

Meeting Minutes for July 19, 2018
Transportation Technical Committee
Transportation Operators 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
- Joel MacKay, Butler County Planning Commission
- Dr. Jeff Raykes, Indiana County Office of Planning and Development
- Amy McKinney, Lawrence County Department of Planning and Community Development
- Jeff Skalican, City of Pittsburgh Department of Mobility and Infrastructure
- Justin Miller, City of Pittsburgh Department of Mobility and Infrastructure
- Jeffery Leithauser, Washington County Planning Commission
- Jason Theakston, Washington County Planning Commission *
- Daniel Carpenter, Westmoreland County Department of Planning and Development
- David Wohlwill, Port Authority of Allegheny County
- Andrea Elcock, Port Authority of Allegheny County
- Kevin McCullough, PennDOT Central Office
- Lynn Manion, Airport Corridor Transportation Association
- Mavis Rainey, Oakland Transportation Management Association
- Kathy Clark, Beaver County Transit Authority*
- Anthony Hickton, CommuteInfo
- Dave Cook, PennDOT District 10-0
- Doug Seeley, PennDOT District 11-0
- Rob Miskanic, PennDOT District 11-0
- John Quatman, PennDOT District 11-0
- Josh Theakston, PennDOT District 12-0
- Jessica Setmire, PennDOT District 12-0
- Matt Pavlosky, Port of Pittsburgh Commission
- Steve Shadle, CDRM
- Dr. James Hassinger, SPC Executive Director and CEO
- Andy Waple, SPC Transportation Director
- Darin Alviano, SPC Staff
- Ryan Gordon, SPC Staff
- Tom Klevan, SPC Staff
- Chuck Imbrogno, SPC Staff
- Dan Alwine, SPC Staff
- Abby Stark, SPC Staff
- Ronda Craig SPC Staff
- Kathy Stefani, SPC Staff
- Sara Walfoort, SPC Staff
- Indicates TTC voting member
- Indicates TOC voting member
- * Participated via telephone

1. Call to Order

Andy Waple called the meeting to order at 10:00 am.

2. Action on the June 20th TOC Meeting Minutes (Handout 1)

There was not a quorum of TOC members. Action on the June 20th TOC meeting minutes will take place at the next TOC meeting.

3. Action on the June 21st TTC Meeting Minutes (Handout 2)

A motion was made by Daniel Carpenter and seconded by Amy McKinney to accept the June 21st TTC meeting minutes as presented. The TTC approved.

4. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

5. FHWA/FTA/PennDOT Central Office Reports

A. Green-Light-Go Awards

Kevin McCullough stated that 70 municipalities will receive more than \$31 million to support traffic signal upgrades, increasing safety and mobility across Pennsylvania's communities. Funded through PennDOT's "Green Light-Go" program, grants are provided as reimbursement to municipalities for updates to improve the efficiency and operation of existing traffic signals. Grant funding through the Green Light – Go Program may be utilized for a range of operational improvements including, but not limited to: light-emitting diode (LED) technology instillation, traffic signal retiming, developing special event plans and monitoring traffic signals, as well as upgrading traffic signals to the latest technologies.

Following is a list of funding recipients in the SPC region, the amount of state funding, and a brief description of the projects.

- **Allegheny County** — \$3,560,565 for improvements to pedestrian facilities at 35 traffic signals in the City of Pittsburgh's Central Business District.
- **Bellevue Borough** — \$32,000 to install new LED traffic signal heads, new countdown pedestrian signals, and new audible push buttons at the traffic signal at North & South Freemont and Lincoln Avenue.
- **Carnegie Borough** — \$22,640 to update traffic signal timings at the intersection of Main Street and Jefferson Street.
- **Crafton Borough** — \$704,051 to modernize four traffic signals along Noble Avenue and Crennell Avenue.
- **Edgewood Borough** — \$139,478 to modernize the traffic signal at Maple Ave. and Edgewood/Swissvale to include LED signal heads with mast arm installation, loop detection, countdown pedestrian signals and ADA-compliant curb ramps.
- **Jefferson Hills Borough** — \$87,684 to modernize a traffic signal at River Road & Walton Road/Glass House Road including new strain poles, signal heads and signal controller.

- **Marshall Township** — \$562,191 to install an adaptive traffic signal system at six intersections along State Route 910 near I-79.
- **Monroeville Borough** — \$226,709 for modernization of a traffic signal at Monroeville Boulevard at Wyngate Drive.
- **Mount Lebanon Township** — \$220,000 for replacement of the traffic signal at the intersection of Bower Hill Road and North Wren Drive/Firwood Drive to accommodate realignment to a four-way intersection.
- **Penn Hills Township** — \$45,372 for LED Replacement at four intersections along Frankstown Road and Verona Road.
- **Scott Township** — \$304,800 to upgrade seven traffic signals along Bower Hill Road and Greentree Road including complete replacement of a signal at Bower Hill Road & Vanadium Road, retiming and coordination, a southbound left-turn advance phase for Bower Hill Road at Painters Run, and detection upgrades.
- **Versailles Borough** — \$265,191 for modernization of two intersections including replacing outdated signal controllers, vehicular and pedestrian signal heads, pushbuttons, and installation of new emergency vehicle preemption and radar detection.
- **White Oak Borough** — \$601,808 for modernization of six intersections including replacing outdated signal controllers, vehicular and pedestrian signal heads, pushbuttons, and installation of new emergency vehicle preemption and radar detection.
- **Butler Township** — \$415,686 to modernize equipment at 17 traffic signals including signal controllers, vehicular and pedestrian signal heads, and push buttons. Emergency preemption and radar detection will also be added.
- **Chartiers Township** — \$46,400 for modernization to the traffic signal at Pike Street, Allison Hollow Road and Racetrack Road including ADA-compliant pedestrian accommodations, installation of radar detection, and additional left turn phases.

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

A. *PennDOT District 10-0*

Dave Cook reviewed the requested TIP modification. There was one grouping of administrative modifications requiring TTC action (as highlighted in Handout 3).

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

B. *PennDOT District 11-0*

Rob Miskanic reviewed the requested TIP modifications. There were four groupings of administrative modifications requiring TTC approval (as highlighted in Handout 3).

Amy McKinney made a motion to approve, which was seconded by Steve Shanley, and the TTC approved the modifications as requested.

C. PennDOT District 12-0

Josh Theakston reviewed the requested TIP modification. There was one grouping of administrative modifications requiring TTC action (as highlighted in Handout 3).

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

D. Transit Operators

There were no modifications requiring action.

7. 2019-2022 TIP

A. Performance Measures Appendix

Andy Waple highlighted the Performance Measures Appendix that was included as part of the TIP submission to Central Office. National performance measures and goals (23 CFR 490) have been established by federal legislation (MAP-21 and FAST Act) for the federal-aid highway program to assess the following: the condition of pavements and bridges on the National Highway System (NHS); safety in terms of serious injuries and fatalities on public roads; performance of the Interstate and non-Interstate NHS; freight movement on the Interstate system; traffic congestion and on-road mobile source emissions as related to the CMAQ Program; NHS asset management; and, public transit asset management through state of good repair (SGR) measures. Data is being gathered and shared among MPO and RPO planning partners to develop baseline measurements and prepare for the ongoing assessment of progress toward performance targets. Processes are being developed by PennDOT for publishing standardized reports to disseminate this information to planning partners and the public.

B. 2019 TIP Development Follow-up Survey

Ryan Gordon reviewed the results of the TIP development follow-up survey that was provided to each TIP work group member to complete. This survey is part of the effort to continually evaluate SPC's process and identify potential enhancements going forward. The input received from the survey will assist SPC in the design of the 2021 TIP update process. Ryan will provide the detailed results of the survey to TTC members.

8. Current TA & Smart Program Status

Darin Alviano provided a status report on the current Transportation Alternatives and Smart programs. Darin focused on each project's ability to capture federal funds this federal fiscal year. He stated that if projects are unable to capture their funds they will need to be reprogrammed on the 2019 TIP which will impact the capacity of new projects for both the TA and Smart programs moving forward.

9. 2018 Smart Program Recommendations (Handout 4)

Dan Alwine presented the unweighted and weighted scoring results for the Smart candidate projects and reviewed the project evaluation scoring criteria, which included project deliverability/readiness that was scored by TTC members.

Below is SPC's recommendation for the candidate projects submitted.

Alternative Name	Project Sponsor	PennDOT District	County	Municipality	Amount of SMART Funds Requested	Total Project Cost
Westmoreland Heritage Trail to Great Allegheny Passage Trail Connector Study	Allegheny County Department of Public Works	D11	Allegheny	Turtle Creek Valley including: Trafford, Monroeville, Pitcairn, North Versailles, Wall, East McKeesport, Wilmerding, Turtle Creek, East Pittsburgh, North Braddock	\$160,000	\$200,000
Monaca Gateway Roundabout	Borough of Monaca	D11	Beaver	Borough of Monaca	\$1,000,000	\$4,520,333
Commodore Perry Regional Trail Extension	Butler County Economic Development & Planning / D-10	D10	Butler	Cranberry Township	\$320,000	\$450,000
PA 68 Corridor Improvements	PennDOT D-10	D10	Butler	Connoquenessing Twp.	\$250,000	\$2,442,319
City of Washington Betterment Project and Livable Streets Initiative	PennDOT D-12	D12	Washington	City of Washington	\$1,000,000	\$10,504,240
US 119 Youngwood Reconstruction	PennDOT D-12	D12	Westmoreland	Hempfield Township, Youngwood Borough, and New Stanton Borough	\$1,000,000	\$34,250,000
Greensburg Health Care District and Neighborhood Trail Connection	City of Greensburg	D12	Westmoreland	City of Greensburg	\$438,400	\$643,000
Sylvan Avenue Multimodal Path	City of Pittsburgh	D11	Allegheny	City of Pittsburgh	\$1,000,000	\$4,800,000
Beaver Falls Corridor Improvements - S.R. 18, 7th Avenue	PennDOT D-11	D11	Beaver	Beaver Falls	\$1,000,000	\$6,534,222.64
					\$ 6,168,400	\$ 64,344,115

Jeff Leithauser's motion to endorse the Smart recommended list of projects for advancement was seconded by Jeff Raykes and the TTC approved. The endorsed Smart Project List will be presented to the SPC Executive Committee at their July meeting.

10. Long Range Plan Update

Andy Waple stated that the first of three Expert Resource Panel Work Group meetings was held at the Pittsburgh Downtown Marriot on June 12th. The meeting was well attended. The information gathered from the Panels on the five "Forces of Change" Categories will be used to begin to formulate strategies to drive the LRP at the next Panel workshop to be held next week (July 25th) at the Regional Alliance Learning Center in Cranberry Township. SPC staff and consultants from Michael Baker are compiling and summarizing the discussions from the first meeting and those summaries will be provided to the expert panels for the second meeting. Also,

SPC is developing a MetroQuest survey centered on the Forces of Change that will be sent to the expert panels then eventually to the public.

11. Port Authority Transit Station Improvement Program

Andrea Elcock from the Port Authority of Allegheny County reported to the TTC and TOC on the agency's work over the past year to plan and implement improvements to key stations on the light rail and busway networks—including some of the most-traveled corridors in the region. PAAC is taking a systematic approach to station improvements, looking at TOD feasibility, station access and station design. PAAC started with an inventory of 57 stations which were evaluated across a number of measures and prioritized for future planning and construction. Station plans have been completed for Negley Station on the East Busway and the Station Square light rail and bus station. A study of the Dormont Junction LRT station is currently underway. Some common issues and possible improvements identified in these station area studies impact multimodal transportation corridors—for example, the connection between access to the station and an area's overall walkability; pedestrian safety around a station; or impacts on a neighborhood when a station's park-and-ride facility is over capacity. TTC member Jeff Rakes advised PAAC to consider the bus stop as part of the urban fabric. The next public stakeholder meeting for the Dormont Junction study will be held in August.

12. Rail~Volution Conference

Justin Miller from the City of Pittsburgh's Department of Mobility and Infrastructure reported to the Committees on the planning for October's Rail~Volution conference, to be held in Pittsburgh October 21-24. This is the preeminent livability and transit conference in the country and regularly draws 1,200 transportation, planning and community development professionals. This is the first time the conference will be held in Pittsburgh. The broad themes include "Innovations in mobility," "Shaping transit for community needs," "Transforming communities through transit-oriented development," "Diversity of places" and "Making transit great again." Organizers are seeking help in a number of ways, including participation, volunteering and hosting of visiting attendees. The next planning "happy hour" is scheduled for August 8. The website www.railvolution.org has full information on the conference.

13. Member Updates

Butler County – Joel McKay mentioned to the Committees that the Butler County Commissioners had recently enacted the \$5 vehicle registration fee.

BCTA— Kathy Clark updated the Committees on their recent federal Triennial Review. They noted the focus on the agency's EEO Plan and DBE Plan (urban and rural reporting), as well as procurement issues relating to the "Veterans Clause," which TOC members have reported as a frequent issue with FTA. SPC staff noted that transit agencies in every county are periodically reviewed by either FTA or

PennDOT or both, making these reviews important for transportation and financial planning in the region's counties.

14. Other Business / Status Reports

Andy Waple highlighted upcoming meetings/events listed below:

- A. *July 25th – Long-Range Plan Expert Panel Work Group #2*
- B. *July 30th – SPC Executive Committee and Commission*
- C. *August 9th – CommuteInfo*
- D. *August 16th – Transportation Technical Committee*
- E. *August 30th – Transportation Operations & Safety Committee*
- F. *September 19th – Transit Operators Committee*

15. Adjourn

Daniel Carpenter made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by Jeff Leithauser and the TTC approved adjournment of the meeting at 12 pm.