Part Two

Summary of Public Participation Panel Meetings
Allegheny County
Public Participation Panel

June 8, 2011 6:00 p.m.
Regional Enterprise Tower
425 Sixth Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA
31st Floor

Public Meeting for Comment on the

- 2040 Transportation and Development Plan for Southwestern Pennsylvania,
- Environmental Justice Benefits and Burdens Assessment,
- Southwestern Pennsylvania Public Transit-Human Services Coordinated Plan
- Air Quality Conformity Determination Report

Attendance:

Dan Cessna, PennDOT District 11-0
Jeff Skalican, PennDOT District 11-0
Steve Shanley, Allegheny County Public Works
Ashley Sisca, Senator Jane C. Orie
Stan Caldwell, Carnegie Mellon University
David Wohlwill, Port Authority of Allegheny County
Patrick Roberts, Pittsburgh Dept of City Planning
Lynn Heckman, Allegheny County Community and Economic Development
Hannah Hardy, Pennsylvania Environmental Council
Vinh Ly, Allegheny County Community and Economic Development
Robert Johnson, Governor's Office
Maryann Eisenreich, Governor's Office
Chris Sandvig, Pittsburgh Community Redevelopment Group
Shirley Adams, Citizen
Mary Conturo, Sports and Exhibition Authority
Matt Pavlosky, SPC
Chuck DiPietro, SPC
Chuck Imbrogno, SPC
Sara Walfoort, SPC
Ryan Gordon, SPC
Rebecca Stark, SPC
1. **Opening Remarks and introductions**

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2. **Background information from SPC and PennDOT staff**

Matt Pavlosky reviewed the policy statements of the 2040 Long Range Plan. Matt also presented aspects of the Air Quality analysis, the Environmental Justice analysis, and the Human Services Coordinated Plan. Matt presented the current transportation funding crisis and discussed the upcoming STC hearing.

Matt noted the development of the draft 2013-2016 Transportation Improvement Program will begin later this year, and meetings with the Public Participation Panel to begin looking at that process will be scheduled for Fall.

Dan Cessna of PennDOT District 11-0 gave a brief presentation on the current highway and bridge program. He specifically reviewed three high profile projects in Allegheny County:

- Route 28 Improvements
- Route 51 and 88 Intersection and structures
- Marshall Avenue and Route 65 Interchange

3. **Public comments**

**Shirley Adams, Citizen, Ross Township**

Ms. Adams presented testimony on signal inefficiencies, congestion, and safety problems associated with Route 19 between Sewickley-Oakmont Road and Three Degrees Road. Ms. Adams stated that the intersection configuration and signal at Route 19 and Sewickley-Oakmont Road is creating congestion, backing up Sewickley-Oakmont Road. This congestion is causing motorists bound for southbound Route 19 to cut through the residential neighborhood of Highland Pines in order to bypass two signals on Route 19. Ms. Adams stated that the high-speed traffic through the residential area is a safety concern for the families of this neighborhood. Ms. Adams advocated for a right turn-lane on Sewickley-Oakmont Road at the Route 19 intersection. Shirley noted she has also submitted written testimony to Matt Pavlosky. Ms. Adams presented a petition signed by residents of the
area expressing their shared concerns over this neighborhood “bypass.”

Hanna Hardy, Pennsylvania Environmental Council

Ms. Hardy presented testimony supporting the aspects of the Long Range Transportation Plan that support riverfront trail development. Allegheny County, PEC, and Friends of the riverfront have made significant progress in the completion of the riverfront trail system in Allegheny County. Ms. Hardy stated support for the Active Allegheny Plan and urged incorporation of aspects of this plan in SPC’s long-range plan. Ms. Hardy stated support for the SPC Pedestrian and Bicycle Committee and its role in the continued development of the region’s riverfront trails. Ms. Hardy reviewed the priorities for trail development in Allegheny County. The top priority is the completion of the Great Allegheny Passage along the Monongahela River, including completion of the Mon-Wharf project, which is still in need of funding. Other priorities include the north shore of the Allegheny River from Millvale to Freeport. Ms. Hardy thanked the work of PennDOT for the construction of the portion of the trail in conjunction with the Route 28 project. Ms. Hardy noted the upcoming trail feasibility study for the Ohio River connection to the Montour Trail. Ms. Hardy noted the work that is ongoing to connect the Montour Trail to the Pittsburgh International Airport. Ms. Hardy noted that she would submit comments in writing as well.

4. Open Discussion

Chuck DiPietro responded to the comments made by Shirley Adams, stating that the problems that she has brought up tonight would appear to be a good match for some of the programs at SPC. Chuck discussed the Road Safety Audits that are typically quick assessments of a safety problem for any potential low-cost solutions. Chuck noted the CMAQ program, which is a competitive program for funding to address congestion and air quality. Chuck noted the upcoming SPC Smart Transportation Program.

Chuck DiPietro discussed the challenges of transportation planning during the transportation funding crisis. Chuck urged everyone to pay attention to the Governor’s Transportation advisory Committee. Chuck also announced the upcoming STC hearing that will take place for the region on August 25th in Cranberry

5. Closing Comments
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Armstrong County
Public Participation Panel

June 7, 2011 6:00 p.m.
Commissioners Conference Room
Armstrong County Courthouse

Public Meeting for Comment for:

- 2040 Transportation and Development Plan for Southwestern Pennsylvania,
- Environmental Justice Benefits and Burdens Assessment,
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- Air Quality Conformity Determination Report

Attendance:

Patty Kirkpatrick, Armstrong County Commissioner
Richard Fink, Armstrong County Commissioner
Jean Ruffner, Public Participation Panel Member
Rich Palilla, Armstrong County Department of Planning and Development
Paul Duriancik, Parks Township
Doug Flanders, East Franklin Township
Patti Baker, Town and Country Transit
Gerry Miller, Town and Country Transit
Susan Torrance, PNAR
Chuck Pepper, Armstrong School District
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3. **Public comments**

No public comment was offered.

4. **General Discussion**

**Commissioner Kirkpatrick** commented on the impacts that additional truck traffic related to the Marcellus Shale Gas industry was having on roadways in their county, and asked if the SPC Commissioners had considered the issuance of a Policy Statement in support of the redirection of local impact fees to local communities, so that they may repair their roads. Sara and Chuck Imbrogno responded that the question of the impacts and opportunities of the Shale Gas industry in southwestern Pennsylvania had been discussed by the SPC Commissioners, but that to the best of our knowledge, no such policy statement was under consideration.

**Rich Palilla** asked Dave Cook of PennDOT District 10-0 why the projects on Route 422 in Armstrong County and the projects on Route 422 in adjoining Indiana County were displayed differently from one another on the Transportation Improvement Program for Southwestern Pennsylvania. In Armstrong County, three specific projects along Route 422 are listed. In Indiana County, the entire corridor is listed as a single project. Dave responded that he was not quite certain, but that he would get back to Rich Palilla on this question.

The question of the status of the PennDOT Agility program was raised by a local municipal representative. He stated that their Township had used the Agility Program very successfully in the past to design and erect a small bridge on a
local roadway. The use of Township materials and PennDOT design enabled the erection of the new bridge at a time and cost savings. The Township would like to see if additional projects could be completed under the Agility Program. Dave Cook indicated that he would look into the matter and get back to the Township in question.

A representative of another Township asked about the status of a bridge that was washed out in the aftermath of Hurricane Ivan, and has yet to be replaced. He stated that local residents are bypassing the bridge by driving through the creek. This bridge does not serve a large number of County residents, but he feels they have waited long enough for the bridge replacement.

5. **Closing Comments**

Sara noted that in addition to taking public testimony today, SPC will accept written comments until June 17, by mail, fax, or e-mail. She thanked everyone for their time and closed the meeting.
Beaver County
Public Participation Panel

May 31, 2011 5:00 p.m.
Public Meeting Room
Beaver County Courthouse

Public Meeting for Comment for:

- **2040 Transportation and Development Plan for Southwestern Pennsylvania,**
- **Environmental Justice Benefits and Burdens Assessment,**
- **Southwestern Pennsylvania Public Transit-Human Services Coordinated Plan**
- **Air Quality Conformity Determination Report**

**Attendance:**

- Charlie Camp, Beaver County Commissioner
- Jim Marshall, PA State Representative
- Kelly Shroads, SPC Commission Member
- Tammy Frank, Beaver County Planning
- Jim Camp, Beaver County DPW
- Bryan Dehart, Brighton Township
- Dennis Nicols, Brighton Township
- Ken Rainey, Aliquippa
- Sandy Wright, Greene Township
- Jon Laughner, Penn State Extension
- Joe West, Beaver County Planning Commission
- Luke Taiclet, Penn State Beaver
- Carl DeChellis, Beaver County Housing Authority
- Don Wachter, Mayor, Big Beaver
- Tom King, Beaver County Tourism
- Debbie Giska-Rose, Mayor, Conway
- Dan Cessna, PennDOT District 11-0
- Chuck DiPietro, SPC
- Chuck Imbrogno, SPC
- Matt Pavlosky, SPC
- David Totten, SPC

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Dan Cessna delivered a presentation regarding the current construction projects for Beaver County, and provided information regarding the status and estimated completion time of those projects. In addition, Cessna gave background regarding the current funding shortfalls facing the region and the District, and gave examples of how funding dollars and the level of purchasing power vs. cost has significantly diminished in the past few years.

Cessna then took questions related to his presentation from those in attendance.

3. **Public comments**

*Sandy Wright* requested that the US Route 30 Upgrade from the West Virginia line (NOT Ohio-as shown on the TIP) to State Route 168, shown as project #43 on the 2040 TIP should be considered as a priority project for driver safety reasons.

*Bryan Dehart* spoke in regard to Dutch Ridge Road (S.R. 4020) being in need of upgrade, from Fifth Street in Beaver Borough to its intersection with Tuscarawas Road (S.R. 4028) in Brighton Township. Improvements include shoulders, pavement, signage and storm drainage. The section of road between Tuscarawas Road (S.R. 4028) and Brighton Road (S.R. 4035) is very narrow,
with uneven pavement and poor drainage. The section of roadway between Park Road (S.R. 4018) and Beaver Borough has rutted and uneven pavement.

4. **Closing Comments**

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Butler County
Public Participation Panel

May 26, 2011 6:00 p.m.
Public Meeting Room
Butler County Government Center

Public Meeting for Comment for:

- **2040 Transportation and Development Plan for Southwestern Pennsylvania,**
- **Environmental Justice Benefits and Burdens Assessment,**
- **Southwestern Pennsylvania Public Transit-Human Services Coordinated Plan**
- **Air Quality Conformity Report**

**Attendance:**

James Kennedy, Butler County Commissioner
Dale Pinkerton, Butler County Commissioner
Judy Snyder, Co-Chair, Butler PPP
David Johnston, Butler County Planning
Paul Foster, Evans City Borough
John McKinney, Evans City Borough
Gary Capella, Evans City Planning
Mary Zacherl, Clinton Township
Ray Steffler, Senator Mary Jo White
Ashley Sisca, Senator Jane Orie
Eric Lamm, Citizen
David Cook, PENNDOT District 10-0
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3. **Public comments**

**Mary Zacherl** spoke on behalf of Clinton Township, specific to Cox’s Corner (SR 228/SR2005), as an unsafe area in need of an intersection improvement. Congestion and sight distance have caused the “Y” shaped intersection to have safety issues. Two options for a “T” shaped intersection were offered as testimony.

**David Johnston** spoke on behalf of Butler County regarding the Route 228 upgrade in southern Butler County from Route 19 to Route 8. Citing traffic congestion and access to job centers, the project(s) have been delayed due to economic factors including limited funding and rising construction costs.

**Paul Foster** asked that a bypass be added for Route 68 between Cranberry and Butler, as a dangerous traffic bottleneck forms in this area.

**Eric Lamm** is seeking a permit from PennDOT to complete roadway improvements at the intersection of State Route 3022 and Thompson Park Drive. Mr. Lamm stated that he had to submit a letter of credit to PennDOT, or he faced the risk of losing related funding by June 1, 2011. Mr. Lamm stated that he would accept any help available to expedite the process.
4. **Closing Comments**

Matt noted that as well as taking public testimony today, SPC will accept written comments until June 17, by mail, fax, or e-mail. He thanked everyone for their time and closed the meeting.
Fayette County
Public Participation Panel

May 25, 2011, 3:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m.
Public Meeting Room
Fayette County Chamber of Commerce

Public Meeting for Comment on the

- **2040 Transportation and Development Plan for Southwestern Pennsylvania**, 
- **Environmental Justice Benefits and Burdens Assessment**, 
- **Southwestern Pennsylvania Public Transit-Human Services Coordinated Plan** 
- **Air Quality Conformity Determination Report**

**Attendance:**

Tammy Stenson, Co-Chair, Fayette PPP  
Muriel Nuttall, Co-Chair, Fayette PPP  
Gary Gibson, Goodwill of Southwestern PA  
Kim A. Renzie, FACT  
Mark Wasler, Citizen  
Nena Kaminsky, School Director  
Lori Groover-Smith, FACT  
Andrew Kormanik, German-Masontown Library  
Andrew French, RACF  
Joe Grata, SPC Board  
Ron Sotta, Washington Twp.  
Ron Lewandowski, Citizen  
Len Lewandowski, Citizen  
Tim Lewandowski, Citizen  
Walter Krockvich, Citizen  
C. Lewandowski, Citizen  
Jim Marmol, K2 Engineering  
Lester Ward, Mayor of Brownsville  
Rachel Duda, PENNDOT District 12-0  
Bill Kovach, PENNDOT District 12-0  
Stacey Rabatin, PENNDOT District 12-0  
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Next, Rachel Duda of PennDOT District 12-0 gave a brief presentation on the current condition of the District’s highway and bridge program.

3. **Public comments**

**Ron Lewandowski** commented regarding the congestion issues resulting from the addition of roadway islands and a no turning lane at the intersection of McClure and US119 in Fayette County. Lewandowski feels that the new area is unsafe due to inadequate signage, and due to the fact that the left-hand turn had been permitted for so long. **Rachel Duda** was aware of the area, and mentioned that improvements of this type are done in the interest of safety, and that the new safety numbers for this area would be interesting for review as proof of that fact. Additionally, the roadway islands installed are able to be crossed by emergency vehicles in the event of an emergency call.

**Mayor Lester Ward** read a statement requesting $25,000 for traffic light improvements in Brownsville with the use of traffic detections systems and LEDs. The improvements are for the following areas:

- High and Second Street (4 traffic signals)
- High Street and Bridge (camera detection system/4 traffic lights)
- Market and Brownsville (camera detection system/4 traffic lights)
- Broadway and Market (7 traffic signals)
4. **Discussion by Public Participation Panel**

**Lori Groover-Smith.** Made comments about the activities of FACT, regarding their outreach to connecting with the public in their service area.

5. **Closing Comments**

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Greene County
Public Participation Panel

June 9, 2011 6:00 p.m.
Stover Hall Meeting Room
Waynesburg College, Waynesburg, PA

Public Meeting for Comment on the

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Attendance:

Paul Lagojda, Community Member
Phillip Chojnicki, Community Member
A.E. Chojnicki, Jr. Community Member
Ann Bargerstock, Greene County Department of Economic Development
Sharon Willison, PA State Senator Tim Solobay’s Office
Joe Szczur, PENNDOT District 12-0
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Next, Joe Szczur, PennDOT District 12-0 Executive, gave a brief presentation on the current condition of the District's highway and bridge program.

3. Public comments

Paul Lagojda stated that he has been attending these meetings for decades and feels strongly that good roads are necessary to promote quality of life and strong communities. He noted that the current cow and deer paths that we have now will not get us where we need to be. He also suggested that we need to consolidate the current Greene County School Districts together and stated that there are currently "4 leaky canoes and 1 flagship" for our school districts. In order for a combining of the districts to happen, the transportation system must be improved. He concluded by asking how this plan will get us there?

4. Question and Answer Discussion

Philip Chojnicki asked PennDOT District 12 staff for more information on exactly what was going on in the Bailey Crossroads area of the County.

Joe Szczur stated that they are looking into changing the current traffic patterns for SR 21 to make it more of a continuous movement in that area. He noted that within the next three months, PennDOT will announce the schedule of a public meeting to discuss various alternative plans for the intersection. PennDOT District 12 Staff noted Mr. Chojnicki's contact information so that the project manager can contact him with more related information to the project.

5. Closing Comments

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Indiana County
Public Participation Panel

June 1, 2011 6:00 p.m.
Large Group Instruction Room
Indiana Area Junior High School

Public Meeting for Comment for:

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- Southwestern Pennsylvania Public Transit-Human Services Coordinated Plan
- Air Quality Conformity Determination Report

Attendance:

Dave Frick, Indiana County Commissioner
Patty Evancho, Indiana County Commissioner
Rod Ruddock, Indiana County Commissioner
Dana Henry, ICCOC, Co-Chair, Indiana County Public Participation Panel
Byron Stauffer, Jr., Indiana County Office of Planning and Development
Rob Barto, Municipal Official
JoAnn Hawk, ICW Vocational Services, Inc
Terry Stiffler, Cherry Hill Township
Bill Shane, Citizen
Joe LaVan, Rayne Township
Barb LaVan, Rayne Township
Jim Wiley, ICDC
Frank Garritano
Jeff Raykes, Indiana County Office of Planning and Development
Larry Garner, White Township
Ron Anderson, Indiana County Airport Authority
Ronald Evancho, Blairsville Borough
Jim Resh, Indiana County Conservation District
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Tim Jablunovsky of PennDOT District 10 gave a brief summary of the current condition of the District’s highway and bridge program.

3. **Public comments**

No public comments were offered.

4. **Discussion by Public Participation Panel**

There was general discussion on the following topics: funding insufficiency for local roads and bridges; Marcellus shale and its impacts on local roadways; and current trail development activities in Indiana County.

5. **Closing Comments**

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Lawrence County
Public Participation Panel

June 2, 2011 6:00 p.m.
Commissioner's Meeting Room
Lawrence County Courthouse

Public Meeting for Comment for:

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Attendance:

Everette Bleakney, Co-Chair, Lawrence County PPP
Helen Jackson, Lawrence County PPP member
Amy McKinney, Lawrence County Planning
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Next, Tom Klevan gave additional background regarding the Human Services Coordinated Plan for SW PA. Helen Jackson asked Klevan about the possibilities of a new rail line linking New Castle and Pittsburgh, and the benefits which such a line provided in the past. Klevan proceeded to discuss the costs and track rights involved by adding a new service line. He also discussed “All Aboard Ohio”, a rail advocacy group with a keen interest in adding a new line from Youngstown to Pittsburgh, with passage through New Castle.

3. Public comments

No public comments were offered.

4. Closing Comments

Matt noted that in addition to taking public testimony today, SPC will accept written comments until June 17, by mail, fax, or e-mail. He thanked everyone for their time and closed the meeting.
Washington County
Public Participation Panel

May 24, 2011  5:00 p.m.
Meeting Room 104,
Washington County Courthouse Square

Public Meeting for Comment on the

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- **Air Quality Conformity Determination Report**

**Attendance:**

Lu Ann Pawlick, Chair,
Joe Kirk, Mon Valley Progress Council
Mike Silvestri, Peters Township
Nancy Basile, City of Washington - Transit
Dan Reitz, Washington County Economic Development
Bill Sember, Washington County Authority
Harlan Shoher, Chartiers Township Supervisor
Dave Good, GG&C Bus Company
Deb Keefs, Mon Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce
Ned Williams, Montour Trail Council
Lisa Cessa, Washington County Planning Department
Jeff Leithauser, Washington County Planning Department
Jason Theakston, Washington County Planning Department
Rachel Duda, PENNDOT District 12-0
Gary Barber, PENNDOT District 12-0
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4. **Discussion by Public Participation Panel**

Mike Silvestri noted that the overall effects of the Marcellus Shale extraction activity on the SPC region were missing in the previous 2035 Transportation & Development Plan. **Matt Pavlosky** replied that there is a much greater discussion and review of this activity in the 2040 Plan version.

Mike Silvestri explained that because of a serious lack of transit options in the suburbs, population that is growing older is going to have a much harder time getting from place to place. He believes that eventually this lack of transit service is going to start effecting housing trends.

Nancy Basile noted that they are currently completing a feasibility study on the need for public transit in both downtown and rural settings to determine opportunities for growth. Publication and public comment for the study’s findings should be happening very soon.

**Harlan Shober and Mike Silvestri** both expressed the need for comprehensive county and regional coordination of transportation infrastructure and programs.
Harlan Shober noted his concern related to the future of the Donora/Webster Bridge in the Mon-Valley area. He expressed a real need to complete a feasibility study on the project to identify the numerous benefits this connection will support besides just the obvious.

Harlan Shober discussed the need to explore increasing the bond amounts required by the Marcellus shale industry in our local communities. He noted that the current amounts are not covering the expenses associated with repairing the damage to our roads and bridges. He did however note that some of the operators have been very reliable and attentive to assisting our local municipalities with needed repairs.

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Westmoreland County
Public Participation Panel

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- Air Quality Conformity Determination Report

Attendance:

Terry Daughenbaugh, Co-Chair, Westmoreland PPP
Chris Bova, Westmoreland County Planning
James Conte, Economic Growth Connection
Barb Ciampanini, City of Greensburg
Carol Billman, Seton Hill University
Hal Turkowski, HET Corp.
Jake Blank, Unity Township
Lori Brkovich, Westmoreland Transit
Alex Graziani, Smart Growth
Jim Smith, Economic Growth Connection
John Ventre, UPS
Lance Sokol, SW PA Human Services
Scott Sistek, Westmoreland County Commissioner, Balya
Noreen Turkowski, citizen
Chad Amond, PPP member
Brian Dombroske, PPP Member
Joe Szczur, PENNDOT District 12-0
Rachel Duda, PENNDOT District 12-0
Stacey Rabatin, PENNDOT District 12-0
Angela Saunders, PENNDOT District 12-0
Matt Pavlosky, SPC
Ken Flack, SPC

1. Opening Remarks and introductions

PPP Chairperson Terry Daughenbaugh welcomed everyone and began an introduction of the attendees. Matt Pavlosky then gave an overview and
presentation of the event’s purpose. The meeting is for the purpose of receiving public testimony on four draft documents: the 2040 Transportation and Development Plan for Southwestern Pennsylvania; Environmental Justice Benefits and Burdens Assessment; Southwestern Pennsylvania Public Transit-Human Services Coordinated Plan; and the Air Quality Conformity Determination Report.

2. **Background information from SPC and PennDOT staff**

Matt Pavlosky reviewed the policy statements of the 2040 Long Range Plan. Matt also presented aspects of the Air Quality analysis, the Environmental Justice analysis, and the Human Services Coordinated Plan. Matt presented the current transportation funding crisis and discussed the upcoming STC hearing.

Matt noted the development of the draft 2013-2016 Transportation Improvement Program will begin later this year, and meetings with the Public Participation Panel to begin looking at that process will be scheduled for Fall.

Next, Rachel Duda of PennDOT District 12-0 gave a brief presentation on the current condition of the Districts highway and bridge program.

3. **Public comments**

**Chris Bova** of Westmoreland County Planning delivered a statement of priorities for Westmoreland County

- SR 30, Westmoreland County Corridor
- Local Bridge Line Item (MPMS 77374)
- SR 981, Laurel Valley Betterments – Turnpike to Air Cargo Park
- Intelligent Transportation Systems
- Jeannette Truck Route
- SR 66 Improvements – Delmont Area to Armstrong County Line

**Jim Smith** of the Economic Growth Connection also discussed the importance of the SR 981 Laurel Valley Betterments project – Turnpike to Air Cargo Park project. Citing the need for priority, the promises of the completion of the project in the past, and the potential to create 40,000 new jobs in Westmoreland County, the project should be considered a county-wide priority. **Terry Daughenbaugh** reaffirmed this project as a priority.

4. **Discussion by Public Participation Panel**

Chad Amond discussed priorities for funding sources to be realized in order to help advance the transportation system, here and throughout the state.
5. Closing Comments

Matt noted that in addition to taking public testimony today, SPC will accept written comments until June 17, by mail, fax, or e-mail. He thanked everyone for their time and closed the meeting.