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Southwestern Pennsylvania Active Transportation Forum

Wednesday, September 6, 2017

Meeting: 10:00 AM – Noon

Professional Networking Opportunity: Noon – 1:00 PM

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

MEETING SUMMARY

Attendance

First	Last	Organization
Adams	Carroll	Healthy Ride
Adrienne	Tolentino	Goodwill SWPA
Alison	Robinson	UPMC
Andrea	Elcock	Port Authority
Ann	Ogoreuc	Allegheny County Economic Development
Betsy	Zang	McCormick Taylor
Carol	Reichbaum	University of Pittsburgh/WalkWorks
Chris	Chidiron	Walk Bike Shaler
Chris	Sandvig	Pittsburgh Community Reinvestment Group
Courtney	Mahronich	Friends of the Riverfront
Darrell	Rapp	Swissvale Borough
Donna	Green	Regional Trail Corporation
Helen	Humphreys	SWEP
Jason	Theakston	Washington County
Jeb	Feldman	McKees Rocks CDC
Jeff	Grim	IUP Institute for Rural Health & Safety
Jerry	Green	Northside Bike Ped
Jim	Price	Sustainable Pittsburgh
Jina	O'Neill	Oakland Transportation Management Agency
Joe	Rusiewicz	Transystems
Joel	Mackay	Butler County
John	Buerkle	Pashek + MTR
Josh	Krug	Indiana County Office of Planning & Development
Kathleen	McCaig	Cranberry Twp
Lindsay	Angelo	CONNECT

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Liz	Gamelier	TransAssociates
Lynn	Manion	Airport Corridor Transportation Association
Mark	Gordon	Butler County
Marla Myer	Papernick	Pennsylvania Environmental Council
Mary	Shaw	Trail Volunteer Fund, Free Wheeling Easy
Mavis	Rainey	Oakland Transportation Management Agency
Mike	Zizan	Skelly and Loy
Richard	Feder	University of Pittsburgh, Squirrel Hill Urban Coalition
Robert	Genter	Mackin Engineering
Roy	Weil	Trail Volunteer Fund, Free Wheeling Easy
Seth	Koons	Westmoreland County
Stephen	Wiedemer	AD Marble

SPC Staff

First	Last	Title
Abby	Stark	Public Involvement Specialist
Cody	Nolen	Transportation Planner
Doug	Smith	Transportation Planning Director
Evan	Schoss	GIS Analyst
Kathy	Stefani	ATWIC Program Manager
Leann	Chaney	Transportation Planner
Ronda	Craig	Outreach Specialist
Sara	Walfoort	Freight Planning Manager
Tom	Klevan	Manager, Multimodal Planning
Mali'e	Yoon	Intern

1. Welcome & Introductions

Leann opened the meeting and asked for introductions from those in attendance. She also shared that Roy Gothie sends his regrets. He was planning to attend and provide an update on statewide bike-ped activities, but couldn't make it due to scheduling changes that came up at the last minute.

2. Capacity Building

Society of Women Environmental Professionals - Three Rivers Chapter

Helen Humphreys, Co-Chair, presented a brief overview of this newly formed SWEP Chapter. Helen also announced that they will be having an inaugural event with ALCOSAN Executive Director, Arletta Scott Williams, on September 19th at the Green Tree Double Tree Hotel from 8 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

Missing Links Program

Kathleen McCaig presented on Cranberry's Missing Links Program, stating that in the past, the Township's sidewalk & trail network only comprised two miles and the present sidewalk & trail network is 160 miles. Kathleen stated the Township enhanced their efforts to plan for connectivity with the Cranberry Plan in 2009, the Bicyclists and Pedestrian Connections Plan in 2011 and these planning efforts resulted in the development of the Missing Links Program in 2014. Kathleen elaborated on the inventory & analysis process they use to identify and classify "missing links" for development. She stated that these findings are also supplemented by citizen involvement, that annual projects are selected based on this process and that projects are being built to help fill the gaps. Kathleen also reviewed several projects that have been completed based on this process.

Three Rivers Heritage Trail Extension Update

Ann Ogoreuc presented on Allegheny County activities that are underway or planned to improve conditions for biking and walking and also explained how these projects are helping to extend the Three Rivers Heritage Trail system. Projects discussed included plans to develop the Three Rivers Heritage Trail Connector from Pittsburgh to Coraopolis based on an earlier feasibility study; the McKees Rocks / Stowe Study; Neville Island Bike / Shared Lanes; and the County Road Study currently underway to help identify opportunities for multimodal and stormwater improvements in County rights-of-way. Ann also reviewed the County's Active Allegheny Grant Program and stated that 14 municipalities were awarded grants in Year 1 and six municipalities were awarded grants in Year 2. She stated that awards for 2017 have not been announced as of this date.

3. Planning

PennDOT's Statewide Bicycle and Pedestrian Coordinator, Roy Gothie, was scheduled to present an update on Statewide bike/ped activities, but was unable to attend due to a schedule conflict.

Regional Active Transportation Plan, Project Update

Leann provided an update on development of the regional active transportation plan.

4. Education & Advocacy

Roundtable Updates

Roundtable updates were provided by several of those in attendance. Highlighted projects and activities included an upcoming WalkWorks funding opportunity, with grant applications due September 18th; Indiana County moving forward with an update their bike/ped plan; implementation of the City's first contra-flow bike lane in Oakland; OTMA pursuing funding for a Wayfinding project and rehabilitation of the Jon Cairre steps; bike/ped planning projects in Westmoreland County; focus on improving a 5-way

intersection and addressing missing crosswalks and sidewalks in Squirrel Hill; surface improvements being made on the Yough; bike lanes on the North Side; updates on I Heart Trails and the Trail Volunteer Fund; CONNECT's plan to hold a Complete Streets workshop; and planning underway for the 2018 Rail~Volution Conference to be held in Pittsburgh.

5. Upcoming Events

- National Walking Summit (St. Paul, MN): September 13-15, 2017
- PA Greenway & Trails Summit (Reading, PA): September 24-26, 2017
- APA/PA Annual Conference (State College, PA): October 22-24, 2017

6. Future meeting dates

- December 6, 2017
- March 7, 2018
- June 6, 2018

7. Professional Networking Opportunity

Noon – 1PM