



SOUTHWESTERN PENNSYLVANIA COMMISSION

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MINUTES TRANSIT OPERATORS COMMITTEE MEETING

Date: April 18, 2018
Location: Two Chatham Center
112 Washington Place
Pittsburgh, PA

Attendance:
Members: Alan Blahovec, WCTA (Chairperson)
Ed Typanski, PAAC
Mary Jo Morandini, BCTA
Ronda Craig, CommuteInfo
Jina O'Neill, OTMA
Lynn Manion, ACTA
Lucinda Beattie, PDP
Sheila Gombita, WASH
David Richards, NCATA
Donna Wickowski, MMVTA (phone)
Patti Lynn Johnston, TACT (phone)

Guests: David Wohlwill, PAAC
Amy Silbermann, PAAC
Angela Schon, ACTS
Shawna Russell, PPTA (phone)
Roger Cohen, PennDOT (phone)

SPC Staff: Tom Klevan
David Totten
Kathy Stefani
Ryan Gordon
Andy Waple

This meeting of the TOC was called to order at 10:00 A.M.

1. **Welcome and Introductions**
2. **Public Comment –**
There was no public comment.
3. **Approval of Meeting Minutes for the February 14th, 2018 Transit Operators Committee**
 - *The Committee considered the minutes from the February 14th, 2018 TOC meeting.*

Action: Minutes of the February 14th, 2018 TOC meeting was unanimously approved on a motion by David Richards and a second by Sheila Gombita.

4. PPTA Spring Conference Preview

- PPTA’s Shawna Russell spoke by phone to preview events at the annual Spring Conference & Expo. She highlighted the new format of the conference, including:
 - Plenary sessions: “Transit as a driver of the economy” and “Women leaders” (which features Sheila Gombita as a moderator). Other plenary sessions include updates from PennDOT and Avail, an update from the Community Transportation Association of America—which is planning to hold its national conference in Pittsburgh in June—and a legal issues update.

5. FTA/PennDOT Updates

- PennDOT’s Roger Cohen spoke by phone to update the Committee on the recent Pennsylvania Automated Vehicle Summit, held in Pittsburgh. Cohen described Pittsburgh as “ground zero” for this emerging issue. He said 400 people attended the conference to discuss issues such as:
 - Safety, infrastructure and workforce development
 - AV Testing policy
 - Equity issues
 - The just-announced AV testing facility in State College.
 - Cohen also said he thought there was not enough participation from local or municipal government and economic development experts and officials. He said “it would be a strong disservice not to have transit involved and leading AV deployment. He noted that labor leaders took part in the conference and that the AFL-CIO views AV as an opportunity. However, PennDOT believes that AV policy needs to separate safety testing from deployment testing, and that there needs to be more thought given to the impact of connected vehicles.

6. SPC Staff Updates

- Active Transportation Plan—SPC staff reported on continued outreach activities for the Active Transportation Plan. Consultants from Pashek/NTR are working with staff on the project. A draft document is anticipated in the next week. Also, May is “Active Transportation Month” and will include an SPC-sponsored event. May 11, SPC will host a work-session on the state’s active transportation plan project.
- ATWIC— SPC staff reported on the project to update the region’s Coordinated Human Services Transportation Plan. A kickoff event for the project was held in February. Outreach is underway to all ten counties. The plan’s schedule calls for completion and approval in June of 2019. The next meeting of the Alliance is scheduled for May 2nd.
- CommuteInfo—Staff from SPC’s CommuteInfo program announced that a resolution designating May as “Commute Options Awareness Month” was approved by the Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission in March. Among the planned activities are a commuter survey and a data-gathering contest which will feature prizes for participants.

7. Meeting Participant Updates

- *There were no member updates.*

8. Amendments and Administrative Actions to the FFY2017-2020 TIP

- *Allied Coordinated Transportation Services (ACTS)* requested an amendment to the FFY2017-2020 TIP to add the project “Mobile Lifts” (MPMS# 111380) to add funding for a new set of mobile lifts for vehicle maintenance using \$26,000 in state “Other State” funding in FFY2018. AND, ACTS requested an amendment to the TIP to add the new project “Replacement Buses”

(MPMS# 111381) adding \$204,000 in “Other State” funding to purchase three Shared-ride buses in FFY2018. **TOTAL CHANGE: \$230,000**

- **Action:** *This action was unanimously approved and the appropriate changes were made to the region’s FFY2017-2020 TIP by the TOC on a motion by Sheila Gombita and a second by Mary Jo Morandini. Staff will transmit this project information to the PennDOT Program Center within one week of this action.*

- **Indiana County Transit Authority (ICTA)** requested an amendment to the FFY2017-2020 TIP to add the project “Misc. Equipment” (MPMS# 111377) to purchase law and landscape equipment using \$20,000 in “other-state” in FFY2018 and to add the new project “Shop Equipment” (MPMS# 111378) to replace shop equipment, including mobile column lifts and fork lift, using \$65,000 in “other-state” funding in FFY2018. ICTA also requested that the TOC take administrative actions to the project “CTC Vehicle Replacement” (MPMS# 102337) to reduce “other-state” funding in FFY2018 by \$33,500 and add \$210,000 in “other-state” funding in FFY2019 to purchase additional vehicles, and also to adjust the project “Surveillance Upgrade” (MPMS# 106619) by removing \$25,000 in “other-state” funding from FFY2019 and adding it to FFY2018 to move the project up. **TOTAL CHANGE: \$261,500**
 - **Action:** *These actions were unanimously approved and the appropriate changes were made to the region’s FFY2017-2020 TIP by the TOC on a motion by David Richards and a second by Mary Jo Morandini. Staff will transmit this project information to the PennDOT Program Center within one week of this action.*

- **Port Authority of Allegheny County (PAAC)** requested an administrative action to the FFY2017-2020 TIP on the project “Bus Procurement” (MPMS# 71148) to add funding in FFY2018 for the purchase of 10 additional buses, using \$3,600,000 in federal 5339 funding, \$870,975 in state Capital Bond funding and \$29,025 in local funding. **TOTAL CHANGE: \$4,500,000**
 - **Action:** *This action was unanimously approved and the appropriate changes were made to the region’s FFY2017-2020 TIP by the TOC on a motion by Mary Jo Morandini and a second by Sheila Gombita. Staff will transmit this project information to the PennDOT Program Center within one week of this action.*

- **Washington County Transportation Authority (WASH)** requested an amendment to the FFY2017-2020 TIP to add the project “Video System for Paratransit” (MPMS# 111382) to purchase and install a complete video camera system on paratransit vehicles using \$275,000 in “Other-State” funding in FFY2018 and also to add the new project “Replacement Paratransit Vehicles” to purchase eight small transit buses using “Other State” funding of \$600,000 in FFY2018, \$600,000 in FFY2019 and \$600,000 in FFY2020. Also, WASH requests that the TOC perform administrative actions on two projects: On the project “Heavy Duty Bus Replacement” (MPMS# 106645), Add \$40,000 in federal 5307, remove \$170,000 in “Other-State” and add \$164,517 in state 339 funding and \$,483 in local funding in FFY2017 and add \$360,000 in federal 5307 and \$87,097 in “Other-State” and \$2,908 in local funding in FFY2018 and in FFY2019, add \$40,000 in federal 5307 and \$7,097 in “Other-State” and \$2,903 in local funding; then, on the project Support Vehicles Replacement” (MPMS# 106652), add \$20,000 in federal 5307, reduce “Other-State” by \$645 and add 645 in local funding in FFY2018. **TOTAL CHANGE: \$2,465,000.**
 - **Action:** *This action was unanimously approved and the appropriate changes were made to the region’s FFY2017-2020 TIP by the TOC on a motion by John Paul and a second by Sheila Gombita. Staff will transmit this project information to the PennDOT Program Center within one week of this action.*

- *Westmoreland County Transit Authority (WEST) requested an amendment to the FFY2017-2020 TIP to add the project “PNR Construction” (MPMS# 111384) to construct park and ride facilities for commuter service on/near Route 30 using \$2,400,000 in federal 5307, \$580,800 in “Other-State” and \$19,200 in local funding in FFY2018. **TOTAL CHANGE: \$3,000,000***
 - ***Action:** This action was unanimously approved and the appropriate changes were made to the region’s FFY2017-2020 TIP by the TOC on a motion by Sheila Gombita and a second by Mary Jo Morandini. Staff will transmit this project information to the PennDOT Program Center within one week of this action.*

There were no other TIP actions requested.

9. Long Range Transportation Plan/FFY2019-22 TIP Update

- SPC staff updated the Committee on the Draft 2019-22 TIP update and the Long Range Transportation Plan update, including a review of the March 26th SPC “Chairman’s Workshop” with SPC Commissioners and other community leaders.
- The Committee reviewed the draft TIP Modification Procedures MOU.
- The Committee reviewed the schedule of Public Participation Panel meetings which will take place around the region.
- Staff updated the Committee on funding available through the SPC SMART program.

10. Bus Rapid Transit Update

- Port Authority of Allegheny County staff reviewed the most recent planning for the proposed Pittsburgh Bus Rapid Transit project, including the latest operation and service configurations and progress toward applying for state and federal funding. A series of meetings are planned over the coming weeks to review the 30% design drawings. This material is also available at the project website: <http://brt.portauthority.org>

11. Shared Mobility Summit

- SPC Staff reviewed information from the national Shared Mobility Summit.

12. Other Business

- *The next meeting of the TOC is scheduled for 10 a.m. Wednesday, June 20th, 2018 at the Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission, in Pittsburgh, PA.*

13. Adjournment

***Action:** The Meeting was adjourned by a unanimous vote on a motion by Sheila Gombita and a second by Mary Jo Morandini.*