

**Meeting Minutes for February 15, 2018**  
**Transportation Technical Committee**  
**SPC Conference Center**  
**Two Chatham Center, Pittsburgh PA 15219**

Attendees:

- Ann Ogoreuc, Allegheny County Department of Economic Development
- Stephen Shanley, Allegheny County Department of Public Works
- Tammy Frank, Beaver County Liquid Fuels
- Mark Gordon, Butler County Planning Commission
- Joel MacKay, Butler County Planning Commission
- Arthur Cappella, Fayette County Zoning, Planning and Community Development
- Jeremy Kelly, Greene County Planning Commission
- Dr. Jeff Raykes, Indiana County Office of Planning and Development
- Amy McKinney, Lawrence County Planning & Community Development \*
- Jeff Skalican, City of Pittsburgh Department of Mobility & Infrastructure
- Mike Behun, City of Pittsburgh Department of Mobility & Infrastructure
- Daniel Carpenter, Westmoreland County Department of Planning and Development
- Jeffery Leithauser, Washington County Planning Commission
- Kevin McCullough, PennDOT Central Office
- Tim Jablunovsky, PennDOT District 10-0\*
- Rob Miskanic, PennDOT District 11-0
- Stephanie Spang, PennDOT District 11-0
- Angela Saunders, PennDOT District 12-0
- Josh Theakston, PennDOT District 12-0
- Janet Flynn, PennDOT Bureau of Aviation
- Lynn Manion, Airport Corridor Transportation Association
- Lucinda Beattie, Pittsburgh Downtown Partnership
- Jina O'Neil, Oakland Transportation Management Association
- Adam Mattis, Department of Conservation & Natural Resources
- Daniel Laird, CDR Maguire
- Dr. Jim Hassinger, SPC Executive Director and CEO
- Andy Waple, SPC Transportation Director
- Darin Alviano, SPC Staff
- Dom D'Andrea, SPC Staff
- Tom Klevan, SPC Staff
- Ryan Gordon, SPC Staff
- Chuck Imbrogno, SPC Staff
- Kristin Baum, SPC Staff
- Dan Alwine, SPC Staff
  
- Indicates voting member
- \* Participated via telephone

**1. Call to Order**

Andy Waple called the meeting to order at 10 am.

**2. Action on the January 18<sup>th</sup> TTC Meeting Minutes (Handout 1)**

A motion was made by Jeff Leithauser and second by Jeremy Kelly to accept the January 18<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**

*A. PennDOT Connects Municipal Outreach Sessions (Handout 2)*

Kevin McCullough reminded everyone of the upcoming PennDOT Connects Municipal Outreach Sessions. Dates are noted on Handout 2 as well as in the January TTC meeting minutes. The first session in the SPC region is occurring today at PennDOT District 10 in Indiana Borough. People are encouraged to sign up for the remaining five sessions in the region at <https://paconnects.org/>; spaces are filling up quickly.

*B. Statewide Transportation Alternatives Program*

With the recent announcement of projects selected through PennDOT's Multimodal Transportation Funding program, Kevin is optimistic we may hear sooner than later on an announcement of TAP projects. The statewide TAP selection committee met last week and is set on a recommended project list. The committee is currently looking at the Multimodal Transportation Funding program to make sure there is no overlap. There is no specific timeframe on an announcement for TAP projects; the committee's project list still requires approval from the Governor's office before any details are released to the public.

*C. Multimodal Transportation Fund*

On February 8<sup>th</sup>, Governor Tom Wolf announced that 45 highway, bridge, bike and pedestrian, and ports and waterways projects will benefit communities in 22 counties through PennDOT's Multimodal Transportation Fund.

The \$41.5 million investment follows PennDOT's evaluation of 222 applications requesting more than \$241 million. The department made selections based on safety benefits, regional economic conditions, the technical and financial feasibility, job creation, energy efficiency, and operational sustainability.

In the SPC region, five municipalities and three agencies received approximately \$5.1 million. The complete project list can be found at the following link:

[http://www.penndot.gov/ProjectAndPrograms/MultimodalProgram/Documents/2017-18%20MTF%20Selection%20List%20\(web\)\\_02.08.2018.pdf](http://www.penndot.gov/ProjectAndPrograms/MultimodalProgram/Documents/2017-18%20MTF%20Selection%20List%20(web)_02.08.2018.pdf)

PennDOT will open the next round of Multimodal Transportation Fund applications on February 26, 2018, with applications due on March 30, 2018. Information on the latest funding round can be found at the following link:

<http://www.penndot.gov/ProjectAndPrograms/MultimodalProgram/Pages/default.aspx>

*D. Railway-Highway Crossings Program*

Central office is in the process of finalizing project selections. The projects will be attached to regional TIPs around the state once decisions are finalized; this is likely to occur in early March.

*E. Interstate Maintenance Program*

Central Office is close to finalizing the Interstate Maintenance Program. They are still working on some programmatic issues. The IM program project list will be provided to planning partners hopefully by early March.

**5. Action on Modifications to 2017-2020 TIP (Handout 3)**

*A. PennDOT District 10-0*

Tim Jablunovsky (via phone) reviewed the requested TIP modifications. There was one amendment and one administrative action requiring TTC approval (as highlighted in Handout 3).

The amendment action involved adding the “Gas Center Thin Overlay” project and its construction phase to the TIP in FFY 2018 in the amount of \$1,800,000 (80% Federal and 20% State). This project involves the application of an ultra-thin bonded wearing course along US 22 from approximately 650 ft east of the US 22/SR 403 Interchange to the Cambria County line in East Wheatfield Township in Indiana County.

Jeff Raykes made a motion to approve, which was second by Mark Gordon, and the TTC approved the one amendment and one administrative action 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 approval (as highlighted in Handout 3). Tammy Frank made a motion to approve, which was second by Amy McKinney, and the TTC approved the administrative actions as presented.

*C. PennDOT District 12-0*

Angela Saunders of PennDOT District 12-0 reviewed requested TIP modifications. There was one amendment and one administrative action requiring TTC approval (as highlighted in Handout 3).

The amendment action involved adding the “Menallen Twp Industrial Park” project and its design and construction phases to the TIP in FFY 2018 in the amounts of

\$5,600 and \$129,400 respectfully, utilizing Appalachian Local Access funding. This project is for improvements to the roadway servicing the Menallen Township Industrial Park in Menallen Township, Fayette County.

Jeff Leithauser made a motion to approve, which was second by Jeremy Kelly, and the TTC approved the one amendment and one administrative action as presented.

*D. Transit Operators*

Tom Klevan gave an update from the February 14th Transit Operators Committee (TOC) meeting.

**6. 2019 TIP Development**

*A. Activities Summary/Schedule*

Ryan Gordon discussed TIP update activities. Content included recap of recent work and a review of key milestones for this TIP update. A five month schedule to reach TIP adoption by the end of June was reviewed. Activities discussed included Central Office review, TTC review, interagency air quality review, air quality conformity, environmental justice report, modification procedures MOU, TIP documentation, public comment period, public meetings, and draft TIP comment response.

*B. SPC TIP Modification Procedures*

Ryan Gordon gave a presentation on the TIP modification procedures, which are being reviewed and updated in association with the 2019 TIP update. The presentation included detail about the different ways that modifications to the TIP are processed at SPC. SPC staff reviewed the elements of the Memorandum of Understanding between SPC and PennDOT that will be revisited and refined, as necessary, in the review process.

*C. Highway Safety Improvement Program (Handout 4)*

SPC staff provided a handout listing projects to be funded through the state's Highway Safety Improvement Program. Eight projects are to be funded in the SPC region; one in Allegheny County, one in Armstrong County, three in Butler County, two in Fayette County, and one in Westmoreland County.

Since mostly all the projects from the SPC region were funded with state HSIP funds, SPC with its partners will be developing a process for selecting projects to utilize SPC's regional HSIP funds.

*D. Transportation Alternatives & Smart Program Status*

Darin Alviano discussed the status of individual TAP and Smart projects currently on the 2017 TIP. He provided details on project schedules; those that are completed, those that are advancing, and those that are experiencing issues/delays. He also stressed the importance of getting the federal funds obligated, especially TAP funds. SPC does not have TAP funds available for projects on the current program to be carried over to the 2019 TIP.

*E. Livability Through Smart Transportation Initiative (Handout 5)*

Andy Waple reviewed the 2018 Livability through Smart Transportation (SMART) Program Guidance. He noted that the pre-application period opens on February 16<sup>th</sup> rather than the 18<sup>th</sup>, which it was stated in Handout 5; the 18<sup>th</sup> is a Holiday. The pre-application will be on SPC's website tomorrow for download. The pre-application is due back to SPC on March 5<sup>th</sup>. This round of SMART funding will be for projects in federal fiscal years 2019 and 2020.

**7. Long Range Plan Update**

Andy Waple reviewed a detailed timeline and process for the development of SPC's Long Range Plan (LRP). He mentioned that staff has been working with member Planning Directors over the past few months to develop the timeline and process.

Andy outlined the scenario planning approach for the LRP, which will focus on five broad "Forces of Change" categories. These categories include Social/Demographics, Technology, Environment, Economics and Public Policy/Financing. SPC will develop expert panels that will discuss and develop reports on current trends in these categories and work to develop scenarios on where these forces are likely to trend over the next 25-30 years. These scenarios will then be used to develop policies and strategies so that the region is prepared for likely outcomes and able to be nimble in response to unexpected outcomes. These policies and strategies will be the foundation of the SPC's next Long-Range Plan.

**8. Butler County Infrastructure Bank**

Mark Gordon gave a presentation on Butler County's Infrastructure Bank. Details of the program are noted below:

Program Overview

- Subsidized loan financing program
- Leverages County Act 13 Impact Fee allocation
- Supports County policies and initiatives
- Municipal (and related) entities based in County are eligible
- Fund design, construction, and related costs of eligible infrastructure improvement projects

Intent and Benefits

- County reinvestment of annual Act 13 Impact Fee dollars
- Provide more affordable infrastructure project opportunities
- Extend benefit to reach greater Butler County population
- Support and contribute to further economic development

### Eligible Projects

Projects must be eligible under Act 13, based in Butler County, and consist of the following:

- Construction, reconstruction, non-routine maintenance and repair of roadways, bridges and public transportation, and related public infrastructure
- Construction, reconstruction, non-routine maintenance and repair of water, wastewater, and stormwater systems/infrastructure
- Public infrastructure related to economic development projects
- 911 radios (first fiscal year only)

### Loan Amounts and Terms

Loan Amounts:

- No minimum or maximum limit
- Determined by scope and impact of project and overall funding program demand

Terms:

- Fixed payments made annually, semiannually, quarterly, or monthly
- Up to 1.5% subsidy offered on County-issued debt
- 10-year term

## **9. Regional Transportation & Community Funding Programs (Handout 6)**

Dan Alwine discussed regional and community funding programs currently available. A handout was provided detailing funding programs provided by SPC, PennDOT, and other state agencies. The informational handout can be found on [SPC's website](#).

Dan also touched upon other grants that are available for local government agencies through various agencies/organizations that are listed on the [National Association of Regional Councils \(NARC\) website](#).

## **10. Other Business / Status Reports**

Any Waple briefly highlighted past and upcoming meetings/events listed below

- A. February 6th – Freight Forum
- B. February 7th – Alliance for Transportation Working in Communities
- C. February 8th – CommuteInfo Partners
- D. February 14th – Transit Operators Committee
- E. February 22nd – Transportation Operations and Safety
- F. March 7<sup>th</sup> – Active Transportation Forum
- G. March 15th – Transportation Technical Committee
- H. March 26th – Southwestern PA Commission Chairman's Workshop

## **11. Adjourn**

Art Cappella made a motion to adjourn, which was second by Jeremy Kelly, and the TTC approved adjournment of the meeting at 12:05 pm.