Documentation of Public Outreach Efforts

(May and June 2007)
May 3, 2007

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Burgettstown, PA 15021

Cheryl Walsh
Reference Librarian
Butler Area Public Library
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Butler, PA 16001

Julia Allen
Carnegie Free Library
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Carnegie Library Beechview Branch
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Pittsburgh, PA 15216

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Carnegie Library of McKeesport
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McKeesport, PA 15132-4796
(412) 672-0625

Marilyn Holt
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Foundation Center
4400 Forbes Avenue
Pittsburgh, PA 15213
(412) 622-3116

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Pittsburgh, PA 15219
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East Liberty Branch
5920 Ralph Munn Mall
Pittsburgh, PA 15206

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read_books@hotmail.com

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Flenniken Memorial Library
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Carmichaels, PA 15320

Linda Crouse
Greater Canonsburg Public Library
68 East Pike Street
Canonsburg, PA 15317

Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh
Hazelwood Branch
4901 Second Avenue
Pittsburgh, PA 15207

Susan Miller
Indiana Free Library
845 Philadelphia Street
Indiana, PA 15701

Rena Fowler
Dean of Libraries
Indiana University of Pennsylvania
Stapleton Library
431 South Eleventh Street
Indiana, PA 15705

Nancy Reed
Kittanning Free Library
280 North Jefferson Street
Kittanning, PA 16201

Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh
Knoxville Branch
400 Brownsville Road
Pittsburgh, PA 15210

Laughlin Memorial Free Library
Eleventh Avenue and Maplewood Avenue
Ambridge, PA 15003

Heather Love
Mars Area Public Library
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Box 415
Mars, PA 16046

Fred Natale
Monessen Public Library
326 Donner Avenue
Monessen, PA 15062

Ed Shanahan
Monongehela Area Library
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Monongahela, PA 15063

Kathy Kennedy
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Monroeville, PA 15146

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Brenda Mitsko  
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307 Point Street  
Saltsburg, PA  15681

New Castle Public Library  
207 E. North Street  
New Castle, PA  16101

Joann Guesman  
Scottsdale Public Library  
231 Pittsburgh Street  
Scottsdale, PA  15683

Jane Jubb  
Northland Public Library  
300 Cumberland Road  
Pittsburgh, PA  15237

Jackie Bolte  
Shaler North Hills Library  
1822 Mount Royal Boulevard  
Glenshaw, PA  15116

Jaclyn Mignogna  
Norwin Public Library  
100 Caruthers Lane  
Irwin, PA  15642-4008

Christy Fusco  
Uniontown Public Library  
24 Jefferson Street  
Uniontown, PA  15401  
(724) 437-1165

Ed Mandell  
Penn Hills Library  
240 Aster Drive  
Pittsburgh, PA  15235

Pat Smith  
Wagner Memorial Library  
609 Pennsylvania Avenue  
Monaca, PA  15061-1805

People’s Library  
880 North Barnes Street  
New Kensington, PA  15068

Western Allegheny Community Library  
8042 Steubenville Pike  
Oakdale, PA  15071

Pier Lee  
Peters Township Library  
616 East McMurray Road  
McMurray, PA  15317-3420  
(724) 941-9430

Marianne Sforza  
Jan Lawrence  
Zelienople Public Library  
227 South High Street  
Zelienople, PA  16063

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Municipal Building  
201 Port Royal Road  
Belle Vernon, PA  15012
NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD AND PUBLIC MEETINGS

The Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission (SPC) is seeking public comments on the Draft Public Participation Plan beginning May 4, 2007. The Draft Public Participation Plan describes the various objectives, strategies and tools to engage the public and encourage participation in the development of transportation plans and programs.

Public comments will be accepted as part of upcoming SPC public meetings:

May 22, 5:30 p.m., 2nd Floor Conference Room, Greene County Office Building, 93 East High Street, Waynesburg

May 23, 7:00 p.m., Jury Holding Room, Old Courthouse, 430 Court Street, New Castle

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You can review this draft document through June 21, 2007 at http://www.sperregion.org, at the Allegheny County Department of Economic Development, Pittsburgh Department of City Planning, Armstrong County Department of Planning & Development, Beaver County Planning Commission, Butler County Planning Commission, Fayette County Office of Planning and Community Development, Greene County Planning Commission, Indiana County Office of Planning & Development, Lawrence County Planning Department, Washington County Planning Commission, Westmoreland County Planning Department, many public libraries throughout the region, and the office of the Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission.

Written comments may be submitted through June 21, 2007 to:

SPC - Comments
425 Sixth Avenue, Ste. 2500 Pittsburgh, PA 15219-1852

Fax to Comments: 412-391-9160

E-mail: comments@sperregion.org

Online: http://www.sperregion.org/trans_ppp_sched.shtml

The Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission will consider the Draft Public Participation Plan for action at their meeting on June 28, 2007 at 4:30 p.m., Regional Enterprise Tower, 425 Sixth Avenue, 31st Floor, Pittsburgh, PA 15219-1852.

For meeting directions or additional information, please visit http://www.sperregion.org or call (412) 391-5590.

Meeting locations are accessible to persons with disabilities.

With advance notification, Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission (SPC) will make every effort to accommodate special needs related to language, sight, or hearing. Contact SPC at 412-391-5590, extension 334, to request such assistance.

TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION

For information regarding transit services to the 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
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How do you get where you’re going? Drive, walk, ride a bike, take the bus? What’s next for our transportation system? Come to a meeting and hear about transportation projects planned for your area and across the region. Be informed, get involved, tell us what you think.

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Attend a Public Participation Panel meeting to hear presentations, look at maps, ask questions, and submit your comments:

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At these meetings, SPC will also be soliciting public comment and testimony in the development of the 2009-2012 Transportation Improvement Program for Southwestern Pennsylvania, in anticipation of the August 29, 2007 public hearing of the State Transportation Commission in Pittsburgh.

Oral and written comments will be taken by SPC representatives at any meeting. Written comments can also be submitted online at www.spcregion.org; by mail to: SPC Comments, 425 Sixth Ave., Suite 2500, Pittsburgh, PA 15219-1852; by fax to Comments, 412-391-9160; or by e-mail to comments@spcregion.org. All comments must be received by 4:30 p.m. on June 21, 2007.

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This notice satisfies the program-of-projects requirements of the Urbanized Area Formula Program of the Federal Transit Administration.
ANNONCE D’OUVERTURE D’UNE PÉRiode DE COMmentaires ET DE RÉUNIONS PUBLIQUES

Comment vous déplacez-vous ?
En voiture, à pied, à vélo ou en bus ?
Quel avenir pour nos moyens de transport ?
Participez à une réunion pour connaître les projets en matière de transport dans votre ville et dans votre région.
Informez-vous, participez, faites-nous part de vos impressions.

La Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission attend les commentaires du public sur plusieurs documents importants en phase de projet, avant leur adoption :

- Le Plan de Transport et Développement 2035, pour Southwestern Pennsylvania
- Avantages de la justice environnementale et évaluation des charges pour le Plan 2035
- Le Plan de participation publique de la Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission
- Le Plan coordonné des services publics de transit des personnes section Interim 5310, de Southwestern Pennsylvania

Participez à une Réunion publique d’information pour suivre des présentations, voir les cartes, poser des questions et nous faire part de vos remarques :

22 mai, 17h30, 2nd Floor Conference Room, Greene County Office Building, 93 East High Street, Waynesburg

23 mai, 19h, Jury Holding Room, Old Courthouse, 430 Court Street, New Castle

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Les représentants de la SPC enregistreront les commentaires oraux et écrits, à toutes les réunions. Les commentaires écrits peuvent également être enregistrés en ligne sur www.spcregion.org; par courrier à : SPC Comments, 425 Sixth Ave., Suite 2500, Pittsburgh, PA 15219-1852 ; par fax à Comments, 412-391-9160 ; ou par e-mail à comments@spcregion.org.

Tous les commentaires doivent arriver avant 16h30, le 21 juin 2007.
La Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission étudiera ces documents en phase de projet lors de sa réunion du 28 juin 2007, à 16h30, Regional Enterprise Tower, 425 Sixth Avenue, 31st Floor, Pittsburgh, PA 15219-1852.

Les locaux des réunions sont accessibles aux personnes handicapées. Sur demande préalable, des services spéciaux peuvent être prévus pour les personnes avec des déficiences liées à la parole, à la vue, ou à l’audition. Veuillez appeler un des numéros ci-dessous pour demander ces services.
Renseignements 412-391-5590, poste 334.

INFORMATIONS TRANSIT SERVICE

Cette annonce répond aux conditions fixées par le programme-projets du Programme Urbanized Area Formula de Federal Transit Administration.
Bekanntmachung der Phase öffentlicher Anhörungen und öffentlicher Versammlungen

Wie kommen Sie an Ihr Ziel?
Fahren Sie mit dem Auto, mit dem Fahrrad oder nehmen Sie den Bus?
Was steht für unser Transportsystem als nächstes an?
Kommen Sie zu einer Veranstaltung und hören Sie, welche Transportprojekte in Ihrem Gebiet und in der gesamten Region geplant sind.

Informieren Sie sich, engagieren Sie sich und sagen Sie uns, was Sie denken.

Die Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission bittet zu wichtigen Entwurfsdokumenten vor ihrer Verabschiedung um Kommentare aus der Öffentlichkeit:

- 2035 Transportation and Development Plan for Southwestern Pennsylvania (Transport- und Entwicklungsplan für Südwest-Pennsylvania)
- Environmental Justice Benefits and Burdens Assessment for the 2035 Plan (Nutzer für die Umweltgerechtigkeit und Belastungsbewertung des Plans 2035)
- The Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission's Public Participation Plan (Öffentlicher Beteiligungsplan der Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission)
- The Interim Section 5310 Southwestern Pennsylvania Public Transit-Human Services Coordinated Plan (Koordinationsplan der vorläufigen Sektion 5310 öffentlicher Personentransportdienste für Südwest-Pennsylvania)


Besuchen Sie ein öffentliches Beteiligungsforum, um Vorträge zu hören, sich Karten anzusehen, Fragen zu stellen und Kommentare abzugeben:

22. Mai, 17.30 Uhr, 2. Stock, Konferenraum, Greene County Office Building, 93 East High Street, Waynesburg
23. Mai, 19.00 Uhr, Geschworenenraum, Old Courthouse, 430 Court Street, New Castle
24. Mai, 19.00 Uhr, Konferenraum des Bezirksbeauftragten, Courthouse Annex, 450 Market Street, Kittanning
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VERKEHRSINFORMATIONEN

Diese Bekanntmachung genügt den Anforderungen des Projektprogramms des Urbanized Area Formula Program (Programm für städtische Siedlungsgebiete) der föderale Verkehrsverwaltung.
AVVISO DI PERIODI DI COMMENTO E RIUNIONI PUBBLICHE

Come ti sposti?
In auto, a piedi, in bicicletta, in autobus?
Cosa c’è dietro l’angolo per il nostro sistema di trasporto?
Vieni ad una riunione per saperne di più sui progetti relativi al trasporto nella tua zona.
Sii informato, datti da fare, dicci cosa pensi.

La Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission vuole sentire i commenti della gente su importanti bozze di documenti, prima che vengano adottati:
• 2035: Piano di Trasporto e Sviluppo per il Sudovest della Pennsylvania
• Stime su Benefici e Svantaggi Ambientali relativi al 2035
• Piano di Partecipazione Pubblica della Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission
• Piano Ad Interim Sezione 5310 Coordinato tra la Southwestern Pennsylvania Public Transit e la Human Services


Partecipa ad una riunione pubblica per ascoltare presentazioni, osservare le mappe, porre domande e inoltrare i tuoi commenti:
22 Maggio, 17:30, Sala Conferenze Secondo Piano, Uffici della Greene County, 93 East High Street, Waynesburg
23 Maggio, 19:00, Sala della Giuria, Antico Palazzo di Giustizia, 430 Court Street, New Castle
24 Maggio, 19:00, Sala Conferenze del County Commissioner, Annex del Palazzo di Giustizia, 450 Market Street, Kittanning
30 Maggio, 17:00, Sala Conferenze, Camera di Commercio di Fayette, 65 West Main Street, Uniontown
5 Giugno, 18:00, Sala Riunioni, Annex del Palazzo di Giustizia della Contea, 2 N. Main Street, Greensburg
6 Giugno, 19:00, Sala Conferenze, Palazzo di Giustizia della Contea, 810 Third Street, Beaver
12 Giugno, 19:00, Sala Istruzione per Grandi Gruppi, Indiana Area Junior High, 245 N. Fifth Street, Indiana
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20 Giugno, 19:00, Sala Convegni, Centro Amministrativo della Contea, 124 W. Diamond Street, Butler

A questi incontri, la SPC chiederà anche il parere di tutti riguardo lo sviluppo del Programma di Miglioramento del Trasporto 2009-2012 per il Sudovest della Pennsylvania, in vista dell’udienza della Commissione per il Trasporto Statale, che si terrà il 29 Agosto, 2007, a Pittsburgh.

I rappresentanti della SPC accetteranno commenti orali e scritti ad ognuna di queste riunioni. È possibile inviare commenti scritti online al sito www.spcregion.org; per posta all’indirizzo: SPC Comments, 425 Sixth Ave., Suite 2500, Pittsburgh, PA 15219-1852; via fax a Comments, 412-391-9160; oppure via e-mail all’indirizzo comments@spcregion.org. Tutti i commenti dovranno essere ricevuti entro le 16:30 del 21 Giugno, 2007.

La Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission prenderà in esame queste bozze di documento alla riunione del 28 Giugno, 2007, che si svolgerà alle 16:30, alla Regional Enterprise Tower, 425 Sixth Avenue, 31º Piano, Pittsburgh, PA 15219-1852.

Le sedi delle riunioni sono accessibili alle persone disabili. È possibile richiedere, con preavviso, sistemazioni per persone con bisogni speciali relativi a lingua, vista o udito. Si prega di chiamare il numero qui sotto per richiedere tali servizi.


INFORMAZIONI SUI SERVIZI DI TRASPORTO

Questo avviso soddisfa i requisiti “program-of-projects” del Programma Urbanized Area Formula della Federal Transit Administration.
¿Cómo llega al lugar cuando usted se dirige allí?
¿Conduce, camina, en bicicleta, toma el autobús?
¿Qué es lo siguiente en nuestro sistema de transporte?

Venga a una reunión y entérese acerca de los proyectos de transporte planificados para su área y en toda la región.
Esté informado, involúcrese, diganos lo que piensa.

La Comisión Southwestern Pennsylvania procura comentarios del público sobre importantes documentos preliminares antes de ser adoptados:

- Transporte 2035 y Plan de Desarrollo de Southwestern Pennsylvania
- Beneficios de Justicia Ambiental y Evaluación de las Cargas para el Plan 2035
- Plan de Participación Pública de la Comisión Southwestern Pennsylvania
- Pan Coordinado de Servicios Públicos de Transito/Humano de la Southwestern Pennsylvania. Sección Interina 5310

Comenzando el 21 de Mayo de 2007, estos documentos estarán disponibles para la revisión pública en Internet : www.spcregion.org, en las oficinas de la Comisión Southwestern Pennsylvania, en el Departamento Pittsburgh de Planeamiento de la Ciudad, en las oficinas de Planeamiento del Condado, y en muchas bibliotecas públicas alrededor de Southwestern Pennsylvania.

Asista a una reunión de Panel de Participación Pública para escuchar presentaciones, ver mapas, hacer preguntas, y enviar sus comentarios:

- 22 de Mayo, 5:30 p.m., 2do piso Sala de Conferencias, Edificio de Oficinas Green County, 93 East High Street, Waynesburg
- 23 de mayo, 7:00 p.m., Sala de Espera del Jurado, Antiguo Palacio de Justicia, 430 Court Street, New Castle
- 24 de mayo, 7:00 p.m., Sala de Conferencia de los Comisionados de Condado, Palacio de Justicia Annex, 450 Market Street, Kittanning
- 30 de mayo, 5:00 p.m., Sala de Conferencias, Cámara de Comercio Fayette, 65 West Main Street, Uniontown
- 5 de junio, 6:00 p.m., Sala de Reuniones de los Comisionados, Palacio de Justicia del Condado Annex, 2 N. Main Street, Greensburg
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En estas reuniones, SPC también solicitará comentario público y testimonio en el desarrollo del Programa de Mejoramiento de Transporte 2009-2012 de Southwestern Pennsylvania, en anticipación a la audiencia pública del 29 de agosto de 2007 de la Comisión de Transporte del Estado en Pittsburgh.

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La Comisión de Southwestern Pennsylvania considerará estos documentos preliminares para actuar, en su reunión del día 28 de junio de 2007 a las 4:30 p.m., Torre Regional Enterprise, 425 Sixth Avenue, Piso 31, Pittsburgh, PA 15219-1852.

Las personas con discapacidades físicas pueden acceder a los locales de reunión. Con aviso anticipado, se pueden suministrar comodidades para aquellas personas con necesidades especiales relacionadas al lenguaje, vista o audición. Por favor llame al número listado a continuación para solicitar estos servicios. ¿Preguntas? Llame al 412-391-5590, extensión 334.

INFORMACIÓN DEL SERVICIO DE TRÁNSITO

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Email Message sent to Public Participation Panel members, Region Partners Group and other contact lists.

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Date to be determined for **Butler, PA**. Please call 412-391-5590 for more information.

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Indiana, PA  
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DRAFT (2035) Transportation and Development Plan for Southwestern Pennsylvania

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Copies of the draft document may be viewed on the Internet through June 21 at www.spcregion.org or at any of the following locations:

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The commission will consider taking action on the plan at a meeting 4:30 p.m. June 25 at Regional Enterprise Tower, 425 Sixth Ave., 31st floor, Pittsburgh.
Commission wants comments on plan

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Transit panel holding public meeting

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SPC seeks public input on transportation plans

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Chamber promotes concept of public participation panel

At the May meeting of the Indiana County Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, Transportation Chairman Mike Donnelly reviewed the chamber’s focus and progress in helping to articulate the business community’s reasons as to why the improvement and widening of the Route 422 corridor from Indiana to Kittanning should be a major priority on the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation’s future projects list.

Donnelly said transportation enhancement funding throughout the state is extremely limited for new capacity building projects like the 422 project.

According to Donnelly, PennDOT is now focused on bridge repair, resurfacing and maintenance.

"The chamber’s job is to prove to PennDOT that the Route 422 project is a necessity for a public safety and economic development stimulator perspective," Donnelly said.

Donnelly reminded the board about the upcoming Indiana County Public Participation Panel meeting at 7 p.m. June 12 in the Large Group Instruction Room at the Indiana Area Junior High School.

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"PPPs are a bit like focus groups: members are appointed to represent the population of their in regards to age, income, ethnicity, special needs and special interests. Members are expected to 'get the word out' about what they learn at meetings to the groups they represent. They also assist SPC by reaching out to involve the general public.

"PPPs meet on an as-needed basis, generally when a major document (such as the , the or the ) is under public review. When meetings are scheduled, they are promoted locally," Donnelly said.

According to Donnelly, June’s PPP meeting is particularly important in that testimony gathered will help to formulate PennDOT’s local Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) as well as its ever-growing Long Range Plan.

Representatives of the Indiana County Public Participation Panel will present testimony to the Pennsylvania State Transportation Commission on Aug. 28.
Public Transportation meeting in Greensburg

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You can attend a Public Participation Panel meeting to hear presentations, look at maps, ask questions, and submit your comments on Tuesday, June 5, at 6 p.m. Commissioners’ Meeting Room, Allegheny County Courthouse Annex, 2 North Mid-Market Street, Greensburg.

Oral and written comments will be taken by SPC representatives at this meeting. At these meetings, SPC will also be soliciting public comment and testimony in the development of the 2009-2012 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for Southwestern Pennsylvania, in anticipation of the August 29, 2007 public hearing on the TIP in the State Transportation Commission in Pittsburgh.

These documents are now available for public review through June 22 at http://www.spcregion.org:80/index.php. For questions, contact: Allegheny County Department of Economic Development, 935 Fifth Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15219; or by e-mail: comments@spcregion.org.

Written comments may be submitted through June 22 to:
SPC - Comments, 425 Sixth Avenue, Suite 2500, Pittsburgh, PA 15222; or by FAX at 412-391-9160. E-mail: comments@spcregion.org. Online: http://www.spcregion.org/trans_tip_sched.html

All comments must be received by 4:00 p.m. on June 22, 2007.

The Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission will consider these draft documents for adoption at a meeting on June 28, at 8:00 p.m. Regional Enterprise Center, 250 Ninth Avenue, First Floor, Pittsburgh, PA 15219.

For meeting directions or additional information, please visit http://www.spcregion.org or call 412-391-5590.

Meeting locations are accessible to persons with disabilities. If advance notification is needed, contact the Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission (SPC) at 412-391-5590, extension 1334, to request such assistance.
IN BRIEF

PITTSBURGH

Public has voice in transportation planning

Involving the public in the regional planning processes is a high priority for the Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission officials said.

The SPC is seeking comments from the public on draft documents prior to their adoption:

- 2035 Transportation and Development Plan for Southwestern Pennsylvania.
- Environmental Justice Benefits and Burdens Assessment for the 2035 Plan.
- The Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission’s Public Participation Plan.
- The Interim Section 5310 Southwestern Pennsylvania Public Transit-Human Services Coordinated Plan.

Residents are urged to attend the upcoming Public Public Participation Plan meetings to hear presentations, look at maps, ask questions and submit comments. Upcoming meetings include:

- May 31, 5 p.m., Conference Room, Fayette Chamber of Commerce, 86 W. Main St., Uniontown.
- June 3, 6 p.m., Commissioners’ Meeting Room, County Courthouse Annex, 2 N. Main St., Greensburg.

Oral and written comments will be taken by SPC representatives at any meeting. At these meetings, SPC will also be soliciting public comment and testimony in the development of the 2009-12 Transportation Improvement Plan for Southwestern Pennsylvania. In anticipation of the Aug. 29 public hearing of the State Transportation Commission in Pittsburgh.

These documents will be available for public review through June 21 at www.spcregion.org or locally at the Fayette County Office of Planning and Community Development, Westmoreland County Planning Department, many public libraries throughout the region, and the office of the SPC.

All comments must be received by 4:30 p.m., June 21.

For more information, call Shannon O’Connell at SPC at 412-834-3900, ext. 304 or email Sonbeeck@spcr Region.org.
Funding short for highway needs

BY AMY ZALAR
Herald-Standard

Although $37 billion is needed to keep bridges and highways throughout the 10-county southwestern Pennsylvania region up-to-date through 2035, less than $15 billion in funding is available, according to Ken Flack of the Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission.

Speaking Wednesday during a meeting of the Fayette County Public Participation Panel, Flack said less than $15 billion is available and about half of that allocation will be used for bridges.

"The needs are $31 billion so we have less than half the money we need to keep current highways and bridges in place," Flack said. He was referring to the 2035 Long-Range Transportation and Development Plan, dubbed "Project Region," set for adoption in June, which outlines projects and funding sources. The plan covers an area encompassing 7,000 square miles and is home to 2.6 million people. The SPC area includes 25,000 miles and 6,800 bridges.

Members of the SPC presented a slide show outlining the plan, which includes projects for the counties of Allegheny, Armstrong, Beaver, Butler, Fayette, Greene, Indiana, Lawrence, Washington and Westmoreland and the city of Pittsburgh. The SPC is responsible for planning and prioritizing the use of all state and federal transportation funds allocated to the region.

The 10 counties in southwestern Pennsylvania, as well as the 'city of Pittsburgh,' all had input into the plan, which recognizes the diversity of the area, from the downtown area of Pittsburgh, to the very rural sites throughout the region.

The plan identifies the importance of upgrading existing water and sewage lines, as well as the need for economic development.

According to the plan, between 2002 and 2007, southwestern Pennsylvania was granted $567 million from PennVEST, mostly in the form of low-interest loans for infrastructure projects.

On the economic development side, 156 projects are identified for completion under the plan.

During discussion about needs specific to Fayette County, a Countryside woman said while projects are occurring in and near Uniontown, development needs to stretch into other areas of the county as well.

Sara Walford, transportation planning manager for SPC, said many times market forces determine development. She said development is so important that if a developer approaches any area in southwestern Pennsylvania, local officials will likely do all they can to facilitate that development.

A.J. Boni, a Perry Township Supervisor, expressed disappointment that the SPC has voted to "flex" millions of dollars to help transit authorities in Pittsburgh and Philadelphia pay bus drivers $100,000 a year salaries, when there are so many local road projects that need completed. He said the liquid fuel formula needs updated.

Flack said the formula for liquid fuels funding was probably enacted in 1919, and hasn't been changed since.

Flack said the last time money was shifted to help the transit authorities it came from money that had been "held back" from a large increase in gasoline prices.

However, Flack said if any additional money were flexed, it would have to come from current projects.

Walford said people are starting to think "creatively" about funding.

Several individuals at the meeting complained about specific areas, such as the plan for the Route 21 expansion in South Union Township and the need for an additional truck lane on route 711.

The long-range plan is one of five documents currently out for public review.

Walford said the documents are available to view at www.spcregion.org
Commission working on transportation needs

The organization aims to create long-range development plans.

By Judy Kroeger

The Southwest Pennsylvania Commission, which works with communities to develop transportation plans that fit the needs of the entire region, held a public participation panel in Uniontown to generate input.

Sara Welford, SPC transportation planning manager, said the organization aims to develop long-range transportation and development plans. Although she said the need for development exceeds our ability to do it.

Ken Flack, with the SPC, said the region needs $31 billion for current highways and bridge repair. So far, $15 billion has been budgeted, with half dedicated to bridges. The money comes from state and federal sources.

The region consists of Fayette, Westmoreland, Allegheny, Armstrong, Beaver, Butler, Greene, Indiana, Lawrence, Washington counties and the City of Pittsburgh.

The region’s three-year state Transportation Improvement Plan is scheduled to be updated next year.

Drive, $5.16 million to widen New Salem Road to four lanes and $7.01 million to extend Matthew Drive through the Fayette County Business Park to Route 40, which will connect with the Mon-Fayette Expressway.

Budget shortfalls have affected several projects, including the Three Mile Hill widening project. The project was estimated to cost $11.5 million and requires $9.27 million to be completed. The Mon-Fayette Expressway was estimated to cost $21.07 million.

If requires $15.17 million to be completed.

Welford said the public can comment on the region’s anticipated transportation needs from 2009 through 2012.

Comments may be submitted online at www.sppcregion.org or via mail to SPC Comments, 425 Sixth Ave., Suite 2500, Pittsburgh, PA 15222. All comments must be received by 4:30 p.m. June 21.

Judy Kroeger can be reached at jkroeger@tribweb.com or 724-623-3356.
PITTSBURGH — The Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission is seeking public comments on the Draft Public Participation Plan. The plan describes the various objectives, strategies, and tools to engage the public and encourage participation in the development of transportation plans and programs.

Public comments will be accepted at 7 p.m. June 12 in the large group instruction room at Indiana Area Junior High School, 245 N. Fifth St., Indiana.
Residents asked to weigh in on projects

Written by Randy Wells, Gazette Staff Writer
Wednesday, 13 June 2007

Indiana County residents who have an opinion about which transportation and economic development projects are most critical and most worthy of state and federal funding can weigh in with their views - but they need to do so soon.

The Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission held a public participation panel (PPP) meeting Tuesday at the Indiana Area Junior High School to accept input on that subject, and will continue to receive comments, but only through June 21.

Chuck Dipietro, transportation planning director for the SPC, addressed about 25 people Tuesday at the public participation panel. George M. Powers/Gazette photo

The SPC is the regional planning agency serving 10 counties of southwestern Pennsylvania and the City of Pittsburgh. As the official Metropolitan Planning Organization for the region, SPC directs the use of state and federal transportation and economic development funds allocated to the region - an amount expected to total about $28.6 billion through 2035.

That's a lot of money, but the total is shrinking and the region encompasses 7,000 square miles and has 25,000 miles of roads, so competition is keen for the money available.

As one means of receiving public input, SPC oversees PPPs in each county in its planning region, with the members reflecting as closely as possible the county population's races, ages, genders, income levels, special needs and special interests.

Representatives of the Indiana County PPP will present testimony to the Pennsylvania State Transportation Commission on Aug. 28.

http://online.indianagazette.com
The SPC is inviting public comments on five separate draft reports that generally identify infrastructure deficiencies and proposals for enhancements that will spur economic development. The reports also assess how low-income and minority populations will be affected by projects, if all communities had opportunities to participate in the decision-making process and if the projects comply with federal air-quality standards.

Another of the draft reports is the 2009-2012 Transportation Improvement Program, which identifies the priority highway and transit improvements that may move forward during the four-year period of fiscal year 2009 through fiscal year 2012. Projects must be included on the TIP to be eligible for federal funding.

Chuck Dipietro, transportation planning director for the SPC, told about 25 people at Tuesday's PPP meeting that favor will likely be shown on the TIP to projects that emphasize operational enhancements to or maintenance of existing roads rather than construction of new highways.

And the decline in available state and federal funds will be felt more critically in public transit programs than in highway or bridge projects, Dipietro said.

At the meeting, Indiana Borough Manager Ken Gabler lobbied for inclusion on the TIP of $3 million for part of PennDOT's contribution to Indiana's Philadelphia Street enhancement and downtown revitalization project.

Indiana County's current TIP has more than 90 projects at various stages of consideration for budgeting. Typically, projects must first be funded for engineering, then for right-of-way acquisition or utilities relocation, and finally for construction.

There are more needs than can be met with the revenue now available, so the region must decide how to make the most of what is available. And in order to complete projects that have already received a partial investment or are urgently needed, other projects often must wait in line.

County residents may submit written comments on what they consider to be priority projects in one of four ways: online at www.spcregion.org; by mail to SPC Comments, 425 Sixth Ave., Suite 2500, Pittsburgh, PA 15219-1852; by fax to Comments, (412) 391-9160; or by e-mail to comments@spcregion.org.

Comments must be received by June 21, and by June 27 for the air quality conformity report.