

I. Introduction

This document presents comments received and responses to comments for the Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission's (SPC) public comment period from May 10 to June 8, 2004 on the:

- **Draft 2005-2008 Transportation Improvement Program for Southwestern Pennsylvania**
- **2030 Transportation and Development Plan for Southwestern Pennsylvania Draft Addendum, Financial Plan Update**
- **Draft 2004 Air Quality Conformity Determination for the TIP and 2030 Plan**

The Draft 2005-2008 Transportation Improvement Program for Southwestern Pennsylvania (Draft 2005-2008 TIP) is comprised of a three document set: the 2005-2008 TIP Summary Report, Air Quality Conformity Determination, and Public Participation Report.

The Public Participation Report includes public comment during the year-long Draft 2005-2008 TIP development process and includes the following sections:

- Summary of public comments on the Draft 2005-2008 TIP and the SPC Response
- "First Round" Public Testimony, July-August 2003
- "Second Round" Public Testimony, May-June 2004
- Written comments on the Draft 2005-2008 TIP (through June 8, 2004)
- Documentation of public outreach activities

The report includes by reference ten volumes of testimony presented by SPC to the State Transportation Commission at Joint Public Hearings with SPC on September 11, 2003. This testimony was collected in July and August 2003 at a series of public hearings sponsored by the SPC Public Participation Panels (PPPs). Meetings were held in each SPC member government jurisdiction, including five open-house sessions in Allegheny County and the City of Pittsburgh. These volumes are available for public review at SPC's offices and at PENNDOT.

Public comments documented in the Public Participation Report include comments on the Draft 2005-2008 TIP and the Draft Air Quality Conformity Determination as presented for public review from May 10 to June 8, 2004. The summary table of the public comments also includes an SPC response to the comment. The air quality conformity results documented in the final air quality report include conformity with the SPC *2030 Transportation and Development Plan for Southwestern Pennsylvania* (the

Phase 1 projects are revised to match the updated TIP) as well as conformity for the 2005-2008 TIP.

The Public Participation Report also includes concurrent public involvement activities conducted May 10 through June 8, 2004 for the 2030 Transportation and Development Plan for Southwestern Pennsylvania Draft Addendum, Financial Plan Update (2030 Plan Draft Addendum). No comments were received on the 2030 Plan Draft Addendum.

Copies of the 2005-2008 TIP including the Air Quality Conformity Determination and Public Participation Report will be available through the SPC Products and Services Catalog and at www.spcregion.org.

This Public Participation Report was distributed to members of the Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission for their review, prior to the June 30, 2004 meeting for action to adopt the Air Quality Conformity Determination, 2005-2008 TIP, and Financial Plan Update (2030 Plan Draft Addendum).