

VIII. Public Review and Comment

The draft *Air Quality Conformity Determination for the Pittsburgh Transportation Management Area* was available for public review and comment from May 18, 2011, through June 17, 2011, concurrent with the public comment period for the draft *2040 Transportation and Development Plan for Southwestern Pennsylvania*, and two additional companion reports- *Environmental Justice Benefits and Burdens Assessment for the 2040 Plan*, and the *Southwestern Pennsylvania Public Transit Human Services Coordinated Transportation Plan Update*. Copies of these draft documents were available for public review at SPC offices, the planning offices of SPC's members, and at many local libraries throughout the region. In addition, electronic versions of these documents were available on the internet at www.spcregion.org.

Written comments were accepted at the SPC offices during the public review and comment period. Comments were also accepted via e-mail and fax. In addition, ten public meetings were held during the public review and comment period by SPC's Public Participation Panels (PPPs). One meeting was held in each of SPC's member counties.

Complete documentation of the public review and comment period is contained in the companion document *Public Participation Report*, (SPC, June 2011). That document contains copies of the legal notices, newspaper advertisements, SPC webpage text, public meeting summaries, all written testimony received by SPC, a summary of all comments received during the public review period, and SPC's responses to those comments.

SPC did not receive any public comment on the conformity assessment.

Minor modifications were made to the 2040 Plan as a result of public comment. No revisions in the conformity process or the conformity findings were needed as a result of those modifications to the Plan.

SPC, in its role as MPO for the Southwestern Pennsylvania region, formally acted at its June 27, 2011 meeting to make the finding of conformity, required under EPA's Transportation Conformity Rule, for the 2040 Transportation and Development Plan for Southwestern Pennsylvania.

Copies of SPC Resolutions 7-11 and 8-11 are included as Appendix G. Resolution 7-11 finds that the 2040 Plan and the 2011-2014 TIP conform with the requirements of the Clean Air Act (as amended), with the finding of conformity based upon the criteria outlined in EPA's Transportation Conformity Rule. Through Resolution 8-11, SPC adopted the 2040 Long Range Plan.

Air Quality Conformity Determination

*2040 Long Range Transportation Plan and 2011-2014 Transportation Improvement Program
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