

**Meeting Minutes for April 18, 2013**  
Transportation Technical Committee Meeting  
SPC Offices  
Two Chatham Center  
Downtown Pittsburgh

Attendees:

- Sally Conklin Armstrong County
- Ann Ogoreuc, Allegheny County
- Vinh Ly, Allegheny County
- Steve Shanley, Allegheny County Dept of Public Works
- Tammy Frank, Beaver County
- Joel MacKay, Butler County
- Arthur Cappella, Fayette County
- Jeremy Kelly, Greene County
- Amy McKenney, Lawrence County
- Pat Hassett, City of Pittsburgh
- Jeff Leithauser, Washington County Planning Commission
- Chris Bova, Westmoreland County Planning Department
- Kevin McCullough, PennDOT Central Office
- Dave Cook, PennDOT District 10-0
- Dan Cessna PennDOT District 11-0
- Cheryl Moon-Sirianni, PennDOT District 11-0
- Rob Miskanic, PennDOT District 11-0
- Stephanie Spang, PennDOT District 11-0
- Rachel Duda, PennDOT District 12-0
- Angela Saunders, PennDOT District 12-0
- Amy Mathieson, Airport Corridor Transportation Management Association
- Mavis Rainey, Oakland Transportation Management Association
- Lucinda Beattie, Pittsburgh Downtown Partnership
- J.D. Fogarty, PPG
- Joseph Logan, Fisher Associates
- Chuck DiPietro, SPC Staff
- Sara Walfoort, SPC Staff
- Tom Klevan, SPC Staff
- Chuck Imbrogno, SPC Staff
- Darin Alviano, SPC Staff
- Ryan Gordon, SPC Staff
- Matt Pavlosky, SPC Staff
- (Indicates Voting Member)

Chuck DiPietro called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m. Chuck reviewed the agenda and highlighted changes from the advance agenda which included: a PowerPoint added to 3e; updates to Districts 12-0 and District 11-0 FCC's; a handout added to 6 b and f pertaining to signal workshops and CMAQ Evaluation Committee respectively; and 7 d was added concerning FY13-14 Road Safety Audits. Chuck announced that the meeting is being recorded.

**1. March 14<sup>th</sup> TTC Minutes – Attachment A**

The March meeting minutes were approved with no revisions.

**2. Public Comment**

No comments.

**3. FHWA/PennDOT Central Office Reports**

*a. Response to Governor's Budget*

Kevin McCullough informed everyone of the Senate's proposal in response to Governor Corbett's Transportation budget. The proposal increases revenue by \$700M over the Governor's \$1.8B. Transit increases by \$260 million. Highway/Bridge increases to \$1.9B. Chuck DiPietro noted Senator Rafferty's press conference video on the proposal, which can be found at <http://www.pasenategop.com/news/2013/0413/rafferty-041613.htm>. Chuck also noted that the state's Decade of Investment list should be available online in about a month. It will contain three scenarios – Base Plan, Governor's Plan, and Senator Rafferty's Plan.

*b. Federal Update*

On behalf of Matt Smoker, Chuck DiPietro indicated that Congress's recently passed a continuing resolution which included funding for a fifth round of the TIGER program. More details should be available within the next couple of weeks. Chuck also noted that President Obama released the Administration proposed 2014 Budget. In 2014, the US Department of Transportation would receive a 5.5% increase over the 2012 enacted level (\$4B increase). The budget provides \$76.6B in discretionary and mandatory spending. It meets the MAP-21 authorized levels. It includes \$50 billion in stimulus funding for immediate investments in 2014 to support critical infrastructure projects, \$40 billion in "Fix-it-First" investments for addressing infrastructure most in need of repair and \$10 billion for competitive programs to encourage innovation in completing high-value infrastructure projects.

*c. PennDOT /SPC Annual CMAQ Report – Attachment B*

Kevin McCullough and Chuck Imbrogno highlighted the PennDOT /SPC Annual CMAQ Report. PennDOT obligated approximately \$92 million for 118 projects in FY 2012 statewide. The highlighted projects contained within the report are in the SPC region. Approximately \$19 million for 25 projects was obligated in FY 2012. Most of these projects were in the traffic flow improvements and transit areas. This has been the trend in recent years.

*d. ACT 13 FAQs Update*

Kevin McCullough mentioned that the Program Center is working with District 9-0 on assembling a FAQ document concerning ACT 13. District 9-0 conducted an outreach with municipalities to assist. Erie MPO is also looking to put out its own guidance. Kevin will share documents with TTC when available.

*e. 2013 SPC Commissioners Conference – Handout 1*

Chuck DiPietro recapped the 2013 SPC Commissioners Conference that was held in Harrisburg last month. Chuck then proceeded to highlight a PowerPoint that was presented at the conference by Spencer Stevens of FHWA on MAP-21.

**4. Action on Amendments & Modifications to 2013-2016 TIP**

*The current administrative action and amendment procedures guidance are attached following these meeting minutes.*

*a. PennDOT District 10-0 (Attachment C)*

Dave Cook of PennDOT District 10-0 reviewed the requested administrative actions to the current TIP; TTC motioned and unanimously approved. District 10-0 had no amendment requests. [http://www.spcregion.org/pdf/TIP2013/mods/2013/D10\\_FCC%20April%202013.pdf](http://www.spcregion.org/pdf/TIP2013/mods/2013/D10_FCC%20April%202013.pdf)

*b. PennDOT District 11-0 (Attachment D & Walk-in)*

Rob Miskanic of PennDOT District 11-0 reviewed the requested administrative actions to the current TIP; TTC motioned and unanimously approved. District 11-0 had no amendment requests. [http://www.spcregion.org/pdf/TIP2013/mods/2013/D11\\_FCC%20April%202013.pdf](http://www.spcregion.org/pdf/TIP2013/mods/2013/D11_FCC%20April%202013.pdf)

*c. PennDOT District 12-0 (Attachment E & Handout 2)*

Angela Saunders of PennDOT District 12-0 reviewed the requested amendments and administrative actions to the current TIP; TTC motioned and unanimously approved. [http://www.spcregion.org/pdf/TIP2013/mods/2013/D12\\_FCC%20April%202013%20.pdf](http://www.spcregion.org/pdf/TIP2013/mods/2013/D12_FCC%20April%202013%20.pdf)

**5. Turnpike's Request to Amend TIP/LRP to Include Southern Beltway Project from US 22 to I-79**

*At the April 29<sup>th</sup> Commission meeting, The PA Turnpike is requesting the Southern Beltway project be added to the TIP and Long Range Plan.*

*a. Air Quality Conformity Determination & Financial Plan*

Chuck DiPietro provided a brief overview of the air conformity report and financial plan concerning the Southern Beltway project. Both documents were available for viewing during the 30 day public comment period. Links to both documents can be found at [www.spcregion.org](http://www.spcregion.org)

*b. Summary of Response to Public Comment & Public Meetings (Handout 4)*

Matt Pavlosky highlighted the 30 day public comment period for review of the PA Turnpike Southern Beltway Project. The public review period opened March 1 and concluded April 8<sup>th</sup>.

Two public meetings were held, the first on Tuesday, March 12<sup>th</sup> at Pittsburgh International Airport, Hyatt Hotel; 26 guests attended the meeting. The second was held on Wednesday, March 13<sup>th</sup>, at the Washington County, Courthouse Square; 22 citizens attended. For both meetings, a process overview of the TIP and LRP were provided by SPC staff, the Southern Beltway Project design and layout was discussed by Greg Bednar of the PTC, and the financial plan was covered by Dave Williams of Baker Corp. Five formal comments were received from the public at the close of the public comment period.

*c. Action on TTC Recommendation to the April 29<sup>th</sup> Commission Meeting*

TTC reviewed the PA Turnpike Commission's TIP and Long Range Plan amendment request to add the Southern Beltway project to both documents. Chris Bova indicated that Westmoreland County has a difficult time supporting a project that cost over \$600M, while at the same time the Turnpike cannot come up with \$20M for a slip ramp for one of the county's highest transportation priority, the Laurel Valley Improvement Project. Chuck DiPietro suggested Chris's concern could be noted by SPC staff at the commission meeting and in language in the resolution presented on April 29<sup>th</sup>. Chuck did mention that funding for the project as proposed in the Turnpike's financial plan does not include any TIP funds; however, the project is required to be included on the TIP/LRP because of its regional significance. Jeff Leithauser motioned that TTC recommend Commission approval of the Southern Beltway project to be included on the TIP and Long Range Plan. Pat Hasset asked that the motion be amended to include language that no future TIP funding is to be utilized on this project. Jeff agreed. Jeff amended his motion to include the condition that no TIP funding be available through completion of the construction of the Southern Beltway project. Art Cappella seconded the motion, and a majority of TTC members approved.

**6. Advance 2015-2018 TIP Update**

*a. Recap Round 1 Project Development Work Groups at Districts*

Chuck DiPietro recapped the first round of work sessions. Agenda included:

1. Review Procedural Framework
2. SharePoint Demo
3. Approach to Public Involvement
4. Next Steps / Action Items
5. Financial Guidance Work Group Update
6. Other / Congested Corridor Program

*b. Round 2 Project Development Work Groups*

Chuck DiPietro announced the next round of work sessions. The dates are as follows:

1. District 10-0 – June 20<sup>th</sup>
2. District 11-0 – July 9<sup>th</sup>
3. District 12-0 – July 1<sup>st</sup>

The overall goal of the second round of work sessions is to select project candidate proposals from PennDOT District candidates, County Planning Department candidates, and public input (level 1 forms) to advance into level 2 screening.

*c. SharePoint Update*

Ryan Gordon announced that all Project Development Work Group members will be receiving a link and password to SharePoint sites via email next week.

*d. March 25 PennDOT Statewide Financial Guidance Work Group*

Chuck DiPietro and Dan Cessna highlighted the March Statewide Financial Guidance Work Group meeting. The Agenda included:

1. Governor's Transportation Plan Update
2. Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP)
  - a. Review of data sources
  - b. Scenario discussion
3. Highway/Bridge
  - a. Discussion of potential scenarios (inclusion of bridge and roadway condition data)
  - b. Interstate Program
4. Rail-Highway Crossing Funding

*e. PPP 101 Meetings/Public Input (Attachment F)*

Matt Pavlosky discussed the "PPP 101" as a background and introduction for the Public Participation Panels to the SPC transportation planning process. This is also the opportunity to introduce the new SPC 2015-2018 TIP development process to the public, and prepare them for future milestones of the process. Meetings will be held with each panel, in each of SPC's ten county area, and our partner agencies will play an important role in helping to deliver a complete message regarding the issues facing the transportation planning in our region.

*f. CMAQ Process Update (Handout 3)*

Chuck Imbrogno gave an overview of the CMAQ Evaluation Committee (CEC), including membership and schedule. Chuck asked that everyone review the membership list and to notify him of any changes. The initial CEC meeting will be scheduled in early June.

**7. Other Business/Status Reports**

*a. June 11-13 U.S.DOT Team Certification Visit*

Chuck DiPietro reminded everyone that the U.S. DOT certification review of the transportation planning for the SPC region will take place from June 11<sup>th</sup> – June 13<sup>th</sup>. The U.S. DOT certification visit will include the regular TOC meeting on the 12<sup>th</sup> and the regular TTC meeting on the 13<sup>th</sup>. The key phases of the certification review include advance desk review background from SPC staff to the U.S. DOT team, on site field view visit by U.S. DOT team, and final report of findings and recommendations. Chuck DiPietro stressed that it is a review of the processes

utilized in regional transportation planning by SPC members not just a review of SPC staff. Chuck asked that anyone who has agenda coverage suggestions that they want to be shared with U.S. DOT to let him know.

*b. May SPC Regional Signal Program Workshops (Handout 5)*

Chuck DiPietro announced the third round of SPC's signal program. Dominic D'Andrea has set up five workshops in May that will include Information on SPC's Regional Traffic Signal Program and how it can help municipalities improve their traffic signal operations.

*c. ARLE Award SPC Region – LED Signal Upgrades*

Chuck DiPietro informed all that SPC was awarded a grant through the ARLE program. SPC received approximately \$170K for LED signal conversions. SPC will soon have an open call for candidate projects that are in economically distressed municipalities.

*d. FY 13-14 RSA Candidates*

Chuck DiPietro mentioned that Doug Smith has a call out for RSA candidate projects for FY 13-14. As in years past, one road safety audit is to be completed in each of the PennDOT Districts within the region.

*e. April 17<sup>th</sup> TOC*

Tom Klevan recapped the April TOC meeting. The agenda included:

1. Amendments & Administrative Actions to the FFY2013-2016 TIP
  - *Staff presented information on behalf of Port Authority of Allegheny County for a TIP adjustment for a previously programmed CMAQ project.*
  - *Butler Transit Authority requested the TOC take action to adjust the current TIP.*
2. Updates from Port Authority of Allegheny County
3. Pittsburgh MPO – 2013 U.S. DOT Planning Process Certification Review
4. FFY2015-2018 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Update Process for the Title III (Transit) Portion of the TIP and the Local Project Sponsors' Programs of Projects

*f. April 12<sup>th</sup> SPC Annual Regional Freight Conference*

Sara recapped the SPC Annual Regional Freight Conference. The agenda included:

1. Regional / Industry Updates
2. Public Private Partnerships in Infrastructure Improvements
3. Short line Railroads and the Energy Market
4. The Use of Technology in Transportation Safety Enhancement
5. The Importance of Regional Planning for Multimodal Transportation
6. Regional Freight Planning: The Buffalo New York Experience
7. Transportation and the Export Market

8. Pennsylvania Statewide Freight Plan

Presentations can be found at the following Link: <http://www.spcregion.org/freight.asp>

*g. April 29<sup>th</sup> Commission Meeting*

Chuck DiPietro announced the next Commissioners Meeting scheduled for Monday, April 29<sup>th</sup>.

*h. May 8<sup>th</sup> Ped/Bike Committee*

Chuck DiPietro announced the next meeting of the Ped/Bike Committee is scheduled Wednesday, May 8<sup>th</sup>.

*i. May 9<sup>th</sup> CommuteInfo Partner*

Chuck DiPietro announced the next CommuteInfo Partner meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 9<sup>th</sup>. Chuck informed all that May is CommuteInfo month.

*j. May 16<sup>th</sup> TTC*

Chuck DiPietro announced the next meeting of the TTC will be on Thursday, May 16<sup>th</sup>.