

Meeting Minutes for May 15th, 2014
Transportation Technical Committee Meeting
SPC Offices
Two Chatham Center, Pittsburgh

Attendees:

- Ann Ogoreuc, Allegheny County Dept. of Economic Development
- Steve Shanley, Allegheny County Dept. of Public Works
- Chris Jaros, Armstrong County Dept. of Planning and Development
- Tammy Frank, Beaver County Dept. of Public Works
- Arthur Cappella, Fayette County Zoning, Planning and Community Development
- Jeremy Kelly, Greene County Planning Commission
- Jeff Raykes, Indiana County Planning and Economic Development
- Amy McKinney, Lawrence County Dept. of Planning
- Marcel Newman, City of Pittsburgh Dept. of Public Works
- Jeff Leithauser, Washington County Planning and Economic Development
- Chris Bova, Westmoreland County Dept. of Planning and Development
- Daniel Carpenter, Westmoreland County Dept. of Planning and Development
- *Kevin McCullough, PennDOT Central Office
- * Matt Smoker, Federal Highway Administration
- Dave Cook, PennDOT District 10-0
- Cheryl Moon-Sirianni, PennDOT District 11-0
- Rob Miskanic, PennDOT District 11-0
- John Quatman, PennDOT District 11-0
- Joshua Theakston, PennDOT District 12-0
- Bill Beaumariage, PennDOT District 12-0
- Mavis Rainey, Oakland Transportation Management Association
- Lucinda Beattie, Pittsburgh Downtown Partnership
- Lynn Manion, Airport Corridor Transportation Association
- Justin Wasser, Representative Erin Molchany Staff
- Brian Fischbach, Fisher Associates
- Gabriella Murdock, Citizen
- George Murdock, Citizen
- Chuck DiPietro, SPC Staff
- Sara Walfoort, SPC Staff
- Chuck Imbrogno, SPC Staff
- Tom Klevan, SPC Staff
- Darin Alviano, SPC Staff
- Matt Pavlosky, SPC Staff
- Ryan Gordon, SPC Staff
- Lisa Kay Schweyer, SPC Staff
- Josh Spano, SPC Staff

- Indicates Voting Member
- * Participated by telephone

Chuck DiPietro called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. He notified attendees of changes to the preliminary agenda, which included an addition of item 3 b. I. ii. "Senate EPW MAP-21 Reauthorization Bill" and associated handout. It was announced that the meeting was being recorded for minute taking purposes only.

1. Action on April 17th Minutes (Attachment A)

Motion was made by Jeff Leithauser and second by Amy McKinney to accept the April meeting minutes with no revisions. TTC approved.

2. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

3. FHWA/Central Office Reports

a. State Updates

Kevin McCullough and Chuck DiPietro shared updates on the below topics.

1. Second Quarter Progress Reports from Central Office (Attachment B)

The second quarter program progress report was highlighted. In general, the region is ahead of the rest of the state. Our three District Executives continue to be very aggressive at delivering the program for the SPC region.

2. [New Round of PA Rail Freight Assistance Funding](#)

The Bureau of Rail Freight, Ports and Waterways announced the opening of its grant application acceptance period. Both the 2014 Capital Budget Rail Transportation Assistance Program (RTAP) and 2014 Rail Freight Assistance Program (RFAP) Round II will begin accepting applications on Thursday, May 1st through Friday, May 30st. For more information, please click on the above link.

b. Federal Updates

Matt Smoker and Chuck DiPietro shared updates on the below topics.

I. Transportation Reauthorization

i. [The Grow America Act](#)

The Generating Renewal, Opportunity, and Work with Accelerated Mobility, Efficiency, and Rebuilding of Infrastructure and Communities throughout America Act, (GROW AMERICA Act), is the Administration's \$302 billion, four year transportation reauthorization proposal that provides increased and stable funding for our Nation's highways, bridges, transit, and rail systems. For more information, please click on the above link.

ii. [Senate EPW MAP-21 Reauthorization Bill](#) (Handout 1)

The U.S. Senate Environment and Public Works Committee's (EPW) MAP-21 Reauthorization proposal reauthorizes the current federal surface transportation law MAP-21 for six years. Due to the jurisdiction of the Senate EPW Committee, this bill only addresses the highway portion of the program. Other committees in the Senate have jurisdiction over the transit, safety and funding aspects of reauthorization. For a summary of the bill please click on the above link.

II. [HSIP National Performance Management Measures](#)

The U. S. Department of Transportation has issued proposed rulemaking for the National Performance Management Measures for the Highway Safety Improvement Program. Comments will be accepted through June 9th. To view the rulemaking, please click on the above link.

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

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' motion was seconded by Chris Jaros and TTC approved the amendment and administrative actions requiring TTC approval, as presented.

[PennDOT District 10-0 May TIP Modification Chart](#)

b. *District 11-0* (Attachment D)

Rob Miskanic of PennDOT District 11-0 reviewed the requested administration actions requiring TTC approval to the current TIP. Ann Ogoreuc's motion was seconded by Amy McKinney and TTC approved the administrative actions requiring TTC approval, as presented.

[PennDOT District 11-0 May TIP Modification Chart](#)

c. *District 12-0* (Attachment E)

Bill Beaumariage of PennDOT District 12-0 reviewed the requested administration actions requiring TTC approval to the current TIP. Art Cappella's motion was second by Jeff Leithauser and TTC approved the administrative actions requiring TTC approval, as presented.

[PennDOT District 12-0 May TIP Modification Chart](#)

5. Advance 2015-2018 TIP Update

Kevin McCullough, Chuck DiPietro, along with SPC Staff provided updates on the draft 2015-2018 TIP.

a. Statewide Discretionary Funding Decisions

Below are the projects in the SPC region that were awarded spike/discretionary funding for the 2015-2018 program.

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Spike Fund Type	County	Project	2015 Draft TIP
STP	Westmoreland	SR 217, Derry Borough Bridge	12,463
NHPP	Allegheny	SR 3069, Liberty Bridge & Ramps Painting	56,000
NHPP	Washington	I-70 @ PA 481 Interchange	27,800
State	Allegheny	I-376, Fort Pitt Tunnel Repairs	13,743
State	Beaver	SR 2004, Freedom Road Phase A	40,000
State	Beaver	SR 2004, Freedom Road Phase B	25,500
State	Beaver	SR 2004, Freedom Road Phase C	16,000
State	Allegheny	US 19/Pine Creek Road	1,400
State	Armstrong	US 422, Shelocta to Whitesburg Resurfacing	1,700
State	Armstrong	Kittanning Resurfacing	1,000
SPC Total			195,606

It was noted that the Laurel Valley Transportation Improvement Project was recommended for state spike funds in the years beyond PennDOT’s 12-year plan. SPC and Westmoreland County will continue to advocate for this project and its advancement..

b. Air Quality Conformity Final Inputs

The state interagency air quality review group (IGA) is completing their review of spike and Interstate project lists. SPC plans to run the air quality model for the region by next week.

c. TAP Update: Technical Review Committee & Schedule

An update on SPC’s Transportation Alternatives Program was provided. The TAP Evaluation Committee recently held a meeting establishing evaluation criterion, and will be reviewing and scoring all applications. A recommended list of projects to be funded will be presented to the TTC at their June meeting. SPC region received 25 applications, requesting a total of \$16.6 million for the two-year program. SPC Region has \$3.4 million in TAP funds available.

d. *Public Comment Period/PPP Meetings Coordination* (Attachment F)

Matt Pavlosky reviewed a schedule of key dates and activities for upcoming Public Participation meetings. Public Comment period will begin on June 18th and end on July 18th.

e. *Draft Program of Projects Update: Advance to Documentation/Various Required Technical Analysis Prior to Public Comment Period*

SPC staff is completing the TIP document narrative and will be incorporating the final draft project lists shortly. Air Quality Conformity Determination report and Environmental Justice report will be completed in early June. The TIP document and associated materials must all be complete in advance of the start of the Public Comment period.

6. Regional & Local TIM Team Updates (Attachment G)

Doug Smith highlighted the following recent Transportation Incident Management Team meetings: I-79/76 Local TIM Team, Airport Corridor Local TIM Team, and the Indiana County TIM Team. For information regarding TIM, please click on the following link [Transportation Incident Management](#)

7. Other Business/Status Reports

a. *May 8 – Commute Info Partners*

The Commission has declared May as CommuteInfo month. Lisa Kay gave a brief overview of the program. For information regarding the program please click on the following link www.commuteinfo.org

SPC staff highlighted both recent and upcoming meetings listed below.

b. *May 13 – Transportation Systems Management & Operations Workshop in Harrisburg*

c. *May 14 – Ped/Bike Committee*

d. *May 21 – SPC Annual Freight Conference at Station Square*

e. *May 22 – PA Annual Rail Freight Conference (at Station Square)*

f. *June 18 – Transit Operators Committee*

g. *June 19 – Next TTC Meeting*

h. *June 30 & July 28 – Commission Meetings*