

Meeting Minutes for January 18, 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
 - 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
 - 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
 - Matt Smoker, Federal Highway Administration *
 - Dave Cook, PennDOT District 10-0
 - Rob Miskanic, PennDOT District 11-0
 - John Quatman, PennDOT District 11-0
 - Angela Saunders, PennDOT District 12-0 *
 - Lynn Manion, Airport Corridor Transportation Association
 - Lucinda Beattie, Pittsburgh Downtown Partnership
 - Mavis Rainey, Oakland Transportation Management Association
 - Jina O'Neil, Oakland Transportation Management Association
 - Lynne Newman, U.S. Census Bureau
 - 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
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- Indicates voting member
 - * Participated via telephone

1. Call to Order

Andy Waple called the meeting to order at 10 am.

2. Action on the December 7th TTC Meeting Minutes (Handout 1)

A motion was made by Jeremy Kelly and seconded by Jeff Leithauser to accept the December 7th 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 Update

Kevin McCullough discussed the upcoming PennDOT Connects Municipal Outreach Sessions. Those attending will:

- Learn about PennDOT Connects – the need, the vision, and the benefits.
- Understand how the initiative is implemented and evaluated.
- Understand the roles and opportunities for communities, the private sector, local transportation agencies/authorities, and other local stakeholders who participate in PennDOT Connects.
- Help shape future municipal training and technical assistance.
- Share perspectives and expectations related to all aspects of local involvement.

The sessions will also provide an opportunity for municipalities to provide PennDOT with input regarding the resources and support they will need to make project coordination successful.

Municipal Outreach Sessions are scheduled as follows:

- Date: February 15, 2018
Location: PennDOT District 10-0
2550 Oakland Avenue
Indiana, PA 15701
Time: 9-11 am
- Date: March 1, 2018
Location: PennDOT District 12-0
825 North Gallatin Avenue
Uniontown, PA 15401-2105
Time: 9-11 am
- Date: March 1, 2018
Location: Washington County
100 W. Beau Street
Washington, PA 15301
Time: 1-3 pm

- Date: March 2, 2018
Location: Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission
Two Chatham Center, Suite 500
112 Washington Place
Pittsburgh, PA 15219
Time: 9 - 11 am
- Date: March 2, 2018
Location: PennDOT District 11-0
45 Thoms Run Road
Bridgeville, PA 15017
Time: 1-3 pm
- Date: March 22, 2018
Location: Butler County
124 W Diamond Street
Butler, PA 16001
Time: 1-3 pm

B. Other

Matt Smoker noted that the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Certification Review Team is finalizing the certification report for the planning process in the Pittsburgh Transportation Management Area (TMA) based on the findings from the Federal Certification Review conducted June 13-15, 2017. It is anticipated that the SPC will receive a final report by the end of January.

5. Action on Modifications to 2017-2020 TIP (Handout 2)

C. PennDOT District 10-0

Dave Cook reviewed the requested TIP modifications. There were two amendment actions requiring TTC approval (as highlighted in Handout 2).

The first amendment action involved adding the PE phase for the “US 422 EB/WB Bridges over Pony Farm Road” project in the amount of \$350,000 (80% Federal and 20% State) in FFY 2018. Estimated cost for construction is \$6,200,000.

This project is the replacement of the existing structures carrying US 422 eastbound and westbound over Pony Farm Road (SR 3005) in North Buffalo Township, Armstrong County.

The second amendment action involved adding the PE phase for the “SR 1004 over US 119 NB/SB” project in the amount of \$375,000 (80% Federal and 20% State) in FFY 2018. Estimated cost for construction is \$6,256,400.

This project, also known as Clymer Ramps Bridge, is the replacement of the structurally deficient bridge carrying SR 1004 over US 119 northbound and southbound in White Township, Indiana County.

Joel McKay made a motion to approve, which was seconded by Jeff Raykes, and the TTC approved the two amendment actions as presented.

D. PennDOT District 11-0

Rob Miskanic of PennDOT District 11-0 reviewed the requested TIP modifications. There were four administrative actions requiring TTC approval (as highlighted in Handout 2). Ann Ogoreuc made a motion to approve, which was seconded by Arthur Cappella, and the TTC approved the administrative actions as presented.

E. PennDOT District 12-0

Angela Saunders of PennDOT District 12-0 reviewed the requested TIP modifications. There was one amendment action and one administrative action requiring TTC approval (as highlighted in Handout 2).

The amendment action involved an increase to the CON phase for the “PA 356 Truck Climbing Lane” project in the amount of \$9,975,000 (100% Toll Credits) cash flowed over FFY 2018, 2019, and 2020. The cost increase is needed to correct a low estimate. The shortfall was discovered after a new project manager updated the estimate after the FFY 2017 TIP was adopted. After the increase was discussed and presented to executive staff at the District, it took several months to identify a viable funding source for this increase.

This project is the construction of a Truck Climbing Lane on PA 356 from the Freeport Bridge to SR 4073 (White Cloud Road) in Allegheny Township, Westmoreland County.

Daniel Carpenter made a motion to approve, which was seconded by Jeff Leithauser, and the TTC approved the one amendment and one administrative action as presented.

6. 2019-2022 TIP Development

A. Regional Summary

SPC staff discussed TIP update activities; content included a recap of the TIP work group meetings and a review of key milestones for this TIP update. Staff reviewed the regional investment summary of the working pre-draft TIP and answered questions on PennDOT investment scorecard parameters.

B. Schedule

SPC staff focused in on the six month schedule to reach TIP adoption by the end of June. 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.

C. Statewide TA Program

Kevin McCullough reported that the state TAP is currently being reviewed by PennDOT. PennDOT hopes to have an approved list of projects by the end of the month; however, the project list will still need approval from the Governor's office before details are released to the public.

D. Livability Through Smart Transportation Initiative (Handout 3)

Andy Waple reviewed the draft Livability Through Smart Transportation Initiative (SMART) Program Guidance. The program is designed to encourage sponsors to plan and implement approaches that link transportation improvements with appropriate land use development strategies to create sustainable, livable communities consistent with policies of the region's adopted Long-Range Transportation and Development Plan ([*Mapping the Future: The Southwestern Pennsylvania Plan*](#)). In addition, the projects considered for funding should advance and promote the following Regional Smart Transportation Themes:

- Linking transportation investments and land use planning
- Supports community goals
- Multimodal
- Partnering
- Safety
- Sustainability

The initiative utilizes federal Surface Transportation Program Urban funding that is allocated to SPC and sets aside \$3,000,000 in 2019 and \$3,000,000 in 2020 (\$6,000,000 total) for candidate projects.

Requests for planning and design proposals may not exceed \$250,000 and construction proposals may not exceed \$1,000,000, including construction inspection. The program requires a minimum non-federal match of 20% (per project phase) of the SMART funds being requested.

SPC member county governments, the City of Pittsburgh, and PennDOT Districts 10, 11, and 12 are eligible to submit one, high priority candidate project per each of their respective counties/City of Pittsburgh to the 2018 SMART Program. *PennDOT*

submissions must originate as a result of municipal collaboration from a PennDOT Connects meeting or Scoping Field View.

The 2018 SMART Program will begin accepting applications on Monday, February 19, 2018. The full schedule for the 2018 SMART program can be found in the table below.

SMART Program Process Timeline for the 2019-2022 TIP	
February 19, 2018	Application period opens
March 5, 2018	Pre-qualification applications due to SPC
March 12, 2018	Sponsors notified if candidate projects meet requirements and are invited to submit final application
April 13, 2018	Application period closes
April 14, 2018 – May 15, 2018	Project evaluation and selection
May 17, 2018	TTC endorses project list
June 25, 2018	SPC Approves 2019-2022 TIP

The SPC Transportation Technical Committee (TTC) will serve as the project evaluation and selection committee.

If anyone has any questions or comments concerning the draft guidance they can reach out to SPC staff. Staff will provide a final guidance document and applications to the TTC at next month's meeting.

7. Butler County Infrastructure Bank

Postponed until February 15th TTC meeting

8. 2020 Census Briefing – Lynne Newman, US Census Bureau

Lynn Newman provided the TTC with a 2020 Census briefing. The U.S. Constitution requires that each decade a census is taken of America's population. The 2020 Census goal is to count everyone once, only once, and in the right place.

The census provides vital information for you and your community.

- It determines how many representatives each state gets in Congress.
- Communities rely on census statistics to plan for a variety of resident needs including new roads, schools, and emergency services.
- Businesses use census data to help provide more local jobs and places to shop.

Each year, the federal government distributes hundreds of billions of dollars to states and communities based on U.S. Census Bureau data.

In 2020, the Census Bureau will introduce new technology to make it easier than ever to respond to the census. For the first time, you will be able to respond online, by phone, or by mail. The Bureau will use data that the public has already provided

to cut down on household visits. And, the Bureau is building a more accurate address list and automating its field operations—all while keeping your information confidential and safe.

A number of regional Census Offices will be opened statewide that will be looking to hire people for a number of well paying, temporary positions. People interested can call the Recruiting Hotline - 1-888-480-1639.

How Local Governments Can Collaborate with the U.S. Census Bureau

Operational Support

- Provide space with public access (i.e. libraries, schools, municipal facilities) that can be used for testing, on-boarding, training, etc.
- Provide lists of residential institutions
- Provide lists of shelters, service providers, and transient locations
- Promote temporary job opportunities

Promotional Support

- Form a Complete Count Committee (elected officials, community groups, faith based, social service, health, business, etc.)
- Encourage census participation in newsletters, on websites, alert systems, drop-in articles, etc.

Census day is April 1st 2020.

9. Other Business / Status Reports

Andy Waple briefly highlighted the upcoming events.

- A. PennDOT Connects Municipal Outreach Sessions (Handout 4)*
- B. National Highway Institute Training Courses (Handout 5)*
- C. January 29th – Southwestern PA Commission Executive Committee*
- D. January 29th – Southwestern PA Commission*
- E. February 14th – Transit Operators Committee*
- F. February 15th – Transportation Technical Committee*
- G. February 22nd – Transportation Operations & Safety Forum*

10. Adjourn

Andy Waple adjourned the meeting at 11:45 am.