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## Southwestern Pennsylvania Active Transportation Forum

**Wednesday, March 1, 2017**

*Meeting: 10:00 AM – Noon*

*Networking Lunch: Noon – 1:00 PM*

*Active Transportation Plan Listening Session 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM*

**North Meeting Room, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Two Chatham Center, 112 Washington Place  
Pittsburgh, PA 15219**

## MEETING SUMMARY

### Attendance

First	Last	Organization
Allison	Robinson	UPMC
Andrea	Elcock	Port Authority
Angela	Saunders	PennDOT D-12
Ann	Ogoreuc	Allegheny County Economic Development
Bill	Beaumarrige	PennDOT D-12
Bill	Lesterick	PennDOT D-11
Betsy	Zang	McCormick Taylor
Daniel	Carpenter	Westmoreland County
Darrell	Rapp	Swissvale Borough
David	White	Pittsburgh Bike Share / Healthy Ride
Dawn	Schilling	McCormick Taylor
Donna	Green	Regional Trail Corporation
Doniele	Russell	Lawrence County
Eric	Boerer	BikePGH
Erica	Bryson	Allegheny County Health Department
Frank	Maguire	Pennsylvania Environmental Council
Gary	Ferrari	PennDOT D-12
Jason	Theakston	Washington County Planning
Job	Feldman	McKees Rocks Community Development Corporation
Jeff	Grim	IUP Institute for Rural Health & Safety
Jerrold	Green	Northside Bike-Ped Committee
Jina	O'Neill	Oakland TMA
Jon	Merker	City Planning
Josh	Krug	Indiana County Office of Planning & Development
Joshua	Grimm	PennDOT D-11
Kathleen	McCaig	Cranberry Twp
Keith	Johnson	Gannet Fleming
Mark	Magalotti	University of Pittsburgh
Mary	Shaw	Trail Volunteer Fund, Free Wheeling Easy

Mike	Young	Trans Associates
Mike	Zizan	Skelly and Loy
Richard	Feder	University of Pittsburgh, Squirrel Hill Urban Coalition
Richard	Meritzer	City Planning
Roy	Weil	Trail Volunteer Fund, Free Wheeling Easy
Todd	Kravits	PennDOT D-11

**SPC Staff**

<b>First</b>	<b>Last</b>	<b>Title</b>
Andy	Waple	Transportation Program Development Manager
Chuck	Imbrogno	Models & Data Analysis Manager
David	Totten	Transit Planner
Doug	Smith	Transportation Planning Director
Kathy	Stefani	ATWIC Program Manager
Kim	Beaver	Grant Manager
Leann	Chaney	Transportation Planner
Lisa Kay	Schweyer	CommuterInfo Program, Program Developer
Tom	Klevan	Manager, Multimodal Planning

**1. Welcome & Introductions**

Leann Chaney opened the meeting and asked for introductions from those in attendance.

**2. Administrative**

Doug Smith announced that SPC will be holding a public meeting in Monroeville tonight to seek input on an Air Quality Conformity Determination and proposed amendments to *Mapping the Future: The Southwestern PA Plan* and amendments to the *2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Program (2017-2020 TIP)*. He also stated that the State Transportation Commission's public engagement period for development of the 2019 TIP will start on March 6, 2017.

**3. Engineering/Projects**

*Ohioyle Pedestrian Study, Gary Ferrari, PennDOT District 12-0*

Gary provided an overview of the SR 381 Pedestrian Access & Safety Improvements: Conceptual Design Study, stating that the initial meeting for this study was held on June 6, 2016 and the final report was completed on November 21, 2016. He presented several study images and reviewed: conflict points and parking areas; a 12-hour traffic count summary that included vehicle, pedestrian and bicycle counts and was conducted by using cameras; discussed initial concept options and design alternatives; and a concept design summary matrix that provided cost estimates for 3 different design options. Gary stated that preliminary engineering would be by funded with State Discretionary funds. In regard to timeline, he stated that an agreement was advertised for consultant services on February 27, 2017. Anticipated agreement execution is May 8,

2017 and the anticipated date for the first work order to begin preliminary engineering is June 1, 2017.

#### **4. Planning**

*Regional Active Transportation Plan, Project Update; Leann Chaney, SPC*

Leann provided an overview of SPC's approach to development of the region's active transportation plan and outlined the various tasks involved, including public engagement. Opportunities for public input will include stakeholder meetings, listening sessions, ongoing input from the Active Transportation Forum and upcoming Public Participation Panel meetings that will be held in May. Leann stated that SPC is the process of assembling a diverse, technical review group that will review work products to ensure representation/balance of trails, on-street biking and walking; ensure consideration of traditionally underserved populations; and consider the impacts between health and transportation. She also presented a project timeline and indicated that SPC envisions having a draft plan by December 2017.

*County by County Assessment; Keith Johnson, Gannet Fleming*

The Gannet Fleming consultant team was selected to conduct a county-by-county assessment of biking and walking in the region. Keith provided an overview of their project approach, which includes meeting with each individual county and the City to discuss local active transportation infrastructure and planning activities. He also stated that they plan to develop profiles, similar to those presented in the Regional Freight Plan, to present their findings and provide a snapshot of active transportation in each county. Project timeline is February-July, 2017.

*Planning Context, Roles & Responsibilities/Stakeholder Discussion;*

*Darren Flusche, Toole Design Group and Jennifer Crystobal, Michael Baker*

Darren and Jennifer facilitated a stakeholder discussion in regard to roles & responsibilities of planning partners, various levels of government and other stakeholders. Several stakeholders, county planners and PennDOT district staff shared their perspective on the roles and responsibilities of entities involved in planning for active transportation and suggested documents that Toole Design Group may want to review as they develop their report.

#### **5. Capacity Building**

*Pedestrian*

Video (time permitting): "*4 Ways to Make a City More Walkable*"

Jeff Speck / TEDx MidAtlantic –due to time constraints, this video was not shown.

#### **6. Funding**

DCNR Community Conservation Partnerships Program (C2P2) – current round is open and ends on April 12, 2017.

**7. Upcoming events**

- National Bike Summit: March 6 -9, 2017 in Washington D.C.
- National Bike Month: May 2017
- Bike to Work Day: May 19, 2017

**8. Education & Advocacy**

- Roundtable Updates

**9. Future meeting dates**

- June 7, 2017
- September 6, 2017

**10. Networking lunch**

Noon – 1PM

**11. Active Transportation Plan Listening Session, 1 – 3 PM**

Toole Design Group held a listening session following the Active Transportation Forum. Attendees and others who were not able to attend the Forum were invited to stop by and share their thoughts on roles & responsibilities of organizations involved in planning for bicycle and pedestrian transportation at a regional level.