

## **Foreword**

The 2011-2014 Transportation Improvement Program for Southwestern Pennsylvania (2011-2014 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 2011, 2012, 2013 and 2014.

A public review and comment period for the 2011-2014 TIP was held from June 9 through July 13, 2010. Public comments received during that period were reviewed, responded to and incorporated into the final program as appropriate. The 2011-2014 TIP becomes final following review and adoption by the Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission and state and federal agencies. Upon adoption, the 2011-2014 TIP will replace the current 2009-2012 TIP (covering fiscal years 2009-2012) and will become effective October 1, 2010.

Official actions to review and consider adoption of the 2011-2014 TIP were sequenced as follows:

- Public Comment Period June 9 through July 13, 2010
- Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission adoption on July 26, 2010.
- The Commonwealth's State Transportation Commission (STC) approval of the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's Twelve Year Program.
- Federal reviews by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in August and September 2010.

The Draft 2011-2014 Transportation Improvement Program for Southwestern Pennsylvania was also available on the SPC website at [www.spcregion.org](http://www.spcregion.org) between June 9, 2010 when the public comment period opened and July 26, 2010, when it was formally adopted as the 2011-2014 Transportation Improvement Program for Southwestern Pennsylvania. During this time, the then current 2009-2012 Transportation Improvement Program for Southwestern Pennsylvania was also available on the SPC website.

In response to comments received during the public comment period, SPC made several minor changes to the Draft 2011-2014 Transportation Improvement Program prior to formal action on the 2011-2014 TIP by the Commission on July 26, 2010. All such changes are identified in Appendix B to the Transportation Improvement Program document.