

**Meeting Minutes for November 12, 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  
Steve Shadle, Allegheny Department of Public Works / Consultant (McGwire Group)
- Tom Swisher, Armstrong County Department of Planning and Development
- Jeremy Kelly, Greene County Planning Commission
- Jeff Raykes, Indiana County Department of Planning and Development
- Amy McKinney, Lawrence County Planning and Community Development
- Andrew Dash, City of Pittsburgh Department of City Planning
- Chris Bova, Westmoreland County Department of Planning and Development
- Jeffrey Leithauser, Washington County Planning Commission
  - \* Dave Cook, PennDOT District 10-0
  - \* Kathy Reeger, PennDOT District 10-0
  - \* Cheryl Moon-Sirianni, PennDOT District 11-0
  - \* Robert Miskanic, PennDOT District 11-0
  - \* Stephanie Spang, PennDOT District 11-0
  - \* John Quatman, PennDOT District 11-0
  - \* Rachel Duda, PennDOT District 12-0
  - \* Angela Saunders, PennDOT District 12-0
  - \* Josh Theakston, PennDOT District 12-0
- Mavis Rainey, Oakland Transportation Management Association
- Jina O'Neil, Oakland Transportation Management Association
- Lynn Manion, Airport Corridor Transportation Association
- Lucinda Beattie, Pittsburgh Downtown Partnership
- Sara Hansel, Fisher Associates
- Brian Pitzer, All Aboard Erie
- Jim Hassinger, SPC Executive Director
- 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
- Tom Klevan, SPC Staff
- Sara Walfoort, SPC Staff
- Dan Alwine, SPC Staff
  
- Indicates voting member
  
- \* Participated via phone

**1. Call to Order**

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

**2. Action on the October 8<sup>th</sup> Minutes (Handout 1)**

A motion was made by Jeremy Kelly and seconded by Amy McKinney to accept the October 8<sup>th</sup> TTC meeting minutes as presented. The TTC approved.

**3. Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

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

Doug Smith provided details of a summary completed by the National Association of Counties (NACO) that compares the proposed transportation bills by the House (STRR Act) and Senate (DRIVE Act). A chart comparing these Acts along with current Act MAP-21 can be found at the following link:

<http://www.naco.org/sites/default/files/documents/MAP21%20DRIVE%20STRR%20Comparison%20Chart.pdf>

**5. Action on Modifications to 2015-2018 TIP (Handout 2)**

*A. PennDOT District 10-0*

Dave Cook of PennDOT District 10-0 reviewed the requested TIP modifications. There was one amendment and five administrative actions requiring TTC action (as highlighted within Handout 2). Jeff Raykes' motion to approve was seconded by Jeff Leithauser and the TTC approved the modifications as presented.

*B. PennDOT District 11-0*

Rob Miskanic of PennDOT District 11-0 reviewed the requested TIP modifications. There were six administrative actions requiring TTC action (as highlighted within Handout 2). Amy McKinney's motion to approve was seconded by Tom Swisher and the TTC approved the modifications as presented.

*C. PennDOT District 12-0*

Angela Saunders of PennDOT District 12-0 reviewed the requested TIP modifications. There was one administrative action requiring TTC action (as highlighted within Handout 2). Jeff Leithauser's motion to approve was seconded by Ann Ogoreuc and the TTC approved the modifications as presented.

**6. Regional Freight Plan Update**

Sara Walfoort provided an update on the progress of the Regional Freight Plan for Southwestern Pennsylvania. Earlier this year, the consulting team of Whitman,

Requardt and Associates, Resource Services Group, and French Engineering were hired to prepare a Regional Freight Plan for southwestern Pennsylvania.

Taking direction from the federal level, where the National Freight Strategic Plan was recently released, and the State level, which recently produced the Pennsylvania Comprehensive Freight Movement Plan, the SPC regional plan will identify the freight assets of the region, identify the goods that move into, through and out of the region, and recommend strategies to enhance the safety, efficiency and reliability of the multimodal freight transportation network.

Recognizing that economic activities extend beyond the limits of the ten county region, a 37-county study area was identified, with the ten county SPC region as the focal point of all assessment activities. An eight task work program was developed. The Consultants are currently completing Task 1 (Inventory Freight Transportation) and Task 2 (Commodity Identification and Quantification).

The next steps will be to identify how these commodities move through the region, including identifying the modes and routes used, and the identification of freight opportunities and freight limitations. To ensure that a comprehensive understanding of the regional freight network is developed, regional planning partners, industry representatives and others are asked to complete a detailed survey of freight issues and opportunities in their local area. The survey is available at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SWPAfreight>. Survey responses will be accepted through December 21, 2015.

A completion date of June 2016 is anticipated for the Regional Freight Plan for Southwestern Pennsylvania.

#### **7. All Aboard Erie – Brian Pitzer**

Brian Pitzer from All Aboard Erie gave an overview of his organization's proposal to have a route study linking Erie and the City of Pittsburgh by high-speed rail. Brian gave a number of potential Erie to Pittsburgh Rail Options using existing rail lines. The most likely corridor would be through the Ohio and Beaver Valleys to Youngstown, then to Erie and Cleveland. The cost for a feasibility study is estimated to be \$100K. To date, All Aboard Erie has raised \$10K.

#### **8. 2017 TIP Update**

##### *A. Upcoming TIP Work Group Meetings*

Ryan Gordon reminded members of the upcoming TIP Work Group meetings at the PennDOT Districts as noted below.

- Fayette, Greene, Washington, & Westmoreland - November 16<sup>th</sup> at District 12-0

- Armstrong, Butler, & Indiana - November 23<sup>rd</sup> at District 10-0
- Allegheny, City of Pittsburgh, Beaver, & Lawrence - December 2<sup>nd</sup> at District 11-0

#### *B. TAP Update*

Andy Waple reviewed each candidate project submitted to the Region's 2017/2018 TAP program. There were ten candidate projects submitted requesting approximately \$4.7M in funding. For the Region's TAP program there is approximately \$3.4M available for distribution. In addition, Andy reviewed preliminary project evaluation scoring conducted by SPC and explained the deliverability evaluation scoring that will be conducted by the voting members of the TTC. The deliverability scores will need to be submitted to SPC prior to the December 10<sup>th</sup> TTC meeting. Projects will be selected for 2017-2018 SPC TAP funding at the December TTC Meeting.

Andy informed TTC members that PennDOT is soliciting candidate projects for the statewide TAP program which opened on November 2<sup>nd</sup> and will close on January 8<sup>th</sup>. Approximately \$9M is available for distribution through the 2017/2018 statewide program.

#### *C. CMAQ Update (Handout 3)*

Chuck Imbrogno informed members that there is one more meeting scheduled for the CMAQ Evaluation Committee (CEC) on November 18<sup>th</sup>. At the November meeting the CEC will review the Air Quality, Ancillary, and Deliverability weighted scoring for each project and will look to develop a prioritized list of projects for consideration in the 2017-2020 CMAQ program. In addition, Chuck provided a handout for informational purposes that showed CMAQ projects with funds remaining on the TIP for 2015 & 2016, some of which may carry over into the next TIP. The handout also showed CMAQ program adjustments to date for the current TIP.

#### *D. Public Participation Panels Update (Handout 4)*

Matt Pavlosky reviewed dates and locations (see below table) of upcoming Public Participation Panel meetings. Topics of discussion include:

- TIP/Long Range Plan
- Status of Federal & State Funding Sources for Transportation
- Calendar: SPC Planning dates for 2016... Looking forward
- Open Discussion/Questions with attendees

| Date                     | Time     |   |
|--------------------------|----------|---|
| <b>Tues Nov 17</b>       | 3:00 pm  | <b>Washington</b> County, Courthouse Square, Room 104     |
| <b>Thurs Nov 19</b>      | 11:30 AM | <b>Lawrence</b> , Four Brothers Restaurant, New Castle    |
| <b>Thurs Nov 19</b>      | 6:00 PM  | <b>Armstrong</b> County Courthouse Commissioners Mtg Room |
| <b>Thursday, Dec 3</b>   | 3:00pm   | <b>Beaver</b> County Courthouse                           |
| <b>Tuesday, Dec 8</b>    | 2:00pm   | <b>Butler</b> County Gov't Center, Public Meeting Room    |
| <b>Wednesday, Dec 9</b>  | 11:30am  | <b>Fayette</b> Chamber of Commerce                        |
| <b>Thursday, Dec 10</b>  | 12:30pm  | <b>Allegheny/City of Pgh</b> , SPC Offices                |
| <b>Tuesday, Dec 15</b>   | 4:30pm   | <b>Westmoreland</b> Chamber of Commerce                   |
| <b>Wednesday, Dec 16</b> | 3:00pm   | <b>Indiana Career Link</b>                                |
| <b>Thursday, Dec 17</b>  | 3:00pm   | (HOLD) Waynesburg University, <b>Greene County</b>        |

### ther Business/Status Reports

Doug Smith and staff highlighted recent and upcoming meetings below.

- E. November 5<sup>th</sup> - CommuteInfo
- F. November 10<sup>th</sup> - SPC Freight Forum
- G. November 18<sup>th</sup> - Ped/Bike Committee
- H. November 18<sup>th</sup> - CMAQ Evaluation Committee Meeting #3
- I. December 9<sup>th</sup> - Transit Operators' Committee
- J. December 10<sup>th</sup> - Transportation Technical Committee
- K. December 14<sup>th</sup> - Corporation Board of Directors and Commission Executive Committee
- L. December 14<sup>th</sup> - Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission