

Meeting Minutes for April 16, 2015
Transportation Technical Committee Meeting
SPC Offices
Two Chatham Center, Pittsburgh

Attendees:

- Ann Ogoreuc, Allegheny County Department of Economic Development
Stephen Shanley, Allegheny County Department of Public Works
- Thomas Swisher, Armstrong County Dept. of Planning and Development
- Tammy Frank, Beaver County Liquid Fuels Department
- Joel MacKay, Butler County Planning Commission
- Jeremy Kelly, Greene County Planning Commission
- Jeff Raykes, Indiana County Department of Planning and Development
Kayla Inrig, Indiana County Department of Planning and Development
- Amy McKinney, Lawrence County Planning Department
- Patrick Hassett, City of Pittsburgh Department of Public Works
Paul Ostrowski, City of Pittsburgh Department of Public Works
- Chris Bova, Westmoreland County Department of Planning and Development
- Jeffrey Leithauser, Washington County Planning Commission
- Kevin McCullough, PennDOT Central Office
Doug Dupknock, PennDOT District 10-0
Robert Miskanic, PennDOT District 11-0
Stephanie Spang, PennDOT District 11-0
Angela, Saunders, PennDOT District 12-0
Josh Theakston, PennDOT District 12-0
David Darner, PennDOT District 12-0
Lynn Manion, Airport Corridor Transportation Association
Mavis Rainey, Oakland Transportation Management Association
Steve Shadle, Allegheny County Department of Public Works
Dan Galvin, Plenary Walsh Keystone Partners
Peter Broad, Indiana Borough/Downtown Indiana
Dean Howard, Downtown Indiana
Jim Hassinger, SPC Executive Director & CEO
Doug Smith, SPC Transportation Director
Darin Alviano, SPC Staff
Chuck Imbrogno, SPC Staff
Tom Klevan, SPC Staff
Ryan Gordon, SPC Staff
Sara Walfoort, SPC Staff
Matt Pavlosky, SPC Staff
- Indicates voting member

1. Call to Order

Doug Smith called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

2. Action on the April 16th Minutes (Handout 1)

A motion was made by Amy McKinney and second by Art Cappella to accept the April 16th meeting minutes as presented. The TTC approved.

3. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

4. FHWA/PennDOT Central Office Reports

Kevin McCullough shared updates on the below activities

a. Highway Trust Fund & MAP-21 Extension Update

It is anticipated that congress will pass a bill very soon to extend the MAP-21 highway and transit authorization by a couple of months.

Congress is forced to deal with the MAP-21 extension issue now since they will be on recess towards the end of the month when MAP-21 officially expires at the end of May. The options are either a mini-extension through the end of July, which would not require any additional money since the HTF is estimated to remain solvent into August, or a longer-term extension through the end of September or December 31. Extending the bill through the end of the calendar year would require identifying an additional \$10B in revenues or program cuts which Congress appeared to be unable or reluctant to do.

b. State Long Range Transportation & Comprehensive Freight Plan

The draft plan can be found at <http://www.paontrack.com/> for review. There have been some WebEx's held recently on the planning tools associated with freight such as goods movement.

c. State 12 Year Program Update

Update for the Commonwealth's 12 Year Program has begun. An [online public meeting](#) was held on April 16th. There is a [public survey](#) available and TTC members are encouraged to share it with their municipalities. Survey is available until May 29th.

d. 2015 2nd Quarter TIP Progress Report (Handout 2)

The second quarter TIP progress report was highlighted. The report includes a statewide summation of actual obligations and encumbrances for all of the regions in Pennsylvania. The report also includes an individual program report for the SPC region. The region can expect an increase in obligations to occur in the third quarter during construction season. As always, our three PennDOT District Executives continue to be very aggressive at delivering the program for the SPC region.

5. CMAQ Program Update

Doug Smith and Chuck Imbrogno provided a CMAQ program update. At last month's TTC meeting a series of proposed TIP adjustments were presented that would enable the region to utilize its available CMAQ funding. Contained within District 11-0's modification requests are administrative actions accounting for these adjustments as well as an amendment to remove a CSX Railroad project that is no longer being pursued. The region still has funding available in its CMAQ line item and staff is continuing to follow-up on leads to utilize these funds.

6. Action on Amendments & Modifications to 2015-2018 TIP ([Handout 3](#))

a. District 10-0

Doug Dupnock of PennDOT District 10-0 reviewed the requested TIP modifications. There were two amendment request actions (as highlighted within Handout 3). Jeff Raykes' motion to approve was seconded by Joel McKay and the TTC approved the amendments as presented.

b. District 11-0

Rob Miskanic of PennDOT District 11-0 reviewed the requested TIP modifications. There was one amendment and four administrative actions requiring TTC action (as highlighted within Handout 3). Ann Ogoreuc's motion to approve was seconded by Amy McKinney and the TTC approved the amendment and administrative actions as presented.

c. District 12-0

Angela Saunders of PennDOT District 12-0 reviewed the requested TIP modification. There was one administrative action requiring TTC action (as highlighted within Handout 3). Art Cappella's motion to approve was seconded by Jeremy Kelly and the TTC approved the administrative action as presented.

7. Mapping the Future: [The Southwestern PA Plan](#)

Doug Smith delivered an overview of [The Southwestern PA Plan](#) that is now available for public comment. Doug asked members to review and provide comments.

a. Public Comment Period and Meetings

Matt Pavlosky highlighted and discussed the public comment period and public meetings. The public comment period for [The Southwestern PA Plan](#) started yesterday and will close on June 12th. Details of the public meetings are listed below.

May 13th (Wednesday)	30 Day Public Comment begins
May 20 th (Wednesday)	(*Public Meetings begin) ➤ Washington County LRP Public Meeting (3-5pm, Courthouse Annex)
May 25 th (Monday)	<i>Memorial Day</i>
May 26 th (Tuesday)	➤ Butler County Public Meeting (3-5pm)
May 27 th (Wednesday)	➤ Beaver County Public Meeting (3-5pm)
May 28 th (Thursday)	➤ Westmoreland Public Meeting (5-7pm, Courthouse) ➤ Armstrong Public Meeting (6-8pm, Courthouse)
June 4 th (Thursday)	➤ Allegheny/City of Pittsburgh Public Meeting (6-8pm, SPC)
June 9 th (Tuesday)	➤ Fayette County Public Meeting (3-5pm)
June 10 th (Wednesday)	➤ Greene County Public Meeting (6-8pm)
June 11 th (Thursday)	➤ Lawrence County LRP Public Meeting (2-4p, Courthouse) (*Public Meetings end)
June 12th (Friday)	30 Day Public Comment Ends
June 15-19 th	Staff & Partners Summarize / Responds to Comments
June 22 nd (Monday)	LRP Comment Summaries to SPC Commissioners
June 29th (Monday)	SPC Commission Meeting / Consideration of LRP & Companion Documents

b. Active Transportation Plan Development

As part of the implementation of the Southwestern Plan, Doug Smith discussed the proposed development of an Active Transportation Plan. He encouraged TTC members to share their thoughts on appropriate content.

c. Freight Plan Request for Proposals and Project Scope

Another implementation document for the Southwestern Plan is the Regional Freight Plan. In March, SPC issued a Request for Proposals for consultant assistance in the Preparation of a Regional Freight Plan for Southwestern Pennsylvania. We received a total of seven technical proposals. The proposals were reviewed by a committee and shortlisted to four. The four firms were brought in to deliver presentations. Negotiations with the lead firm have commenced.

8. P3 Rapid Bridge Replacement Program - Plenary Walsh Keystone Partners

Dan Galvin, Public Information Manager for Plenary Walsh Keystone Partners (PWKP) gave a presentation on the P3 Rapid Bridge Replacement program, a Public-Private Partnership (P3) between PennDOT and PWKP under which PWKP will finance, design, replace and maintain the bridges for 25 years. PennDOT will maintain ownership of the bridges. The P3 approach will allow PennDOT to replace the bridges more quickly while achieving significant savings and minimizing impact on motorists. To see the bridges included in the statewide initiative and to

learn more about the Rapid Bridge Replacement Project and P3 in Pennsylvania, visit www.P3forPA.pa.gov. Additional information on the project, the team and how to bid on the project can be found at www.PARapidBridges.com.

9. 2017-2020 TIP Update

Ryan Gordon provided a primer on the 2017 TIP Development Process. The presentation included a recap of the 2015 TIP Development and the process enhancements that were achieved in the areas of LPN integration, public involvement integration and stakeholder communication. Ryan reviewed several new elements of the 2017 TIP including: Performance Based Planning and Rapid Bridge Replacement program. Ryan presented an SPC staff generated list of proposed enhancements to the TIP process including:

- Pilot methods for incorporating federal performance targets into TIP process.
- More emphasis on identifying/documenting transit, freight, multimodal, economic development elements of TIP projects.
- Regional HSIP committee input on recommended projects for HSIP regional and state funding.
- Explore use of Decision Lens software to provide input to project selection, evaluation, as well as performance based planning & programming.
- CMAQ process & increased candidate project scrutiny in meeting federal performance targets
- Maintaining and enhancing LPN integration

Ryan reviewed some of the expected outcomes of the proposed enhancements and reviewed the milestones for the 2017 TIP.

10. Other Business/Status Reports

Doug Smith quickly highlighted both recent and upcoming meetings listed below.

- a. May 6 & 7 – Transit Triennial Review
- b. May 7 – CommuteInfo Partners Meeting
- c. May 13 – Ped/Bike Committee
- d. May 14 – Statewide Financial Guidance Work Group Meeting
- e. May 27 – Statewide Agency Coordination Meeting
- f. June 15 & 16 – Statewide Planning Partners Meeting
- g. June 17 – Transit Operators’ Committee
- h. June 18 – Transportation Technical Committee
- i. June 25 – Transportation Operations and Safety Committee
- j. June 29 – Commission Executive Committee
- k. June 29 – Commission Meeting