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Southwestern Pennsylvania Active Transportation Forum

Thursday, March 7, 2019

10:00 AM – Noon

North Meeting Room, 4th Floor

Two Chatham Center, 112 Washington Place

Pittsburgh, PA 15219

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MEETING SUMMARY

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Governor's Office
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PA Dept. of Community &
Economic Development
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PA Dept. of Transportation
James D. Ritzman

Executive Director
James R. Hassinger

Attendance

First	Last	Organization
Amy Lynn	Wiles	Mackin Engineering
Andrea	Boykowczyk	Oakland Planning & Development Corporation
Anna	Tang	BikePGH
Bill	Lesterick	PennDOT D-11
Bryanna	McDaniel	Allegheny County Health Department
Chris	Chidiron	Walk Bike Shaler
Daniel	Carpenter	Westmoreland County
Darla	Cravotta	Office of Allegheny County Executive
Darrell	Rapp	Swissvale Borough
Doniele	Russell	Lawrence County
Jayson	Livingston	Environmental Planning + Design (EPD)
Jerry	Green	Northside Bike Ped
Joel	Mackay	Butler County
John	Turack	Penn State Extension / Smart Growth
Johnny	Dolan	PennDOT D-11
Josh	Grimm	PennDOT D-11
Josh	Krug	Indiana County
Josh	Theakston	PennDOT D-12
Justin	Miller	Michael Baker
Laurie	Lafontaine	C & I Trail Council
Linda	Gwinn	Blairsville Community Development Authority (BCDA)
Lindsay	Angelo	Congress of Neighboring Communities (CONNECT)
Lydia	Morin	CONNECT
Mary	Shaw	Trail Volunteer Fund, Free Wheeling Easy
Moteus	Martino	University of Pittsburgh
Paul	Heckgert	Steel Valley Trail Council
Rebecca	Shaffer	Lawrence County
Richard	Feder	University of Pittsburgh, Squirrel Hill Urban Coalition
Roy	Weil	Trail Volunteer Fund, Free Wheeling Easy

First	Last	Organization
Sean	Stark	Transystems
Victoria	Baur	Westmoreland County

SPC Staff

David	Totten	Transit Planner
Domenic	D'Andrea	Manager, Operations + Safety Program
Josh	Spano	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

Lawrence County Multimodal Study

Doniele Russell (Lawrence County Planning + Community Development) and Amy Wiles (Mackin Engineering) presented on Lawrence County’s recently completed Multimodal Corridor Study, which focused on the northern part of the county. Doniele and Amy co-presented on different aspects of the study, and elaborated on “who” participated in the study and how that contributed to the project’s success and people wanting to move forward study recommendations to improve safety for all users of the roadways. Overall, the study was a 6-8 month process, including adoption and some projects were completed within a week of adoption. These included signage, paint, and moving crosswalks. They shared that every municipality that was impacted by the study had representatives at committee meetings and that their local PennDOT district staff was very involved, as were local Amish residents and other stakeholders. They also reviewed findings and highlighted priority corridors.

Indiana County Active Transportation Initiatives

Josh Krug (Indiana County Office of Planning & Development) presented on several active transportation projects and programs that are underway and highlighted the Indiana County Active Transportation Advisory Committee. He emphasized the importance of programming in relation to capacity building, outreach, and building and maintaining partnerships. In addition to providing a summary of their WalkWorks program and the Indiana County Decathlon, Josh also presented a summary of the Indiana Multimodal Corridor project and the Route 22 Pedestrian and Bicycle Bridge project.

US 119 Reconstruction Project/Youngwood

Angela Saunders, PennDOT D-12, showed a video of a public plans display meeting that was held for the Youngwood project to present the design concepts that have been developed for the project. Angela followed up with additional information on PennDOT Connects and answered several questions about the project, posed by those in attendance.

3. Education & Advocacy

Roundtable updates

Leann started off the roundtable updates by sharing on SPC participation in the National Complete Streets Coalition's Safe Streets, Smart Cities Academy as a member of the City of Pittsburgh's team. Two other cities were also selected to participate in the academy; Huntsville, AL and Durham, NC. She stated each of the three cities will implement demonstration projects that use tactical urbanism to slow down traffic and create safer streets. Leann also presented a draft interactive map that SPC staff is developing to help identify communities of concern and the locations of reported bicycle and pedestrian crashes.

Other updates included interest in the 2nd Avenue multimodal study; Sharpsburg, Etna and Millvale now have Complete Streets policies; Swissvale is looking to plan connections to river trails; Steel Valley Trail Council is interested trail connections and the 2nd Avenue multimodal study—in particular a connection to Duck Hollow and the Glenwood Bridge; also for Steel Valley, they received a grant to pave about one mile of trail between Pittsburgh and Little Boston; SPC staff shared that the link for the 2nd Avenue multimodal study project is <https://spcsecondavenue.com/> and that to have comments on record, individuals need to go to the project website; BikePGH is planning a City Steps Plan celebration and selecting four communities to pair with artists to celebrate; Walk Bike Shaler presented Complete Streets to council; SPC staff also shared that a kickoff meeting was held for a regional Transportation Demand Management (TDM) plan; Squirrel Hill has proposed a ped-bike route that will connect to the 2nd Avenue corridor; Lawrence County shared that bike counts on the Stavich Trail indicate annual use of 40,000 and that they're working with Ellwood Borough to complete a one-mile section of the Neshannock Trail downtown; Penn State Extension shared that they have materials available with updated topics of webinars and that they will be holding a grant writing workshop (info available at [PSAB](#)).

Reminders:

Meeting presentations are posted on [SPC's Active Transportation Planning webpage](#).

Visit SPC's [Active Transportation Resource Center](#) to find out more about resources that are available for planning and building active transportation networks.

4. Upcoming Events

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

5. Future meeting dates

June 5, 2019

September 4, 2019 (tentative)

December 4, 2019 (tentative)

6. Networking Lunch