

Meeting Minutes for June 13, 2013
Transportation Technical Committee Meeting
SPC Offices
Two Chatham Center
Downtown Pittsburgh

Attendees:

- Sally Conklin Armstrong County
- Ann Ogoreuc, 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
- Jeff Raykes, Indiana County
- Amy McKenney, Lawrence County
- Pat Hassett, City of Pittsburgh
- Jason Theakston, Washington County Planning Commission
- Chris Bova, Westmoreland County Planning Department
- Kevin McCullough, PennDOT Central Office
- Matt Smoker, FHWA
- Dan Walston, FHWA
- Khan Mitchell, FHWA
- Tim Lidiak, FTA
- Matthew Kelly, PennDOT BEO
- Dave Cook, PennDOT District 10-0
- Doug Dupnock, PennDOT District 10-0
- Rob Miskanic, PennDOT District 11-0
- Stephanie Spang, PennDOT District 11-0
- Rachel Duda, PennDOT District 12-0
- Angela Saunders, PennDOT District 12-0
- Mavis Rainey, Oakland Transportation Management Association
- Lucinda Beattie, Pittsburgh Downtown Partnership
- Lynn Manion, Airport Corridor Transportation Association
- J.D. Fogarty, PPG
- Darrell Rapp, Swissvale Borough
- Joseph Logan, Fisher Associates
- Brian Fischbach, Fisher Associates
- Jim Hassinger, SPC President & CEO
- Chuck DiPietro, SPC Staff
- Sara Walfoort, SPC Staff
- Tom Klevan, SPC Staff
- Chuck Imbrogno, SPC Staff
- Kim Beaver, SPC Staff
- Doug Smith, SPC Staff
- Kathy Stefani, SPC Staff
- David Totten, SPC Staff
- Darin Alviano, SPC Staff
- Ryan Gordon, SPC Staff
- Matt Pavlosky, SPC Staff
- Amy McCarty, 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: addition of item 4c. 2015 TIP-TYP Schedule; addition of item 4f. TAP; updated FCC's for Districts 10-0 and 11-0; and Handout added to item 4f. Chuck announced that the meeting is being recorded for minute taking purposes only.

1. Introduce US DOT Certification Team – Attachment A

Matt Smoker gave a Transportation Management Area (TMA) Planning Certification Review primer. Consistent with federal regulations, the primary purpose of a certification review is to formalize the continuing oversight and day-to-day evaluation of the MPO planning process. The certification review process ensures that the planning requirements are being satisfactorily implemented. In a broader sense, the certification review process is a valuable opportunity to provide advice and guidance to individual TMA's (urbanized area with a population over 200,000, for enhancing the planning process and improving the quality of transportation investment decisions). The U.S. DOT Certification team consisting of Matt, Dan Walston, Khan Mitchell, and Tim Lidiak then introduced themselves to the group.

Chuck DiPietro briefly highlighted the final agenda for the Pittsburgh TMA Certification Review.

2. Action on May 16th TTC Minutes – Attachment B

The May meeting minutes were approved with no revisions.

3. Public Comment

There was no public comment

4. FHWA/FTA/PennDOT Central Office Reports

a. Governor's Transportation Budget Proposal & Senate's Proposal

Kevin McCullough gave a brief update on the PA legislature's latest response to the Governor's proposed transportation budget. The Senate Transportation Sub-Committee released their transportation recommendation which proposes \$2.5B additional transportation funding annually (by the final year of their proposal). The House is currently working on a proposal of their own.

b. Decade of Investment

Kevin McCullough reported that PennDOT Secretary of Transportation Barry Schoch had a conference call with legislators regarding DOI. Information was provided on projects on the 10 year program for different funding scenarios. A website for DOI with mapping capabilities for all projects was introduced enabling legislators to view projects within their districts.

c. 2015 TIP-TYP Schedule – Handout 1

Kevin McCullough and Chuck DiPietro highlighted the draft schedule for developing and approving the Statewide 2015 Transportation Program.

d. *2012 Bridge & Pavement Performance Measures Annual Reports*

ftp://ftp.dot.state.pa.us/public/Bureaus/BOMO/BOMO_Docs/Asset%20Management/Annual%20Performance%20Reports/Annual%20Performance%20Reports%202012/

Kevin McCullough mentioned that as a continuation of the Asset Planning component of Linking Planning and NEPA, the 2012 Performance Measures Annual Reports have been completed for each MPO/RPO and District, including reports for pavements and bridges. These reports are intended to provide key measures to drive investment decisions in meeting overall asset management strategies.

e. *Federal Updates from US DOT Certification Team*

Matt Smoker briefly highlighted activities from the three day certification agenda. Matt then asked TTC members for their opinions on the current structure of TTC meetings. Matt noted that he, Kevin McCullough, and Chuck DiPietro do a lot of reporting and feels that more engagement from members would be beneficial. Matt asked if the style and format of the meetings were useful for members. A number of members felt the style and format was acceptable; noting that side dialogues with others at TTC is very beneficial. Regular scheduled TTC meetings are a great opportunity for members to interact with project stakeholders. Other comments noted the need for more multimodal discussion, and the need for more planning into the programming process. Matt commented on Local Federal Aid System highways; there is not enough information these. He would like to see MPO's take a more active lead on this issue, and assist counties and municipalities in managing and planning for these highways. Chuck DiPietro asked that if members have other suggestions to call or send him an email. Further discussion on TTC agenda design is anticipated at next month's TTC.

f. *TAP – www.fhwa.dot.gov/map21/guidance/guidetap.cfm
www.fhwa.dot.gov/map21/qandas/qatap.cfm*

Chuck DiPietro noted that the final TAP guidance is now available on the MAP-21 website, along with related TAP Q&As. This guidance supersedes all previous guidance, including questions and answers, regarding the TAP.

MAP-21 established TAP as a new program that provides for a variety of alternative transportation projects, including many that were previously eligible activities under separately funded programs. The TAP replaces the funding from pre-MAP-21 programs including Transportation Enhancements, Recreational Trails, Safe Routes to School, and several other discretionary programs, wrapping them into a single funding source.

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

a. *District 10-0 – Attachment C, Handout 2*

Dave Cook of PennDOT District 10-0 reviewed the requested administrative actions to the current TIP. Jeff Raykes's motion was seconded by Joel MacKay, and TTC approved

the administrative actions requiring approval as presented. District 10-0 had no amendment requests.

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

b. District 11-0 – Attachment D, Handout 3

Rob Miskanic of PennDOT District 11-0 reviewed the requested amendments and administrative actions to the current TIP. After much discussion on the amendment requests, it was agreed that the Lower Hill Redevelopment project in the City of Pittsburgh (New Interior Roadway & Exterior Roadway project) be classified as a Major TIP Amendment. The project exceeds the \$10M threshold established in SPC's TIP Revision Procedures. All Major TIP Amendments require a 30-day Public Comment Period, a Public Meeting, and approval by the Commission. Pat Hassett motioned that the I-579 "Cap Project" be approved as presented, and that the Lower Hill Redevelopment project proceed as per SPC's TIP Revision Procedures. Arthur Cappella seconded the motion, and TTC approved. Amy McKinney's motion to approve administrative actions requiring approval as presented was seconded by Arthur Cappella and approved by TTC.

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

c. District 12-0 – Attachment E

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

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

6. Advance 2015-2018 TIP Update

a. Round 3 Project Development Work Groups

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

- District 10-0 – June 20th – in Indiana
- District 11-0 – July 9th – in Bridgeville
- District 12-0 – July 1st – in Uniontown

The overall goal of the second round of work sessions is 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 11 members via SPC SharePoint site; 3) PennDOT via SPC SharePoint site; and 4) Unaddressed candidates received at closure on 2013-2016 TIP (adopted June, 2012), will also be screened at the Round 2 District Work Sessions.

b. May 30th & June 11th PennDOT Statewide Financial Guidance Work Group

Chuck DiPietro reported that financial guidance for the 2015 TIP has been delayed until end of July. Darin Alviano noted that an issue over formula distribution arose after 2012 bridge/highway data replaced 2011 bridge/highway data. Many planning partners saw a significant drop in funding. The Work Group is working towards a scenario that is not disadvantageous to those partners.

c. PennDOT General & Procedural Guidance Work Group

Chuck DiPietro reported that PennDOT Statewide General & Procedural Guidance Work Group is reviewing the 2013 Transportation Program Guidance. SPC staff submitted a revised draft General & Procedural Guidance document structure to Central Office staff for their consideration.

d. June 26th-27th PennDOT Statewide Planning Partners Meeting

Chuck DiPietro highlighted the June 26th-27th PennDOT Statewide Planning Partners meeting to be held in Harrisburg. Topics include: GIS Initiatives, Safety, Long Range Transportation Plan, Linking Planning and NEPA, Local Data Collection, 2013 Map21 TIP Compliance, Transportation Asset Management (TAM).

e. May PPP 101 Meetings/Public Input via “ON-Line” Public Input Form

Matt Pavlosky summarized the Public Input forms submitted for the TIP Update and thanked all who assisted in the PPP 101 Meetings. SPC staff was very pleased with the turnout at the meetings, as well as with the volume of input received online. Members of TTC provided positive feedback to Matt regarding the new online input form and meetings.

Individual Public Input Forms Received for 2015 TIP Update

<i>County</i>	<i>No. of Submissions</i>	<i>Most Frequently Noted</i>
<i>Allegheny/City of Pittsburgh</i>	<i>123</i>	<i>West Carson Street Improvements</i>
<i>Armstrong</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>E. Franklin Twp at Route 422</i>
<i>Beaver</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>Various Route 51 Projects</i>
<i>Butler</i>	<i>21</i>	<i>Route 228 Improvements</i>
<i>Fayette</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>Crawford Avenue Bridge</i>
<i>Greene</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>SR 4008 & Bridge</i>
<i>Indiana</i>	<i>47</i>	<i>Hoodlebug Trail Crossing</i>
<i>Lawrence</i>	<i>19</i>	<i>Squaw Run Road Bridge 1&2</i>
<i>Washington</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>5 individual projects</i>
<i>Westmoreland</i>	<i>28</i>	<i>SR 4081 & SR 981 Improvements</i>

Total Input (10 Counties):

275

f. CMAQ Process Update – Handout 4

Chuck Imbrogno reviewed the CMAQ Evaluation Committee membership and makeup, as well as the CMAQ program development schedule. The call for candidate projects is scheduled for August 1st, with applications due by September 3rd.

7. Other Business/Status Reports

a. Round 3 Signal Program Call for Candidates & May Municipal Workshops

Chuck DiPietro noted that there will be a call for projects in early July for Round 3 of SPC's Regional Signal Program.

b. HOP Training: June 5 in New Castle & June 13 in Monaca

Doug Smith mentioned that there was a HOP training session in New Castle on June 5th, and another scheduled for today in Monaca.

c. June 18th Operations & Safety Committee hosting "FHWA's Localized Bottleneck Reduction Program Summit"

Doug Smith mentioned that on June 18th the Regional Transportation Operations & Safety Committee will be hosting the FHWA Bottleneck Reduction Workshop.

d. TIM Update – Attachments F & G

Doug Smith provided a recap of the May 21st I-79/I-76 Local TIM Team meeting. The team reviewed the details of three major incidents that occurred recently in the Local TIM area in order to discuss issues related to incident response and to identify lessons learned that could provide opportunities for future improvement and/or ideas for future training.

Doug also mentioned that there will be a training event on July 13th at PennDot District 11-0. This unique training opportunity provided by AmeriGas Propane LP, which will explore the practical, hands-on application of transportation emergency response. AmeriGas will have a liquid petroleum gas tanker on-site and discuss important principles when dealing with a variety of hazardous materials on the roadway. Attendees will also have the opportunity to tour District 11-0's Traffic Management Center.

e. June 12th TOC

Tom Klevan recapped the June TOC meeting. Agenda highlights included:

1. Amendments & Administrative Actions to the FFY2013-2016 TIP
 - *Indiana County Transit Authority and Beaver County Transit requested the TOC take action to adjust the current TIP.*
2. Election of TOC Chair Person/Commission Voting Member Representing Transit Operators in the Outlying (Non-Allegheny) Counties
3. FY2013-2014 TOC Meeting Schedule
4. FFY2015-2018 TIP Update Process for the Title III (Transit) Portion of the TIP and the Local Project Sponsors' Programs of Projects

f. June 24th Commission Meeting

Chuck DiPietro announced that the next meeting of the Commission will be on Monday June 24th.

g. July 18th TTC

Chuck DiPietro announced that the next meeting of the TTC will be on Thursday, July 18th.

h. 2013-2014 Draft TTC Calendar of Meetings – Attachment H

Chuck DiPietro announced the draft schedule for 2013/2014 TTC meetings

i. July 18th LPN Forms Updated Training by Central Office (12:30-2PM, after TTC)

Ryan Gordon mentioned that there will be a LPN forms training session that will follow the July TTC meeting.