

Meeting Minutes for July18, 2013
Transportation Technical Committee Meeting
SPC Offices
Two Chatham Center
Downtown Pittsburgh

Attendees:

- Ann Ogoreuc, Allegheny County
- Steve Shanley, Allegheny County Dept of Public Works
- Sally Conklin Armstrong County
- Tammy Frank, Beaver County
- Kelly Shroads, Beaver County
- Joel MacKay, Butler County
- Arthur Cappella, Fayette County
- Jeremy Kelly, Greene County
- Jason Shallockcross, Lawrence County
- Jeff Leithauser, Washington County Planning Commission
- Chris Bova, Westmoreland County Planning Department
- Kevin McCullough, PennDOT Central Office
- Dave Cook, PennDOT District 10-0
- Kathy Reeger, PennDOT District 10-0
- Kurt Kretchman, PennDOT District 10-0
- Matt Mucha, PennDOT District 10-0
- Cheryl Moon-Sirianni, PennDOT District 11-0
- Rob Miskanic, PennDOT District 11-0
- Stephanie Spang, PennDOT District 11-0
- David Conrad, PennDOT District 11-0
- Angela Saunders, PennDOT District 12-0
- Mavis Rainey, Oakland Transportation Management Association
- Lucinda Beattie, Pittsburgh Downtown Partnership
- Amy Mathieson, Airport Corridor Transportation Association
- J.D. Fogarty, PPG
- Brian Fischbach, 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
- Doug Smith, SPC Staff
- Domenic D'Andrea, SPC Staff
- William Brant, SPC Intern
- (Indicates Voting Member)

Chuck DiPietro called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Chuck reviewed the agenda and highlighted changes from the advance agenda: updated FCC's for all three PennDOT District's. Chuck announced that the meeting is being recorded for minute taking purposes only.

1. Action on June 12th TTC Minutes – Attachment A

The June meeting minutes were approved with no revisions.

2. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

3. FHWA/FTA/PennDOT Central Office Reports

a. State Funding Update

Kevin McCullough stated that PennDOT Secretary of Transportation Barry Schoch is optimistic that a comprehensive transportation funding bill will pass the Legislature this Fall. However, due to the failure to pass a bill recently, PennDOT engineers are examining 1,200 of the commonwealth's bridges; it is expected that a number of them will soon be weight-restricted. Cheryl Moon-Sirianni mentioned that she participated in a statewide bridge asset management meeting which discussed this issue. She mentioned that counties/municipalities will be receiving calls from PennDOT to inform them of bridges potentially affected. PennDOT asks that counties/municipalities provide them with potential impacts of these bridge weight restrictions.

b. June 26-27 PennDOT Planning Partners Recap/Highlights

Chuck DiPietro highlighted the June 26th-27th PennDOT Statewide Planning Partners meeting held in Harrisburg. Topics included: GIS Initiatives, Safety, Long Range Transportation Plan, Linking Planning and NEPA, Local Data Collection, Map-21 2013 TIP Compliance Needs, Transportation Asset Management (TAM).

c. Federal Updates

Chuck DiPietro highlighted an article from the Transportation Construction Coalition that stresses the importance of additional federal transportation funding.

Dave Cook mentioned that the current TIP federal funding will need to be updated to new MAP-21 codes. Kevin McCullough stated FHWA wants that transition to occur by October 1st, with the current TIP.

4. Actions on Amendments & Modifications to 2013-2016 TIP

a. District 10-0 – Attachment B, Handout 1

Dave Cook of PennDOT District 10-0 reviewed the administrative actions to the current TIP. District 10-0 had no amendment requests.

[District 10-0 July Fiscal Constraint Chart](#)

b. District 11-0 – Attachment C, Walk-in

Rob Miskanic of PennDOT District 11-0 reviewed the requested administrative actions to the current TIP. Ann Ogoreuc's motion was seconded by Arthur Cappella, and TTC approved the administrative actions requiring approval as presented. District 11-0 had no amendment requests.

[District 11-0 July Fiscal Constraint Chart](#)

c. District 12-0 – Attachment D, Handout 2

Angela Saunders of PennDOT District 12-0 reviewed the requested administrative actions to the current TIP. Art Cappella's motion was seconded by Tammy Frank, and TTC approved the administrative actions requiring approval as presented. District 12-0 had no amendment requests.

[District 12-0 July Fiscal Constraint Chart](#)

5. Follow-up to June DOT Certification Visit

a. TTC Future Agenda Design

As a follow-up to discussion at the June TTC meeting concerning current format and agenda, TTC members decided that a survey instrument be utilized to seek member input into the future direction of TTC meetings. SPC staff will develop a survey based upon the discussion and initial suggestions from individual members, and will distribute electronically. Results of the survey will be provided at the September 12th TTC meeting.

b. Locally Owned Federal Aid Routes

At the June TTC meeting, Matt Smoker commented on Local Federal Aid System highways. He stated there is not enough information on this system and would like to see MPO's take a more active lead on this issue. Chuck DiPietro reported that staff shared ideas internally after the June meeting and generated an initial course of action. Staff could identify locally owned roads on Federal Aid System using GIS and share resulting maps and associated tables with county planners. From there, a joint effort to identify ownership of roads could be undertaken. TTC supported this approach and instructed SPC staff to follow through with mapping and analysis of the local federal-aid system.

6. Advance 2015-2018 TIP Update

a. Revisit Round 2 WG Meetings

Ryan Gordon highlighted the second round of TIP Work Group sessions. The overall goal was to screen project candidate proposals from the following four sources: 1) Public input via SPC's on-line forum and mail-in submissions; 2) SPC eleven member planning departments via SPC SharePoint site; 3) PennDOT via SPC SharePoint site; and 4) Unaddressed candidates received at closure on 2013-2016 TIP (adopted June, 2012), were also screened at the Round 2 District Work Sessions. Status of determinations will be posted to SharePoint. Candidate projects that are advancing will have Level 2 screening forms and project evaluations completed.

b. Round 3 WG Meeting

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

1. District 10-0 – Wednesday, October 2nd
2. District 11-0 - Wednesday, October 9th
3. District 12-0 – Tuesday, October 15th

Darin Alviano added that the overall goal of the Round 3 Work Sessions is to assign a LPN status to all candidate projects that had Level 2 screening forms and project evaluations completed. End result anticipated is a list of new candidate projects that are pre-qualified for 2015 TIP inclusion. At the Round 3 Work Sessions, a review of work-in-progress version of the current TIP carryover analysis will also be anticipated. Matt Pavlosky added that the approach to the Fall PPP meetings will also be presented for Work Group refinement.

c. Transit Update – WG #1

Tom Klevan recapped the first round TOC Work Group meeting held on July 17^t. Agenda highlights included:

1. Process Discussion
 - a. Review Proposed Activities/Work Sessions
 - b. Review Proposed Timeline
 - c. Share Point Site Access Process
2. Draft General and Procedural Guidance
 - a. Review SPC Title I Update Procedural Framework
 - b. Review Status of Financial/Project Planning Guidance
3. Review SPC Level I Input Forms – Transit Projects
4. Review Current STIP/Programs of Projects
 - a. Review Current and Expected Obligations
 - b. Review FFY2013-2016 “Out Years”
5. Discussion of Candidate Projects

d. CMAQ Update

Chuck Imbrogno reminded all that the call for candidate projects is scheduled to open on August 1st, with applications due by September 3rd. Chuck also invited all to come on August 1st 9:30 am to noon at SPC to learn about the CMAQ regional process for prioritizing CMAQ eligible transportation improvements. This information forum, is being presented by SPC in cooperation with Sustainable Pittsburgh. At the forum staff will highlight CMAQ TIP update activity, present the process and schedule for developing and managing the CMAQ Program, and engage participants in a lively Q&A session including opportunity for attendees to discuss potential candidate project ideas in an informal session with SPC staff.

e. Public Participation Update

Matt Pavlosky mentioned that Fall PPP meetings will start in late October, after round 3 TIP Work Group sessions are completed. Matt will work with planning departments and PennDOT districts in coming months to schedule dates.

Matt also added that a 30-Day public comment period for the City of Pittsburgh’s URA Lower Hill District Streets Grid TIP and Long Range Plan amendment request will open on August 7th and will conclude September 11th. A public meeting will be held, Tuesday, August 27th, at SPC’s offices, Two Chatham Center, in the 4th floor South Conference Room, at 6pm. Project

related documents can be found at libraries in the Pittsburgh/Allegheny County network and on the SPC website www.spcregion.org.

7. Other Business/Status Reports

a. Round 3 Signal Program – Attachment E

Domenic D’Andrea mentioned to all that there is an open call for projects for Round 3 of SPC’s Regional Signal Program. Deadline for candidate submissions is August 30th. Notification was sent to a large distribution list, including all member Planning Departments and all municipalities with traffic signals.

b. Road Safety Audits

Doug Smith announced upcoming Road Safety Audits. The dates are as follows:

1. District 10-0 – TBD
2. District 11-0 – August 20-22 – Carson Street from Station Square to West End
3. District 12-0 – US 119 from S.R. 1037 in Connellsville to the Everson interchange

c. July 16 - SPC Planning Directors

Chuck DiPietro recapped the July 16th SPC Planning Directors meeting. Topics of discussion included: Water Planning, LRP Update, and Smart Transportation Initiative.

d. July 17 – TOC

Tom Klevan recapped the July TOC meeting. Highlights included:

1. Preview of First TOC TIP Update Work Session and Local Project Sponsors’ Programs of Projects Update
2. Update on the Highway TIP Process
3. Update on the Public Participation Process

e. July 18 – Central Office Visit after TTC – LPN Forms Updated Training

Ryan Gordon reminded everyone that there will be a LPN forms training session that will follow today’s TTC meeting. Ryan added that the timing of this training coincides nicely with where we are at with the TIP Work Groups, since many will be asked to assist in completing the L2 screening forms.

f. SPC Upcoming Meeting Schedule

Staff announced the following schedule of upcoming meetings:

1. August 7 – Ped/Bike Committee
2. August 8 – CommuteInfo Partners
3. September 12 – TTC
4. September 23 – Commission