

Part Two

Summary of Public Participation Panel Meetings

**Public Meeting Report
2011-2014 Draft Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)
Allegheny County
Regional Enterprise Tower
Pittsburgh, PA
June 24, 2010**

Attendees

Larry Hockenberry, PA Prison Society for Deaf Inmates
Patrick Hassett, City of Pittsburgh Department of Public Works
John L. Tague Jr., Allegheny County PPP
Rob Miskanic, PennDOT District 11-0
Jeff Skalican, PennDOT District 11-0
Janet Evans, City/County Taskforce on Disabilities
Annette Ferrieri, Brookline SPDC
Phyllis DiDiano, Beechview Community Leaders
Sally Haas, Pittsburgh Airport Area Chamber of Commerce
Mary Ellen Ramage, Etna Borough Manager
Pete Ramage, Etna Borough Council President
John Fournier, Pittsburgh City Council Member
Karen Tomaszewski, Etna Borough Council
Thomas Rengers, Etna Borough Mayor
Bill Grover, Etna Borough Resident
Vince Jones, Etna Borough Resident
David Venski, Etna Borough Resident
Frank Deiber, Brookline Resident
Heidi Tappe, Rep. Chelsa Wagner's Office
Mitch Margarjh, University of Pittsburgh
James Noschese, City/County Taskforce on Disabilities
Illegible, Carrick Community Council
David Wohlwill, Port Authority of Allegheny County
Carol Anthony, Overbrook Community Council
John Rudiak, Overbrook Community Council
Michelle Dorothy, Congressman Jason Altmire's Office
Richard King, District Judge
April Clisura, Allegheny County PPP member
Keith Knoch, South Pittsburgh Development Corporation
Mavis Rainey, Oakland Transportation Management Area
Natalia Rudiak, Pittsburgh City Council Member, District 4
Mary Ann Street, Citizen in vicinity of SR 51 & SR 88
Chuck DiPietro, SPC
Chuck Imbrogno, SPC
Sara Walfoort, SPC
Tom Klevan, SPC
Matt Pavlosky, SPC
Ryan Gordon, SPC

The purpose of this meeting was to receive public testimony on the 2011-2014 draft TIP and associated documents.

1. Welcome & Introductions

Sally Haas, Allegheny County PPP Chairperson called the meeting to order, welcomed everyone, and introduced representatives in the room from PennDOT District 11-0, SPC, and Port Authority.

2. Brief Description of PPPs/Public Meeting Process

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Matt asked if there were any questions about the TIP development process or the current transportation funding climate:

Q: Would the presentation be available on-line?

A: Matt Pavlosky. Matt will either post the presentation to the website or provide it in an e-mail to anyone interested.

Q: Is there an evacuation plan for the city and does it make provisions for the disabled?

A: Chuck DiPietro noted that an emergency evacuation plan is under development by the City and the best person to talk to is Bob Full from Allegheny County Emergency Services, Chuck expected that the disabled would be part of this plan. Matt stated that he would try to get a definitive answer from Bob and provide it.

3. Formal Testimony on the Draft 2011-2014 TIP

Matt asked if any of the attendees would like to provide formal testimony on the Draft 2011-2014 TIP. Nine people provided formal verbal testimony:

Mr. James C. Noschese, City/County Taskforce for the Disabled

Mr. Noschese comments were centered on the bus transit service to the disabled. He noted several aspects of this service, but basically, in his opinion, there are too many changes with the bus routes resulting in inconsistent service. He advocated for consistent routes and schedules that would not change for a long time into the future. Mr. Noschese also noted that some of the busses and stops are not fully accommodating to the disabled.

Chuck DiPietro noted that the SPC Human Services Coordination Update will likely address many of these related issues when it is updated next year. Matt Pavlosky noted that he will keep the Taskforce for the Disabled involved in the update of the plan.

Mr. Larry Hockenberry, Citizen

Mr. Hockenberry's comments were centered on Access (van service) and the communication system used to request a van be dispatched. Mr. Hockenberry testified that there are some issues with this system for the hearing impaired and those who use a language other than English.

Ms. Heidi Tappe, Rep. Chelsa Wagner's Office

Ms Tappe stated that on behalf of Chelsa Wagner she would like to testify that the following projects receive full funding and remain on the TIP through construction:

- Brookline Blvd. Reconstruction
- SR 51 and SR 88 Intersection upgrades
- Library Road Bridge replacement
- Weyman Rd Bridge replacement
- McCardle Roadway/Access to Mt. Washington
- W. Carson Street roadway reconstruction
- Wenzell Ave roadway reconstruction

Ms. Tappe concluded by urging the Commission and PennDOT to work towards moving these projects forward.

Rep. Natalia Rudiak, Pittsburgh City Council Representative, 4th District

Council Woman Rudiak stated that she wished to testify in support of three projects:

- SR 51 and SR 88 intersection upgrades
- Brookline Blvd. Reconstruction
- Carnahan Rd. and Wensel Ave. Intersection

Council Woman Rudiak urged the Commission to approve the Draft TIP with these three projects included and to work towards delivery of these projects.

Mr. Peter Ramage, Etna Borough Council President

Mr. Ramage testified in support of a project to replace a bridge in Etna Borough (Dewey St) that is currently restricted to one-lane and has a posted weight restriction. At the time of the meeting, the project was not on the draft TIP. Mr. Ramage provided information that the bridge is the only access for 130 residential units and 300 people. Currently the restriction of on lane reduces the access for emergency vehicles and garbage trucks. Mr. Ramage noted that the bridge on a 10.8% slope is a real safety hazard in the winter time. Since 2008 Etna Borough has had meetings with PennDOT District 11-0, SPC, and Allegheny County regarding the bridge. Mr. Ramage requests that the project be placed on the TIP. Mr. Ramage testified that Etna Borough has developed the preliminary engineering and believes that the project is shovel-ready.

Ms. Carol Anthony, Overbrook Community Council, President

Ms. Anthony testified in support of the SR 88 and SR 51 intersection upgrade project. Ms. Anthony reviewed the history of the past studies and proposals for upgrading the intersection that span over 50 years. Ms. Anthony urged the SPC and PennDOT District 11-0 to no longer put the project on hold and to deliver a solution for this bottleneck intersection.

Mr. John Rudiak, Overbrook Community Council

Mr. Rudiak stated that he is a retired PennDOT traffic engineer. He testified in support of the SR 51 and SR 88 intersection upgrade. Mr. Rudiak testified that he has been involved in several studies of the intersection over his 35 year career at PennDOT. Mr. Rudiak testified that the current intersection rests over top of culverts and that the intersection traffic is dangerous and a congestion bottleneck.

Mr. Richard King, District Judge

Mr. King noted that he is a judge in the area of Carrick and Overbrook and he sees a lot of claims related to accidents at the SR 51 and SR 88 intersection. Mr. King testified in support of the SR 51 and SR88 intersection upgrade project. He wished to remind the Commission that this intersection has regional significance because of the access route 51 provides to Westmoreland and Fayette Counties as well as the MonFayette Expressway. He also testified that the PAT busway termination at this location has exacerbated the problems at the intersection.

Ms. Mary Ann Street, Citizen

Ms. Street testified in favor of the SR 51 and SR 88 intersection upgrade project. She cited roadway deterioration, congestion, accidents, noise, and flooding are all problems associated with the current intersection. Ms. Street stated that the entire intersection flooded again a couple of weeks ago. She stated that sometimes she drives to the South Hills and takes the bus into town instead of dealing with this intersection. Ms. Street testified that this project should be a high priority.

4. Informal Question and Answer

Matt Pavlosky stated that this portion of the meeting was reserved for discussion and informal questions. The following is a summary of the Q&A session.

Q: How are project prioritized for the TIP?

A: Matt Pavlosky stated that the development of the TIP is a collaborative process and decisions on projects are made through a series of work sessions with the stakeholders. Chuck DiPietro noted that in this updated discussion focused on what projects to keep from the previous TIP.

Q: Has anyone considered a tunnel solution to the SR 51 and SR 88 intersection?

A: Given the current financial climate for road projects a tunnel solution is simply not prudent from a project cost perspective.

Q: How do I get the condition of Johnston Avenue in the vicinity of Rivermont Ave and the high-rise apartment building addressed? The condition of Johnston Avenue in this area is heavily pot-holed and repeated filling of the pot holes has not solved the problems at this location.

A: Pat Hassett stated that the city issues a paving list every year for the segments that will be repaved that year. This list should be consulted in answering questions pertaining to repaving in the city.

Q: Smithfield St. and Oliver St. in the vicinity of the Access office; there is no safe place to cross in a wheelchair.

A: Matt Pavlosky stated that the City has the 311 call system to report these types of issues to the City.

Q: What are the next steps in the TIP development?

A: Matt Pavlosky stated that at the end of public comment period all the comments will be assembled and addressed in the final TIP document. The TIP will then go to the full Commission for approval on July 26th and then onto PennDOT Central Office for approval and will go "live" on October 1.

Q: There is an issue with flooding/drainage in Turtle Creek in the vicinity of Electric Avenue and Route 130. It recently flooded twice and has a history of flooding due to runoff from the surrounding community.

A: Sara Walfoort noted that this has long been a problem area and several projects in the recent past have improved this situation. The Turtle Creek Council of Governments continues to work on this issue.

Public Meeting Report
2011-2014 Draft Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)
Armstrong County
Armstrong County Courthouse
Kittanning, PA
June 29, 2010

Attendees

Commissioner Patty Kirkpatrick, Armstrong County
Commissioner James Skahill, Armstrong County
Rich Pallilla, Armstrong County Planning
Darin Alviano, Armstrong County Planning
Joe Dubovi, PennDOT District 10-0
Dave Cook, PennDOT District 10-0
Jean Ruffaner, Armstrong PPP
Stacy Klukan, Armstrong Citizen
Harry E. Campbell, Armstrong Citizen
Gerald Elgin, Armstrong Citizen
Patricia Elgin, Armstrong Citizen
Deborah Martin, Armstrong Citizen
Karen Waugaman, Armstrong PPP
Patrick Shuster, Leader Times
Tom Klevan, SPC
Matt Pavlosky, SPC

The purpose of this meeting was to receive public testimony on the 2011-2014 draft TIP and associated documents.

1. Welcome & Introductions

Matt Pavlosky, SPC Outreach staff member, called the meeting to order, welcomed everyone, and introduced representatives in the room: Armstrong County Commissioners Kirkpatrick & Scahill, PennDOT District 10-0, Armstrong County Planning and Development SPC.

2. Brief Description of PPPs/Public Meeting Process

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Matt asked if there were any questions about the TIP development process or the current transportation funding climate:

Q: What qualities of materials are used in the construction of our roads?

A: Joe Dubovi stated that there are accepted standards of grades of both pavement and concrete that must be adhered to in the road rehabilitation process. While everyone is looking to maximize the effectiveness and durability of projects, considerations of costs are a factor. These standards are never compromised to provide safe, durable highway systems for the District. There is a strict balance that is maintained.

3. Formal Testimony on the Draft 2011-2014 TIP

Matt asked if any of the attendees would like to provide formal testimony on the Draft 2011-2014 TIP. Two people provided formal testimony:

Trish Elgin, Citizen, Kittanning Twp.

A major concern on 422 East, Kittanning Township is the chronic avoidance of drivers obeying posted speed limits. Near the Kittanning Twp Fire Hall, there are many driveways. It becomes extremely difficult to extremely difficult to enter or exit the highway- not only due to the volume of traffic, but the excessive speed. We need more enforcement.

Stacy Klukan, Citizen

- 1) Safe walkways in Manor Township and Ford City Hill, in the epidemic of obesity we have a need to increase safer walkways to and from areas.
- 2) Route 128 in Ford City (5th Avenue). 1.7 miles in length with a 25 mph speed limit. Truck traffic, (especially coal trucks) widening of this area due to the heavy use of these heavy vehicles.
- 3) More consistency in all signage in all counties, Armstrong, Indiana, Allegheny, And Westmoreland.

4. Informal Question and Answer

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Q: What does it seem the roads don't last as long? Has the quality of concrete and steel diminished?

A: Joe Dubovi stated that PennDOT has standard quality levels which can not be compromised, and that bids are qualified based on the best estimates of quality, workmanship, and cost-effectiveness.

Q: An overall commitment to Route 422 and safety measures must be considered. Too many individuals have died on specific stretches of that highway (Kittanning Fire Hall Area) specifically.

A: Dave Cook stressed that the issues of this stretch of highway are well known. Currently, within the funding available, construction, and further studies will be advanced in order to improve safety and promote better accessibility and sight lines for motorists.

Q: The state police need to improve their monitoring of 422. Speeding and intoxication remain issues in the corridor. PennDOT should take a role. Could the comments made this evening be submitted to the State Police?

A: Joe Dubovi clarified that law enforcement of traffic violations does not fall under PennDOT's charge, although District 10 certainly promotes and supports the monitoring initiatives of the State Police in their District. Dubovi also stated that in some areas, speed monitoring is simply not possible due to tight proximity to road or no available spacing for police vehicles to set up operations. Matt Pavlosky offered to find a contact for the State Police barracks in the District 10 area, to share the evening's comments.

With no further questions, the evening's event closed at 7:15pm.

**Public Meeting Report
2011-2014 Draft Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)
Beaver County
Beaver County Courthouse
Beaver, PA
June 17, 2010**

Attendees

Charles Camp, Beaver County Commissioner
James Camp, Beaver County
Tammy Frank, Beaver County
Gay Ann Ice, Beaver County
Joe West, Beaver County
Kelly Shroads, WEI
M. Ice, AFL-CIO
Bob Whipple, Citizen
Jim Ferruchie, Congressman Altmire's Office
Jeff Skalican, PennDOT District 11-0
Sara Walfoort, SPC
Tom Klevan, SPC
Matt Pavlosky, SPC
Ryan Gordon, SPC

The purpose of this meeting was to receive public testimony on the 2011-2014 draft TIP and associated documents.

1. Welcome & Introductions

Matt Pavlosky called the meeting to order, welcomed everyone, and introduced representatives in the room from PennDOT District 11-0, SPC, and Beaver County.

2. Brief Description of PPPs/Public Meeting Process

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Matt asked if there were any questions about the TIP development process or the current transportation funding climate:

3. Formal Testimony on the Draft 2011-2014 TIP

No formal testimony was offered on behalf of Beaver County.

With no formal testimony, Pavlosky ended testimony and moved to Q & A.

4. Informal Question and Answer

Matt Pavlosky stated that this portion of the meeting was reserved for discussion and informal questions. The following is a summary of the Q&A session.

Q: Will these project lists and maps be available online?

A: Pavlosky stated that project lists and maps can be found online at www.specregion.org, and left a power point screen of this information for the room's viewing during the remainder of the session.

Q: What is the status of Route 376 signage through the Beaver County area?

A: Pavlosky stated that signage upgrades are ongoing, and that PennDOT continues to make signage upgrades. This will continue throughout the remainder of 2010. PennDOT's email blasts are available to keep individuals updated regarding any potential lane closures as result of signage upgrades in the corridor.

Pavlosky recognized Commissioner **Charles Camp** who was in attendance, and asked him to speak regarding his role in the State Transportation Hearing on Friday, June 18 (the following day) in Monroeville. Camp stated that he wished to present a regional priority of projects in the SPC region. That issues regarding funding must find sources of revenue. Difficult decisions will be have to be made in the interest of the betterment of not only Beaver County, but the region in general.

James Camp stated that such meetings of the PPP are important, and that presentations of this nature are important to educate Panel members. Beaver County appreciates SPC's efforts in that regard. Pavlosky stated that continued help is needed to spread the word, to get interested people together, voice their concerns, and help educate citizens.

With no further questions or comments, the Beaver County meeting concluded at 6:58pm.

**Public Meeting Report
2011-2014 Draft Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)
Butler County
Butler County Courthouse
Butler, PA
June 23, 2010**

Attendees

Mary Zacherill
Raymond Rush
Ed Boyd
Evelyn Gross
Judy Snyder
John Cypher
Dave Johnston
Beth Ray-Rush
Joe Dubovi, PennDOT District 10-0
Dave Cook, PennDOT District 10-0
Ken Flack, SPC
Doug Smith, SPC
David Totten, SPC

The purpose of this meeting was to receive public testimony on the 2011-2014 draft TIP and associated documents.

1. Welcome & Introductions

Judy Snyder, Butler County PPP, Chairperson called the meeting to order, welcomed everyone, and introduced representatives in the room from PennDOT District 10-0, SPC, and Port Authority.

2. Brief Description of PPPs/Public Meeting Process

Ken Flack described the format and flow for the meeting. A 15 minute presentation by SPC would be followed by any questions on the presentation. The formal verbal testimony portion of the meeting would include three minutes per person for those who wished to testify. Mr. Flack explained that once the formal testimony was closed an informal question and answer period would follow. Mr. Flack noted it is a good opportunity to ask the representatives from the transportation agencies questions.

SPC Presentation

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process, overview on the needs and challenges of the current transportation funding landscape, and options for raising new revenue for transportation projects.

3. Formal Testimony on the Draft 2011-2014 TIP

Ms. Snyder asked if any of the attendees would like to provide formal testimony on the Draft 2011-2014 TIP. Four people provided formal verbal testimony:

Ms. Mary Zacherill, Supervisor, Clinton Twp.

Ms. Zacherill commented on the proposal to upgrade the intersection of SR228 and SR2005 (Saxonburg Blvd.) in Clinton Twp. She noted that the use of SR228 has increased in recent years as new businesses have located near the intersection. She described the alignment of the intersection as confusing and dangerous. She asked that this project be funded in the upcoming TIP. This project is not on the Draft TIP.

Mr. Ray Rush, John Roebling Historic Saxonburg Society

Mr. Rush offered support for a transportation enhancement project in the Main Street district of Saxonburg Borough. Mr. Rush stated that the project has received funding from the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development. He requested that the project be placed on the 2011-2014 TIP. Mr. Rush said that Main Street in Saxonburg is an important commercial and mixed-use zone that serves a large population of residents and visitors and forms an important transportation connection for neighboring townships. He said the street has become decayed and blighted and is in need of aesthetic and infrastructure improvements. The proposed improvements would improve pedestrian access, ADA compatibility, lighting and traffic calming. This project is not on the Draft TIP.

Evelyn Gross, Jefferson Twp.

Ms. Gross requested a turning lane on Rt. 356 in Jefferson Twp. She said accidents have been increasing with speeds getting faster. This project is not on the Draft TIP. Ms. Gross also requested that Bonnybrook Rd. from 422 to 356—a township road in Summit and Jefferson Twps.—be returned from township to PennDOT ownership. Ms. Gross said that the road has become a bypass. She said asked that this proposal be considered on the next long range plan. She said such a move could save the state from having to construct a new bypass of Butler in the future. This project is not on the Draft TIP.

John Cypher, Supervisor, Jefferson Twp.

Mr. Cypher spoke in favor of improvements to Rt. 356 in Jefferson Twp. He said the road is part of an important corridor for Southwestern Pennsylvania and is growing in importance with new commercial development. Mr. Cypher also spoke in favor of the return of Bonnybrook Rd. to state control. He said the road has become an unofficial bypass. He said that in the long run, it would be more cost effective to improve Bonnybrook Rd. and upgrade it than to build a new road. He requested that this be considered when the next TIP is created.

4. Informal Question and Answer

Mr. Flack stated that this portion of the meeting was reserved for discussion and informal questions. There were no informal questions.

Public Meeting Report
2011-2014 Draft Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)
Fayette County
Fayette County Chamber of Commerce Office
June 15, 2010
6:00 to 8:00 pm

Attendees:

Muriel Nuttal, Fayette County Chamber of Commerce
Tim Sandstrom, Citizen
Tammy Stenson, Fayette County PPP member
Bill Kovach, PennDOT District 12-0
Angela Watson, PennDOT District 12-0
Matt Pavlosky, SPC
Ryan Gordon, SPC
David Totten, SPC

1. Purpose of Meeting

The purpose of this meeting was to receive public testimony on the 2011-2014 draft TIP and associated documents.

2. SPC Presentation

Matt Pavlosky welcomed all attendees, initiated introductions, and called the meeting to order. Matt then conducted a 15 minute presentation on the development of the Draft TIP and the current climate for transportation funding.

Matt asked if there were any questions about the TIP development process or the current transportation funding climate. There were no questions.

3. Formal Testimony on the Draft 2011-2014 TIP

Matt asked if any of the attendees would like to provide formal testimony on the Draft 2011-2014 TIP. There was no testimony given.

4. Informal Question and Answer

Matt stated that this portion of the meeting was reserved for discussion and informal questions. The following is a summary of the discussions.

Tammy Stenson asked was there any spike funding given to any projects in Fayette County. Bill Kovach responded that one large project, Masontown Bridge, had previously received spike funding and that it has carried over into this Draft TIP. In addition, PennDOT District 12-0 received spike funding (\$10

million) for their small bridge initiative, which will fund the replacement of several small bridges in Fayette, Greene, and Washington Counties.

Art Cappella asked what the timeline was for construction of the Torchlight intersection project. Bill Kovach responded that the currently PennDOT is preparing for consultant selection for the preliminary phases of the project and anticipates letting for construction in 2014.

Art Cappella asked if there would be any resubmission of the tolling of I-80 request. Matt Pavlosky responded that at this time there are no plans to resubmit the application to toll I-80. Matt added that there have been discussions about trying to toll at several locations entering the state, possibly I-79.

Tammy Stenson asked what happened to the New Salem Road, Route 40 to Mathew Drive project. Bill Kovach replied that the project originally had a preliminary engineering phase for a two lane capacity adding project, but following a revisiting of the needs the project was right sized to become an intersection improvement project. The intersection that needs improvement is the Route 40 and New Salem Road intersection. Bill explained the complexity of the project mostly due to right-of-way constraints and potential acquisition. Bill elaborated that the Department is holding the private funds that were given to the New Salem Road Project will be eligible for the intersection project when it gets programmed.

Tammy Stenson asked what is the status of the Sheepskin Trail project? Art Cappella replied that the county is working with PennDOT to put a bid out for phase 2 of the project. Bill replied that the construction is on the current TIP. The concern is that what happens to the project if it is not obligated on this TIP. Angela Saunders from PennDOT District 12 will check on the project with their TE manager and inform Matt Pavlosky of the current status.

Muriel Nuttal asked what is the George C. Marshall Plan II project, which was listed on the TE Appendix.

It was believed that this project is actually the Morgantown Road Streetscape project. Matt Pavlosky stated that he will get more information on the project from SPC staff and the project sponsor, if necessary, and report back to the panel.

There was a general comment from Tim Sandstrom about congestion on SR 21 west of Uniontown.

Bill Kovach replied that the District is actively working on SR 21, Thompsons Crossroads to the Mall Entrance and he anticipates a 2014 construction.

Will there be any roadway projects in association with the prison in German Township? Bill Kovach replied at this time there is nothing programmed in the draft TIP in relation to the prison.

Matt noted that there will be a transportation open house on July 12 in the afternoon.

Public Meeting Report
2011-2014 Draft Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)
Greene County
Waynesburg College (Stover Hall)
June 23, 2010
6:00 to 8:00 pm

Attendees:

Paul Lagojda, Resident
Audrey Comport, Resident
John Comport, Resident
Stephanie Whetlatch, Resident
Jerome E. Murphy, Resident
John Kendralla, Green County PPP Member
Jeanine Henry, Waynesburg Prosperous & Beautiful, Green County PPP Member
Joyce Popovich, Senator Stout's Office
Debra Konosky, Rep. Deweese's Office
Robbie Matesic, Greene County Economic Development Department
Ann Bargerstock, Greene County Economic Development Department
Bill Kovach, PennDOT District 12-0
Angela Watson, PennDOT District 12-0
Matt Pavlosky, SPC
Karen Franks, SPC

1. Purpose of Meeting

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2. SPC Presentation

Matt Pavlosky welcomed all attendees, initiated introductions, and called the meeting to order.

There were a few changes/corrections that were noted on the TIP Projects Status Summary Report that was provided as a handout. Those changes identified included on page 2, (MPMS # 77411) adding Streetscape to the Project Name of SR 21 High Street, (MPMS# 86409) District 12/SPC Sinc-Up Project needs moved to the Westmoreland County Summary, and finally on page 5, (MPMS # 30272) US 119 Morrisville Phase I, change the project description to 2 bridges.

Matt then conducted a 15 minute presentation on the development of the Draft TIP and the current climate for transportation funding.

Matt asked if there were any questions about the TIP development process or the current transportation funding climate. There were no questions.

3. Formal Testimony on the Draft 2011-2014 TIP

Matt asked if any of the attendees would like to provide formal testimony on the Draft 2011-2014 TIP.

a.) –Paul Lagojda, Carmichaels Resident

Mr. Lagojda requested the revitalization of the Route 21 bypass project from Morrisville to Waynesburg to ease the traffic bottleneck.

b.) –Paul Lagojda, Carmichaels Resident

Mr. Lagojda requested the revitalization of the Route 21 widening project to four lanes from the eastern to the western border of Greene County.

c.) –Paul Lagojda, Carmichaels Resident

Mr. Lagojda requested the construction of a Route 88 bypass north of Carmichaels, southwest to join Route 21 at Bailey's Crossroads proceeding jointly with Route 21 southeast to Paisley located south of Carmichaels.

d.) –Paul Lagojda, Carmichaels Resident

Mr. Lagojda requested an explanation concerning the often dual referencing of SR19 vs. US19 used throughout various documents that he has reviewed.

e.) –Paul Lagojda, Carmichaels Resident

Mr. Lagojda noted that he has been submitting comments thru this process since 2001 and hasn't received any follow-up. He would like to be advised on any progress made to date and/or planned actions concerning his testimony.

f.) –Jerome E. Murphy, Resident

Mr. Murphy reported on the dangerous conditions that currently exist on SR3012 Aleppo Road that runs between SR 18 and SR 21. He noted that due to the recent gas well activity, heavy truck traffic has increased and the road has many sharp turns and blind spots and is prone to intense fog, with a serious accident eminent. He is asking for a center line to be painted on the road.

Mr. Murphy noted that he has formally requested this action before and was given the response from PennDOT that the road is not wide enough for a double line (must be 18 feet wide).

4. Informal Question and Answer

Matt stated that this portion of the meeting was reserved for discussion and informal questions. The following is a summary of the discussions.

-John and Audrey Comport requested to review the plans that are available to the public concerning the PA 218 Bridge Replacement over the Railroad and Ten Mile Creek. The project is sponsored by PennDOT and their staff took the Comport's contact information to schedule this request for review.

-Jerome E. Murphy noted that he was recently contact by Chesepeake Energy concerning a property right of way to develop a water line across his property and just wanted to share this information with other residents.

Public Meeting Report
2011-2014 Draft Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)
Indiana County
HighPointe at Indian Springs
Third Floor Conference Room
June 10, 2010
6:00 pm

Attendees:

Gladys Knox, Wright-Knox Motor Lines, Inc.
Rod Ruddock, Indiana County Commissioner
Dave Cook, PennDOT, District 10-0
Pat Selinger, Thunder Mountain Lenape Nation
Penny Perman, Indiana County Tourist Bureau
Ronald Evanko, Borough of Indiana
Patty Evanko, Indiana County Commissioner
Hastie Kinter, Downtown Indiana
Mark Geletka, Indiana University of Pennsylvania
Shawn Houck, PennDOT, District 10-0
Byron Stauffer, Jr., Indiana County Office of Planning and Development
Ron Anderson, Indiana County Airport Authority
Jim Resh, Indiana County Conservation Office
Joe LaVan, Rayne Township
Jeff Raykes, Indiana County Office of Planning and Development
Bill Deguffroy, Indiana County Office of Planning and Development
Dave Totten, SPC staff
Sara Walfoort, SPC staff

1. Purpose of Meeting

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2. Opening Remarks from Rod Ruddock, Indiana County Commissioner and Vice President of the Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission (SPC)

3. Welcome from Indiana County Public Participation Panel

Byron Stauffer, Jr., and Dana Henry, the co-chairs of the Indiana County Public Participation Panel welcomed all attendees, invited all present to introduce themselves and provide a little insight as to what their interests/concerns are, and called the meeting to order.

4. SPC/ PennDOT District 10 Presentation

Sara Walfoort of SPC conducted a brief overview and PowerPoint presentation on the development of the Draft 2011-2014 TIP and the current climate for transportation funding. Dave Cook of PennDOT District 10-0 provided information on projects and processes of particular relevance in Indiana County.

5. Formal Testimony on the Draft 2011-2014 TIP

Sara Walfoort asked if any of the attendees would like to provide formal testimony on the Draft 2011-2014 TIP. No formal comments were given.

6. General Comments and Discussion

County Commissioners Ruddock and Evanko, assisted by Public Participation Panel co-chairs Stauffer and Henry solicited input from each meeting participant as to the transportation needs and issues in Indiana County, as well as any specific concerns that brought them to the meeting this evening. SPC staff (Walfoort and Totten), Indiana County Planning staff (Raykes and Deguffroy) and PennDOT staff (Cook and Hauck) responded to individual questions where feasible.

Among the comments generating the most discussion:

- Transportation often generates economic development, but the absence of needed transportation improvements can hinder economic development. How can we do a better job of providing the transportation improvements necessary to see this economic growth. Specific project referenced include the dirt road that provide the sole means of access to the Lenape/Thunder Mountain Festival each year, and improvements to Philadelphia Street in downtown Indiana.
- The need for more funds/better processes to address the needs of local roads and bridges
- Concern over the impact that Marcellus shale gas exploration and development will have on local roadways due to increased truck volumes in rural areas
- PennDOT District 10 holds community meetings with the county planning offices in each county within the District each year to discuss local program needs, maintenance and rehabilitation schedules, etc. Local involvement in that process may be worth considering.

Public Meeting Report
2011-2014 Draft Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)
Lawrence County
Lawrence County Government Center
New Castle, PA
June 10, 2010, 6pm

Attendees

Amy McKinney, Lawrence County Planning
Dominic Viccari, PPP co-chair
Everett Bleakney, PPP co-chair
Helen Jackson, PPP Member
Guy Fromatorio, Citizen
Andy Spang, Citizen
Stephanie Spang, PennDOT District 11-0
Tom Klevan, SPC
Matt Pavlosky, SPC

The purpose of this meeting was to receive public testimony on the 2011-2014 draft TIP and associated documents.

1. Welcome & Introductions

Matt Pavlosky, SPC Outreach staff member, called the meeting to order, welcomed everyone, and introduced representatives in the room: Co-chairs Viccari & Bleakney, PennDOT District 11-0, Lawrence County Planning, and SPC staff.

2. Brief Description of PPPs/Public Meeting Process

Matt Pavlosky described the format and flow for the meeting. A 15 minute presentation by SPC would be followed by any questions on the presentation. The formal verbal testimony portion of the meeting would include three minutes per person for those who wished to testify. Matt explained that once the formal testimony was closed an informal question and answer period would follow. Matt noted it is a good opportunity to ask the representatives from the transportation agencies questions.

SPC Presentation

Matt Pavlosky conducted a 15 minute presentation on the development of the Draft TIP and the current climate for transportation funding. The presentation included: brief explanation of what SPC and the TIP are, an overview of the TIP development process and timeline, an overview of the Long-range Plan process, overview on the needs and challenges of the current transportation funding landscape, and options for raising new revenue for transportation projects.

Matt asked if there were any questions about the TIP development process or the current transportation funding climate.

3. Formal Comment:

No formal comment or testimony was offered or received. Dom Viccari offered to submit testimony at a later date, and Amy McKinney suggested that formal testimony will be offered on the Boyles Avenue Bridge project.

4. Informal Question and Answer:

Stephanie Spang from PennDOT District 11 handled questions, and formally responded to each citizen

- **Ms. Jackson - Project complaint: 18/Mahoning River and Crazy Horse active at the same time has caused longer commute.**

Although the Department try to schedule projects to minimize the impact of construct to the traveling public, unfortunately this goal cannot always be accomplished. The Department also evaluate such as the conditions of the structure/roadway, funding availability and coordination with the local officers.

However, the good news is 18/Mahoning River project is scheduled to complete in this construction season.

- **Ms. Jackson inquired project status, completion date, cost of projects for 18/Mahoning, 168/Crazy Horse, Wampum Br #1 and Wampum Br #2**

18/Mahoning – Let Jun 2009, NTP Aug 2009, estimate completion Nov 2010.

Construction cost estimate \$4M (w/estimated inspection cost). This project is on the Accelerated Bridge Program (ABP) . This project is utilizing ACT 44 fund.

168/Crazy Horse – Let Apr 2010, NTP Jun 2010, estimate completion May 2011.

Construction cost estimate \$3.8M (w/estimated inspection cost). This project is on the ABP Program. The let date delay due to PUC hearing meeting.

Wampum #1, T700 over Jenkins Run in North Beaver Township. currently in design. No environmental approval yet. Construction phase is programmed on the draft 2011 TIP. Estimate let date June 2012.

Wampum#2 – T395 over Hickory Run in North Beaver Township. Currently in design. No environmental approval yet. Construction phase is programmed on the draft 2011 TIP. Estimate let date Nov 2011.

- **Mr. Viccari - Coordination and status of SR 65/2nd Ave Bridge. Don wanted to know the schedule and how much is the expected municipality contribution to sidewalk repair.**

2nd Ave Bridge is currently under design, the sidewalk repair cost is to be determined, will coordinated when project is further along. The estimate let date is Nov 2013 due to funding. However, the project might advance earlier than anticipated.

- **Guy B. from Wampum Borough - A local bridge inspection status. Don indicated that Old Rt 18 Wampum over Eckles Run has been inspected by PENNDOT in the past and billed the township accordingly. However, no bill this year and no signs of being inspected. The structure is 30 feet long.**

The bridge in question is BMS number 37-7408-0000-1001 and was last inspected on May 5, 2009. It was on a 12 month inspection cycle but is now on a 24 month cycle, therefore it won't be inspected again until next May. If the owner has some concerns and would like the bridge inspected sooner, I have the contact information . (I have contacted Guy via the phone number listed, Guy indicated there are some photo to share and we will communicate further)

- **TIP/project status inquiry - 288/Leetsman (2nd br leading Wampum to Ellwood City). Amy was able to locate this bridge as Doug's 288/Wampum Ave Bridge. Last status the individual has was Malek Francis stated that the bridge has to be realign for the railroad.**

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The current scope of work is replace as existing. This project is not being realign. The project is in design, environmental approved received Jan 2010. This project is on the draft TIP in FFY 2014 and the estimate let date is Nov 2013.

With no further questions, the evening's event closed at 7:20pm.

Public Meeting Report
2011-2014 Draft Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)
Washington County
Washington County Courthouse Square
June 16, 2010
6:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Attendees:

Joe Manning, Washington City Council
Jeff DePaous, Tran Associates
Jason Zadeh, Cool Valley Development
Joyce Popovich, Senator Stout's Office
John DeBord, Community Member
Pat Milior State Representative Tim Solobay's Office
Ned Williams, Montour Trail
Scott Beveridge, Observer-Reporter
Lisa Cessna, Washington County Planning Commission
Jeffrey Leithauser, Washington County Planning Commission
Bill Kovach, PennDOT District 12-0
Angela Watson, PennDOT District 12-0
Matt Pavlosky, SPC
Chuck DiPietro, SPC
Karen Franks, SPC
David Totten, SPC

1. Purpose of Meeting

The purpose of this meeting was to receive public testimony on the 2011-2014 draft TIP and associated documents.

2. SPC Presentation

Matt Pavlosky welcomed all attendees, initiated introductions, and called the meeting to order. Matt then conducted a 15 minute presentation on the development of the Draft TIP and the current climate for transportation funding.

Matt asked if there were any questions about the TIP development process or the current transportation funding climate. There were no questions.

3. Formal Testimony on the Draft 2011-2014 TIP

Matt asked if any of the attendees would like to provide formal testimony on the Draft 2011-2014 TIP.

a.) - Jason Zadeh, Cool Valley Development

Mr. Zadeh just wanted to provide information and continue efforts to remain relevant while moving forward with the Cool Valley Development project located near the Southpointe Industrial Park. He

noted that they are currently working with Tran Associated to conduct various preliminary studies to determine the exact transportation needs of this project and support eventual inclusion onto the Long range Plan. Total estimated transportation improvement cost's, at this time, are around \$12 million dollars.

b.) -John DeBord, South Strabane Community Member

Mr. DeBord currently owns property near the site of the Meadowland Interchange project that is fully funded on the 2011-2014 TIP. He has been in negotiations with PennDOT concerning the purchase of his parcels of land for this project and feels that the latest property appraisal conducted on behalf of PennDOT does not offer fair or just compensation for his property.

Mr. DeBord has recently been notified of an Eminent Domain Declaration filed on behalf of PennDOT concerning his property and was attending this meeting to share his concerns of a lack of "fair standards and arrogance" on behalf of PennDOT.

Bill Kovach of PennDOT District 12-0 noted that he would be happy to meet with Mr. DeBord after the meeting to discuss any potential questions but noted that there are several layers of protection currently in place concerning property owners rights to just compensation. He also explained that Mr. DeBord could request another certified appraisal of the property, at PennDOT's expense.

c.) -John DeBord, South Strabane Community Member

Mr. DeBord suggested that I-70 Jefferson Avenue Interchange Improvements should be addressed before the completion of the Meadowlands Interchange. He noted that because of excessive traffic congestion associated with the I-70 Jefferson Avenue Interchange, truck traffic has been diverted to the next exit (Jessop).

4. Informal Question and Answer

Matt stated that this portion of the meeting was reserved for discussion and informal questions. The following is a summary of the discussions.

-Joe Manning noted that the current project description for the Washington and Jefferson College project needs to be updated to reflect the most current project limits. SPC and PennDOT staff agreed with this observation and will work together to update this information.

-Ned Williams asked if the current TIP Update funding assumptions are actually there to fund all of the projects programmed on the 2011-2014 TIP Update. SPC Staff explained that at this time, the funding assumptions used are fully expected to be cover the cost of our program. There was some additional discussion on future TIP funding here as well.

Matt noted that there will be a transportation open house on July 12 in the afternoon.

Public Meeting Report
2011-2014 Draft Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)
Westmoreland County
Westmoreland County Courthouse
June 30, 2010
6:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Attendees:

Brian Dombraske, Westmoreland County Area on Aging
Barb Ciampim, City of Greensburg, Planning Director
Terry Daughenbaugh, Public Participation Panel Chairman
Chris Bova, Westmoreland County Planning Commission
Brian Lawrence, Westmoreland County Planning Commission
Joe Szczur, PennDOT District 12-0
Angela Watson, PennDOT District 12-0
Matt Pavlosky, SPC
Chuck DiPietro, SPC
Karen Franks, SPC
David Totten, SPC

1. Purpose of Meeting

The purpose of this meeting was to receive public testimony on the 2011-2014 draft TIP and associated documents.

2. PennDOT District 12/SPC Presentation

Terry Daughenbaugh welcomed all attendees, initiated introductions, and called the meeting to order.

Joe Szczur proceeded to give a brief presentation concerning the “State of Our Current Transportation Infrastructure” highlighting in particular the PennDOT District 12-0 issues concerning their major bridge needs.

Matt Pavlosky then conducted a 15 minute presentation on the development of the Draft TIP and the current climate for transportation funding.

3. Formal Testimony on the Draft 2011-2014 TIP

Matt asked if any of the attendees would like to provide formal testimony on the Draft 2011-2014 TIP. No formal comments were given.

4. Informal Question and Answer

Matt stated that this portion of the meeting was reserved for discussion and informal questions. The following is a summary of the discussions.

Question- When is the Donora-Webster Bridge going to be addressed?

Answer - Joe Szczur stated that they are in the beginning stages of going through a process, much the same as the Charleroi-Monessen Bridge, to decide upon the right direction and decision concerning this structure, to best serve the community. This could mean either replacing or repairing the existing structure. The Donora-Webster Bridge is also on the National Register of Historic Bridges and therefore there are specific regulations and rules that must be followed to reach any kind of conclusion.

Question – What is the status of the bridge that has been closed in West Newton for the Main Street Project?

Answer - Joe Szczur stated that recent analysis of the bridge found the connections to be deteriorated. They are hoping to have the bridge open to pedestrian traffic during the upcoming holiday weekend and they are going to work to repair the structure as soon as possible to get it reopened to traffic.

Question – The large amount of deficient bridges in PennDOT District 12 make it seem like were losing the battle to repair our bridges.

Answer - Joe Szczur stated that PennDOT District 12 has 2,360 bridges and a few years ago around 30% were structurally deficient. He noted that we started to slowly improve these percentages with the influx of Act 44 and Stimulus funds but with those drying up, the situation is just getting worse and over the next five years we can expect a huge new wave of deficient bridges to hit us again.

Question – Couldn't some of the options explained as possible revenue generators (VMT, Gas Tax, Tolls) cause the public to reduce their vehicle miles traveled overall?

Answer – Chuck DiPietro and Matt Pavlosky both explained that at this point, all options to potentially generate revenue are on the table but some do pose problems including bias towards rural communities. They both noted that it is still way too early in the discussions to see which way things may go.

Question – Are there going to be specific projects or corridors that are added to the Long Range Plan during the update?

Answer – Chuck DiPietro noted that given the current financial climate and the resulting overwhelming general maintenance needs, it is unlikely that there will be much room for new projects to be added even to the LRP.

Question – So what should can the audience members do to help?

Answer- Matt Pavlosky noted that they can get the message out and help educate the community concerning our current dilemma on demand vs. lack of available funding for our transportation systems.