

Appendix I:

**2035 Plan
Amendment,
January 2009**

Brighton Road Extension

Appendix I. Amendment to the 2035 Transportation and Development Plan for Southwestern Pennsylvania (2035 Plan) for the Brighton Road Extension Project (City of Pittsburgh, North Shore).

On January 26, 2009 the Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission approved an amendment of the SPC 2035 Transportation and Development Plan for Southwestern Pennsylvania. The City of Pittsburgh's Sports and Exhibition Authority (SEA) requested that SPC amend the 2035 Plan and 2009-2012 TIP to move funding from Phase Two of the Plan for the Brighton Road Extension to Stage One of the Plan (the TIP period 2009-2012) for funding on the TIP in 2009. This amendment will allow the SEA to proceed with construction of this project in the Spring of 2009.

This 2035 Plan amendment was included in a public comment period held from December 17, 2008 through January 21, 2009 on the proposed amendment to the 2035 Transportation and Development Plan for Southwestern Pennsylvania, the 2009-2012 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and Air Quality Conformity Assessment for the Brighton Road Extension Project (City of Pittsburgh, North Shore). A public meeting was held as part of the public comment period on January 13, 2009. Public comments received and staff responses, as well as information related to this amendment are included in this Appendix.

The amendment will maintain overall Long Range Plan fiscal constraint and will not alter the finding of conformity between the 2035 Plan and the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990.

A resolution of the Commission approving the amendment action is also included in this Appendix.

SOUTHWESTERN PENNSYLVANIA COMMISSION

RESOLUTION NO. 2-09

A RESOLUTION OF THE SOUTHWESTERN PENNSYLVANIA COMMISSION to amend the 2035 Transportation and Development Plan for Southwestern Pennsylvania (2035 Plan) and the 2009-2012 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

WHEREAS, Federal transportation law (Section 134 of Title 23 U.S.C. and Section 5303 of Title 49 U.S.C.) and metropolitan transportation planning regulations (Part 450.220 of Title 23 C.F.R.) continue the requirements established in earlier legislation that Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) conduct a comprehensive transportation planning process and develop and maintain a Long-Range Transportation Plan and Transportation Improvement Program that conform with various Federal requirements; and

WHEREAS, the City of Pittsburgh's Sports and Exhibition Authority has proposed the following revisions to the TIP and the 2035 Plan:

- Move funding for the Brighton Road Extension project (a new road connecting West General Robinson Street and North Shore Drive) from Stage Two of the 2035 Plan to Stage One of the 2035 Plan (thereby adding the project to the 2009-2012 TIP for funding in FY 2009) at a total cost of \$1,800,000 (\$730,078 federal SAFETEA-LU earmark; \$1,069,922 non-federal funds committed by the Sports and Exhibition Authority); and

WHEREAS, the proposed TIP and Plan amendments will maintain overall Plan and TIP fiscal balance and will not interfere with the implementation of any projects, commitments, or requirements of applicable State Implementation Plans (SIPs); and

WHEREAS, SPC has conducted qualitative and quantitative analysis consistent with the applicable criteria and procedures of the Clean Air Act (as amended) and the Transportation Conformity Rule, and has demonstrated that the amended 2035 Plan and 2009-2012 TIP conform with the Clean Air Act; and

WHEREAS, the proposed amendments and the results of the conformity analysis were made available for public review and comment consistent with SPC's established public review procedures from December 17, 2008 through January 21, 2009 including a public meeting held on January 13; and

WHEREAS, documentation of the public review and comment period, public comments received on the conformity analysis and the proposed Plan and TIP amendments, and responses to comments have been compiled and presented to the Commission; and

WHEREAS, the proposed amendments have been reviewed by the Transportation Technical Committee and recommended for approval in accordance with SPC's approved Plan and TIP amendment policies.

WHEREAS, the finding of conformity with the Clean Air Act for the amended TIP and 2035 Plan is made in SPC Resolution 1-09.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission approves the request made by the City of Pittsburgh's Sports and Exhibition Authority to amend the 2035 Plan and the 2009-2012 TIP.

I, Rodney Ruddock, HEREBY CERTIFY that I am Secretary-Treasurer of the SOUTHWESTERN PENNSYLVANIA COMMISSION; that the foregoing Resolution was adopted, in accordance with the By-Laws, by the Members of said Commission at a meeting duly called and held on the 26th day of January 2009, a quorum being present; and that said resolution is now in full force and effect.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF I hereto subscribe my name as Secretary-Treasurer.

Signed original on file at SPC's offices

Secretary- Treasurer



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MEMO

TO: SPC Members

FROM: Jim Hassinger, Executive Director

DATE: January 23, 2009

SUBJECT: Response to Public Comments Received Regarding proposed amendment to the 2035 Plan, 2009-2012 TIP and Air Quality Conformity Assessment for the Brighton Road Extension Project

The following comments were received during the Public Comment Period held from December 17, 2008 through January 21, 2009 on proposed amendment to the 2035 Transportation and Development Plan for Southwestern Pennsylvania, the 2009-2012 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and Air Quality Conformity Assessment for the Brighton Road Extension Project (City of Pittsburgh, North Shore). SPC staff responses are noted in italics.

From: Jerrold Green [mailto:Jerrold.Green@verizon.net]
Sent: Wednesday, January 21, 2009 9:38 PM
To: Dee Pamplin
Cc: Sara Walfoort
Subject: Public Comment on Brighton Road Extension Project

Regarding the subject project, I would like to propose that the new roadway and its intersections be reviewed with respect to how they will accommodate, and indeed, attract bicycle and pedestrian traffic. The sports and entertainment complex is not only a destination; it is also a gateway to the park and trail system along the Three Rivers. It can, and should, draw users from the nearby neighborhoods via safe walkways and cycling routes.

Stadium development has resulted in barriers to safe movement of pedestrians and cyclists in and out of this area as a result of multi-lane roadways, with heavy, fast traffic, and traffic control signals that do not recognize bicycles. This project, along with the Casino project, and the new subway terminal will greatly increase the volume of all modes of traffic in the area. It is time to not just tolerate, but to entice patrons to travel to the area as pedestrians and cyclists as a way to improve the quality of the experience.

Please put a high priority on safely accommodating non-motorized traffic terminating at the new entertainment area and passing through to the adjacent park and trail and the city beyond.

Consider that patrons and visitors will be of all ages and physical capabilities, families with children, bicycle commuters, and seniors using the trails and parks as a safe way to get exercise.

We need:

- Traffic-calming measures

- Wide curb lanes to accommodate bicycles or marked bicycle lanes

- Traffic controls that are automatically actuated by the presence of bicycles and pedestrians

- Wide sidewalks and well-marked crosswalks

Thank you.

Jerrold Green

Northside resident

SPC RESPONSE:

As these comments do not address air quality conformity requirements specifically, but do relate to final project design, the concerns expressed have been noted and forwarded to the SEA and the City of Pittsburgh. Your continued participation in the final design process is encouraged.

From: Marilyn Skolnick [mailto:emkhs@concentric.net]

Sent: Monday, January 19, 2009 3:37 PM

To: Dee Pamplin

Subject: comments on air quality conformity

TO: James R. Hassinger

FROM: Marilyn Skolnick on behalf of the Sierra Club Allegheny Group

SUBJECT: Air Quality Conformity

The U.S. EPA is in the process of establishing a new standards for ozone. It appears that if our region does not reduce the ozone levels by 2010, our region is in danger of being reclassified from moderate non-attainment to serious non-attainment. There are dire consequences should this happen. SPC's conformity document does nothing to reduce the pollutants that create smog. Rather it maintains a status quo. The Sierra Club would like to see changes to the document that would anticipate the new EPA rule. This may also mean a change to the region's long range plan and TIP. Not being a modeler, it would be impossible to suggest what changes would be needed. But, change is needed as soon as possible.

Thank you.

SPC RESPONSE:

The conformity assessment for the proposed TIP/Plan amendment did follow the established conformity process for the currently defined non-attainment areas. There is no conformity process in place at this time for addressing the new 8 hour ozone standard, nor have the new 8 hour Ozone non-attainment areas been defined by the EPA. Emission budgets have yet to be established by EPA for the new standard. SPC's current analysis does show significant reduction in VOC and NOx emissions through 2035.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD AND PUBLIC MEETINGS

Proposed amendments to the 2009-2012 Transportation Improvement Program, 2035 Transportation and Development Plan and Air Quality Conformity Assessment

From December 17, 2008 through January 21, 2009, the Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission (SPC) is seeking public comment on proposed amendments to the 2035 Transportation and Development Plan for Southwestern Pennsylvania, the 2009-2012 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and Air Quality Conformity Assessment for the Brighton Road Extension Project (City of Pittsburgh, North Shore).

The specific actions to be included in the 2035 Transportation and Development Plan and 2009-2012 TIP amendments include:

- The City of Pittsburgh's Sports and Exhibition Authority (SEA) requests that SPC amend the 2035 Plan and 2009-2012 TIP to move funding from Phase Two of the Plan for the Brighton Road Extension to Stage One of the Plan (the TIP period 2009-2012) for funding on the TIP in 2009. This amendment will allow the SEA to proceed with construction of this project in the Spring of 2009.

SPC is also seeking public comment on the Air Quality Conformity Assessment for Southwestern Pennsylvania to incorporate these amendments to the 2035 Plan and the 2009-2012 TIP.

Information is available about the proposed amendments and the Air Quality Conformity Assessment for review during the public comment period from December 17, 2008 through January 21, 2009 in the offices of SPC, in most public libraries, and in the planning offices of the City of Pittsburgh and Allegheny County. These documents are also available on SPC's website: www.spcregion.org.

Written comments may be submitted through January 21, 2009 to:

Comments
425 Sixth Avenue, Suite 2500
Pittsburgh, PA 15219-1852
Fax to: Comments at 412-391-9160
E-mail: comments@spcregion.org

Written and oral comments will also be accepted as part of the following public meeting:

Regional Enterprise Tower
23rd Floor, A.V. Davis Room
425 Sixth Avenue, Pittsburgh
Tuesday, January 13, 2009
4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

All comments must be received by 4:30 p.m. on January 21, 2009. The Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission will meet January 26, 2009, at 4:30 p.m., 31st Floor, Regional Enterprise Tower, 425 Sixth Avenue, downtown Pittsburgh, to consider the proposed amendments and Air Quality Conformity Assessment.

For meeting directions or additional information: www.spcregion.org or call Matt Pavlosky at (412) 391-5590, ext. 361.

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.

TRANSIT INFORMATION

For information regarding transit services to Public Meetings in Allegheny County call Port Authority Customer Service at 412-442-2000. For transit information in other counties, please visit: www.commuteinfo.org/comm_trans.shtml.



Brighton Road Extension

Submitted by: Stadium Authority of the City of Pittsburgh

MPMS #: 27045

Scope: A new road will be constructed to the west of the proposed North Shore Entertainment Complex and will connect West General Robinson Street and North Shore Drive. The new road is expected to be dedicated to the City of Pittsburgh, and shall include streetscape (sidewalks and trees) on one or both sides.

Engineering Firm: Currently in the selection process

Design Status: Conceptual

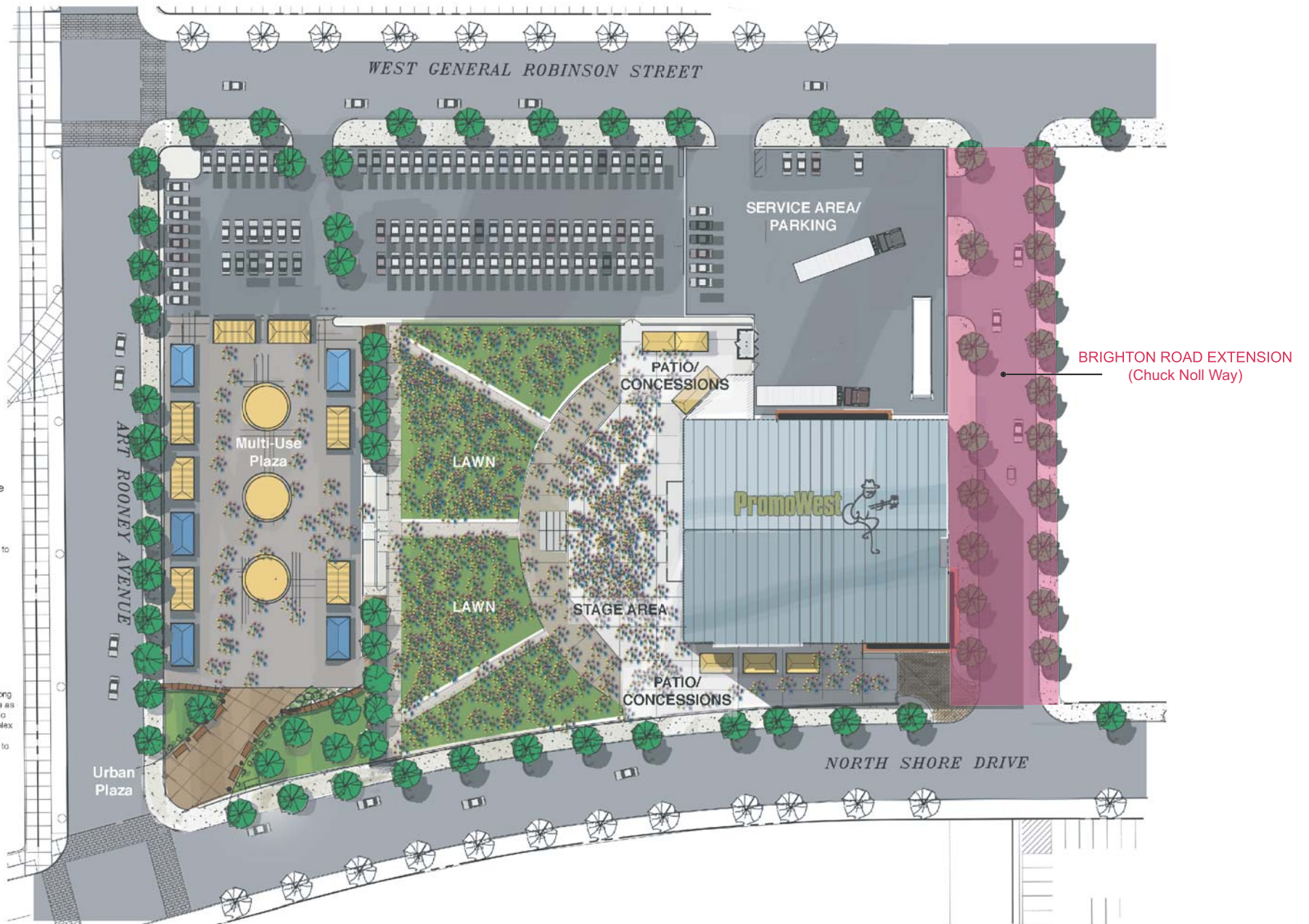
Row Status: Cleared (All within property owned by the Stadium Authority)

Let Date: April 2009

Funding Status

TIP Status: Currently in Air Quality Review

Total Cost: \$1,800,000



Multi-Use Hardscape Plaza-
 (Rendered plan for illustration purpose only.)
 (Parties will work together to finalize hardscape spec, design and materials.)

Urban Plaza-
 (Rendered plan for illustration purpose only.)
 Permanent urban edge along North Shore Drive to serve as a transition between Promo West Entertainment Complex and the Great Lawn.
 (Parties will work together to finalize hardscape spec, design and materials.)

July 31, 2008

PromoWest Entertainment Complex - Plan

the north shore

