

Meeting Minutes for January 15, 2015
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
- Jim Camp, Beaver County Public Works
Tammy Frank, Beaver County Liquid Fuels Department
- Joel MacKay, Butler County Planning Commission
- Arthur Cappella, Fayette County Zoning, Planning and Community Development
- Jeff Raykes, Indiana County Dept. of Planning and Development
- Doniele Russell, 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
- Kevin McCullough, PennDOT Central Office
Matt Smoker, Federal Highways Administration
Mary Jo Morandini, Beaver County Transit Authority
Dave Cook, PennDOT District 10-0
Kathy Reeger, PennDOT District 10-0
Dan Cessna, PennDOT District 11-0
Cheryl Moon-Sirianni, PennDot District 11-0
Robert Miskanic, PennDOT District 11-0
Jeff Shulkosky, PennDOT District 11-0
Stephanie Spang, PennDOT District 11-0
Joe Szcurek, PennDOT District 12-0
Rachel Duda, PennDOT District 12-0
Angela, Saunders, PennDOT District 12-0
Joshua Theakston, PennDOT District 12-0
Lynn Manion, Airport Corridor Transportation Association
Lucinda Beattie, Pittsburgh Downtown Partnership
Jim Hassinger, SPC Executive Director & CEO
Doug Smith, SPC Transportation Director
Darin Alviano, SPC Staff
Dominic D'Andrea, SPC Staff
Matt Pavlosky, SPC Staff
Chuck Imbrogno, SPC Staff
Tom Klevan, SPC Staff
Ryan Gordon, SPC Staff
Sara Walfoort, SPC Staff
Josh Spano, SPC Staff
- Indicates voting member

Doug Smith called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

1. Action on the December 11th, 2014 Minutes (Handout 1)

A motion was made by Jim Camp and second by Art Cappella to accept the December 11, 2014 meeting minutes as presented. The TTC approved.

2. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

3. FHWA/PennDOT Central Office Reports

Kevin McCullough and Matt Smoker shared updates on the below activities.

a. Guidelines for Optional County \$5 Fee for Local Use (Handout 2)

In response to numerous inquiries regarding the administration of an optional \$5 county local use fee levied on vehicle registrations, PennDOT has released guidelines for the fee ([County Fee for Local Use Guidelines](#)). Under Act 89 of 2013, Counties have the authority to enact the registration fee. Use of the funds is constitutionally limited to highway and bridge purposes, i.e. the construction, reconstruction, maintenance and repair of and safety on public highways and bridges.

b. Green-Light Go Round 1 Awards

Thirty-eight municipalities (including ten in the SPC Region listed below), will receive \$1.8 million to underwrite the costs of upgrading traffic signals under the new PennDOT “Green Light-Go” program. Under the Green Light-Go program, projects on corridors with fewer than 10,000 vehicles per day will be managed by the municipality, and PennDOT will manage any project with signals on corridors that have greater than 10,000 vehicles per day. Both types of projects will require a 50 percent match from the municipality. Green Light-Go was made possible by Act 89 of 2013.

Allegheny County:

- Aspinwall Borough – \$8,000, to retime four traffic signals along Freeport Road.
- North Fayette Township –\$2,660, to upgrade three traffic signals in the township to LEDs at the intersections of McKee Road and US-22 Westbound off-ramp, Old Steubenville Pike and U.S.30, and Old Steubenville Pike and West Allegheny Road.
- Penn Hills Township – \$10,000, to upgrade three traffic signals in the township to LEDs at the intersections of Saltsburg Road and Universal Road, Saltsburg Road and Stotler Road, and Rodi Road and Purity Road.

Beaver County:

Harmony Township - \$4,500, to upgrade three traffic signals in the township to LEDs along Duss Avenue at the intersections of Dearborn Street, Keystone Road and 24th Street (SR989)

Butler County:

- Cranberry Township – \$40,000, contingency plans for Centracs Software.
- Jackson Township - \$15,000, to retime three traffic signals along Route 68 in Jackson Township (Evans City Road and Lindsay Road), and Evans City Borough (Route 68 and Jackson St. and Washington St.)

Fayette County:

- Brownsville Borough – \$45,400 to upgrade two traffic signals along Route 40 and 2 traffic signals along SR 4002 to LEDs.
- City of Uniontown - \$27,265 to upgrade ten traffic signals within the city to LEDs.

Westmoreland County

- City of Lower Burrell, \$4,500, to upgrade pedestrian signals at three intersections to LEDs within the city.
- Hempfield Township, \$21,500, for traffic signal retiming at two intersections along Mt. Pleasant Road.

c. [Green-Light Go Round 2](#)

During the fiscal year that begins July 1, 2015, up to \$25 million will be allocated to municipalities for installing light-emitting diode (LED) technology, performing regional operations such as retiming, developing special event plans and monitoring traffic signals, as well as upgrading traffic signals to the latest technologies. The application period runs from December 20, 2014, to Feb. 27, 2015.

d. [FHWA Proposes Performance Measures for Highway, Bridge Pavement Conditions](#)

A Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) to establish performance measures to carry out the National Highway Performance Program (NHPP) was published early January in the *Federal Register*. This NPRM proposes performance management regulations related to assessing the condition of bridges on the National Highway System (NHS), pavements on the Interstate, and pavements on the non-Interstate NHS, as required by the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21). The public is encouraged to review the NPRM and submit comments to the docket (FHWA-2013-0053).

e. [PA's Long Range Transportation & Comprehensive Freight Movement Plan](#)

PennDOT's Plan is currently available for viewing. The draft plan, which includes goals, objectives and recommendations based on department research and public input. Public Comments were collected November 15th through December 15th 2014.

f. Obligation of Federal Funds and Submission of 4232's

Effective December 26th, US DOT adopted rules published by the Office of Management and Budget, which are intended to streamline and consolidate regulations involving Federal funding. As part of the implementation, FHWA requires a Project Agreement End date for new authorization requests (4232's) and amendments that significantly change the scope or costs of a project or add a phase.

g. Transportation Reauthorization Update

Absent action by Congress the Highway Trust Fund will run out of funds by the end of May. Debate continues on how to resolve the issue. Possible solutions include a federal tax increase at the pump or user fee based on vehicle miles traveled.

h. P3 Rapid Bridge Replacement Program

PennDOT has finalized all terms for the department's \$899 million Rapid Bridge Replacement Project (RBR), clearing the way for construction to begin this summer on the project to replace 558 bridges across the state. Plenary Walsh Keystone Partners and its team of 11 Pennsylvania-based subcontractors will lead the project. The team will manage the bridges' design, construction and maintenance for 25 years after construction under the public-private partnership (P3) contract. It will also be responsible for securing the capital necessary for construction which will begin in the summer of 2015 and all 558 bridges must be replaced within 36 months. PennDOT will maintain ownership of the bridges. The P3 will deliver significant savings, allow PennDOT to replace the bridges more quickly than under the agency's traditional procurement model, and minimize the impact on motorists.

i. 30-Year Framework for the Future (Handout 3)

Matt Smoker reviewed an email sent from Secretary of Transportation Anthony Fox to all DOT employees concerning a document known as "30-Year Framework for the Future". The document offers a holistic view of the national and international trends affecting the Nation's transportation system. The purpose of this document is to paint a long-view picture for decision makers, legislators, shippers, and the American public, to better understand the changes, challenges, and opportunities

to come over the next three decades

j. The Eastern Federal Lands Highway Division of FHWA 2nd Call for Projects (Handout 4)
The Eastern Federal Lands Highway Division (EFLHD) of FHWA will open a second Call for Projects from Jan. 19 – April 17, 2015 under the Federal Lands Access Program (FLAP). Handout 4 provides information necessary to apply for FLAP funding for improvements to state and locally owned transportation facilities providing access to federal lands. Application, contact and other information can be found at the link below:

<http://www.efl.fhwa.dot.gov/programs/fed-lands-pennsylvania.aspx>

4. Action on Amendments & Modifications to 2015-2018 TIP (Handout 5)

a. District 10-0

Dave Cook of PennDOT District 10-0 reviewed the requested TIP modifications requiring TTC action. Jeff Raykes' motion was seconded by Jim Camp and the TTC approved the administrative actions requiring TTC approval, as presented.

[District 10-0 January TIP Modifications](#)

b. District 11-0

Rob Miskanic of PennDOT District 11-0 reviewed the requested TIP modifications requiring TTC action. Ann Ogoreuc's motion was seconded by Doniele Russell and the TTC approved the administrative actions requiring TTC approval, as presented.

[District 11-0 January TIP Modifications](#)

c. District 12-0

Angela Saunders of PennDOT District 12-0 reviewed the requested TIP modifications requiring TTC action. Art Cappella's motion was seconded by Jeff Leithauser and the TTC approved the administrative actions requiring TTC approval, as presented.

[District 12-0 January TIP Modification Procedures](#)

5. SPC Livability Through Smart Transportation Program Update

Darin Alviano stated that there is a review committee meeting following TTC today at 12:30pm to discuss project sponsors Final Applications scoring and ranking. The goal of the meeting is to come away with a recommendation list of projects, constrained to funds available, and present to the SPC Executive Committee on January 26th.

6. Mapping the Future: The Southwestern PA Plan

[Please click here to take the Performance Measures Survey!](#)

Doug Smith discussed SPC's Performance Measures survey. As the Southwestern PA Plan is being developed, there will be an enhanced focus on performance-based planning and the use of performance measures. Performance-based planning and programming involves measuring progress toward meeting goals, and using information on past and anticipated future performance trends to inform investment decisions. Presently, SPC's Performance Measures survey is out to its partners and general public. The results of this survey will be used, along with input received from SPC's membership, regional and state partners, to develop a draft set of performance measures for inclusion in the Southwestern PA Plan.

7. Future TTC Meeting Discussion

Doug Smith led a discussion concerning future TTC meetings. Many stated that being informed regarding specific regional, state and federal programs and obtaining clarity on what is involved to apply would be beneficial. Also, it was stated that more discussion concerning planning activities is

desired. It was suggested that roundtable a discussion become part of TTC. This gives the opportunity for those around the table to discuss any issues or projects going on in their jurisdiction; many from experience felt this is good way of encouraging sharing of ideas and experiences. Also encouraged was regular presentations on areas of interest and regionally significant projects. Doug thanked all for their input. TTC members were encouraged to email Doug if they had further suggestions

8. ITS Architecture Stakeholder Coordination (Handout 6)

Ken Flack provided a presentation on the region's ITS Architecture which provides a framework for interoperability of the region's transportation system.

- Helps stakeholders visualize how they can work together: emergency management, transit centers, traffic management centers, traveler information, work zones and maintenance coordination, etc.
- Improved efficiency or safety of transportation system through electronics and communications
- Support for implementing region ITS projects
- Helps regional operations planning

9. Other Business/Status Reports

Doug Smith quickly highlighted both recent and upcoming meetings listed below.

- a. January 9 – Economic Impact WG Meeting #3 – Meeting to be rescheduled
- b. January 26 – SPC Directors/Executive Committee
- c. February 4 – SPC Freight Forum
- d. February 12 – CommuteInfo Partners
- e. February 18 – TOC
- f. February 19 – TTC
- g. March 30 – Commission Meeting