

Meeting Minutes for September 19, 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
- Joe West, Beaver County Planning Commission
- 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
- 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
- Tim Disalvio, City of Pittsburgh
- * Kevin McCullough, PennDOT Central Office
- Harold Swan, PennDOT District 10-0
- * John Quatman, PennDOT District 11-0
- * Stephanie Spang, PennDOT District 11-0
- Angela Saunders, PennDOT District 12-0
- Lynn Manion, Airport Corridor Transportation Association
- Nick Sagan CDR Maguire
- Chris Smallidge, Michael Baker
- Andy Waple, SPC Transportation Director
- Domenic D'Andrea, SPC Staff
- Ryan Gordon, SPC Staff
- Chuck Imbrogno, SPC Staff
- Tom Klevan, SPC Staff
- Kathy Stefani, SPC Staff
- John Weber, SPC Staff
- Jared Bedekovich, 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 10:02 a.m.

2. Action on the August 15th TTC Meeting Minutes ([Handout 1](#))

A motion was made by Jeffrey Leithauser and seconded by Amy McKinney to accept the August 15th TTC meeting minutes as presented. The TTC approved.

3. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

4. FHWA/PennDOT Central Office Reports

Kevin McCullough announced 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. Last year there were 49 projects that were awarded \$43 million in grant funding in 23 counties. Grant recipients will be announced next year with funding available in July 2020.

Andy Waple clarified that MTF requires a 30 percent match, and that 10 percent of the award amount can be used for design.

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

A. PennDOT District 10-0

Harold Swan reviewed the requested TIP modifications. There were two amendments and three grouping of administrative modifications requiring TTC approval.

The first amendment, SR 1004 over US 119 in Indiana County, was approved last month, but funding adjustments had to be made due to a shortfall on one of the source projects. The second amendment, Zelenople Revitalization/Economic Development Project Phase 2A is an enhancement project along US 19 – construction is being added to the TIP using ARC funds.

Mark Gordon 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

Stephanie Spang reviewed the requested TIP modifications. There was one amendment and three groupings of administrative modifications requiring TTC approval.

The amendment was the Spring Hill Road Bike and Pedestrian TA project; construction was added to the TIP with an expedited let date of 2020.

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

C. PennDOT District 12-0

Angela Saunders reviewed the requested TIP modifications. There were no amendments and two groupings of administrative modifications requiring TTC approval.

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

6. 2021 TIP Update

A. Schedule Overview

Ryan Gordon reminded the committee that the TA application window closes on September 20th. SPC recently conducted four local project delivery workshops in the region focused on the open TA application window and other aspects of local project funding and deliverability. A video of the workshop is available on SPC's website.

B. TIP Work Group Meetings Recap

Ryan summarized the first rounds of the TIP Work Group meetings. The first meeting focused on candidate project lists, including 2019 candidates and priorities for new candidate projects, and procedure and processes. The second meeting focused on pre-TIP public comments and building a consensus on assigning statuses to comments. The third and fourth rounds of meetings are scheduled below. The meetings will consist of reviewing carry-over, new funding formulas, and finalizing candidate project lists.

Jeffrey Leithauser asked what the plan was with coordinating projects from the Interstate TIP. Kevin McCullough stated that this year the plan is to have the Interstate TIP available ahead of schedule, with the goal of end of September, so that planners can compare it with the development of the TIP.

C. Transit TIP Development

Tom Klevan noted that the development of the transit side of the TIP is underway. The major difference this cycle for SPC staff is help from utilizing bureau of public transportation capital planning tool, which allowed staff to populate some of the out year projects. SPC provided each transit sponsor with the existing two out years as the two in years and then populated projects in the two out years. Transit sponsors will be returning their preliminary lists in the coming weeks. The goal is to have preliminary projects listed at the December meeting of the TOC.

D. 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.*

E. PPP Meetings

Andy Waple noted that Jared Bedekovitch would be reaching out to the counties to schedule PPPs in October and November.

F. CMAQ

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

7. 2020-2022 UPWP Development

Andy Waple explained that the UPWP is SPC's work plan. SPC staff is in the beginning stages of drafting the next work plan. Public comments from the Long Range Plan will be integrated and the LRP itself will be integrated to guide work. A draft will be submitted to PennDOT Central Office and FHWA for comment by October 30th, with a draft presented to TTC before it is submitted for comment. Commission adoption of the document will occur in January.

Andy Waple asked that the counties let SPC know of any studies in the pipeline that SPC staff support would be needed on so that they can be integrated into the UPWP.

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

Andy Waple noted that the presentation on the TDM Strategic Action Plan will be moved to October TTC. Tom Klevan applauded the work of the steering committee and the consulting group selected in the development of the TDM Strategic Action Plan.

9. Regional Operations Plan

Domenic D'Andrea presented the [Regional Operations Plan \(ROP\)](#). The ROP documents the region's approach to operational activities and seeks to identify how to optimize the existing transportation system.

He noted that planning for operations encompasses several activities in order to maximize efficiency of system and ensure transportation is being delivered in a safe and reliable manner. It is also required under federal law. In 2018, PennDOT developed a Transportation Systems and Management Operations (TSMO) Guidebook, which is the statewide approach used to optimize performance of existing infrastructure. Using this guideline, SPC updated the ROP in 2019. From a statewide perspective, information from the SPC ROP will be incorporated into a Western Region ROP, which will also include 8 counties to the north of the SPC region. The area covered by the Western Region ROP includes about 1/3 of the state. There are Four TSMO regions statewide.

The ROP provides planning context and link to the LRP for SPC planning initiatives. The first ROP was developed in 2007 and has been updated 3 times: in 2011, 2015, and 2019. The overarching mission of the ROP is to come up with a set of strategies and projects that increase the reliability and mobility of existing roadway infrastructure without adding significant capacity. Four operations objectives were established in previous ROPs to achieve this goal. These include, 1) Mitigate Recurring Congestion, 2) Maintain Mobility During Planned Events, 3) Minimize the Impact of Unplanned Impacts, and 4) Provide an Efficient Multimodal Transportation System.

SPC formed a steering committee and stakeholder group to gather feedback and input in the development of the 2019 ROP. Development occurred over a 7 month period (January – June). The PennDOT One Map website was used heavily in the development of this plan, and provided congestion mapping, crash hotspot mapping, planned event mapping, multimodal mapping, and more.

Through data analysis and stakeholder input, a list of the region's transportation needs and issues were developed and organized into 7 priority areas: traffic signals, traffic incident management, traveler information, operational teamwork/institutional coordination, multimodal connectivity, freeway and arterial operations, and freight management. Projects were then developed for identified hot stops based on these needs.

The 2019 ROP includes over 60 proposed projects, studies, and initiatives developed with the steering and stakeholder groups. ROP project maps were distributed to the TTC. A few example projects were highlighted including: I-79 Integrated Corridor Management in District 12, Centre Avenue Transit Improvements in District 11, Western Regional Traffic Mgt. Center Upgrades, and the Regional Truck Parking Study.

Overall, the 2019 ROP aims to promote projects that encourage modal shift, incorporate intelligent transportation systems, and improve management of incidents and events.

Ann Ogoreuc made a motion that TTC recommend that the Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission adopts the 2019 update to the Regional Operations Plan. Mark Gordon seconded, and the TTC approved the recommendation.

10. Southwestern Pennsylvania Public Transit – Human Services Coordinated Transportation Plan

Kathy Stefani presented the 2019 update to the SPC Coordinated Transportation Plan (CTP). This is a federal requirement that is updated every time the LRP is updated. Developing the plan is a lengthy process with a lot of outreach, primarily through the Alliance for Transportation Working in Communities (Alliance, for short). The CTP planning process was kicked off in February 2018.

Coordinated Transportation can be defined as an integrated network of transportation services that, through successful collaboration and resource sharing, provides affordable, reliable, and accessible mobility for all. The plan focuses on disadvantaged transportation populations: older citizens, persons with disabilities, and low-income individuals. The purpose of coordination is to enhance overall access to public, private, and non-profit transportation services available in the region, and to improve the efficiencies of these services through smart integration and effective utilization of resources.

The Alliance, which is comprised of regional transit providers, human service agency representatives, local government staff, and others, imagined the ideal transportation system as a comprehensive network, composed of mobility-related services for all ages and levels of need. This requires having the infrastructure and policies in place to effectively support a broad range of mobility options.

Federal mandate requires that the plan consists of an assessment of available services and transportation needs, the development of strategies, activities, and/or projects, and the identification of priorities for implementation. Kathy gave an overview of these services and needs, and then presented strategies/activities/projects for implementation.

The major needs identified included a multimodal transportation network, seamless travel chains, service in urban, suburban, and rural environments, and service to anyone, regardless of ability or income. The plan outlines 24 strategies, which were distributed via a handout and will be available in the final Public Transit - Human Services Coordinated Transportation Plan document. In order to address these needs, the plan identifies the importance of collective political will, forward-thinking policies, collaboration among the region's public transit agencies, and supportive corporate partners.

Mark Gordon asked about a significant need, which is connecting employers with potential employees—especially in areas with a low unemployment rate and a high need for employees. He asked whether this was discussed in the development of the plan. Kathy Stefani responded that through the Transportation Demand Management Plan, there was a lot of corporate involvement. This was less of a factor in the Coordinated Transportation Plan as the focus was on disadvantaged populations, but access to jobs was discussed. As these plans are merged together, there will be an opportunity to engage with employers and move to resolve problems with transportation to job centers. Tom Klevan added that the overlap of these plans is key to addressing these types of specific needs. Andy Waple also added that the region must have the collective will to get to where we need to be with these plans, and that both build off the Long Range Plan in regards to collaboration. Kathy emphasized the point of collective will and the importance of conversation as a first step.

Mark Gordon made a motion that TTC recommend that the Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission adopts the 2019 update to the Public Transit - Human Services Coordinated Transportation Plan. Arthur Capella seconded, and the TTC approved the recommendation.

11. Other Business / Status Reports

- A. September 30th _ Regional Policy Advisory Committee*
- B. September 30th – Commission and Executive Committee*
- C. October 1st – Freight Forum*
- D. October 10th – Transportation Technical Committee (TTC)*

12. Adjourn

Daniel Carpenter made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by Arthur Capella, and the TTC approved adjournment of the meeting at 12:00 p.m.