

Meeting Minutes for October 10, 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
- Joel MacKay, Butler County Planning Commission
- Arthur Cappella, Fayette County Zoning, Planning and Community Development
- Jeremy L. Kelly, Greene County
- * Josh Krug, Indiana County Office of Planning and Development
- 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
- John Quatman, PennDOT District 11-0
- * Angela Saunders, PennDOT District 12-0
- Lynn Manion, Airport Corridor Transportation Association
- Ed Typanski, Port Authority of Allegheny County
- Nick Sagan CDR Maguire
- Andy Waple, SPC Transportation Director
- Ryan Gordon, SPC Staff
- Tom Klevan, SPC Staff
- David Totten, SPC Staff
- John Weber, SPC Staff
- Jared Bedekovich, 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 a.m.

2. Action on the September 19th TTC Meeting Minutes ([Handout 1](#))

A motion was made by Jeffrey Leithauser and seconded by Ann Ogoreuc to accept the September 19th TTC meeting minutes as presented. The TTC approved.

3. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

4. FHWA/PennDOT Central Office Reports

Kevin McCullough reminded the TTC that PennDOT is in the process of seeking projects for its Enhanced Mobility Statewide Initiative – [the Multimodal Transportation Fund \(MTF\)](#). Applications are open through November 8th.

Kevin provided information regarding the [Performance-Based Planning and Programming \(PBPP\) Implementation Roadmap for FHWA Divisions](#). The PBPP Implementation Roadmap is a web-based resource to help FHWA Division Offices partner with State Departments of Transportation, metropolitan planning organizations (MPOs), public transportation providers, and the Federal Transit Administration’s Regional Offices to support national performance goals, achieve desired performance outcomes, and meet the Federal planning and programming requirements for Transportation Performance Management (TPM). The website summarizes regulatory requirements, answers frequently asked questions, describes available resources, and recommends ways for FHWA Division Offices to enhance their planning oversight and stewardship activities.

Kevin noted that PennDOT’s [Green Light Go Funding Announcement](#) had been released. In the SPC region, there were three approved projects in Allegheny County.

Andy Waple noted that SPC staff would be attending the annual Planning Partners Conference in State College the following week. Kevin McCullough added that he and Andy would report back regarding information on updates provided at the meeting.

5. Action on Modifications to [2019-2022 TIP \(Handout 2\)](#)

A. *PennDOT District 10-0*

Harold Swan reviewed the requested TIP modifications. There was one amendment and three grouping of administrative modifications requiring TTC approval.

The amendment removes Harrisville Bridge #1 from the TIP. Maintenance forces will be completing the preventive maintenance work. All funds from programmed phases will be moved into the SPC District 10 Highway/Bridge Line Item.

Jeffrey Leithauser made a motion to approve, which was seconded by Darin Alviano, 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 no amendments and five groupings of administrative modifications requiring TTC approval.

Ann Ogoreuc made a motion to approve, which was seconded by Arthur Cappella, 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 no amendments and one grouping of administrative modifications requiring TTC approval.

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

6. 2021 TIP Update

A. Schedule Overview

Ryan Gordon noted that staff is preparing for the third round of TIP work group meetings in each district. A preliminary agenda will be sent out a week before each meeting. The meetings will cover an overview of the schedule and process, updates on the Interstate TIP and SPIKE, a review of candidate project screening, a demonstration of online mapping tools, input from county planners on candidate projects, carryover, a list of updated costs of carryover projects, and an update on CMAQ/TAP/SMART/HSIP/RRX, and an overview of PPP meetings.

Ryan Gordon demonstrated the online Candidate Project Map, which allows users to review TIP Candidate Projects from a planning perspective. A link to the map will be sent out after the meeting.

B. Upcoming TIP Work Group Meetings

- i. District 10: October 18th at 9:30 a.m. and November 6th at 9:00 a.m.*
- ii. District 11: October 24th at 9:30 a.m. and November 18th at 1:00 p.m.*
- iii. District 12: November 7th at 9:00 a.m. and November 25th at 9:00 a.m.*

C. PPP Meetings

Andy Waple noted that PPP meetings will be underway over the next few months. Jared Bedekovich noted that all PPP meetings were scheduled except for the Indiana County meeting. Meeting dates are as follows:

- i. Allegheny/Pittsburgh: November 4th from 3-6 p.m.*
- ii. Armstrong County: December 5th from 3-6 p.m.*
- iii. Beaver County: October 22nd from 1-3 p.m.*
- iv. Butler County: November 19th from 3-6 p.m.*
- v. Fayette County: November 7th from 3-6 p.m.*
- vi. Greene County: November 18th from 3-6 p.m.*
- vii. Indiana County: October 30th from 3-6 p.m.*
- viii. Lawrence County: October 28th from 11:30-1:00 p.m.*
- ix. Washington County: November 12th from 3-6 p.m.*
- x. Westmoreland County: November 20th from 3-6 p.m.*

D. Transit TIP Update

Tom Klevan noted that the transit planning partners are providing draft candidate projects to SPC staff. The plan is to have a draft program complete by the December TOC meeting.

Darin Alviano requested that Tom Klevan share with the counties what their country transit agency has submitted.

E. CMAQ

Andy Waple noted that SPC has completed technical and ancillary scoring of CMAQ candidate projects, the carryover analysis, and has been coordinating with PennDOT Districts, PennDOT Central Office, and FHWA to determine CMAQ project eligibility: 23 projects were submitted, 5 were ruled ineligible and 1 is still pending review.

- i. CEC Meeting Dates (immediately following TTC): September 19th, October 10th, November 21st, December 12th (tentative)*

F. Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Program Update (Handout 3)

Ryan Gordon noted that the deadline for TA was September 20th. The TTC will serve as the evaluation committee for this program. Handout 3 provided an overview of applications received. Full applications will be made available on the SharePoint site. TTC will conduct the deliverability assessment at the November TTC meeting.

SPC has about \$1.8 million in financial guidance per year, and two years worth of projects will be selected during the TA selection process. 13 projects requesting over \$7 million total have been submitted. Eligibility determinations are currently underway, and four projects have been sent to central office for review. In the draft TIP, SPC will continue to show just a TA line item – but in the back will show a list of pre-approved projects to receive TA funding when they have cleared pre-construction phases. Schedules of projects vary and some will move faster than others, so flexibility in programming works best.

Andy Waple added that the line item system means that if you get selected during this round and your project is ready, you will be able to receive funds earlier than the out years of the TIP where they are normally programmed. It is first come first served, so after pre-approval if you are ready to move you can lock up available funds.

Ryan presented on the applications submitted. Andy and Ryan answered questions regarding eligibility, explaining the paving was not available to be funded under the TA program. Unlike the CMAQ program, applications can be resubmitted to revise projects that have aspects that are TA ineligible. As long as part of the project is eligible, projects will not be dismissed. Ryan noted that one project, McKees Rocks Pedestrian Stair Replacement, did not meet the minimum threshold requirement of \$200,000 and so will not be proceeding further to the evaluation stage.

Andy Waple added that at the next TTC meeting, staff will present technical ratings and provide a walkthrough on the deliverability scoring process

7. 2020-2022 UPWP Development

Andy Waple updated the TTC on the UPWP development process. A draft will be submitted to PennDOT Central Office and FHWA for comment by October 30th. Commission adoption of the document will occur in January.

Andy gave a brief summary of both new and regular components of the UPWP in the program development, active transportation, transit planning, safety and operations groups, data and modeling group, and communications group. Many topics were a direct result of the Long Range Plan, and expand on goals for the region such as a greater regional focus (via corridor planning, etc).

8. Southwestern Pennsylvania Regional Transportation Demand Management (TDM) Strategic Action Plan

Tom Klevan presented on the final draft of the [Regional Transportation Demand Management \(TDM\) Strategic Action Plan](#).

Tom thanked the members of the TTC that were involved in working on the plan since February for their effort, and emphasized the stakeholder driven plan development process. Stakeholder outreach consisted of the creation of a project website, the distribution of a stakeholder survey (with over 120 respondents), and the hosting of visioning workshop (with around 60 attendees) and priority setting workshop (with around 30 attendees).

The regional vision statement is that “all travelers across the Southwestern Pennsylvania region have access to and are motivated to choose healthy, sustainable, and effective options that reduce stress on the transportation network.”

The regional goals include:

- Enhance the Ease of Use, Connectivity, and Effectiveness of Transit and Shared Mobility Options as well as Bicycling and Walking
- Increase Employer Involvement to Improve Workforce Access to Jobs
- Increase Public Awareness of Travel Options and Services
- Promote Location-Efficient Development and Design
- Target Opportunities Beyond Work Trips and to Address Non-Recurring Sources of Delay

The plan also emphasizes the need to integrate demand management in planning and project development and to conduct performance measurement. Performance measurement will be weighted based on awareness (of travel options, CommuteInfo and TMAs), activities (i.e. number of employers with commuter benefits or % of regional bus routes with real-time tracking), outputs (i.e. transit ridership, park and ride utilization), and outcomes (i.e. VMT per capita, cost effectiveness).

The TDM Strategic Action Plan also emphasizes balancing needs across the region. Mobility options and TDM initiatives are concentrated in the Pittsburgh core, though there is regional

coordination. The plan recognizes that TDM, mode shift, complete streets, and smart growth may look different across urban, suburban, and rural contexts. It also focuses on funding for TDM, the issue of competition for development and tax revenue between towns and central city, and the need for performance measures to reflect value provided by multiple TDM partners, including TMAs.

Regarding next steps, Tom Klevan highlighted the primary recommendation that SPC develop a “TDM Committee.” This committee would support PennDOT District offices to leverage the PennDOT Connects policy to engage with municipal planning offices and citizens groups in the early phases of transportation project development. It would also evaluate expansion of TMA models to other parts of the region, examine current and past TMA activities to expand reach of programs, and evaluate sources and responsibilities for updating TDM performance measures.

Joel MacKay made a motion that TTC recommend that the Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission adopts the Southwestern Pennsylvania Regional Transportation Demand Management (TDM) Strategic Action Plan. Daniel Carpenter seconded, and the TTC approved the recommendation.

9. SmartMoves Connections: A Regional Vision for Public Transit

David Totten presented on the development of *SmartMoves Connections: A Regional Vision for Public Transit*. Andy Waple noted that this plan came straight out of the Long Range Plan strategies to look at increased regional collaboration among the region’s ten transit providers. SPC received supplemental funding to conduct this work. Dave Totten noted that a key emphasis has been the development of a vision statement for transit in the region.

The steering committee meeting is scheduled to take place during the third week of October. Delta Development Group will be the lead on the project. The three components of the study identified for development are: multimodal corridor and hub strategy, service coordination strategy, and identifying similar pilot studies. The scope of work was developed with input from the Port Authority of Allegheny County, which is currently in the long range plan development process.

As far as methodology, the typology for multimodal hubs has already been developed by the consulting team. Then, the committee will use StreetLight to see how typologies overlap with current travel patterns to see where there are multimodal opportunities. The committee will then provide a public mapping survey. The coordinated service aspect of the plan will involve policy improvements like fares and steps to implementation, with relevant examples. In addition to the planning work, the development process will bring transit agencies together. The end goal is a deliverable that shows how a multimodal corridor would function.

10. Other Business / Status Reports

- A. October 21st – Commission Executive Committee*
- B. November 6th – ATWIC*
- C. November 13th – Transportation Operations & Safety*
- D. November 21st – Transportation Technical Committee*

Jeff Leithauser asked Kevin McCullough what kind of materials the counties could expect from the Governor's Executive Order on Complete Counts. Arthur Cappella asked how much of the money that is distributed based on census counts comes to the SPC region. Kevin McCullough noted that he would look into both questions. Andy Waple added that regarding distribution of funds, there are some numbers available to try to quantify this information for Allegheny County. He added that this information may have some regional numbers. He noted that this would only include transportation related funding.

11. Adjourn

Jeremy Kelly made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by Daniel Carpenter, and the TTC approved adjournment of the meeting at 11:46 p.m.