

Meeting Minutes for October 16th, 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
- Sally Conklin, Armstrong County Dept. of Planning and Development
- Tammy Frank, Braver County Public Works
- Jeremy Kelly, Greene County Planning Commission
- Amy McKinney, Lawrence County Dept. of Planning
- Patrick Hassett, City of Pittsburgh Department of Public Works
Patrick Roberts, Department of City Planning
- Chris Bova, Westmoreland County Dept. of Planning and Development
- Jeffrey Leithauser, Washington County Planning Commission
- David Wohlwill, Port Authority of Allegheny County
- Kevin McCullough, PennDOT Central Office
Matt Smoker, Federal Highways Administration
Doug Dupnock, PennDOT District 10-0
Brandon Makuchan, PennDOT District 10-0
Christopher Williams, PennDOT District 10-0
Cheryl Moon-Sirianni, PennDot District 11-0
Robert Miskanic, PennDOT District 11-0
John Quatman, PennDOT District 11-0
Angela Saunders, PennDOT District 12-0
Joshua Theakston, PennDOT District 12-0
Lynn Manion, Airport Corridor Transportation Association
Lachelle Binion, Oakland Transportation Management Association
Scott Bricker, Bike Pittsburgh & SPC Commissioner
JD Fogarty, Port of Pittsburgh Commission
Lucinda Beattie, Pittsburgh Downtown Partnership
Chuck DiPietro, SPC Staff
Darin Alviano, SPC Staff
Matt Pavlosky, SPC Staff
Doug Smith, SPC Staff
Tom Klevan, SPC Staff
Dominic D'Andrea, SPC Staff
Ryan Gordon, SPC Staff
David Totten, SPC Staff
Kathy Stefani, SPC Staff
- Indicates voting member

Chuck DiPietro called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. He notified attendees of changes to the preliminary agenda, which included: updated District Fiscal Constraint Charts & Narratives, and addition of Handouts 5 & 6 under Item 5.

1. Action on September 18th Meeting Minutes (Attachment A)

Motion was made by Amy McKinney and second by Jeff Leithauser to accept the September meeting minutes as presented. 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.

I. PA LRP & Comprehensive Freight Movement Plan

Plan outreach and draft plan development are concluding. It is anticipated that a summary will be coming out to MPO/RPO planning partners. An in depth discussion on the state's Plan will be held at PennDOT's Fall Planning Partners Meeting.

II. FFY 2015-2016 HSIP Candidate Applications

PennDOT Central Office is asking for new HSIP Set-a-Side candidate projects. They are looking for approximately \$35M per year of candidate projects for a two-year program of systematic safety improvements in FFY 2015 and 2016. Eligible projects will continue to implement the Roadway Departure Safety Implementation Plan (RDIP) and Intersection Safety Implementation Plan (ISIP), and other systematic improvements at locations identified for Cable Median Barrier, High Friction Surface Treatment, Wrong Way Entry or Cable Guiderail Upgrades, as well as Statewide High Crash Locations.

III. [Green Light – Go Applications](#)

Green Light-Go: Pennsylvania's Municipal Signal Partnership Program (Green Light-Go Program) is designed to improve safety and mobility by reducing congestion and improving efficiency of existing traffic signals on state highways. The Program is comprised of the Local Grant Element (Designated only Corridors funded through Act 89 of 2013) and the PennDOT Project Element (Critical Corridors). Municipal applications for the Green Light-Go Program require a 50% match using municipal or private cash.

IV. Rapid Bridge Replacement Private Public Partnership (P3) Update

Four firms have been short listed. Announcement will be made in late October on firm selected. For more information regarding PennDOT's P3 initiative click on the following: <http://www.p3forpa.com/>

V. Multimodal Fund and TAP Project Selection Announcement Status

PennDOT is looking to make announcements in late October.

B. Federal Updates

I. Pittsburgh Transportation Management Area Certification Review Report (Handout 1)

Matt Smoker delivered a presentation on the 2014 Certification Review for the Pittsburgh Transportation Management Area. US DOT is required to review and certify the planning practices within the transportation management areas to determine how the region follows federal laws and regulations. This is completed no less than once every 4 years. The certification review identified a number of commendations. US DOT commended SPC for the following: its highly collaborative LPN process, its proactive role in the development of the regional automated fare collection (SmartCard) system, its development and application of program evaluation methods for its CommuteInfo Program, for developing a good understanding of current and future operational challenges and for developing the appropriate framework for addressing those challenges, being a leader amongst the MPOs in incorporating freight planning into the MPO planning process. A copy of the certification review can be provided upon request.

II. STIP Approval and Federal Planning Finding

The STIP was approved by US DOT on September 30th. Along with a copy of the improvement letter, SPC received a copy of the companion Federal Planning Finding. The Federal Planning Finding is a formal action taken by the FHWA and FTA to ensure that the STIP and TIPs are developed according to Statewide and metropolitan transportation planning processes that are consistent with required statutory and regulatory planning and related provisions. The Federal Planning Finding highlights excellent practices, processes, and/or products. SPC was acknowledged for its Linking Planning and NEPA (LPN) efforts in TIP development and it was suggested that PennDOT showcase this effort to aid other Planning Partners and/or PennDOT Districts.

III. NPR - Statewide & Nonmetropolitan Planning; Metropolitan Planning

In June, FHW and FT jointly issued a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) for Statewide and Nonmetropolitan Planning; Metropolitan Planning (Planning Rule). The Planning Rule makes changes to sections of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) that dictate the activities and responsibilities of Metropolitan Planning Organizations, States, and other actors in relation to the federal transportation program. The Planning Rule generally reflects changes made to the planning process as a result of passage of the most recent authorization legislation, Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21). There are substantial changes made to the planning process as a result of MAP-21, in large part due to the inclusion by Congress of a performance-based planning and project selection program. As FHWA and FTA work to implement that program, a key component is to weave it through the transportation planning process and outline how MPOs and States will set targets under this program and report on progress toward the achievement of these targets. Many of those changes are contained in the Planning Rule. The proposed Planning Rule is [here](#). Comments were due by October 2, 2014.

4. Action on Amendments & Modifications to 2015-2018 TIP

A. PennDOT District 10-0 (Attachment B, Handout 2)

Doug Dupnock of PennDOT District 10-0 reviewed the requested amendments and administrative actions to the current TIP. Chris Bova's motion was second by Jeremy Kelly and TTC approved the amendments and administrative actions requiring TTC approval, as presented.

B. PennDOT District 11-0 (Attachment C, Handout 3)

Rob Miskanic of PennDOT District 11-0 reviewed the requested amendments and administration actions. Ann Ogoreuc's motion was second by Patt Hassett and TTC approved the amendments and administrative actions requiring TTC approval, as presented.

C. PennDOT District 12-0 (Attachment D, Handout 4)

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

5. SPC Long Range Plan (Handouts 5 & 6)

Chuck DiPietro reviewed Handout 5 "LRP Schedule and Milestones" which presents a timeline thru June 2015 adoption. Key tasks involve: performance measures development (that support the Region's 16 Plan Policy Statements- Handout 6), financial projections to guide plan development, identify & analyze strategies/investment priorities, advance investment plan/resource allocation/program of projects. An extensive public outreach program is under design. Meetings soon to be held with SPC Planning Directors Forum, COG Forum, PPPs, and various other SPC Committees.

Chuck also highlighted recent and upcoming meetings listed below, and briefly highlighted key components of the LRP which including: Regional Operations Plan Update, Safety Plan, ITS Architecture Plan Update, Demographic Updates, Regional Freight Plan, Expanded Environmental Overview Appendix, and Human Services Coordinated Transportation Plan Update.

- A. September 29th SPC Regional Policy Advisory Committee
- B. October 24th SPC Commissioners Fall Workshop: Energy, Environment & Sustainability
- C. November 7th Economic Impact Analysis Work Group
- D. December 11th [Energy for the Power of 32](#)
- E. Plan Components

6. Route 51 Transit Traffic Signal Priority Analysis

David Totten gave a presentation on the SR 51 Transit Signal Priority (TSP). The study was conducted to examine the potential benefits and impacts of TSP along a corridor as a case study for the SPC Region. Transit Signal Priority as a whole reduces signal delay for high occupancy transit vehicles, reduces transit operating costs, provides a more beneficial mode choice, and increases green times for mainline traffic. For the SR 51 TSP, the Benefit Cost Ratio was 7.4:1 over the projected 10-year lifetime of the system.

7. Other Business/Status Reports

- A. Regional & Local TIM Update

A tri-state OH/PA/WV Joint Traffic Incident Management Conference was held on October 15th. SPC staff actively participated in the meeting. Conference topics included the following: regional and national best practices in TIM; improving coordination on large traffic incidents, particularly those that have multi-state impacts; latest information about TIM performance measures, alternate routing policies and techniques, and After Action Reviews; and examples of the benefits of effective tri-state collaboration and "TIM Team" involvement.

Chuck DiPietro quickly highlighted both recent and upcoming meetings listed below.

- B. October 7 – SPC Freight Forum
- C. October 8 – SPC Ped/Bike Committee
- D. October 15 – Joint OH/WVA/PA TIM Conference
- E. October 17 – U.S Department of Energy Nationwide Odyssey Day Event
- F. October 27-29 – PennDOT Fall Planning Partners Meeting at State College
- G. November 5 – SPC Operations & Safety Committee – ROP Update
- H. November 6 – Commute Info Partners
- I. November 7 – SPC Smart Transportation Evaluation Committee
- J. November 13 , December 11– next TTC Meetings
- K. December 10 – TOC
- L. December 15 – Commission Meeting