

**Meeting Minutes for August 20, 2015**  
**Transportation Technical Committee Meeting**

**SPC Offices**

Attendees:

**Two Chatham Center, Pittsburgh**

- Ann Ogoreuc, Allegheny County Department of Economic Development
- Steve Shanley, Allegheny Department of Public Works
- Tom Swisher, Armstrong County Department of Planning and Development
- Tammy Frank, Beaver County Liquid Fuels
- Joel MacKay, Butler County Planning Commission
- \* Arthur Cappella, Fayette County Zoning, Planning and Community Development
- Jeremy Kelly, Greene County Planning Commission
- Jeff Raykes, Indiana County Department of Planning and Development
- Amy McKinney, Lawrence County Planning Department
- Patrick Hassett, City of Pittsburgh Department of Public Works
- Chris Bova, Westmoreland County Department of Planning and Development
- Daniel Carpenter, Westmoreland County Department of Planning and Development
- Jeffrey Leithauser, Washington County Planning Commission
- Ed Typanski, Port Authority of Allegheny County
- Kevin McCullough, PennDOT Central Office
- Doug Dupnock, PennDOT District 10-0
- Victor DeFazio, PennDot District 11-0
- Robert Miskanic, PennDOT District 11-0
- John Quatman, PennDOT District 11-0
- Angela Saunders, PennDOT District 12-0
- Josh Theakston, PennDOT District 12-0
- Bill Beaumariage, PennDOT District 12-0
- Mavis Rainey, Oakland Transportation Management Association
- Jina O'Neil, Oakland Transportation Management Association
- Lynn Manion, Airport Corridor Transportation Association
- Aurora Sharrard, Green Building Alliance
- Doug Smith, SPC Transportation Director
- Andy Waple, SPC Staff
- Darin Alviano, SPC Staff
- Matt Pavlosky, SPC Staff
- Dominic D'Andrea, SPC Staff
- Chuck Imbrogno, SPC Staff
- Ryan Gordon, SPC Staff
- Dan Alwine, SPC

- \* Participated by telephone
- Indicates voting member

**1. Call to Order / Introductions**

Doug Smith called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. He introduced two new SPC employees Dan Alwine and Leanne Chaney. Dan will be working under Andy Waple in the Plans and Programs Department. Leanne will be under Tom Klevan in the Multi-modal Department.

**2. Action on the July 16<sup>th</sup> Minutes (Handout 1)**

A motion was made by Jeremy Kelly and seconded by Pat Hassett to accept the July 16<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes as presented. The TTC approved.

**3. Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

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

Kevin McCullough and Doug Smith informed TTC members of FHWA and Central Office activities.

*A. PennDOT Investment Plan*

PennDOT's Investment Plan will demonstrate how the state's Long Range Transportation and Comprehensive Freight Plan can be implemented and indicates resource availability. It will be a policy document that will guide PennDOT in procedures and financial guidance. There will be a news release issued on the Investment Plan in the near future.

*B. Linking Planning and NEPA*

There are some new recommendations forthcoming from Central Office on LPN integration into 2017 TIP Update. Kevin stressed that SPC has already incorporated these LPN principles into the regional planning process including the 2015 TIP and 2017 TIP update.

*C. Federal Authorization (D-4232) Workshop*

There will be a PennDOT District training workshop on the Federal Authorization process to utilize federal transportation funding on a project. The workshop will be held following the September TTC meeting in the Allegheny County Economic Development Boardroom, 9<sup>th</sup> floor of the Chatham One building.

*D. MAP-21 Extension thru Oct 29, 2015*

The United States Congress passed a short-term extension of MAP-21, through to October 29, 2015. The bill, HR 3236, reauthorizes the existing federal highway and transit programs for an additional three months. However, it includes enough new revenue - \$8B in transfers from the General Fund to the Highway Trust Fund (HTF) - to fund the programs through the end of calendar year 2015.

*E. SPC LRTP & AQ Determination sent to EPA for concurrence (Handout 2)*

Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) has sent *Mapping the Future: The Southwestern*

*PA Plan* and Air Quality Determination to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for their review and comment.. FHWA Pennsylvania Division and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Region III Office are concurrently reviewing the document. Even though the *Mapping the Future* is under review by these agencies, it became the Region's official Long Range Transportation Plan upon adoption by the Southwestern PA Commission at their June 27<sup>th</sup> meeting.

## **5. Action on Modifications to 2015-2018 TIP (Handout 3)**

### *A. PennDOT District 10-0*

Doug Dupnock of PennDOT District 10-0 reviewed the requested TIP modifications. There was one administrative action requiring TTC action (as highlighted within Handout 3). Tom Swisher's motion to approve was seconded by Amy McKinney and the TTC approved the administrative actions as presented.

### *B. PennDOT District 11-0*

Rob Miskanic of PennDOT District 11-0 reviewed the requested TIP modifications. There was one amendment and six administrative actions requiring TTC action (as highlighted within Handout 3). Amy McKinney's motion to approve was seconded by Patrick Hassett and the TTC approved the amendment and administrative actions as presented.

### *C. PennDOT District 12-0*

Angela Saunders of PennDOT District 12-0 reviewed the requested TIP modifications. There were five administrative actions requiring TTC action (as highlighted within Handout 3). Jeff Leithauser's motion to approve was seconded by Chris Bova and the TTC approved the administrative actions as presented.

## **6. 2017 TIP Update**

### *A. Financial Guidance and General & Procedural Guidance*

Doug Smith provided an update on the status of the 2017 TIP Financial Guidance and General and Procedural Guidance. Both documents are not yet finalized, but should be finalized in advance of the next round of TIP Development Work Group meetings. SPC staff has been actively participating in the development of these documents along with other planning partners throughout the state.

### *B. TIP Development Work Groups Recap*

Ryan Gordon provided an update on pre-TIP planning activities, candidate project list development status, and follow-ups to the first round of TIP Work Group meetings. Ryan demonstrated where in the SPC TIP Update SharePoint site follow-up documents could be found pertaining to pre-TIP public comment and work group member candidate projects. The list of candidate projects being advanced to detailed study in each District is available on the SharePoint site, Ryan asked work group members to review this list and provide any

additions or deletions as soon as possible. Ryan provided a summary of next steps in the TIP update and the work that is ongoing to prepare for the second round of TIP Work Group meetings at the end of October.

#### *C. CMAQ Program Update*

Doug Smith and Chuck Imbrogno gave an update on the CMAQ Program. There was a Project Sponsor Workshop held at SPC on August 11<sup>th</sup>. CMAQ applications are currently being accepted. Deadline for applications is September 1<sup>st</sup>. After the TTC meeting next month there will be a CMAQ committee meeting. The committee will reconfirm processes and scoring and together will take an initial look candidate projects.

#### *D. TA/SMART Program Overview*

Andy Waple gave the status of the current Transportation Alternatives and Livability Through Smart Transportation Programs, as well as an overview of the upcoming programs.

For the 2014 TAP Program, SPC had thirteen projects funded totaling \$5.4 million. Nine were funded through SPC's program. Four were funded through PennDOT's program. All projects programmed in 2015 are, in most part, advancing except one; the project received an EPA grant to fund the entire project and the TAP funds were not needed. SPC is working on a plan to be able to capture those funds in the region and not lose them. For projects programmed in 2016, SPC staff will be coordinating with project sponsors to ensure projects are ready for construction next year. For the 2014 Livability Through Smart Program, SPC funded nine projects totaling \$2.9 million. All projects programmed are advancing. SPC staff in coordination with PennDOT had to adjust programming on a few projects to coincide with schedules, enabling the region to capture the funds for the year. SPC staff is actively working with PennDOT and project sponsors to assist with advancement of both TAP and Smart Transportation projects.

**(UPDATE since August TTC Meeting)** It was SPC's original intent, as stated at the August TTC meeting, to combine the TA and SMART Transportation Programs for the 2017 TIP Update. However, due to different matching requirements and other administrative concerns; the TAP and SMART programs will NOT be combined into one process. The TA Program will open in September while the SMART Program process will begin in early 2016. In an effort to streamline the process and refrain from creating another series of committee meetings, the voting membership of the TTC will act as the TAP Evaluation Committee in selecting TAP projects for inclusion into the 2017-2020 TIP. Just as the CMAQ Program process, SPC staff will score the projects on their technical merit and the voting membership of the TTC, along with consultation with the three PennDOT Districts, will evaluate project deliverability. This will take place via online survey or SharePoint prior to the November TTC Meeting. The TAP application period will open on September 18, 2015 and close on October 19, 2015.

*E. Local Administered Projects Workshops*

Andy Waple informed TTC members that SPC staff is in the process of securing locations and working with the individual PennDOT Districts on content for the upcoming workshops. There will be at least one workshop in each of the PennDOT Districts.

*F. Administration of Non-Traditional Projects*

Doug Smith discussed the idea of setting aside funding in a region Line Item on the TIP that the Districts could utilize for project administration. He mentioned that other MPO's and Districts are doing this to help in the delivery of non-traditional types of projects common in the TA & Smart Transportation Programs and potentially projects in the CMQ program. TTC members were open to the idea. Doug stated that the dialogue can continue as we move forward with the TIP Update.

**7. City of Pittsburgh Bike Share System Presentation**

Erin Potts of Pittsburgh Bike Share, delivered a presentation of the CMAQ funded Bike Sharing System, Healthy Ride. Healthy Ride is designed to provide an active transportation option for residents, students and visitors of Pittsburgh. For more information about Healthy Ride, please visit <https://healthyridepgh.com/>

**8. Other Business/Status Reports**

Doug Smith briefly highlighted upcoming meetings below.

- A. September 9 – Ped/Bike Committee*
- B. September 17 – CMAQ Evaluation Committee*
- C. September 28 – Regional Policy Advisory Committee*
- D. September 28 – Commission Executive Committee*
- E. September 28 – Commission Meeting*
- F. October 8 – Transportation Technical Committee*