Meeting Minutes for June 18, 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
- Sally Conklin, 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
  Mammen Mathew, 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
- Jeffrey Leithauser, Washington County Planning Commission
- Kevin McCullough, PennDOT Central Office
  Matt Smoker, Federal Highways Administration
- Dave Cook, PennDOT District 10-0
- Kathy Reeger, PennDOT District 10-0
- Jason Beaver, PennDOT District 10-0
- Dan Cessna, 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
- Lynn Manion, Airport Corridor Transportation Association
- Lucinda Beattie, Pittsburgh Downtown Partnership
- Mavis Rainey, Oakland Transportation Management Association
- Steve Shadle, Allegheny County Consultant
- Brent Lahaie, Urban Redevelopment Authority of Pittsburgh
- Doug Smith, SPC Transportation Director
- Andy Waple, SPC Staff
- Darin Alviano, SPC Staff
- Matt Pavlosky, SPC Staff
- Sara Walfoort, SPC Staff
- Dominic D'Andrea, SPC Staff
- Chuck Imbrogno, SPC Staff
- Tom Kievan, SPC Staff
- Ryan Gordon, SPC Staff
- Kathy Stefani, SPC Staff
- Cathy Tulley, SPC Staff
- Xin Wei, SPC Intern
- Josh Grimm, SPC Intern

• Indicates voting member
1. **Call to Order**
   Doug Smith called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

2. **Action on the May 14th Meeting Minutes (Handout 1)**
   A motion was made by Arthur Cappella and seconded by Jeff Leithauser to accept the May 14th meeting minutes as presented. The TTC approved.

3. **Public Comment**
   There was no public comment.

4. **FHWA/PennDOT Central Office Reports**
   Matt Smoker and Kevin McCullough shared updates on the below activities
   
   a. **MAP-21 extension thru July 31, 2015**
      
      [Highway and Transportation Funding Act of 2015](#)
      
      On Friday, May 29, 2015, the President signed into law H.R. 2353, the “Highway and Transportation Funding Act of 2015,” which extends through July 31, 2015: (1) funding for Federal-aid highway, highway safety, motor carrier safety, transit, and other programs financed by the Highway Trust Fund; (2) authority to make expenditures from the Highway Trust Fund; and (3) authority to deposit tax revenues into, and obligate from, the Highway Trust Fund.

   b. **FHWA HQ’s Planning, Environment, & Realty "What’s New".**
      
      On the above link you can sign up to receive e-mail updates from the FHWA Office of Planning, Environment, and Realty (HEP). HEP serves as FHWA’s advocate and national leader for environmental protection and enhancement, comprehensive intermodal and multi-modal transportation planning, and for fair and prudent acquisition and management of real property.

   c. **US DOT Secretary Fast Lane Blog Post**
      
      [NARC, MPOs ready to create opportunity, ready to GROW](#)
      
      In his June 9th blog, Secretary Fox discusses the importance of Metropolitan Planning Organizations and the necessity of a long-term transportation bill to enable effective planning. Secretary Fox’s blog can be found at the above link.

   d. **Statewide Planning Partners Meeting Recap**
      
      Topics discussed included the following: Extreme Weather Resiliency; Results Oriented Planning; PennDOT’s Long Range Transportation and Comprehensive Freight Program; and the Transportation Alternatives Program.
5. **Action on Modifications to 2015-2018 TIP (Handout 2)**
   a. **District 10-0**
   Dave Cook of PennDOT District 10-0 reviewed the requested TIP modifications. There were two administrative actions requiring TTC action (as highlighted within Handout 2). Joel McKay’s motion to approve was seconded by Jeff Raykes and the TTC approved the administrative actions as presented.

   b. **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 2). Ann Ogoreuc’s motion to approve was seconded by Jeff Leithauser and the TTC approved the administrative actions as presented.

   c. **District 12-0**
   Angela Saunders of PennDOT District 12-0 reviewed the requested TIP modification. There were seven administrative actions requiring TTC action (as highlighted within Handout 2). Arthur Cappella’s motion to approve was seconded by Ann Ogoreuc and the TTC approved the administrative actions as presented.

6. **Mapping the Future: The Southwestern PA Plan**
   a. **Public Meetings and Public Comments Summary (Handout 3)**
   Matt Pavlosky discussed the recently completed draft Long Range Plan (Mapping the Future) 30-Day public comment period. The comment period began Wednesday, May 13th, 2015 and ended Friday, June 12th, 2015. As part of the comment period, SPC and its partners conducted 10 public meetings, one in each of SPC’s partner counties (including the City of Pittsburgh). More than 200 individuals attended the meetings and 60 public comments were gathered during the process. Matt thanked county/city planning departments, PennDOT, regional transit agencies and various regional planning partners for their assistance and support of the LRP Public Process.

   b. **Action to Recommend Commission Approval of Air Quality Conformity Determination**
   Arthur Cappella’s motion was seconded by Jeff Leithauser to recommend Commission approval of the Air Quality Determination for Mapping the Future: The Southwestern PA Plan. TTC approved.

   c. **Action to Recommend Commission Adoption of Southwestern PA Plan**
   Joel McKay’s motion was seconded by Ann Ogoreuc to recommend Commission adoption of Mapping the Future: The Southwestern PA Plan. TTC approved, with the City of Pittsburgh abstaining.
7. **2017 TIP Update**

   a. **Statewide Financial Guidance and General & Procedural Guidance**

   Doug mentioned that the Statewide Financial Guidance and General and Procedural Guidance work group has been meeting to develop guidance for the 2017 TIP update. The next meeting of this group is scheduled for July 7th in Harrisburg.

   b. **Regional Process and Schedule (Handout 4)**

   Ryan Gordon and Andy Ware discussed timeline and process for the 2017 TIP update. Details for the first SPC work group meeting (to be scheduled at PennDOT District offices for late July) were discussed with emphasis on new candidate projects. Ryan will be sending all members of the work group a new candidate project excel template. The template will be similar to the one used for the 2015 TIP update, but in addition, it will ask work group members to indicate which SPC long range plan performance measures their project will have a positive impact on. New candidate project list are to be completed by the July 16th TTC meeting. Lists can be emailed to Ryan, Andy, and/or Darin. Also, like last TIP update, SPC will be using SharePoint for TIP work group coordination and collaboration.

   c. **CMAQ, TAP, HSIP Program Development**

   Doug Smith discussed the development of the CMAQ, TAP, HSIP, and possible regional NHPP programs as part of the 2017 TIP update.

   The CMAQ CEC met on June 10th to discuss the process, schedule and proposed streamlining of the technical evaluation scoring system for the program. The CEC also reaffirmed its emphasis on project deliverability.

   The TAP program is looking to be rolled out by PennDOT sometime this fall. There is a possibility that PennDOT may combine the applications for the Multimodal program with the TAP. Doug led discussion on the option of SPC rolling out its own application for the region’s TAP allocated funds (approx. $1.7 million/yr). The main advantage of doing so is that it would allow SPC to control the program schedule and integrate it into other TIP development efforts. A disadvantage is that project sponsors may have to complete two applications; one for SPC’s allocated funds and a second for the statewide TAP funds. SPC staff will continue to look into the pros and cons of each method.

   There has been previous discussion on establishing a program for the region’s allocated HSIP funds (approx. $9 million/yr). SPC would like to see more emphasis on addressing safety on the local roadways and on using HSIP to deliver projects that address focus areas being identified in the Regional Safety Action Plan.
The 2015 TIP Financial Guidance will not have PennDOT District targets for funding allocations. The region will receive funds as a whole and then will need to decide on how to administer. In years past the District’s received funding guidance from Central Office based upon formula allocation. With FHWA emphasis on meeting performance on the NHHP network, it’s worth considering prioritizing projects within the entire region which best meet performance. Doug and the three District Executives are to have further discussion on how to administer the regional allocation.

8. Regional Transportation Safety Action Plan
Domenic D’Andrea made a presentation on the Regional Transportation Safety Action Plan. This presentation included national, state, and regional safety statistics, safety goals, existing safety initiatives and new regional safety focus areas. The Action Plan also provides County-by-County breakdowns of crash data and a list of local road high crash locations for each County. Domenic noted that currently there is very little funding being used to address safety on local roadways.

9. Other Business/Status Reports
Doug Smith quickly highlighted both recent and upcoming meetings listed below.

   a. SPC 2015/2016 Committee Schedule
   b. June 10 – CMAQ Evaluation Committee
   c. June 15 & 16 – Statewide Planning Partners Meeting
   d. June 17 & July 15 – Transit Operators’ Committee
   e. June 25 – Transportation Operations & Safety Committee
   f. June 29 – Commission Executive Committee
   g. June 29 – Commission Meeting
   h. July 16 & August 20 – Transportation Technical Committee