

## Foreword

The *2009-2012 Transportation Improvement Program for Southwestern Pennsylvania* (2009-2012 TIP) has been developed under the authority of federal transportation legislation, using program development guidelines developed by the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) and its statewide transportation partners. The program covers federal fiscal years 2009, 2010, 2011 and 2012.

A public review and comment period for the 2009-2012 TIP was held from May 27 through June 25, 2008. Public comments were reviewed, responded to and incorporated into the final program as appropriate. The 2009-2012 TIP becomes final following its subsequent review and adoption by the Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission and state and federal agencies. Upon adoption, the 2009-2012 TIP will replace the current 2007-2010 TIP (covering fiscal years 2007-2010) and will become effective October 1, 2008.

Official actions to review and consider adoption of the 2009-2012 TIP were sequenced as follows:

- Public Comment Period May 27 through June 25, 2008.
- Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission adoption on June 30, 2008.
- The Commonwealth's State Transportation Commission (STC) approval of the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's Twelve Year Program on August 7, 2008.
- Federal reviews by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in August and September 2008.

The Draft 2009-2012 Transportation Improvement Program for Southwestern Pennsylvania was also available on the SPC website at [www.spcregion.org](http://www.spcregion.org), where interested parties could easily search the document. The current 2007-2010 Transportation Improvement Program for Southwestern Pennsylvania is also available on the SPC website.

SPC received more than 300 comments during the public comment period. In response to comments received, SPC made twelve changes to the Draft 2009-2012 Transportation Improvement Program prior to formal action on the 2009-2012 TIP by the Commission on June 30, 2008. The changes, including the addition of ten new projects and the deletion of two, are identified in Appendix B. Funding for these projects was made available to the region through the allocation of additional funds, new to the region, for the Donora-Monessen Bridge project. Two projects in the City of Pittsburgh were deleted from the program as they will be completed using 100 percent local funds.