania.

SPC will also be accepting any preliminary input on the development of the next long-range transportation and development plan update, which will occur over the next year.

SPC's Public Participation Panels encourage you to attend a public meeting to learn more about the draft documents. Meetings will be open house in format with an informational presentation approximately 30 minutes after starting time. There will be opportunities to look at maps, talk to representatives from SPC, PennDOT, transit operators, and planning departments, and submit your comments.

Please note that all meetings begin at 6:00 p.m., and that individuals offering testimony should sign in upon arrival.

- June 10, Lawrence County Govt. Center, Commissioners Meeting Room, 430 Court Street, New Castle
- June 10, Indiana County, Highpointe at Indian Springs, 280 Indian Springs Road, 3rd Floor, Indiana
- June 15, Fayette County Chamber of Commerce, 65 West Main Street, Uniontown
- June 16, Washington County Room 104, Courthouse Square, 100 West Beau Street, Washington
- June 17, Beaver County Courthouse, Commissioners Meeting Room, 810 Third Street, Beaver
- June 23, Greene County, Waynesburg University, Third Floor, Stover Hall, Waynesburg
- June 23, Butler County Govt. Center, 1st Floor, Public Meeting Room, 124 W. Diamond St., Butler
- June 24, Allegheny County/City of Pittsburgh, Regional Enterprise Tower, 23rd Floor, Davis Room, 425 Sixth Ave., Pittsburgh
- June 29, Armstrong County Commissioners Conference Room, 450 Market Street, Kittanning
- June 30, Westmoreland County Courthouse, Commissioners' Meeting Room, 2 East Main Street, Greensburg

Verbal and written comments will be taken by SPC representatives at any meeting. Written comments can also be submitted online at www.spcregion.org; by mail to SPC Comments, 425 Sixth Avenue, Suite 2500, Pittsburgh, PA 15219; by fax to 412-391-9160; or by email to comments@spcregion.org.

All comments must be received by 4:00 p.m. Tuesday, July 13, 2010.

The Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission will consider these draft documents for action at their meeting on July 26, 2010 at 4:30 p.m., Regional Enterprise Tower, 425 Sixth Avenue, 31st Floor, Pittsburgh, PA 15219.

SPC is committed to compliance with the nondiscrimination requirements of applicable civil rights statutes, executive orders, regulations, and policies. The meeting location is accessible to persons with disabilities. With advance notification, accommodations may be provided for those with special needs related to language, sight, or hearing. If you have a request for a special need, wish to file a complaint, or desire additional information, please contact Matt Pavlosky at (412) 391-5590, extension 361 or mpavlosky@spcregion.org.

Questions? Please call Matt Pavlosky at 412-391-5590, extension 361.

TRANSIT SERVICE INFORMATION

For transit information, please visit: www.commuterinfo.org/comm_trans.shtml or call 1-888-819-6110. This notice satisfies the program-of-projects requirements of the Urbanized Area Formula Program of the Federal Transit Administration.

AVIS PORTANT PERIODE DE COMMENTAIRES PUBLICS ET REUNIONS PUBLIQUES

AVANT-PROJET 2011-2014 DU PROGRAMME D'AMELIORATION DES TRANSPORTS ET DOCUMENTS Y AFFERENTS

La Commission de Pennsylvanie du Sud-ouest (SPC) lance un appel à contribution du public au sujet des documents d'avant-projet importants ci-après et qui auront un impact sur le réseau de transport de la région:

- L'avant-projet 2011-2014 portant sur le Programme d'Amélioration des Transports (TIP), qui identifie les priorités dans le cadre des améliorations des autoroutes et du transit programmées pour les quatre prochaines années.
- Evaluation des avantages et contraintes en matière de Justice environnementale dans le cadre de l'avant-projet 2011-2014 du TIP.
- Amendement du Plan de Développement des Transports 2035 pour la Pennsylvanie du Sud-ouest (Plan 2035) à l'effet de refléter l'échelonnement du projet et les informations de coût comprises dans l'avant-projet 2011-2014 du TIP.
- Décision sur la Conformité de la Qualité de l'Air dans le cadre du TIP 2011-2014 et du Plan 2035.

A compter du 9 juin 2010, ces avant-projets seront mis à la disposition du public pour consultation sur internet sur www.spcregion.org et au niveau des bureaux de la Commission de Pennsylvanie du Sud-ouest, du service de l'Aménagement du Territoire de Pittsburgh, des services de la Planification du comté et dans plusieurs bibliothèques publiques de la Pennsylvanie du Sud-ouest.

Le SPC acceptera également tous les commentaires préliminaires sur le développement de la prochaine mise à jour à longue portée de programme de développement de transport et, qui se produira au cours de l'année suivante.

Le Panel de participation Publique de la SPC vous encourage à participer aux réunions publiques afin de savoir plus sur les avant-projets. Les réunions seront du type journée porte ouverte et consisteront en une présentation informationnelle qui aura lieu 30 minutes après l'ouverture. Vous aurez l'occasion de consulter les cartes et de discuter avec les représentants de la SPC, du Département des Transports de la Pennsylvanie du Sud-ouest (PennDOT), des opérateurs de transit et des services de l'aménagement, et de soumettre vos commentaires.

Veillez noter que toutes les réunions commencent à 18h00. Les individus offrant le témoignage devraient signer dedans sur l'arrivée.

- **10 juin, Centre de gouvernement du Comté de Lawrence, Salle des réunions des membres de la Commission du Comté de Lawrence, 430 Court Street, New Castle**
- **10 juin, Comté d'Indiana, Highpointe at Indian Springs, 280 Indian Springs Road, Troisième étage, Indiana**
- **15 juin, Comté de Fayette, Chambre de commerce, 65 W. Main Street, Uniontown**
- **16 juin, Comté de Washington, Salle N° 104, Courthouse Square, 100 West Beau Street, Washington**
- **17 juin, Comté de Beaver, Palais de Justice du Comté, Salle des réunions des membres de la Commission du Comté de Beaver, 810 Third Street, Beaver**
- **23 juin, Comté de Greene, Troisième étage, Stover Hall, Waynesburg University, Waynesburg**
- **23 juin, Centre de gouvernement du Comté de Butler, 1er plancher, Salle des réunions Publiques, 124 W. Diamond St., Butler**
- **24 juin, la ville de Pittsburgh et le comté d'Allegheny, 31ème étage, Regional Enterprise Tower, 425 Sixth Ave., Downtown Pittsburgh**
- **29 juin, Comté d'Armstrong, Salle des réunions des membres de la Commission du Comté d'Armstrong, 450 Market Street, Kittanning**
- **30 juin, Comté de Westmoreland, Salle des reunion de members de la Commission, Palais de Justice du Comté, Greensburg**

Les commentaires oraux et écrits seront recueillis par les représentants de la SPC à l'occasion de chaque réunion. Les commentaires écrits peuvent également être déposés en ligne sur www.spcregion.org; par courrier l'intention de SPC comments au 425 Sixth Avenue, Suite 2500, Pittsburgh, PA 15219; par fax au 412-391-9160 ou par email à comments@spcregion.org.

Tous les commentaires doivent être reçus au plus tard le 13 juillet 2010 à 16h00.

La Commission de la Pennsylvanie du Sud-ouest étudiera ces avant-projets pour exécution lors de sa réunion prévue le 26 juillet 2010 à 16h30, à la Regional Enterprise Tower, 425 Sixth Avenue, 31^{ème} étage, Pittsburgh, PA 15219.

La SPC s'engage à se mettre en conformité avec les exigences de non-discrimination des statuts de droits civils applicables, les décrets, les règlements et les politiques. Le lieu de la réunion est accessible aux personnes handicapées. Sur avis préalable, l'hébergement peut être fourni à ceux qui ont des besoins particuliers liés à la langue, à la vue ou à l'audition. Si vous avez des besoins particuliers, n'hésitez pas à nous en faire part, ou si vous désirez de plus amples informations, veuillez contacter Matt Pavlosky au (412) 391-5590, poste 361 ou mpavlosky@spcregion.org.

Si vous avez des questions, veuillez contacter Matt Pavlosky au 412-391-5590, poste 361.

RENSEIGNEMENTS DES SERVICES DE TRANSIT

Pour les renseignements des services de transit dans le Comté d'Allegheny, prière d'appeler le Service Clients de l'Autorité Portuaire au 412-442-2000. Pour les renseignements concernant le transit dans d'autres comté, prière de visiter le site: www.commuteinfo.org/comm_trans.shtml ou appeler le 1-888-819-6110.

Le présent avis répond aux conditions du programme de projets contenu dans le Programme de la Formule Zones Urbanisées (Urbanized Area Formula Program) de la Direction Fédérale du Transit (Federal Transit Administration).

BEKANNTMACHUNG EINER ÖFFENTLICHEN KOMMENTARPERIODE UND ÖFFENTLICHER SITZUNGEN

ENTWURF FÜR DAS PROGRAMM FÜR 2011-2014 ZUR VERBESSERUNG DES VERKEHRS UND VERWANDTE DOKUMENTE

Die Kommission für das südwestliche Pennsylvania (SPC) sucht Eingaben der Öffentlichkeit zu den folgenden wichtigen Entwurfsdokumenten, die sich auf das Verkehrssystem der Region auswirken werden:

- Entwurf für das Verkehrsverbesserungsprogramm (TIP) für die Jahre 2009-2012, das die in den nächsten vier Jahren zur vorrangigen Durchführung bestimmten Highway- und Transitverbesserungen festlegt
- Abschätzung der Umweltzuschüsse und –belastungen für das TIP für 2011-2014
- Änderung des Verkehrs- und Entwicklungsplanes für das Jahr 2035 für das südwestliche Pennsylvania (Plan für 2035), um Projektphasen und Kostendetails zu überdenken, die im TIP-Entwurf für 2011-2014 enthalten ist
- Festlegung für die Luftqualitätskonformität für den TIP für 2011-2014 und den Plan für 2035

Ab 9. Juni 2010 werden diese Entwurfsdokumente im Internet unter www.spcregion.org und in den Büros der Kommission für das südwestliche Pennsylvania, an der Stadtplanungsabteilung in Pittsburgh und an vielen Leihbibliotheken im südwestlichen Pennsylvania der Öffentlichkeit zur Begutachtung vorgelegt.

SPC wird auch alle einleitenden Anmerkungen zur Entwicklung des folgenden weitreichenden Transport- und Entwicklungsplanupdates annehmen, das über dem folgenden Jahr auftritt.

Der Öffentlichkeitsausschuss von SPC möchte Sie dazu ermuntern, eine öffentliche Sitzung zu besuchen, um mehr über die Entwurfsdokumente zu erfahren. Die Sitzungen sind offen und ungefähr 30 Minuten nach Startzeit wird eine Informationsveranstaltung stattfinden. Es wird Gelegenheiten geben, Karten zu betrachten, mit Vertretern von SPC, PennDOT, Verkehrsbetrieben, und Planungsabteilungen zu sprechen, und Ihre Anmerkungen einzureichen.

Merken Sie bitte, daß alle Sitzungen bei 6 anfangen: oo P.M. Die Einzelpersonen, die Zeugnis anbieten, sollten innen nach Ankunft unterzeichnen.

- **10. Juni, Lawrence Grafschaft, Zentrum der Bezirksregierung Lawrence, 430 Court Street, New Castle**
- **10. Juni, Indiana Grafschaft, Highpointe at Indian Springs, 280 Indian Springs Road, 3rd Floor, Indiana**
- **15. Juni, Fayette Grafschaft, Fayette Grafschaft-Handelskammer, 65 W. Main Street, Uniontown**
- **16. Juni, Washington Grafschaft, Raum 104, Courthouse Square, 100 West Beau Street, Washington**
- **17. Juni, Beaver Grafschaft, Bezirksgericht, Kommissionssaal im Bezirksgericht, 810 Third Street, Beaver**
- **23. Juni, Greene Grafschaft, 3. Stock, Stover Hall, Waynesburg College, Waynesburg**
- **23. Juni, Butler Grafschaft, Zentrum der Bezirksregierung Butler, 1. Stock, Öffentlicher Sitzungssaal, 124 W. Diamond St., Butler**
- **24. Juni, Stadt Pittsburgh/Allegheny Grafschaft, 31. Stock, Regional Enterprise Tower, 425 Sixth Ave., Downtown Pittsburgh**
- **29. Juni, Armstrong Grafschaft, Konferenzsaal der Kommission, 450 Market Street, Kittanning**
- **30. Juni, Westmoreland Grafschaft, Kommissionssaal im Bezirksgericht, 2 E. Main St., Greensburg**

Mündliche und schriftliche Eingaben werden von SPC-Vertretern in allen Sitzungen angenommen. Schriftliche Eingaben können auch online unter www.spcregion.org; per Post an SPC Comments, 425 Sixth Avenue, Suite 2500, Pittsburgh, PA 15219; per Fax an 412-391-9160; oder per E-Mail an comments@spcregion.org.

Alle Eingaben müssen bis 13. Juli 2010 bis spätestens 16:00 Uhr eingehen.

Die Kommission für das südwestliche Pennsylvania wird diese Entwurfsdokumente in der Sitzung am 26. Juli im 31. Stock des Regional Enterprise Tower, 425 Sixth Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15219 für das Verfahren berücksichtigen.

Noch Fragen? Rufen Sie bitte Matt Pavlosky unter 412-391-5590-361 an.

SPC verpflichtet sich zur Einhaltung der Antidiskriminations-Anforderungen der anwendbaren Statuten der Bürgerrechte, Durchführungsverordnungen, Vorschriften und Richtlinien. Der Versammlungsort ist für Personen mit Behinderung zugänglich. Bei einer Mitteilung im Voraus können Vorkehrungen für diejenigen Personen getroffen werden, die spezielle Bedürfnisse in Bezug auf ihre Sprache, Sehvermögen oder Hörvermögen haben. Wenn Sie eine Anfrage für ein spezielles Bedürfnis haben, eine Beschwerde einreichen möchten, oder zusätzliche Informationen wünschen, dann kontaktieren Sie bitte Matt Pavlosky unter (412) 391-5590, Nebenstelle 361 oder unter mpavlosky@spcregion.org.

INFORMATIONEN ZU FAHRDIENSTEN

Für Informationen zu Fahrdiensten im Bezirk Allegheny, rufen Sie bitte den Kundenservice der Hafenbehörde unter Tel. 412-442-2000 an. Informationen zu Fahrdienste in anderen Bezirken finden Sie hier: www.commuteinfo.org/comm_trans.shtml oder Tel. 1-888-819-6110

Diese Bekanntmachung entspricht den Anforderungen für „Program-of-Projects“ des Formel-Programms für urbanisierte Gebiete von der US-Bundesverkehrsverwaltung.

AVVISO DI PERIODO DI COMMENTI PUBBLICI E DI RIUNIONI PUBBLICHE

BOZZA DEL PROGRAMMA DI MIGLIORAMENTO DEI TRASPORTI 2011-2014 E DOCUMENTI CORRELATI

La Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission (SPC) è alla ricerca di contributi da parte del pubblico sugli importanti documenti bozza seguenti che influiranno sul sistema dei trasporti regionale:

- Bozza del Programma di miglioramento dei trasporti (TIP) 2011-2014, che identifica il programma di avanzamento dei miglioramenti dell'autostrada e dei transiti prioritari nel corso dei prossimi quattro anni
- Vantaggi per la giustizia ecologica e valutazione degli oneri per il TIP 2011-2014
- Emendamento al Piano dei trasporti e di sviluppo 2035 per la Southwestern Pennsylvania (Piano 2035) per riflettere le fasi del progetto e le informazioni sui costi inclusi nella Bozza TIP 2011-2014
- Determinazione della conformità della qualità dell'aria per il TIP 2011-2014 e Piano 2035

A partire dal 9 giugno 2010, questi documenti bozza saranno disponibili al pubblico su Internet all'indirizzo www.spcregion.org e presso gli uffici della Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission, presso il Pittsburgh Department of City Planning, presso i County Planning Departments e presso molte biblioteche pubbliche in Southwestern Pennsylvania.

Lo SPC inoltre accetterà tutto l'input preliminare sullo sviluppo dell'aggiornamento a lungo raggio seguente di piano di sviluppo e del trasporto, che si presenterà nel corso dell'anno prossimo.

I pannelli di partecipazione pubblica SPC vi invitano a presenziare a una riunione pubblica per acquisire ulteriori informazioni sui documenti bozza. Le riunioni saranno di tipo libero con presentazione informativa di circa 30 minuti dopo l'apertura. Vi saranno opportunità per osservare mappe, parlare con i rappresentanti di SPC, PennDOT, operatori di transito e dipartimenti di pianificazione e di sottoporre i propri commenti.

Noti prego che tutte le riunioni cominciano a ore 18:00. Gli individui che offrono la testimonianza dovrebbero firmare dentro sull'arrivo.

- **10 giugno, Contea di Lawrence, Centro di governo della contea del Lawrence, 430 Court Street, New Castle**
- **10 giugno, Contea di Indiana, Highpointe at Indian Springs, 280 Indian Springs Road, 3° piano, Indiana**
- **15 giugno, Contea di Fayette, Camera di commercio della contea di Fayette, 65 W. Main Street, Uniontown**
- **16 giugno, Contea di Washington, Sala 104, Courthouse Square, 100 West Beau Street, Washington**
- **17 giugno, Contea di Beaver, Stanza dei commissari congresso, Courthouse della contea, 810 Third Street, Beaver**
- **23 giugno, Contea di Greene, terzo piano, Stover Hall, Università di Waynesburg, Waynesburg**
- **23 giugno, Contea di Butler, Centro di governo della contea del Butler, 1° piano, Stanza di riunione pubblica, 124 W. Diamond St., Butler**
- **24 giugno, Contea di Allegheny/Città di Pittsburgh, 31° piano, Regional Enterprise Tower, 425 Sixth Ave., Downtown Pittsburgh**
- **29 giugno, Contea di Armstrong, Stanza dei commissari congresso, 450 Market Street, Kittanning**
- **30 giugno, Contea di Westmoreland, Stanza dei commissari congresso, Courthouse della contea, Greensburg**

I commenti verbali e scritti saranno acquisiti da rappresentanti SPC presso ogni riunione. I commenti scritti possono inoltre essere sottoposti online su www.spcregion.org; per posta a SPC Comments, 425 Sixth Avenue, Suite 2500, Pittsburgh, PA 15219; via fax al n. 412-391-9160; per posta elettronica all'indirizzo comments@spcregion.org.

Tutti i commenti devono essere ricevuti entro le ore 16:00 del 13 luglio 2010.

La Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission prenderà in considerazione questi documenti bozza a titolo operativo per nella riunione del 26 luglio 2010 alle ore 16:30, Regional Enterprise Tower, 425 Sixth Avenue, 31st Floor, Pittsburgh, PA 15219.

L'SPC si impegna a rispettare i requisiti di eguaglianza dei diritti civili, degli statuti, degli ordini esecutivi, delle regolamentazioni e delle politiche applicabili. Il luogo dell'incontro è accessibile ai disabili. Se richieste in anticipo, possono essere accomodate le necessità particolari collegate alla lingua, alla vista o all'udito. Per richiedere sistemazioni speciali, inviare un commento o altre informazioni, si prega di contattare Matt Pavlosky al numero (412) 391-5590, interno 361 o all'indirizzo e-mail mpavlosky@spcregion.org.

Domande? Rivolgersi a Matt Pavlosky al n. 412-391-5590, interno 361.

INFORMAZIONI SUI SERVIZI DI TRANSITO

Per le informazioni relative ai servizi di transito nella Contea di Allegheny, rivolgersi al Port Authority Customer Service al n. 412-442-2000. Per le informazioni sui servizi di transito in altre contee, visitare: [www.commuterinfo.org/comm_trans.shtml](http://www.commuterinfo.org/) o chiamare il n. 1-888-819-6110.

Questo avviso è conforme ai requisiti di "programma-di-progetti" del Programma di formula area urbanizzata della Federal Transit Administration.

AVISO DE PERÍODO DE AUDIENCIA PÚBLICA Y REUNIONES PÚBLICAS

PROYECTO 2001-2014 PROGRAMA DE MEJORA DEL TRANSPORTE Y DOCUMENTOS CONEXOS

La *Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission* (SPC) solicita la opinión del público acerca de los proyectos de importantes documentos que incidirán en el sistema de transporte de la región:

- Proyecto 2011-2014 del Programa de Mejora del Transporte (PMT), que identifica las mejoras prioritarias en las vías públicas y el tránsito programadas con respecto al progreso durante los próximos cuatro años
- Evaluación de Cargas y Beneficios de Justicia Medioambiental para el PMT de 2011-2014
- Determinación de la Conformidad de la Calidad del Aire para el PMT de 2011-2014 y el Plan 2035
- Enmienda del Plan de Fomento y Transporte de 2035 para Pensilvania sudoriental (Plan 2035) para reflejar las fases del proyecto y la información relativa a los costes incluida en el Proyecto del PMT 2011-2014.

A partir del 9 de junio de 2010, estos documentos estarán disponibles para su revisión pública a través de la siguiente dirección de Internet: www.spcregion.org y en las oficinas de la *Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission*, en el Departamento de Planificación Urbana de Pittsburgh, en los Departamentos de Planificación de los condados y en numerosas bibliotecas públicas de Pensilvania sudoriental.

SPC también aceptará cualquier comentario preliminar sobre el desarrollo de la actualización de largo alcance siguiente del plan del transporte y de desarrollo, que ocurrirá durante el año próximo.

Los Paneles de Participación Pública de la SPC le animarán a asistir a una audiencia pública donde obtendrá más información acerca de dichos proyectos. Serán reuniones de puertas abiertas con una presentación de información de una duración aproximada de 30 minutos. Tendrá la oportunidad de estudiar mapas, hablar con representantes del PMT, PennDOT, operadores de tránsito y departamentos de planificación, y hacer comentarios.

Observe por favor que todas las reuniones comienzan en 6:00 P.M. Los individuos que ofrecen testimonio deben firmar adentro sobre llegada.

- 10 de junio, Centro del Gob. del condado de Lawrence, Sala de reuniones de los comisarios, 430 Court Street, New Castle
- 10 de junio, Condado de Indiana, Highpointe at Indian Springs, 280 Indian Springs Road, Indiana
- 15 de junio, Condado de Fayette, Cámara de Comercio, 65 West Main Street, Uniontown
- 16 de junio, Condado de Washington, Sala 104, Courthouse Square, 100 West Beau Street, Washington
- 17 de junio, Juzgado del condado de Beaver, Sala de reuniones de los comisarios, 810 Third Street, Beaver
- 23 de junio, Condado de Greene, Tercer piso, Stover Hall, Waynesburg College, Waynesburg
- 23 de junio, Centro del Gob. del condado de Butler, 1^{er} piso, Sala de audiencias públicas, 124 W. Diamond St., Butler
- 24 de junio, La ciudad de Pittsburgh y el condado de Allegheny, 31st piso, Regional Enterprise Tower, 425 Sixth Ave., Downtown Pittsburgh
- 29 de junio, Sala de conferencias de los comisarios del condado de Armstrong, 450 Market Street, Kittanning
- 30 de junio, Juzgado del condado de Westmoreland, Sala de reuniones de los comisarios, Greensburg

En todas las reuniones, los representantes de la SPC recogerán los comentarios orales y escritos. Los comentarios escritos también se pueden enviar a través de la web por medio de la siguiente dirección: www.spcregion.org; por correo postal a: SPC Comments, 425 Sixth Avenue, Suite 2500, Pittsburgh, PA 15219; por fax al número: 412-391-9160; o por e-mail a: comments@spcregion.org.

La recepción de comentarios terminará el 13 de julio de 2010 a las 4:00 p.m.

La *Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission* tomará en cuenta estos proyectos para su actuación en su reunión que tendrá lugar el 26 de julio, a las 4:30 p.m., en la Regional Enterprise Tower, 425 Sixth Avenue, 31st Floor, Pittsburgh, PA 15219.

La SPC está comprometida con el cumplimiento de los requisitos antidiscriminatorios de los estatutos de derechos civiles, mandatos ejecutivos, regulaciones y políticas aplicables. Los establecimientos en los que se celebran las reuniones cuentan con accesos para personas discapacitadas. Con previo aviso, se pueden hacer ajustes para personas con necesidades especiales relacionadas con habla, vista o audición. Si tiene una petición respecto a una necesidad especial, desea presentar una queja u obtener más información, favor de comunicarse con Matt Pavlosky al (412) 391-5590, extensión 361 o mediante correo electrónico a mpavlosky@spcregion.org.

¿Alguna pregunta? Llame a Matt Pavlosky al 412-391-5590, extensión 361.

INFORMACIÓN DEL SERVICIO DE TRÁNSITO

Si desea obtener información relativa a los servicios de tránsito en el condado de Allegheny, póngase en contacto con el Servicio de Aduanas de las Autoridades Portuarias a través del siguiente número de teléfono:

412-442-2000. Si desea obtener información relativa a los servicios de tránsito en otros condados, visite la siguiente página web:

www.commuterinfo.org/comm_trans.shtml

o llame al 1-888-819-6110.

La presente notificación satisface los requisitos del programa de proyectos del Programa de Fórmulas del Área Urbanizada de la Administración Federal de Tránsito.



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June 7, 2010

MEMORANDUM

TO: Member Planning Departments
FROM:  James R. Hassinger, Executive Director
RE: Documents for Public Review and Comment

Enclosed, please find information on the following draft documents:

- Draft 2011-2014 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), which identifies the priority highway and transit improvements programmed for advancement over the next four years
- Environmental Justice Benefits and Burdens Assessment for the 2011-2014 Draft TIP
- Air Quality Conformity Determination for the 2011-2014 Draft TIP and 2035 Transportation and Development Plan for Southwestern PA

We have advertised sites where the public can review these documents; therefore you may receive inquiries. Please make these documents easily accessible during the **public comment period of June 9th, 2010 through July 13, 2010**; and inform your staff so they can direct the public to this material.

A notice is attached regarding public meetings and additional means by which the public can comment on these draft documents.

Thank you for your assistance and cooperation. Please call Matt Pavlosky of my staff, at 412-391-5590, extension 361, if you have any questions.



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June 7, 2010

MEMORANDUM

TO: Libraries in our Document Review Network
FROM:  James R. Hassinger, Executive Director
RE: Documents for Public Review and Comment

Enclosed, please find information on the following draft documents:

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We have advertised sites where the public can review these documents; therefore you may receive inquiries. Please make these documents easily accessible during the **public comment period of June 9th, 2010 through July 13, 2010**; and inform your staff so they can direct the public to this material.

A notice is attached regarding public meetings and additional means by which the public can comment on these draft documents.

Thank you for your assistance and cooperation. Please call Matt Pavlosky of my staff, at 412-391-5590, extension 361, if you have any questions.

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Transportation boosts await funding

Plan made to complete I-79 interchange, Route 19 corridor Public meeting

BY SCOTT BEVERIDGE

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Two transportation projects slated for funding next year are expected to further fuel the economic development boom in Washington County.

The Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission is set to vote on the upcoming transportation improvement plan, which includes nearly \$18 million to complete the Interstate 79 Meadow Lands interchange and also create a new gateway into Washington.

"It will do a bit to develop the downtown business district," Washington Mayor Anthony Spossey said Monday.

Meanwhile, the completion of two missing I-79 ramps at Meadow Lands is key to attracting multimillion-dollar Bass Pro Shops in South Strabane Township, the outdoor retailer has said.

And the redesign of Highland and Ridge avenues in the city to create a Business Route 19 onto Main Street will divert a lot of new traffic into downtown, and hopefully increase business, Spossey said.

The county already has been named the Energy Capital of the East because of Consol Energy's new headquarters in Southpointe

and the boom in natural gas drilling work. There also has been an expansion in the hotel business.

"A number of factors have aligned to make Washington County the place to be," said Robert Griffin, a director at the Redevelopment Authority of the County of Washington.

The plan to extend the Southern Beltway from Pittsburgh International Airport to meet up with I-79 in Cecil Township is another reason why the county is growing, state Sen. Barry Stout said.

"That will open up Southwestern Pennsylvania," said Stout, D-Bentleyville.

The county also has become a destination, especially since The Meadows Racetrack & Casino is set to become the first casino in Pennsylvania to open table games, Stout said.

He said the county's population has increased by at least 9 percent since 2000, while most of the others in the region have lost residents.

The Route 19 project has been discussed for nearly 15 years, with the city and Washington & Jefferson College disagreeing, at times, on what needed to be done.

The transportation improvement program shows that project getting \$5.6 million in con-

struction money next year, but it will receive local matching funds and end up costing nearly \$9 million, Stout said.

The work involves widening and realigning intersections along Highland and Ridge to make it easier for traffic to flow downtown on what will be renamed the Route 19 business route. The existing Route 19 routes of Lincoln Street through the college will be reduced from two lanes to one, while College Street will be repaved. Both will remain as one-way streets, Stout said.

"Those roads are in very bad shape," he said.

"It's going to be a very valuable asset to the community," added W&J President Tory Haring-Smith. "I hope it will help to revitalize Main Street."

SPC will hold a public meeting to gather comments on the transportation plan at 6 p.m. Wednesday in Washington County Courthouse Square. The commission expects to vote on the plan July 25 before the projects go to Harrisburg for final approval.

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Mitch Fryer is a Leader Times staff writer and can be reached at 724-543-1303 x1342 or via e-mail.

KITTANNING — Transportation planners will be showing the public a list of priority projects that are planned for Armstrong County during the next four years.

Residents can see and comment on the projects included on the *Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission* (SPC) Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for the region. The plan will be available at a public hearing in the Armstrong County commissioners conference room on the second floor of the county administration building at 6 p.m. Tuesday.

The *Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission* updates the region's TIP every two years and will adopt the new plan July 26. There are 10 public meetings held throughout the region between June 10 and July 13.

In all, there are 46 bridge and road improvement projects in Armstrong County being funded by the federal and state government totaling more than \$100 million.

Safety is a priority for selected projects in the county, Armstrong officials said.

"You're seeing safety improvements throughout the TIP," said Armstrong County Commissioner Patty Kirkpatrick, a member of the *Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission's* executive committee. "Public safety should be a top priority."

One of the biggest projects tabled for improvements is the Freeport Bridge.

Westmoreland County will get nearly \$56 million to rehabilitate the structurally deficient bridge that carries Route 356 over the Allegheny River.

Armstrong will get more than \$12 million for ramp improvements for the Freeport Bridge. The county is responsible for ramps to the bridge.

"Everyone has been concerned about the Freeport Bridge condition," said Kirkpatrick. "In the past years we've gotten the most comments about the Freeport Bridge. There are some major structural deficiencies with that bridge."

Kirkpatrick cited other projects which will cut down on accidents.

A significant project is the realigning of a section of Route 422 in Kittanning Township. The project has about \$11 million slated for those improvements.

"It's a huge safety improvement," Kirkpatrick said of the stretch of Route 422 that has been the site of several serious vehicle crashes. "We've had so many accidents there."

Another area where safety will be improved is in West Franklin where turning lanes will be added at the intersection of Route 422 and Mushroom Farm Road, according to Kirkpatrick. That project has \$2.2 million for work.

The TIP has \$6.3 million designated for improvements to the Kittanning Bridge. The work includes repair of expansion dams and substructure units as well as the painting of the entire truss.

"The public has the opportunity to comment on the TIP for Armstrong County's projects or other parts of the plan that they choose to," said Kirkpatrick. "I think people will come (to the public hearing) in support of these projects."

The county's planning director, Rich Palilla, said the list has some significant projects for the county of which many are for bridges.

Palilla said highlights of the list include improvements to the Freeport Bridge, intersection improvements for Route 268 coming into West Kittanning and lane and sight changes for a dangerous section of Route 422 through Kittanning Township.

"We're pleased to keep all these projects on the program," said Palilla. "It was a challenging process, given the reduction in the amount of available revenues (of the government). There are some significant safety projects included."

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Public can view Armstrong County transportation projects

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KITTANNING — Transportation planners will be showing the public a list of priority projects that are planned for Armstrong County during the next four years.

Residents can see and comment on the projects included on the Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission (SPC) Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for the region. The plan will be available at a public hearing in the Armstrong County commissioners conference room on the second floor of the county administration building at 6 p.m. Tuesday.

The Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission updates the region's TIP every two years and will adopt the new plan July 26. There are 10 public meetings held throughout the region between June 10 and July 13.

In all, there are 46 bridge and road improvement projects in Armstrong County being funded by the federal and state government totaling more than \$100 million.

Safety is a priority for selected projects in the county, Armstrong officials said.

"You're seeing safety improvements throughout the TIP," said Armstrong County Commissioner Patty Kirkpatrick, a member of the Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission's executive committee. "Public safety should be a top priority."

One of the biggest projects tabled for improvements is the Freeport Bridge.

Westmoreland County will get nearly \$56 million to rehabilitate the structurally deficient bridge that carries Route 356 over the Allegheny River.

Armstrong will get more than \$12 million for ramp improvements for the Freeport Bridge. The county is responsible for ramps to the bridge.

"Everyone has been concerned about the Freeport Bridge condition," said Kirkpatrick. "In the past years we've gotten the most comments about the Freeport Bridge. There are some major structural deficiencies with that bridge."

Kirkpatrick cited other projects which will cut down on accidents.

A significant project is the realigning of a section of Route 422 in Kittanning Township. The project has about \$11 million slated for those improvements.

"It's a huge safety improvement," Kirkpatrick said of the stretch of Route 422 that has been the site of several serious vehicle crashes. "We've had so many accidents there."

Another area where safety will be improved is in West Franklin where turning lanes will be added at the intersection of Routes 422 and Mushroom Farm Road, according to Kirkpatrick. That project has \$2.2 million for work.

The TIP has \$6.3 million designated for improvements to the Kittanning Bridge. The work includes repair of expansion dams and substructure units as well as the painting of the entire truss.

"The public has the opportunity to comment on the TIP for Armstrong County's projects or other parts of the plan that they choose to," said Kirkpatrick. "I think people will come (to the public hearing) in support of these projects."

The county's planning director, Rich Palilla, said the list has some significant projects for the county of which many are for bridges.

Palilla said highlights of the list include improvements to the Freeport Bridge, intersection improvements for Route 268 coming into West Kittanning and lane and sight changes for a dangerous section of Route 422 through Kittanning Township.

"We're pleased to keep all these projects on the program," said Palilla. "It was a challenging process, given the reduction in the amount of available revenues (of the government). There are some significant safety projects included."

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Transportation Improvement Plan for southwest Pa. review tonight

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Having a project listed as early as possible in the 12-year Transportation Improvement Plan is generally considered a priority.

But placement of construction of a major intersection in Carroll Township in 2013 could actually be beneficial for area motorists seeking a detour around two closed bridges in the valley.

The Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission, which prioritizes and helps distribute state and federal funding, updates the region's Transportation Improvement Plan every two years and is scheduled to adopt the new plan in late July. A public hearing will be held at 6 tonight on the 23rd floor of the Regional Enterprise Tower in Pittsburgh.

Others were held previously around the region.

A major project tabbed on that list is \$2,954,600 to add a turning lane and improve signals at the intersection of routes 88 and 837 in Carroll Township. The project is slated to begin in 2013.

That intersection is located along a popular route being used by area motorists to navigate around the closed Charleroi-Monessen Bridge. Closure of the Donora-Webster Bridge last year also increased traffic through the area known locally as Fisher Heights.

The Charleroi-Monessen Bridge was closed in mid-February 2009 after a routine inspection revealed deterioration of a vertical panel that supports the middle of the bridge. Bids for the project are expected to be opened next week.

Construction is expected to be completed within two years.

The Donora-Webster Bridge was closed in July after a routine inspection and structural analysis uncovered that several main support beams had deteriorated. No timetable has been set for its repair or replacement.

Carroll Township police Chief Paul Brand said the Fisher Heights project has been much anticipated by township officials. He said the area is a central

intersection connecting Carroll Township, Donora and Monongahela.

"At certain times of the day, traffic backs up over the hill in both directions," Brand said. "There have been accidents over the years."

Brand said there has been an increase in traffic and backups since the Charleroi-Monessen Bridge closed.

The chief said the timing of the intersection project — slated to begin likely after the Charleroi-Monessen Bridge reopens — is good planning.

Meanwhile, road and bridge maintenance are taking priority over expansion and construction as planners update the region's transportation plan for 2011 through 2014.

Transportation planners came up with a leaner plan for the next four years, knowing the state faces a \$472 shortfall in transportation funding if the federal government rejected charging tolls on Interstate 80 — which it did last April. The last update was about \$2 billion over four years.

Other Mid-Mon Valley projects listed in the first four years of the 12-year plan are:

— Improvement of an intersection in Ginger Hill in Carroll Township at a cost of \$2,572,243, with final design, utility relocation and right-of-way acquisition in 2012 and construction in 2014.

— Replacement of a bridge over Pigeon Creek at Route 481 at a cost of \$2,163,200 with construction to take place in 2011.

— Rehabilitation of a bridge carrying Route 201 over Route 51 in Perry Township. Construction will begin in 2011 and be completed in 2012 at a cost of \$4.16 million.

— Replacement of a 14-foot bridge over Becketts Run on Route 906 in Forward Township, \$874,456, 2012;

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Route 218 project should be priority

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On Wednesday, Greene County residents will have the chance to review the draft of the next four-year transportation improvement plan. But those attending the public meeting in Stover Hall at Waynesburg University should not expect to see any new projects added to the list for the years 2011 to 2014.

We were told that because of fiscal constraints, only existing projects that have been on the TIP in previous years are included in the latest document.

This is a sound decision by the state Department of Transportation. Why keep adding projects to this list when it is already stuffed with projects that have been on the drawing boards for decades?

We refer to what has been called the "Morrisville" project in Franklin Township, which involves widening Freedom Bridge and lane additions, and the Route 218 railroad and Ten Mile Creek overpass in Waynesburg.

Phase one of the Morrisville project is included in the plan, but we think it's time Greene County planners tell PennDOT to remove Morrisville from its 12-year program and put it in a cold-case file.

But Route 218 is a different story. We have reason to be optimistic something will happen this year.

Although the project has been discussed for more than 20 years and has been in PennDOT's planning process for at least a dozen years, it appears actual construction could begin this summer.

The bridge project, long considered a priority, was developed to prevent possible delays for emergency vehicles on Morgan Street (Route 218) caused by passing coal trains blocking the highway.

The plan calls for building a bridge just west of the existing bridge. To reach the height necessary to cross the railroad tracks, the new bridge will be much longer than the existing structure.

The existing bridge is 64 feet long; the new one will be 595 feet long. The entire project area will stretch 1,615 feet from a point just north of Elm Street to a point just south of Cook Avenue.

The new bridge will not only span the creek and the railroad but also Water and First streets. A ramp will be built on the west side of Morgan at Locust Avenue to permit truck traffic to access First Street.

Once construction does begin, traffic will continue to use the old bridge until the new one is completed. The detour for Morgan Street during construction will involve Morris Street and First Avenue.

We urge residents to attend the meeting and comment on the plan.

This project is too important to be pushed on the back burner, again.

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Road, bridge budget to shrink in local PennDOT region

By Matthew Santoni
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Construction on Route 28 might cause more backups than usual in the next four years — but when the orange cones come down, don't expect many more roads to be widened.

Road and bridge maintenance are taking priority over expansion and construction as planners update the region's transportation plan for 2011 through 2014, said PennDOT District 11 Executive Dan Cessna. Most of the projects on the \$1.6 billion list for the 10-county Pittsburgh region are repairs, rehabilitations or preservation of roads and bridges, with some upgrades for safety and efficiency.

"We have so many more needs than we have funding," Cessna said. "The last couple phases of (the) Route 28 (widening and reconstruction) are the biggest projects. ... They're the only projects that aren't just system preservation."

Pittsburgh officials are requesting about \$54 million over the next four years, including \$33 million for road improvements and \$21 million to design, replace or repair about nine bridges, said Pat Hassett, assistant director of Public Works for transportation and engineering.

The Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission, which prioritizes and helps distribute state and federal funding, updates the region's Transportation Improvement Plan plan every two years and is scheduled to adopt the new plan in late July. A public hearing will be held at 6 tonight on the 23rd floor of the Regional Enterprise Tower, Downtown.

Transportation planners came up with a leaner plan for the next four years, knowing the state faces a \$472 shortfall in transportation funding if the federal government rejected charging tolls on Interstate 80 — which it did last April. The last update was about \$2 billion over four years.

Among the projects on the four-year plan:

- \$24.4 million for PennDOT to repair deteriorating bridges in Allegheny County, and \$84 million for repaving state-owned roads.
- \$18.7 million for the fourth and final phase of the Liberty Tunnel rehabilitation. The first phase started in 2008; the fourth is expected to last through 2014.

- \$60.5 million for the three-phase rehabilitation of ramps and bridges on Route 65 at the Marshall interchange, North Side.
- \$12.8 million to replace and re-time traffic signals Downtown, with another \$1.8 million for signal upgrades elsewhere in the city.
- \$4.1 million to reconstruct Brookline Boulevard and its sidewalks and crosswalks in Brookline's business district.
- \$700,000 in 2012 to design a replacement for the Davis Avenue Bridge in Brighton Heights, brought down in an emergency demolition last summer.
- \$6.3 million to replace the bridge carrying Ardmore Boulevard over Electric Avenue in Chalfant.
- \$24.1 million to rehabilitate the 10th Street Bridge between Second Avenue and the South Side.

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Route 422 main worry for Kittanning residents

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KITTANNING — A deadly stretch of Route 422 in Kittanning Township was the main concern brought by residents to the Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission's public meeting Tuesday.

The meeting, one of 10 being held around the region to gather input on the commission's Transportation Improvement Program, was held to hear from residents to help planners determine where to focus their attention and funding.

The SPC updates its TIP every two years and will adopt a new plan on July 26. The TIP includes 46 bridge and road improvement projects in Armstrong County being funded by the federal and state government totaling more than \$100 million.

A Kittanning Township couple who live in the area of Route 422 where several fatal crashes have occurred in recent years said they are concerned with not only speeding along the roadway but enforcement of the speed limits.

"I am just concerned that if there is no enforcement to go along with the road improvements, things won't change," the woman said. "Traffic is bad enough along the road, and people already have a hard time just getting in and out of their driveways."

PennDOT District Engineer Joe Dubovi said that the final design on the estimated \$9 million project is not complete, and issues such as safety, highway access for vehicles, wider shoulders and turning lanes are being considered as the design phase of the project continues.

"PennDOT has a safety committee that works together with state and local police departments, emergency services personnel, the school districts and others to look at projects from as many angles as we can," Dubovi said. "We have also held meetings with residents and will continue to do so as this project, and others, continue."

Dubovi said construction on the Route 422 project is scheduled for 2013, and the scope of the project could be expanded depending on the funding available as the TIP is updated.

At issue is about a one-mile section of the highway, from just west of the Rosebud Trucking facility, a former drive-in theater, to the PennDOT stockpile, near Pine Tree Road. The road would have the crests of hills, at Rosebud's facility and Graham Road, lowered and the valley near Theater Drive raised to improve the sight lines, according to details explained during a public meeting in October.

A second option, which PennDOT is favoring, would affect about the same section of road as the first option, but would see a realignment of the road and the creation of a center turning lane. The second option could require more hill cutting along the road's path and possibly the taking of four or five homes, PennDOT said last fall.

County commissioners Jim Scahill and Patty Kirkpatrick have gone on record asking for assistance for road projects in the county.

"The problem with Route 422 is that there have been no improvements along the road in years, and now you have a lot more traffic," he said. "That combination has led to the high number of fatal crashes along the road."

"It's a huge safety improvement," Kirkpatrick said of the planned improvements on Route 422. "We've had so many accidents there."

Both commissioners stressed that residents should contact their state and federal elected officials, asking them to consider increasing transportation funds.

"The need to hear from the people," Kirkpatrick said. "Many times, we as county leaders and other organizations go to them about the importance of funding for bridges and roads, but we need the help of those people who are the ones who use the roads everyday just to get to work and home."

Other projects included in the TIP are:

- The Freeport Bridge. Westmoreland County will get nearly \$56 million to rehabilitate the structurally deficient bridge that carries Route 356 over the Allegheny River, while Armstrong will get more than \$12 million for ramp improvements.
- Route 422 in West Franklin, where turning lanes will be added at Route 422 and Mushroom Farm Road. That project has \$2.2 million for work.
- The TIP has \$6.3 million designated for improvements to the Kittanning Bridge. The work includes repair of expansion dams and substructure units as well as the painting of the entire truss.

For more information about the Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission and the TIP program, visit www.spcregion.org

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