

Meeting Minutes for August 15th, 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
- Mark Gordon, Butler County Planning Commission
- 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
- Kevin McCullough, PennDOT Central Office
- Harold Swan, PennDOT District 10-0
- * Rob Miskanic, PennDOT District 11-0
- * Stephanie Spang, PennDOT District 11-0
- Angela Saunders, PennDOT District 12-0
- * Mavis Rainey, Oakland Transportation Management Association
- Lynn Manion, Airport Corridor Transportation Association
- Kathryn Schlesinger, Pittsburgh Downtown Partnership
- Andy Waple, SPC Transportation Director
- Ryan Gordon, SPC Staff
- Chuck Imbrogno, SPC Staff
- Tom Klevan, SPC Staff
- Josh Spano, SPC Staff
- John Weber, SPC Staff
- Erika Eagan, 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 10:05 a.m.

2. Action on the July 18th TTC/TOC Meeting Minutes [\(Handout 1\)](#)

A motion was made by Jeffrey Leithauser and seconded by Jeff Skalican to accept the July 18th 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. Financial Guidance and General & Procedural Guidance

Kevin McCullough gave an overview of the recently adopted Financial Guidance. He noted that there are still some challenges and risk factors looming, particularly with state funding. The final financial guidance and general procedural guidance are available on the [STC site](#). Andy Waple noted that funding for the 2021 TIP as compared to the 2019 TIP will have a significant cut in funding – almost 21%. The reduction is due to a statewide shift in funding to the interstate program (via NHPP funds) and the revenue projections for the state funding being down almost \$300 million. A shift is also underway from focusing on bridge conditions to pavement/roadway conditions, which to a lesser extent played a part in the funding reduction. For detailed information, the guidance documents are available on the STC site in their entirety.

5. Action on Modifications to 2019-2022 TIP ([Handout 3](#))

A. PennDOT District 10-0

Harold Swan reviewed the requested TIP modifications. There were no amendments and four groupings of administrative modifications requiring TTC approval.

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

B. PennDOT District 11-0

Rob Miskanic reviewed the requested TIP modifications. There was one amendment and six groupings of administrative modifications requiring TTC approval.

The amendment is to add the PE phase to initiate design of an upcoming betterment project, SR 3007/Frankford Rd in Beaver County. The highway restoration is from Frankford Road to Allegheny County line in the City of Aliquippa, Hopewell and Center Townships and will consist of 2 inches of mill and overlay.

Ann Ogoreuc made a motion to approve, which was seconded by Amy McKinney, 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 fourteen groupings of administrative modifications requiring TTC approval.

The first amendment is SR 4057 over Brush Run, this is improvements to the structure carrying SR 4057 (Reed Road) over Brush Run. The amendment is to add the project to the TIP in 2019, the phase was previously programmed on the 2017 TIP but was not obligated prior to the expiration of the program. It will use federal STU highway funds.

The second amendment is SR 1055 over Branch of White Thorn Creek. This project is being removed from the 2019 TIP and will be added back as a department force bridge project at a reduced cost in the future.

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

6. 2021 TIP Update

A. Schedule Overview and TIP Work Group Meetings Recap

Ryan Gordon briefly touched on the material covered at the first two work group meetings in each district. He noted that follow-up information, including responses to public comments, will be sent out during the coming week. The next step will be nailing down the short list of new candidates being carried forward for the new four year program of the TIP.

B. Upcoming TIP Work Group Meetings

- i. District 10: October 18th at 9:30 a.m.*
- ii. District 11: October 24th at 9:30 a.m.*
- iii. District 12: October 30th at 9:00 a.m.*

C. CMAQ

- i. The CMAQ application is open until September 6th*
- ii. CEC Meeting Dates: (immediately following TTC): September 19th, October 10th, November 21st, December 12th*

D. TAP (Handout 4)

Andy Waple presented the draft guidance for the TAP program, noting that there would be no state TAP program for 2019. The TAP program is scheduled to open on August 26th and close on September 20th. The program guidance has not changed significantly since the last TAP application round, with slight updates to ancillary factors to account for the new Long Range Plan. SPC will collect applications, reach out to sponsors with clarifying questions, conduct the technical review and the ancillary factor review, and the TTC, as the TAP committee, will review the project deliverability through the decision lens.

Ryan Gordon presented the currently funded SPC TAP projects in order to identify carry-over costs from the current program. Andy Waple added that projects that are ready can move up from their programmed year to be let early.

E. Local Project Development Workshops (Handout 5)

- i. September 4th at 1:00 p.m. at SPC*
- ii. September 4th at 10:00 a.m. at West Kittanning Volunteer Fire Department*
- iii. September 10th at 10:00 a.m. at Vanport Volunteer Fire Department*
- iv. September 12th at 10:00 a.m. at Rostraver Township Municipal Building*

7. SR 28 (Kittanning to I-80) Regional Corridor Study

Andy Waple updated the TTC on SPC's Route 28 study. SPC was able to secure some additional federal planning funds from central office to conduct, in partnership with the North Central Regional Commission and the Northwest regional commission to look at the SR 28 Corridor

from Kittanning to I-80, which involves Armstrong, Jefferson, and Clarion counties. SPC has been working on developing a scope of work for this study to put out for an RFP in the next few weeks. The study will most likely be underway in late October – early November.

8. SmartMoves Connections: A Regional Vision for Public Transit

Tom Klevan briefly discussed the public outreach component of the Long Range Transportation Plan, which yielded an emphasis on expanded public transit options. SPC received supplemental FTA planning funds from the PennDOT Program Center to work to identify what kind of planning would most benefit the region in regards to public transit. SPC has come up with a scope of work and has set up a procurement process - which is about to start. He noted that SPC has shifted the focus of planning efforts to examine corridors, or sub-areas, to determine the most effective transportation service. The emphasis is also on conducting planning in a way that is feasible despite fiscal limitations, in keeping with principles of asset management. Finally, the planning will be done in conjunction with the Port Authority of Allegheny County (PAAC), who participated in the creation of this project scope. Procurement packages are currently being sent out, with the consultant process to be completed by September.

Lynn Manion made a note of the importance of private sector cooperation in public transit options, and added that the Airport Corridor is having a meeting with Port Authority CEO Katherine Kelleman to appeal to local businesses. In September, the Northern Municipalities going into Beaver County are having a similar program focused on public transit and getting people to work and last mile service.

Joe West added that the concept of forming a regional transportation authority had been discussed in the past - with an emphasis on the importance of coordinating with the unions. The priority was on how to move from one main regional facility to another without having to take 3-4 buses. Tom Klevan emphasized that the approach of the study would not be on the color of the bus or the flavor of transportation, but prioritizing what trips are desired and how these trips could be provided to consumers in the most straightforward manner with the highest return on investment.

Kathryn Schlesinger asked Tom Klevan to discuss the timeline for this study in more detail. Tom Klevan noted that the study would be completed by June of next year. She also asked how the PAAC's planning process would intersect with this study. Tom Klevan underscored the geographic overlaps in the planning studies, PAAC does not have the ability to go beyond their service area, the county line, but other public transit services come into Allegheny County that are not serviced by PAAC. Regional need will be at the center of this planning study, rather than county by county need, with a focus on which services PAAC can provide that will influence the trip making outside the county and vice-versa. SPC would like to set up context for service planning, figuring out what the barriers to joint service planning are and how many are possible to overcome.

9. Other Business / Status Reports

- A. *August 22nd – CommuteInfo Partners*
- B. *August 29th – Transportation Operators & Safety*
- C. *September 4th – Active Transportation Forum*
- D. *September 18th – Transit Operators Committee (TOC)*
- E. *September 19th – Transportation Technical Committee (TTC)*

10. Adjourn

Jeffrey Leithauser made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by Jeremy Kelly, and the TTC approved adjournment of the meeting at 11:20 p.m.