



# SOUTHWESTERN PENNSYLVANIA COMMISSION

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## Southwestern Pennsylvania Active Transportation Forum

Wednesday, December 5, 2018

10:00 AM – Noon

North Meeting Room, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor

Two Chatham Center, 112 Washington Place

Pittsburgh, PA 15219

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### MEETING SUMMARY

#### Attendance

First	Last	Organization
Adam	Mattis	DCNR
Alaina	Conner	Allegheny County Health Department
Allison	Robinson	UPMC
Amy	McKinney	Lawrence County
Andrea	Boykowczyk	Oakland Planning & Development Corporation
Ann	Ogoreuc	Allegheny County Economic Development
Betsy	Zang	McCormick Taylor
Bryanna	McDaniel	Allegheny County Health Department
Courtney	Mahronich	Friends of the Riverfront
Donna	Green	Regional Trail Corporation
Eric	Boerer	BikePGH
Jacob	Bowen	Westmoreland County
Jarrett	Crowell	Oakland Planning & Development Corporation
Jayson	Livingston	Environmental Planning + Design (EPD)
Jeb	Feldman	McKees Rocks CDC
Jennifer	Cristobal	Michael Baker
Jerry	Green	Northside Bike Ped
Jina	O'Neill	Oakland Transportation Management Agency (OTMA)
Joel	Mackay	Butler County
Josh	Theakston	PennDOT D-12
Joy	Ruff	Johnson, Mirmirman & Thompson
Laura	Almendinger	Sustainable Pittsburgh
Laura	Poskin	Age-Friendly Greater Pittsburgh
Mary	Shaw	Trail Volunteer Fund, Free Wheeling Easy
Mike	Zizan	Skelly and Loy
Paige	Anderson	Department of Mobility + Infrastructure (DOMI)
Rebecca	Shaffer	Lawrence County
Rich	Fender	Westmoreland County
Roy	Weil	Trail Volunteer Fund, Free Wheeling Easy
Stefani	Kambic	Port Authority

Terry	Fercana	Environmental Design Group
Victoria	Baur	Westmoreland County

**SPC Staff**

Evan	Schoss	Transportation Planner
Kim	Beaver	Grant Manager
Leann	Chaney	Transportation Planner
Tom	Klevan	Manager, Multimodal Planning

**1. Welcome & Introductions**

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

**2. Presentations**

Growing Older and Designing Smarter

Laura Poskin, Director of Age-Friendly Greater Pittsburgh, presented on “Growing Older and Designing Smarter” and elaborated on how Pittsburgh is becoming age-friendly. She said her organization’s focus is on bringing “people of all ages together to rethink how our neighborhoods are built and to take action to make them more inclusive and respectful of every generation”. Laura highlighted demographic and economic data related to residents 65+ in Southwestern Pennsylvania, their desire to age in community and also stated that there are 705 age-friendly communities internationally, with 305 nationwide. She provided a “quick vocab check” and identified preferred use of terminology when working with or referring to older adults (e.g. “older adults,” rather than “seniors”). She highlighted the Age-Friendly Greater Pittsburgh Action Plan, which is comprised of over 30 action items that are grouped into three main categories: access, connection and innovation. Laura also discussed Age-Friendly Pittsburgh initiatives, including “The Crossings” –a street crossing event where a group of people danced across an unsafe intersection to raise awareness of the need for safe and accessible streets for everyone. She shared that a participating resident that lives in a high-rise near that intersection said that she had never crossed that street the entire time she lived there because it was too dangerous. Laura also provided examples of age-friendly sensitivity training provided to Port Authority bus drivers and discussed more interactive and social opportunities they are providing at centers for older people.

Public Participation Panels/ Summary of Long Range Plan Public Meetings

Abigail Stark, Public Involvement Specialist for SPC, provided a summary of SPC’s Public Participation Panels (PPPs) and elaborated on their role and functions, which include representing their communities, hosting public meetings in their county on behalf of SPC and helping to provide input into the regional planning process. She also highlighted active-transportation related public input that was received during the fall 2018 round of PPP meetings, stating it was a predominant theme at many of the meetings.

### Regional Active Transportation Plan/Draft Plan Presentation

Leann provided an overview of the draft Regional Active Transportation Plan, discussed its relationship to *Mapping the Future*, and highlighted contents of the plan by chapter. She also provided a link where the draft plan could be downloaded; stating that comments on the draft document would be accepted through the end of the year.

### Active Transportation Resource Center

Leann launched SPC's online Active Transportation Resource Center and clicked through several pages to demonstrate the organization of the website and highlight content that is included on the site. Leann shared that the draft *Regional Active Transportation Plan* and *Active Transportation Profiles* for each county and the City of Pittsburgh can be found under sub tabs of the home page. She also stated that the resource center is organized around the Six E's and includes tabs for each "E", as well as an "Initiatives" and "Find Funding" tab. Leann asked for feedback on the website and suggestions on helpful resources that could be added, stating that the website will be a dynamic, evolving site.

### **3. Education & Advocacy**

Roundtable updates included: DCNR C2P2 grant cycle is open from January 22 through April 10; Squirrel Hill Urban Coalition is becoming more focused on pedestrian safety; Free Wheeling Easy has a bicycle guide available for purchase; an update to Allegheny County Health Department's Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA) is underway; OTMA reported that opening of the Jon Caire steps was celebrated on October 19; a UPMC TMD process is underway and they are looking at impacts on senior centers; the Oakland bike-ped committee is involved in updating of the Oakland neighborhood plan; the Regional Trail Corporation repaired a portion of the GAP trail from Grant Street to Steel Valley; Lawrence County's Multimodal Corridor Study was approved and they are excited to implement projects in this area with a heavy Amish population; DOMI reported that the Mon Wharf Switchback is now open; and BikePGH shared that Millvale and Etna recently passed Complete Streets resolutions and Wilkins Twp is working on one; also reported that plans are underway for Open Streets and Pedal Pittsburgh 2019 (they will be held on the last Sundays in May, June, July and August).

### **4. Upcoming Events**

- National Bike Summit: March 9-12, 2019 (Arlington, VA + Washington D.C.)

### **5. Future meeting dates**

- Thursday, March 7, 2019
- Wednesday, June 5, 2019
- *Wednesday, September 4, 2019 (tentative)*
- *Wednesday, December 4, 2019 (tentative)*

### **6. Networking Lunch**