

Meeting Minutes for March 14th, 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
 - Tom Swisher, Armstrong County Planning and Development
 - 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*
 - Daniel Carpenter, Westmoreland County Department of Planning and Development
 - Jeffery Leithauser, Washington County Planning Commission
 - Kevin McCullough, PennDOT Central Office
 - Dave Cook, PennDOT District 10-0
 - Rob Miskanic, PennDOT District 11-0
 - John Quatman, PennDOT District 11-0
 - Angela Saunders, PennDOT District 12-0
 - Josh Theakston, PennDOT District 12-0
 - Amy Mathieson, Airport Corridor Transportation Association
 - 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
 - Abby Stark, 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 10:10 am.

2. Action on the February 15th TTC Meeting Minutes (Handout 1)

A motion was made by Art Cappella and seconded by Jeremy Kelly to accept the February 15th TTC meeting minutes as presented. The TTC approved.

3. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

4. FHWA/PennDOT Central Office Reports

A. TIGER Awards

US DOT recently announced a list of 41 recipients of nearly \$500M in discretionary grant funding for road, transit, maritime and rail projects through the Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) program.

The primary selection criteria for TIGER awards include considerations for safety, state of good repair, economic competitiveness, quality of life, and environmental sustainability for each project. Secondary criteria include innovation and partnerships. The criteria used to select projects for these grants were similar to the Administration's Infrastructure principles of supporting economic vitality and promoting innovation.

A full list of projects can be found at the following link:
https://www.transportation.gov/sites/dot.gov/files/docs/policy-initiatives/tiger/306331/t9-fact-sheets_0.pdf

B. Multimodal Transportation Fund

Application deadline for the 2018-19 PennDOT Multimodal Transportation Fund program is March 30th, 2018. Information regarding the PennDOT Multimodal Transportation Fund program can be found at the following link:
<http://www.penndot.gov/ProjectAndPrograms/MultimodalProgram/Pages/default.aspx>

C. Interstate Project List (Handout 2)

Draft Interstate TIP was presented. The SPC region has \$204.7M worth of projects programmed during the 2019-2022 TIP years. These projects are located in Allegheny (I-376 and I-79), Butler (I-79) and Westmoreland (I-70) Counties. Statewide there is a total of \$2.5B worth of projects programmed.

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

A. PennDOT District 10-0

No action required by TTC on the modifications requested.

B. PennDOT District 11-0

Rob Miskanic of PennDOT District 11-0 reviewed the requested TIP modifications. There were two administrative actions requiring TTC approval (as highlighted in Handout 3). Ann Ogoreuc made a motion to approve, which was seconded by Jeff Leithauser, and the TTC approved the administrative actions as presented.

C. PennDOT District 12-0

Angela Saunders of PennDOT District 11-0 reviewed the requested TIP modification. There was one administrative action requiring TTC approval (as highlighted in Handout 3). Jeff Leithauser made a motion to approve, which was seconded by Daniel Carpenter, and the TTC approved the administrative actions as presented.

6. 2019 TIP Development

A. TIP Modification Procedures MOU - Working Draft

Ryan Gordon stated that following the TTC meeting, SPC staff will host a work group meeting with PennDOT personnel, and any others that may would like to participate, to review a mark-up of the 2019 TIP modification procedures. The goal of the meeting is to reach a consensus on a final draft that will subsequently be presented to TTC members at next month's meeting.

B. Highway Project List (Handout 4)

A draft list of projects programmed was provided to members. This is the list of projects that will be modeled for air quality conformity, undergo Environmental Justice analysis, and go out for a 30-day public comment period.

(Following the TTC meeting, an updated Draft TIP project list (Transit and Highway/Bridge) was sent out to TTC members. This version included the BRT related revisions and showed the addition of the State selected RRX projects.)

C. Transit Project List (Handout 5)

A draft list of projects programmed was provided to members. This is the list of projects that will be modeled for air quality conformity, undergo Environmental Justice analysis, and go out for a 30-day public comment period.

D. Air Quality Conformity

Chuck Imbrogno delivered a presentation on Air Quality Conformity. He explained that SPC, as the designated MPO for the 10-county region, is responsible for making transportation conformity determinations for both the TIP and LRTP as required by the federal Clean Air Act (CAA) and by federal transportation legislation (FAST Act). SPC's conformity findings are based upon criteria and procedures described in the federal Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Transportation Conformity Rule (40 CFR Part 93). SPC's conformity process is consistent with procedures outlined in the EPA-approved Pennsylvania Conformity State Implementation Plan (SIP), and satisfies all applicable conformity process requirements in the Transportation Conformity Rule for designated nonattainment and maintenance areas under federal air quality standards for ozone (O₃), particulate matter (PM₁₀ and PM_{2.5}), and carbon monoxide (CO). SPC prepares a Report that documents the Air Quality Conformity assessment as a companion document to its TIP and LRTP. The conformity assessment is then made available for review during a 30-day public comment period along with the TIP and Plan before Commission approval.

E. Environmental Justice

Andy Waple delivered a presentation on Environmental Justice (EJ). Executive Order 12898 mandates federal agencies to incorporate EJ analysis in their policies, programs and activities. Building from the framework of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, which ensures nondiscrimination in federal programs, EJ directives address how low-income and minority populations are affected by the actions of the federal government. In the publication, an Overview of Transportation and Environmental Justice, the U.S. Department of Transportation (U.S. DOT) outlines the three main objectives stemming from this mandate:

- Avoid, minimize, or mitigate disproportionately high and adverse human health and environmental effects, including social and economic effects, on minority populations and low-income populations;
- Ensure the full and fair participation by all potentially affected communities in the transportation decision-making process; and
- Prevent the denial of, reduction in or significant delay in the receipt of benefits by minority and low-income populations.

SPC prepares an EJ Benefits and Burdens Analysis report as a companion document to both the TIP and LRTP. The report summarizes multiple analysis, outcomes and activities that are part of the region’s planning process, including both a participatory component and a technical component. The report also evaluates the distributive effects of the regional TIP and LRTP by assessing the geographic distribution of benefits and burdens of the regional transportation system to low-income and minority populations.

F. Public Participation Panels

Abby Stark stated that SPC staff has begun scheduling PPP meetings with the City and county planning partners. The PPP meetings will run from early May to early June, coinciding with the TIP Public Comment period. By next TTC a final PPP schedule will be presented along with a draft agenda.

G. SMART Transportation Program Update

Andy Waple mentioned that SPC received eight pre-applications requesting \$4.95M of SMART transportation funding. Dan Alwine prepared a presentation of all candidate projects and gave a brief overview of each project, which was followed by specific project details provided by project sponsors.

Projects and SMART funds requested are noted below:

Project Title	Project Sponsor	County	Funds Requested \$
Westmoreland Heritage Trail to Great Allegheny Passage Trail Connector Study	Allegheny County Department of Public Works	Allegheny	160,000
Monaca Gateway Project	Monaca Borough	Beaver	1,000,000
Route 68 Connonquenessing Park N Ride	Butler County Transit Authority	Butler	250,000
Sylvan Street Multimodal Path	City of Pittsburgh, Department of Mobility and Infrastructure	Allegheny	1,000,000
Greensburg Health Care District and Neighborhood Trail Connection	City of Greensburg	Westmoreland	290,776
US 119 Youngwood Reconstruction	PennDOT District 12-0	Westmoreland	1,000,000
PA 68 Corridor Improvements	PennDOT District 10-0	Butler	250,000
City of Washington Betterment Project and Livable Streets Initiative	PennDOT District 12-0	Washington	1,000,000
TOTAL REQUESTED			4,950,776

7. Other Business / Status Reports

Any Waple highlighted past and upcoming meetings/events listed below

- A. February 22nd – Transportation Operations and Safety
- B. March 7th – Active Transportation Forum
- C. March 26th – Southwestern PA Commission Chairman's Workshop
- D. April 18th – Transit Operators Committee
- E. April 19th – Transportation Technical Committee

8. Adjourn

Jeff Leithauser made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Art Cappella and the TTC approved adjournment of the meeting at 11:50 pm.