

**Meeting Minutes for July 16, 2015**  
**Transportation Technical Committee Meeting**  
**SPC Offices**  
**Two Chatham Center, Pittsburgh**

## Attendees:

- Ann Ogoreuc, Allegheny County Department of Economic Development
- Steve Shanley, Allegheny Department of Public Works
- Tom Swisher, Armstrong County Department of Planning and Development
- 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
- Mammen Mathew, Indiana County Department of Planning and Development
- Kayla Ihrig, Indiana County Department of Planning and Development
- Amy McKinney, Lawrence County Planning Department
- Patrick Hassett, City of Pittsburgh Department of Public Works
- Patrick Roberts, City of Pittsburgh Department of Planning
- Chris Bova, Westmoreland County Department of Planning and Development
- Jeffrey Leithauser, Washington County Planning Commission
- Kevin McCullough, PennDOT Central Office
- Matt Smoker, Federal Highways Administration
- Dave Cook, PennDOT District 10-0
- Doug Dupnock, PennDOT District 10-0
- Dan Cessna, PennDot District 11-0
- Cheryl Moon-Sirianni, PennDot District 11-0
- Robert Miskanic, PennDOT District 11-0
- Stephanie Spang, PennDOT District 11-0
- Angela, Saunders, PennDOT District 12-0
- Bill Beaumariage, PennDOT District 12-0
- Mavis Rainey, Oakland Transportation Management Association
- Jina O'Neil, Oakland Transportation Management Association
- 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
- Indicates voting member

**1. Call to Order**

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

**2. Action on the June 18<sup>th</sup> Minutes (Handout 1)**

A motion was made by Arthur Cappella and seconded by Jeremy Kelly to accept the May June 18<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes as presented. The TTC approved.

**3. Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

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

*a. [The Developing a Reliable and Innovative Vision for the Economy \(DRIVE\) Act](#)*

Matt Smoker discussed the DRIVE ACT. The proposed transportation bill builds on the success of the comprehensive reforms and performance-based approach to transportation investment in MAP-21. It provides for six-years of increased funding. For detailed information, please click on the above link.

**5. Amendment Request to *Mapping the Future: The Southwestern PA Plan* (Handout 2)**

Doug Smith communicated the City of Pittsburgh's and Allegheny County's request to move the I-579 CAP project to the fiscally-constrained portion of the region's Long Range Transportation Plan - *Mapping the Future: The Southwestern PA Plan*. The TTC had no objection to the request. Commission action on the request will be taken at the Commission's September 28<sup>th</sup> meeting. The project will undergo a 30-day public comment period (Wednesday, July 29<sup>th</sup> to Friday, August 28<sup>th</sup>), with one public meeting (Wednesday, August 12<sup>th</sup> at the SPC Office) to be held within that time-frame.

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

*a. PennDOT District 10-0*

Dave Cook of PennDOT District 10-0 reviewed the requested TIP modifications. There was one administrative action requiring TTC action (as highlighted within Handout 3). Jeff Raykes' motion to approve was seconded by Joel McKay 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 were eight administrative actions requiring TTC action (as highlighted within Handout 3). Ann Ogoreuc's motion to approve was seconded by Amy McKinney and the TTC approved the administrative actions as presented.

*c. PennDOT District 12-0*

Angela Saunders of PennDOT District 12-0 reviewed the requested TIP modifications. There were two amendments requiring TTC action (as highlighted within Handout 3). Arthur Cappella's motion to approve was seconded by Jeremy Kelly and the TTC approved the administrative actions as presented.

**7. SPC Planning & Environmental Linkage – Planning Tools**

Ryan Gordon provided a PowerPoint presentation on recent Planning and Environmental Linkage (PEL) activities associated with the SPC LRP update. The presentation included material extracted from the May Agency Coordination Meeting (ACM) presentation of the SPC LRP in Harrisburg. The focus of the presentation was to provide TTC members with a demonstration of some of the PEL planning tools that were developed as a part of the work done in conjunction with the LRP update. Ryan noted that these tools have application beyond just their use by SPC in its PEL activities and it is the hope that by demonstrating these tools TTC members would become interested in utilizing these tools in their planning activities. Both the Regional Ecosystem Framework tool and the wetland mitigation planning tool were demonstrated during the presentation. SPC staff are available to provide assistance and technical support if planning partners are interested in using these planning tools.

**8. 2017 TIP Update**

*a. Draft Candidate Project Lists*

Ryan Gordon asked planning partners that have yet to submit their 2017 TIP candidate projects to please do so. Candidate project lists are needed in order to prepare materials for the upcoming TIP Development Work Group meetings.

*b. State Transportation Commission (STC) 2017 Twelve Year Program Public Input*

Ryan Gordon provided a demonstration of the STC interactive comment map to encourage all participants to review the comments in their area in preparation for the first round of TIP Development Work Groups.

*c. TIP Development Work Groups*

- i. July 22 – Fayette, Greene, Washington, Westmoreland @ District 12-0 Office
- ii. July 23 – Armstrong, Butler, Indiana @ District 10-0 Office
- iii. August 7 – Allegheny, City of Pittsburgh, Beaver, Lawrence @ District 11-0 Office

*d. CMAQ, TAP, HSIP, Multi-Modal Programs*

Andy Waple provided an update on the above programs for the 2017 TIP. Specifically, SPC is developing its own application for the region's set-aside of TAP funds. This will allow SPC to better control the application process. It will also allow SPC to combine the TAP and SPC's Livability through Smart Transportation (SMART) application processes. SPC would like to have projects programmed on the draft TIP rather than simply having a TAP line item. The application period for the region's program will open in early September. The application period for the state program will likely not open until late Fall. It is anticipated that PennDOT will open its multi-modal program at the same time as its TA program. By conducting its process earlier, SPC will be able to assist project sponsors who are unsuccessful in funding projects through the regional selection process with improving their applications for consideration at the state level.

*e. Local Administered Projects Workshops*

Darin Alviano presented and sought feedback on upcoming local project workshops. The purposes of the workshops are to:

- Provide local project sponsors an understanding of the required and recommended processes for successfully delivering local transportation projects using federal funding and state funds; and,
- Provide guidance to sponsors so they can put forth more accurate project scopes, schedules, and estimates leading to quality applications.

TTC members found the workshops to be a value-added initiative and look forward to attending and supporting. SPC staff will follow-up with individual PennDOT Districts to discuss appropriate content.

**9. PA Route 28 Presentation**

Greg Cerminara, a consultant engineer with Michael Baker International gave a presentation on the history of the SR 28 corridor and an overview of the recently completed SR 28 project. This regionally significant project was a two-mile segment between the Chestnut Street ramps and the interchange at the Borough of Millvale. The project was broken into five construction contracts to minimize the escalation of specific advanced items, to increase the number of bidders on advanced contracts to receive better bid prices, and to provide funding programming flexibility.

## **10. Other Business/Status Reports**

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

- a. July 15 – Transit Operators’ Committee
- b. July 22 – Draft Public Participation Plan Update
- c. July 27 – Commission Executive Committee
- d. July 27 – Commission Meeting
- e. August 13 – CommuteInfo Partners
- f. August 20 – Transportation Technical Committee

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