

# NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT AND PUBLIC MEETING

## **Proposed Amendments to *Mapping the Future: The Southwestern PA Plan* and 2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Program *Downtown-Uptown-Oakland-East End Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Project* and *Smart Spines (ATCMTD) Project***

The Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission (SPC) is seeking your input and will open a public comment period for Air Quality Conformity Determination and proposed amendments to *Mapping the Future: The Southwestern PA Plan* and the 2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Program (2017-2020 TIP).

**This public comment period will begin August 16, 2017 and conclude September 15, 2017.**

**Downtown-Uptown-Oakland-East End Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Project:** The proposed project will connect Downtown Pittsburgh with Uptown, Oakland, and other East End neighborhoods. It includes changes to both physical infrastructure and transit operations along the Downtown-Uptown-Oakland portion of the corridor (BRT Core) along with changes to transit operations and stations in the East End portion of the corridor – Highland Park, Squirrel Hill, and the East Busway. Capital improvements proposed as part of this project include: dedicated lanes, bus bump-outs, enhanced/branded stations, traffic signals, battery electric, branded buses and supporting infrastructure, and dedicated bicycle facilities. The total cost of the project in 2017 dollars is estimated to be \$186.7 million with a total cost over the lifetime of the project at approximately \$195.5 million.

**Smart Spines (ATCMTD) Project:** The proposed project includes improvements to approximately 126 intersections along 8 corridors in the City of Pittsburgh. Improvements include new signals, addition of vehicular/pedestrian detection, audible pedestrian signals, countdown pedestrian signals and accessible ramps, and upgraded communications. The project also includes Downtown IT improvements; installation of an Ethernet radio system and a Vehicle Dedicated Short Range Communication (DSRC) system; and integration with Clever Devices. The total cost of the project in 2017 dollars is approximately \$29.9 million.

Additional information on the Air Quality Determination and the proposed amendments to the 2017-2020 TIP and *Mapping the Future* is available for public review online beginning August 16, 2017 at [www.spcregion.org](http://www.spcregion.org), at the offices of SPC, the Pittsburgh Department of City Planning and Allegheny County Department of Economic Development, and at many public libraries in Allegheny County.

A public meeting will be held where interested parties will have the opportunity to review information on the project, and ask questions of representatives from the Urban Redevelopment Authority, Allegheny County, City of Pittsburgh, Port Authority of Allegheny County, SPC, and other project partners.

**Wednesday, August 30, 2017 - 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.**

**Two Chatham Center, 112 Washington Place, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Pittsburgh, PA 15219**

**Comments** on the proposed amendments and Air Quality Conformity Determination will be accepted by SPC representatives at this meeting. Written comments may also be submitted to [comments@spcregion.org](mailto:comments@spcregion.org), by mail to SPC Comments at Two Chatham Center, Suite 500, 112 Washington Place, Pittsburgh, PA 15219 or by fax to (412) 391-9160.

**All comments must be received by 4:00 p.m. on September 15, 2017.**

Upon consideration of public comments received, the Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission will consider action on the Air Quality Conformity Determination and adoption of the proposed 2017-2020 TIP and *Mapping the Future* amendments at their meeting at 4:30 p.m., on September 25, 2017 at Two Chatham Center, 112 Washington Place, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Pittsburgh, PA 15219.

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