

Meeting Minutes for October 18, 2018
Transportation Technical Committee
SPC Conference Center
Two Chatham Center, Pittsburgh PA 15219

Attendees:

- Ann Ogoreuc, Allegheny County Department of Economic Development
- Thomas Swisher, Armstrong County Department of Planning and Development
- Tammy Frank, Beaver County Liquid Fuels
- Mark Gordon, Butler County Planning Commission
Joel MacKay, Butler County Planning Commission
- Arthur Capella, Fayette County Zoning, Planning and Community Development
- Jeremy L. Kelly, Greene County
- * Dr. Jeff Raykes, Indiana County Office of Planning and Development
- Amy McKinney, Lawrence County Department of Planning and Community Development
- Jeffery Leithauser, Washington County Planning Commission
- * Daniel Carpenter, Westmoreland County Department of Planning and Development
- Jeff Skalican, City of Pittsburgh
Sofie Yarish, City of Pittsburgh
Lucinda Beattie, Pittsburgh Downtown Partnership
Kathryn Schlesinger, Pittsburgh Downtown Partnership
- Kevin McCullough, PennDOT Central Office
Dave Cook, PennDOT District 10-0
Rob Miskanic, PennDOT District 11-0
John Quatman, PennDOT District 11-0
Josh Theakston, PennDOT District 12-0
Jessica Setmire, PennDOT District 12-0
Angela Saunders PennDOT District 12-0
Lynn Manion, Airport Corridor Transportation Association
Steve Shadle, CDR Maguire
Jeff Hans, HDR
Dr. James Hassinger, SPC Executive Director and CEO
Andy Waple, SPC Transportation Director
Ronda Craig, SPC Staff
Darin Alviano, SPC Staff
Ryan Gordon, SPC Staff
Tom Klevan, SPC Staff
Dan Alwine, SPC Staff
Abby Stark, SPC Staff
Dom D'Andrea, SPC Staff
Daniel Bernazzoli, SPC Staff
Leann Chaney, 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 September 20th TTC Meeting Minutes (Handout 1)

A motion was made by Arthur Capella and seconded by Mark Gordon to accept the September 20th TTC meeting minutes as presented. The TTC approved.

3. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

4. FHWA/FTA/PennDOT Central Office Reports (Handout 2)

A. Multimodal Transportation Funding Awards/New Application Period

Kevin McCullough noted that the first attached press release lists the regional projects that were awarded PennDOT Multimodal Transportation Funding. There is currently a new funding award period open, with all applications due by November 15th.

B. Improved Bridge Conditions/New Online Bridge Tool

The second attached press release details the release of an online tool that reports the condition of local bridges, as part of the local asset management collection strategy. While PennDOT is still in the data collection phase of this strategy, the eventual goal is to list all local roads and bridges on the system for use in maintenance.

C. FFY 2019-2022 STIP Planning Finding

Kevin McCullough explained that all of the information used to develop the 2019-2022 TIP over the past year and a half was submitted to FHWA, FTA and EPA for their approval. PennDOT received this approval at the end of September, via a report from FHWA and FTA that details what went well and what could be improved in the TIP development process. This feedback will be incorporated into developing the 2021 draft TIP update. Key points of the report include asset management strategy, communication in the planning process, and federal initiatives.

D. Green Light Go

An announcement was made on Monday regarding the new application period for Green Light Go: October 15th-January 11th. This release includes information on how to apply, FAQ's, etc.

5. PM 2 & 3 Target Setting Debrief

Andy Waple gave a briefing on the PM 2 and PM 3 Targets set during the September TTC meeting, which were presented at the Commission meeting later that month. Both sets of PM 2 and PM 3 Targets were adopted, though some language was adapted to explain why the targets were set conservatively (to the PennDOT recommendations). Rational included the lack of adequate federal funding to appropriately maintain the infrastructure system and the absence of historical data to precisely measure pavement condition and other indicators.

Kevin McCullough added that setting performance management targets was part of the greater goal to educate regions on improving system resiliency, decreasing life cycle costs, and solidifying an appropriate asset management strategy.

Lucinda Beattie asked whether local MPOs would have a degree of flexibility in allocating funding based on the uniqueness of their particular areas, as there is less federal money available and higher federal expectations. She also asked how this would work in meeting state targets. Kevin McCullough agreed with her analysis and said that there was a gap in setting performance targets in this regard, which will hopefully be resolved in the future. Detailed data will be crucial in taking steps to identify where money should best be spent.

6. Action on Modifications to 2019-2022 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).

Mark Gordon made a motion to approve, which was seconded by Amy McKinney, 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 administrative modifications requiring TTC approval (as highlighted in Handout 3).

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

C. PennDOT District 12-0

There were no modifications requiring action.

7. PennDOT Connects Municipal Training Sessions

Ryan Gordon gave a briefing on the PennDOT Connects Statewide Meeting. At the conclusion of the meeting, the planning partners decided to run Connects trainings in early 2019. Kevin McCullough added that a conversation was ongoing regarding the intended audience for these training sessions, and that the goal will be to involve and inform local municipal official so that they can participate early on in the project development phase of PennDOT projects.

8. Draft Active Transportation Plan Presentation

SPC staff member Leann Chaney gave a presentation on SPC's Draft Active Transportation Plan. The plan supplements "Mapping the Future," SPC's Long Range Plan, and serves as a clarifier on the roles and responsibilities in facilitating localized pedestrian and bicycle transportation routes.

The plan development process included extensive public input on existing mapping, strategies, and priorities. In addition to asking attendees to rank the importance of each objective at PPP Meetings,

the team also conducted an online survey. The most important objective was to facilitate regional collaboration and planning for active transportation corridors and to encourage connectivity. The second was to emphasize infrastructure improvements that make people feel safe and comfortable when walking, bicycling, or using transit in both urban and non-urban areas. The third was to encourage improvements that increase access to trails, open spaces and recreational facilities, to increase opportunities for physical activity and promote improvements in public health outcomes.

The plan also summarizes information on trail data and classifications and provides extensive map data. It also outlines guiding principles, policies, and initiatives (both state and national) with recommended strategies that are highlighted to provide greater access to information for municipalities and local planners.

SPC is hoping to create a resource center that will provide tools for local governments who wish to advance biking and walking in their strategic transportation plans. The future Active Transportation Plan Resource Center site will include information on how SPC can help in the project design and build process, as well as connect users to the PennDOT Connects support hub. It will also include funding information for active transportation projects.

Leann Chaney stated that the Resource Center is still in the final development process and the goal is that the site's launch will coincide with the December 5th Active Transportation Forum.

9. Long Range Plan Update

A. Schedule

Andy Waple briefly updated the TTC on how SPC is collecting information to put together the next Long Range Plan. SPC is currently hosting ten Public Participation Panel meetings in each of the counties in its region. SPC will develop the strategies and goals of the plan based in part from the information collected at these meetings and the expert panels that were conducted earlier this year.

As part of a short presentation, Andy Waple highlighted the three fundamental goals that had emerged as part of SPC's Long Range Plan development. These are Connected Mobility, A Globally Competitive Economy, and Resilient Communities.

The first fundamental goal is Connected Mobility, or a connected and integrated system. Without an integrated mobility system for all users, in both urban and rural environments, we will have difficulty achieving the other two goals. The vision statement for this fundamental goal is "a world class, integrated transportation system will provide mobility for all, enable resilient communities, and support a globally competitive economy." Under this goal fall four sub-goals: Equity Keeps Us Whole – Mobility for All; High Tech Mobility – Connected and Autonomous Vehicles; Faster Project Development – Prioritize and Streamline; and Funding.

The second fundamental goal is a Globally Competitive Economy. Strategic infrastructure investments and workforce training will make the region recognized as a global leader in technology

and innovation. There are three sub-goals under Globally Competitive Economy: Workforce for Change – Grow, Train, and Retrain; Infrastructure Supports Us – Prioritize, Improve Support; and Technology Advances Us – Partner and Deploy.

The third and final fundamental goal is Resilient Communities. The revitalization of our communities will make us a magnet for new investment. Intensive investments in broadband connectivity, walkable neighborhoods, and green infrastructure will attract business and residents to newer and older communities alike. Sub goals include Resilient Communities – Elevate Community and The Earth Sustains Us – Tackle Climate Change, Air & Water.

These three fundamental goals, the underlying strategies, and PMs will all go into the drafting of the LRP. The EJ and Air Quality report process will begin in March/April. A 30 day formal public comment period with public meetings will occur from mid-May through mid-June with adoption of plan in June of 2019.

B. Public Participation Panel Meetings

Abby Stark gave an overview of how Public Participation Panel Meetings are run. At each meeting, people are invited to give their thoughts on potential projects via the use of a map and give general commentary. County profiles will be available, as will investment categories, so that people can give input on where they would like to see investment in the region. Finally, the strategies used in LRP development will be presented to the public for additional feedback. She requested that counties assist in spreading the word about the meetings. The meeting dates are (5 pm-7 pm):

October 9th – Washington County

October 10th – Westmoreland County

October 18th – Fayette County

October 25th – Butler County

October 29th – Armstrong County

October 30th – Green County

November 1st – Beaver County

November 8th – Indiana County

November 13th – Lawrence County

November 14th – Allegheny County and the City of Pittsburgh

C. Project List Development Sessions

Ryan Gordon reiterated that SPC will be holding work group meetings in each of the PennDOT districts as part of Long Range Plan Development. The meeting dates and times are:

District 12 - October 31st – 9:00 AM

District 11 - November 5th - 12:30 PM

District 10 - November 7th – 9:00 AM

Meeting documents will include a project template, which will detail district project needs and long term goals. This is essentially the same as the TIP candidate project form. The emphasis will be on larger projects, with a suggested \$ 5 million threshold. Projects should include estimated costs (ballpark figures) and timeline. Cost estimates should be in the year of expenditure, factoring inflation and time value of money. There are also federal performance measure columns, which are included as a structure to integrate performance based planning into project development. Eventually, consistency of projects with performance measures and the strategies outlined by Andy above will be evaluated. Districts should plan on sending this in advance or bringing it to the workgroup.

Additionally, each work group has a file that shows the status of all projects on the 2015 Long Range Plan broken out by county. Many of these projects have been advanced into the TIP. Projects highlighted in blue need to be revisited as a work group to evaluate the current status.

Ryan Gordon announced he would also be sending out a preliminary agenda, which he briefly reviewed, and captured comments from the 2019 TIP, which were deferred to the LRP.

10. Other Business / Status Reports

Andy Waple highlighted recent and/or upcoming meetings/events listed below:

- A. *October 29th – SPC Executive Committee*
- B. *October 21st-24th – Planning Partners*
- C. *October 22nd-24th – Rail-Volution*
- D. *November 7th – ATWIC*
- E. *November 9th – CommuteInfo Partners*
- F. *November 15th – Transportation Technical Committee*

11. Adjourn

Arthur Capella made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by Jeffery Leithauser, and the TTC approved adjournment of the meeting at 11:42 p.m.