

**Meeting Minutes for June 21, 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
 - 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
 - Ben Wolfort, Indiana County Office of Planning and Development
 - Daniel Gennaro, Indiana County Office of Planning and Development
 - Amy McKinney, Lawrence County Department of Planning and Community Development *
 - Mike Behun, City of Pittsburgh Department of Mobility and Infrastructure
 - Jeffery Leithauser, Washington County Planning Commission *
 - Daniel Carpenter, Westmoreland County Department of Planning and Development
 - Kevin McCullough, PennDOT Central Office
 - Matt Smoker, Federal Highway Administration
 - Dave Cook, PennDOT District 10-0
 - Rob Miskanic, PennDOT District 11-0
 - Stephanie Spang, PennDOT District 11-0
 - Josh Theakston, PennDOT District 12-0
 - Lynn Manion, Airport Corridor Transportation Association
 - Lucinda Beattie, Pittsburgh Downtown Partnership
 - Jin O'Neil Oakland Transportation Management Association
 - Steve Shadle, CDRM
 - Dan Laird, CDM
 - 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
- Indicates voting member
 - * Participated via telephone

1. Call to Order

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

2. Action on the May 17th TTC Meeting Minutes (Handout 1)

A motion was made by Art Cappella and seconded by Jeremy Kelly to accept the May 17th TTC meeting minutes as presented. The TTC approved.

3. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

4. FHWA/PennDOT Central Office Reports

A. *Transportation Management Area Planning Certification Review*

Matt Smoker delivered a presentation on the 2018 Certification Review Final Report for the Pittsburgh Transportation Management Area. The certification review was conducted June 15th through June 17th in 2017. US DOT is required to review and certify the planning practices within the transportation management areas to determine how the region follows federal laws and regulations. This is completed no less than once every 4 years. The review found that the transportation process for the region meets Federal requirements and the FHWA and the FTA certified the transportation planning process. There were:

- 19 Commendations
- 17 Recommendations
- No Corrective Actions

A copy of the certification review can be provided upon request.

B. [INFRA Grant Awards](#)

Kevin McCullough stated that the USDOT on June 12th announced nearly \$1.5 billion in proposed grants through the Infrastructure for Rebuilding America (INFRA) discretionary grant program.

INFRA grants support the Administration's commitment to fixing our nation's crumbling infrastructure by creating opportunities for all levels of government and the private sector to fund infrastructure, using innovative approaches to improve the necessary processes for building significant projects, and increasing accountability for the projects that are built.

The "I-80 and I-99 Interstate Connection" project submitted by PennDOT received funding in the amount of \$35,110,410. The project is to provide a direct connection between I-80 and I-99 in Centre County, replacing the current indirect connection along State Route (SR) 26.

C. Federal Transportation Performance Measures PM2/PM3 Target Setting

Matt Smoker and Chuck Imbrogno mentioned that PennDOT had submitted the state's targets for the PM2 and PM3 Federal Transportation Performance Measures to FHWA by the May 20 deadline. The six PM2 measures address Bridge and Pavement condition. The six PM3 measures include 3 for System Reliability, and 3 for the CMAQ Program. MPO targets for these Measures are due by November 16.

D. Statewide PennDOT Connects Workshop

Kevin McCullough provided a recap of the statewide PennDOT Connects Workshop that was held on May 30th in Harrisburg. This all-day event included 95 participants, representing all PennDOT Engineering Districts, Central Office, MPOs/RPOs, FHWA, and DCED, who have participated in PennDOT Connects implementation over the past 1 ½ years. The day started with a discussion of best practices led by a panel of PennDOT District and MPO/RPO leaders who shared their approaches to a variety of issues, including PennDOT Connects outreach meetings, documentation of issues, and the role of District Planners. Secretary Richards shared her thoughts on the implementation of PennDOT Connects, as well as expectations for the future. The morning included an overview of the re-platformed PennDOT Connects system, to be implemented this summer. The remainder of the day involved much lively discussion from participants on a range of issues including, but not limited to, applicability and scalability of the PennDOT Connects approach to all projects, a comprehensive evaluation of how to plan projects with a focus on communities, documentation of District Planner Roles, and the need for identification of requirements at key project delivery milestones to track PennDOT Connects commitments from Design, through Construction, and into Maintenance and Operations. The meeting certainly provided a good range of action items to address over the next year.

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

A. PennDOT District 10-0

Dave Cook reviewed the requested TIP modification. There were three groupings of modifications requiring TTC action (as highlighted in Handout 2); two amendments and one administrative.

The first amendment action involved removing the "PA 68 Park-and-Ride" project from the TIP and allocating the \$3M of CMAQ funds to the "PA 68 Corridor Improvements" project for construction. The District also added \$750K of state funds to the project for the match requirement.

The second amendment action involved removing the "Butler-Multi-Modal Center" project from the TIP and allocating the \$2.3M of CMAQ funds to the "PA 68 Corridor Improvements" project for right-of-way and utilities. The District also added \$356.45K of state funds to the project for the match requirement.

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

B. PennDOT District 11-0

Rob Miskanic reviewed the requested TIP modifications. There were three groupings of modifications requiring TTC approval; all administrative (as highlighted in Handout 2).

Ann Ogoreuc made a motion to approve, which was seconded by Jeff Raykes, and the TTC approved the modifications as requested.

C. PennDOT District 12-0

Josh Theakston reviewed the requested TIP modification. There was one administrative action requiring TTC approval (as highlighted in Handout 2).

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

6. Smart Transportation Program

Dan Alwine summarized the SPC Livability through Smart Transportation program final project applications. SPC received nine project applications; two were in District 10-0, four in District 11-0, and three in District 12-0. Total Smart funds requested equaled \$6.35M. Dan revealed the scoring results for the smart transportation themes and ancillary factors. The TTC members will be responsible for the scoring of the project deliverability and readiness. SPC staff will email TTC members a Decision Lens deliverability scoring link by the end of the day. At their July meeting, TTC members will approve a recommended list of projects for advancement through the SPC Livability Through Smart Transportation Program. The recommended list will then be presented to the Commission at their July.

7. Report on Public Comment Period Response (Draft 2019-2022 TIP; EJ Benefits & Burdens Assessment; Air Quality Conformity Determination; 2040 Plan Amendment) (Handout 3)

Abby Stark gave an overview of the Public Comment period which was open from May 14th through June 13th. Ten public meetings were held throughout the region, at least one in each county. SPC received forty-seven comments via public meetings, online, and written letters. All comments will be shared with the full Commission in advance of their June 25th meeting.

8. Action to Recommend Commission Approval of Air Quality Conformity Determination for 2019-2022 TIP & 2040 Plan Amendment

Ann Ogoreuc's motion was seconded by Art Cappella to recommend Commission Approval of the Air Quality Determination for the 2019-2022 TIP and 2040 Plan Amendment. The TTC approved.

9. Action to Recommend Commission Adoption of 2019-2022 TIP (Handout 4)

Ann Ogoreuc's motion was seconded by Jeff Raykes to recommend Commission Adoption of the 2019-2022 TIP. The TTC approved.

10. 2019 TIP Survey Preview

Ryan Gordon developed a survey to distribute to each TIP work group member. This survey is part of the effort to continually evaluate our process and identify potential enhancements going forward. The survey will be sent out to TIP work group members today or tomorrow. The survey will run approximately 3 weeks and the results will be shared at the July TTC/TOC meeting. The input received from this survey will assist SPC in the design of the 2021 TIP update process.

11. 2019 TIP Detailed Environmental Scoping Update

Ryan Gordon mentioned that SPC staff continues to conduct detailed project scoping on a sample of 18 projects programmed on the draft TIP. This work is designed to provide additional project scoping information to project managers and environmental managers on projects entering the PE/NEPA clearance phase of project development. The 2019 TIP projects were overlaid on top of the Regional Ecosystem Framework in GIS to select the new projects with the greatest potential for environmental impacts. Then coordination was conducted with the District Planning and Programming Manager to gather their input on the project selections. The summary reports were finalized at the end of June and will be provided to District Environmental Managers in early July. Matt Smoker asked if the scoping summaries identify the anticipated level of environmental clearance documentation. Ryan responded that the summaries identify the anticipated level of environmental clearance and in each resource area identify likely permits or clearance documentation. Matt asked that when Ryan provides this information to each District that he copy the FHWA environmental planners that cover that District. Ryan noted that would be no problem.

12. Long-Range Plan Expert Panel Work Group #1 Recap

Andy Waple stated that the first of three Expert Resource Panel Work Group meeting 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 on July 25th in Cranberry Township. Staff and consultants

from Michael Baker are continuing to compile and summarize the discussions from the June 12th meeting. Staff is also developing a public survey centered on the Forces of Change.

13. Other Business / Status Reports

Andy Waple highlighted past and upcoming meetings/events listed below:

- A. SPC Draft Meeting Calendar (Handout 5)
- B. June 6th – Active Transportation Forum
- C. June 20th – Transit Operators Committee
- D. June 25th – SPC Executive Committee and Commission
- E. July 19th – Joint TTC/TOC Meeting
- F. July 25th – Long-Range Plan Expert Panel Work Group #2

14. Adjourn

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