

Meeting Minutes for May 16th, 2019
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
- Darin Alviano, Armstrong County Department of Planning and Development
- Joe West, Beaver County Planning Commission
- * Tammy Frank, Beaver County Liquid Fuels
- Mark Gordon, Butler County Planning Commission
- Arthur Capella, Fayette County Zoning, Planning and Community Development
- Jeremy L. Kelly, Greene County
- Josh Krug, Indiana County Office of Planning and Development
- Amy McKinney, Lawrence County Planning Commission
- Jeffrey W. Leithauser, Washington County Planning Commission
- Daniel Carpenter, Westmoreland County Department of Planning and Development
- Jeff Skalican, City of Pittsburgh
- Sofia Yarish, City of Pittsburgh
- Kevin McCullough, PennDOT Central Office
- Harold Swan, PennDOT District 10-0
- Rob Miskanic, PennDOT District 11-0
- Stephanie Spang, PennDOT District 11-0
- Doug Seeley, PennDOT District 11-0
- Josh Theakston, PennDOT District 12-0
- Angela Saunders, PennDOT District 12-0
- Jessica Setmire, PennDOT District 12-0
- * Mavis Rainey, Oakland Transportation Management Association
- Lynn Manion, Airport Corridor Transportation Association
- Lucinda Beattie, Pittsburgh Downtown Partnership
- Steve Shadle, CDR Maguire
- Geoff Bristow, PA Department of Environmental Protection
- Dr. James Hassinger, SPC Executive Director and CEO
- Andy Waple, SPC Transportation Director
- Domenic D'Andrea, SPC Staff
- Chuck Imbrogno, SPC Staff
- Tom Klevan, SPC Staff
- Sara Walfoort, SPC staff
- Dan Alwine, SPC Staff
- John Weber, SPC Staff
- Lillian Gabreski, SPC Staff

- Indicates TTC voting member
- * Participated via telephone

1. Call to Order

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

2. Action on the April 18th TTC Meeting Minutes (Handout 1)

A motion was made by Jeffrey Leithauser and seconded by Amy McKinney to accept the April 18th TTC meeting minutes as presented. The TTC approved.

3. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

4. FHWA/FTA/PennDOT Central Office Reports

A. 2021 TIP Update

Kevin McCullough noted that PennDOT and its planning partners are in the process of updating General Procedural Guidance and Financial Guidance. One of the things FHWA has been pushing for is clearer definitions of roles and responsibilities among planning partners. New performance measures are a central focus of this guidance update. MPOs and planning partners will be impacted by these decisions, which will determine new timelines for TIP and LRTP development and parameters for funding via financial guidance. By the June planning partner's conference call, financial guidance and general procedural guidance should be in the final stages of development.

Kevin McCullough added that on the federal side, as part of the 2019 Appropriations Bill, there have been some revisions on earmarks that would otherwise sit on the books. For the SPC region, there is one project in District 11.

5. Action on Modifications to 2019-2022 TIP (Handout 2)

A. PennDOT District 10-0

Kevin McCullough gave a brief overview of the amendment requested by District 10. Decisions to remove CMAQ projects from the TIP were made in October 2018, but the process has only been initiated in this month's TIP modifications. District 10 used CMAQ funding on other projects, dropping the funds that weren't utilized to the line item to allow other areas to pick these funds up. This is a regional effort to make sure that CMAQ funding is used. The multimodal project will be funded from a separate pot of funds on the Transit TIP. The 68 Park-and-Ride project is being redeveloped. Harold Swan further reviewed the requested TIP modifications.

Jeff Leithauser made a motion to approve, which was seconded by Mark Gordon, and the TTC approved the modifications as requested by Harold Swan.

B. PennDOT District 11-0

Rob Miskanic reviewed the requested TIP modifications. There were five amendments and eight groupings of administrative modifications requiring TTC approval.

All five amendments involved slide remediation projects, which were either federalized or added to the TIP.

Amy McKinney made a motion to approve, which was seconded by Jeff Leithauser, and the TTC approved the modifications as requested by Rob Miskanic.

C. PennDOT District 12-0

Angela Saunders reviewed the requested TIP modifications. There were two amendments and one grouping of administrative modifications requiring TTC approval.

The first amendment is to add PE for the Greensburg HCD Neighborhood Trail project, which was awarded SPC SMART funding in 2018. The second amendment is for the rehabilitation/replacement of the structure carrying SR 1055 Whitethorn Road over a branch of Whitethorn Creek in Westmoreland County. This project is being federalized.

A group of slide remediation projects was passed as an administrative action, as it was considered an emergency package.

Jeremy Kelly made a motion to approve the amendments and modifications, seconded by Daniel Carpenter, and the TTC approved the modifications as requested by Angela Saunders.

6. Wayne Avenue RSA

Domenic D'Andrea gave a presentation detailing the Wayne Avenue Road Safety Audit. SPC has conducted over 30 RSAs since 2009, which are done in accordance with FHWA guidelines on RSAs, as a technical service to partners. SPC usually budgets around three RSAs per year. The RSA was conducted on Wayne Avenue and South 7th Street from Indian Springs Road to Philadelphia Street, and identified areas where safety has already been addressed/improved and areas where it was lacking, with suggestions for improvements.

7. Long Range Plan Update (Handout 4)

A. Draft Plan Overview

Andy Waple gave a brief presentation and overview of the LRTP development process, which will conclude with commission adoption of the LRTP on June 24th. This presentation will also be given at PPP meetings.

B. PPP Meetings

The following public meetings are still to be held:

Allegheny County and City of Pittsburgh: May 22nd

Armstrong County: June 3rd

Butler County: May 23rd

Greene County: June 5th

Indiana County: June 4th

Lawrence County: May 29th

Washington County: May 30th

C. NHS System Update

Andy Waple presented SPC's recommendation for NHS updates, and requested that anyone with additions/deletions in their county get back to SPC by June for recommendation of endorsement by the Commission. Upon approval, the requested NHS revisions will be sent to PennDOT Central Office, then to FHWA in Pennsylvania and D.C. respectively.

8. 2021 TIP Update

Andy Waple presented the schedule overview and process flow for the 2021 TIP development process, noting that it was almost identical to the 2019 TIP schedule. A bridge development workgroup would be added this round, to collect local bridge candidates and analyze and evaluate them in terms of priority for the district. Any comments should be submitted to Ryan Gordon before June TTC.

New candidate projects are due on June 21st, the next TTC meeting. Ryan Gordon will send out forms to be used to add candidate projects for consideration. Work group meetings will begin in late June or early July.

9. Driving PA Forward – Electric Vehicle Grants Presentation by the PA DEP

Geoff Bristow, from the PA DEP's Energy Program's Office, gave a presentation on Electric Vehicle Grants through Driving PA Forward, otherwise known as the Volkswagen Settlement Funds. The presentation included information on trends of electric vehicle usage, the mechanics of Electrical Vehicle usage, and how to access electric vehicle grant funding. More information and the full Driving PA Forward plan can be accessed via the [PA DEP's website](#).

10. Other Business / Status Reports

- A. May 30th& 31st – ROP @ Districts
 - i. District 12 – May 30th from 9:30 – 11:30
 - ii. District 11 – May 30th from 1:30 – 3:30
 - iii. District 10 – May 31st from 9:30 – 11:30
- B. June 5th – Active Transportation Forum
- C. June 19th – Transportation Operators Committee (TOC)
- D. June 20th – Transportation Technical Committee (TTC)
- E. June 27th – Transportation Operations & Safety

11. Adjourn

Daniel Carpenter made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by Mark Gordon, and the TTC approved adjournment of the meeting at 12:16 p.m.