

**Meeting Minutes for May 16, 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
- James Camp, Beaver County  
Tammy Frank, Beaver County
- Joel MacKay, Butler County
- Jeremy Kelly, Greene County
- Jeff Raykes, Indiana County
- Amy McKinney, Lawrence County
- Pat Hassett, City of Pittsburgh
- Jeff Leithauser, Washington County Planning Commission
- Chris Bova, Westmoreland County Planning Department
- Kevin McCullough, PennDOT Central Office  
Matt Smoker, Federal Highway Administration  
Dave Cook, PennDOT District 10-0  
Kathy Reeger, PennDOT District 10-0  
Stacy Lloyd, PennDOT District 10-0  
Dan Cessna PennDOT District 11-0  
Cheryl Moon-Sirianni, PennDOT District 11-0  
Rob Miskanic, PennDOT District 11-0  
John Quatman, PennDOT District 11-0  
Jeremy Shaneyfelt, PennDOT District 12-0  
Angela Saunders, PennDOT District 12-0  
Mavis Rainey, Oakland Transportation Management Association  
Lachelle Binion, Oakland Transportation Management Association  
Lucinda Beattie, Pittsburgh Downtown Partnership  
Lynn Manion, Airport Corridor Transportation Association  
J.D. Fogarty, PPG  
Joseph Logan, Fisher Associates  
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
- (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 which included: addition of item 3d. ACT 13 “FAQ” Update; and an updated FCC for District 12-0 (handout 1). Chuck announced that the meeting is being recorded.

**1. Action on April 18th TTC Minutes – Attachment A**

The April meeting minutes were approved with no revisions.

**2. Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

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

**a. Response to Governor's Budget**

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). This is \$700M over the Governor’s proposed annual transportation budget increase. Kevin stated that the Decade of Investment list of projects will soon be released on its own website. Also, Kevin briefly mentioned that there were 15 applications received statewide for the Congested Corridor Program. The selection committee is conducting an initial review of all 15 applications.

**b. SPC 2nd Quarter TIP Program Report – Attachment B**

Kevin McCullough highlighted the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter TIP report for SPC. Chuck DiPietro added that since no obligation limit has yet been set, no targets have been established. Chuck also added that our three PennDOT District Executives continue to be very aggressive at delivering the program for the SPC region.

**c. TIGER 2013 - June 3rd Application Deadline <http://www.dot.gov/tiger>**

Matt Smoker gave a brief overview of the TIGER program. There is approximately \$500M available. The deadline for applications is June 3<sup>rd</sup>. Cheryl Moon-Siriani asked if projects have to be on the TIP prior to receiving TIGER funds. Under FAQ on the TIGER website it states that if the project is not on TIP, that the applicant should obtain a letter of support from both the MPO and the State DOT stating that the project will be programmed on the STIP/TIP. The TIGER website contains all pertinent information pertaining to the program.

**d. Act 13 “FAQ” Update**

Kevin McCullough mentioned that the PennDOT Program Center has continued compiling a list of ACT 13 FAQ’s. Kevin stated that the TIP is the mechanism for programming the ACT 13 funds. If anyone has questions concerning ACT 13 they can contact Kevin.

e. Other Federal Updates

Matt Smoker announced that President Obama's nomination for U.S. DOT Secretary is Anthony Fox, Mayor of Charlotte, North Carolina.

Chuck DiPietro announced that the U.S. Senate reauthorized up to \$12.5B in water projects over the next decade. The companion Water Resources Development Act, however, must still clear the House.

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

a. District 10-0 – Attachment C

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

[http://www.spcregion.org/pdf/TIP2013/mods/2013/District\\_10\\_FCC\\_%20May%202013.pdf](http://www.spcregion.org/pdf/TIP2013/mods/2013/District_10_FCC_%20May%202013.pdf)

b. District 11-0 – Attachment D

Rob Miskanic of PennDOT District 11-0 reviewed the requested administrative actions to the current TIP. Amy McKinney's motion was seconded by James Camp, and TTC unanimously approved the administrative actions requiring approval as presented. District 11-0 had no amendment requests.

[http://www.spcregion.org/pdf/TIP2013/mods/2013/Copy%20of%20District\\_11\\_FCC\\_May%202013.pdf](http://www.spcregion.org/pdf/TIP2013/mods/2013/Copy%20of%20District_11_FCC_May%202013.pdf)

c. District 12-0 – Attachment E, Handout 1

Angela Saunders of PennDOT District 12-0 reviewed the requested amendments and administrative actions to the current TIP. Jeff Leighthouser's motion was seconded by Chris Bova, and TTC unanimously approved the amendments and administrative actions requiring approval as presented.

[http://www.spcregion.org/pdf/TIP2013/mods/2013/District\\_12\\_FCC\\_May\\_2013.pdf](http://www.spcregion.org/pdf/TIP2013/mods/2013/District_12_FCC_May_2013.pdf)

**5. Region's TMAs: Update Presentation by ACTA/OTMA/PDP**

Mavis Rainey of the Oakland Transportation Management Association (OTMA) gave a presentation on WalkPittsburgh, a CMAQ funded joint initiative by the region's three TMA's (Airport Corridor Transportation Association, Pittsburgh Downtown Partnership, and OTMA). WalkPittsburgh's mission is to: provide resources and support; encourage walking as a viable commuting option; improve pedestrian safety, communicate the health & economic benefits of walking; ensure that walkability is factored into transportation & development plans. The initiative's vision is to help make Pittsburgh one of America's most walkable cities. You can visit the website at

<http://www.walkpittsburgh.org/>

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

*a. Round 2 Project Development Work Groups*

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

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

The overall goal of the second round of work sessions is to screen project candidate proposals from the following three sources: 1) Public input via SPC’s on-line forum and mail-in submissions; 2) SPC 11 members via SPC SharePoint site and 3) PennDOT via SPC SharePoint site. Unaddressed candidates received at closure on 2013-2016 TIP (adopted June, 2012), will also be screened at the Round 2 District Work Sessions.

*b. SharePoint Site Update – Attachment F*

Ryan Gordon provided a brief status update for SharePoint. He highlighted that each TIP Project Development Work Group has its own SharePoint site. SPC’s eleven member planning departments and the three PennDOT Districts are to access their respective sites and complete their new candidate project template by the dates listed: District 10-0 Work Group, May 31<sup>st</sup>; District 11-0 Work Group, June 18<sup>th</sup>; District 12-0 Work Group, June 10<sup>th</sup>. Please contact Ryan or Darin Alviano if you have any questions or comments regarding the use of SPC’s 2015 TIP Update Work Group SharePoint site.

*c. April 24th & May 30th PennDOT Statewide Financial Guidance Work Group*

Chuck DiPietro highlighted the April PennDOT Statewide Planning Partners Financial Guidance Work Group meeting. The agenda included:

1. Governor’s Transportation Plan Update
2. Funding Distribution Discussion:
  - Highway Safety Improvement Program
  - Highway/Bridge Program Scenarios
  - Rail-Highway Crossing Funding Scenarios
  - CMAQ Program
  - STP-Urban Distribution

The next meeting is scheduled for May 30<sup>th</sup>.

*d. May 7th & 30th PennDOT Statewide 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. Recommendations of both the Financial Guidance and the General and Procedural Guidance Work Groups will be presented at the end of June Statewide Planning Partners meeting in Harrisburg.

*e. PPP 101 Meetings/Public Input*

Matt Pavlosky gave an overview of the recent PPP 101 outreach meetings, and provided a summary report of results including attendance and locations. The meetings were designed to be an introduction of the PPP members to the transportation planning process. The role of the Panels as liaisons in their communities was defined, as were their preferred methods of communication of information, and the expectation for them to share that information with their network. The PPP's were also given an introduction to the new TIP development procedures. Matt thanked the eleven member planning departments, the region's ten transit properties, and the three PennDOT Districts for their participation and assistance in the PPP outreach.

*f. CMAQ Process Update*

Chuck Imbrogno provided an update on the forthcoming CMAQ process. The first meeting of the CMAQ Evaluation Committee (CEC) is set for June 4th. The last TIP Update consultant team will again assist the CEC work sessions.

**7. Other Business/Status Reports**

*a. PA Turnpike's (PTC) Southern Beltway Amendment Request*

Chuck DiPietro reported that at its April meeting the Commission approved the Air Quality Conformity Determination resolution for the Southern Beltway TIP/LRP Amendment request, but tabled the resolution to add the project to both the TIP and LRP. The request will be reconsidered at the June 24th Commission meeting. The Commission was unsatisfied with the responses provided by the PTC to various questions raised by the individual Commission members concerning the financial plan and other issues; more clarification is required. Anne Ogoreuc asked if answers prepared by the PTC to the April 29<sup>th</sup> questions from the Commission members would be available in advance of the next Commission meeting. Chuck responded that the PTC has been requested to only present their responses at the June 24<sup>th</sup> Commission meeting.

*b. May SPC Regional Signal Program Workshops*

Chuck DiPietro reiterated from last month's meeting that SPC staff is conducting four workshops throughout the SPC region in May that will include information on SPC's Regional Traffic Signal Program, and how it can help individual municipalities improve their traffic signal operations. These workshops are designed to seek municipal response to this summer's call for cycle 3 Regional Signal Program candidates.

*c. May 8th Ped/Bike Committee*

Sara Walfoort highlighted the May meeting of the Ped/Bike Committee. The agenda included:

- Guest Presentation: Pittsburgh Downtown Partnership, Downtown Pedestrian Survey
- State and Federal Funding Updates: MAP 21
- Development of SPC 2013-2104 Work Program for Ped-Bike Activities

- Recap of Forks of the Ohio Trail Conference
- Modal Activity Reports/Roundtable Discussion

*d. May 9th CommuteInfo Partners*

Chuck DiPietro highlighted the May meeting of the CommuteInfo Partners. The agenda included:

- May is CommuteInfo Month
- Partner & Support Organizations' Promotions

*e. June 11th - June 13th US DOT Team Certification Visit*

Matt Smoker asked individual TTC members to coordinate with Chuck DiPietro on any suggested TTC meeting discussion items they would like to have with the U.S. DOT Certification Team as part of the upcoming certification review. Matt and Chuck noted that time will be available on the June TTC agenda for questions to be asked of the U.S. DOT Certification Team. SPC should receive a letter next week outlining the certification review content and schedule. Chuck will share the agenda with everyone as soon as it is finalized. Dave Cook asked if the new TIP process would be a topic of discussion. Both Chuck and Matt indicated that it will be part of the final agenda. Matt concluded by announcing that there will be a public meeting lead by the U.S. DOT Certification Team the evening of June 11<sup>th</sup> at SPC.

*f. June 12th TOC*

Tom Klevan announced that the next TOC meeting is scheduled for June 12<sup>th</sup>. The U.S. DOT team will be present at the meeting as part of the certification review for the region. Tom also mentioned that the Transit TIP Update Work Group will have its first of three work sessions in July.

*g. June 13th TTC*

Chuck DiPietro announced the next meeting of the TTC will be on Thursday, June 13<sup>th</sup>. The U.S. DOT team will be present at the meeting as part of the certification review for the region.

*h. June 24th Commission Meeting*

Chuck DiPietro announced the next Commissioners Meeting scheduled for Monday, June 24<sup>th</sup>.

Meeting adjourned at 12:00pm.