



Southwestern Pennsylvania Active Transportation Forum

Wednesday, December 4, 2019

10:00 AM – Noon

North Meeting Room, 4th Floor

Two Chatham Center, 112 Washington Place

Pittsburgh, PA 15219

MEETING SUMMARY

Attendance

First	Last	Organization
Adam	Mattis	DCNR
Allison	Robinson	UPMC
Amy	McKinney	Lawrence County
Ann	Ogoreuc	Allegheny County Economic Development
Betsy	Zang	McCormick Taylor
Bill	Lesterick	PennDOT D-11
Carol	Reichbaum	University of Pittsburgh / WalkWorks
Courtney	Mahronich Vita	Friends of the Riverfront
David	White	Pittsburgh Bike Share / Healthy Ride
Donna	Green	Regional Trail Corporation
Eric	Boerer	BikePGH
Hannah	Hardy	Allegheny County Health Department (Live Well Allegheny)
Jarrett	Crowell	Oakland Planning & Development Corporation
Jeb	Feldman	McKees Rocks CDC
Jerry	Green	Northside Bike Ped
Joe	Rusiewicz	TranSystems
Joel	Mackay	Butler County
Justin	Miller	Michael Baker
Liz	Gamelier	TransAssociates
Liz	Paulhus	Department of Mobility + Infrastructure (DOMI)
Mary	Shaw	Trail Volunteer Fund, Free Wheeling Easy
Rebecca	Shaffer	Lawrence County
Roy	Weil	Trail Volunteer Fund, Free Wheeling Easy
Sarah	Rizk	Port Authority of Allegheny County

SPC Staff

First	Last	Title
Andy	Waple	Director, Transportation Planning
Anthony	Hickton	Ridesharing Program Manager, CommuteInfo
Catherine	Tulley	Data Analyst
Chuck	Imbrogno	Models + Data Analysis Manager
David	Totten	Transit Planner
Evan	Schoss	Transportation Planner
Jennifer	Lasser	Director, Planning and Development
Kathy	Stefani	Alliance for Transportation Working in Communities
Kim	Beaver	Grant Manager
Leann	Chaney	Transportation Planner
Ryan	Falcone	Development Specialist
Sara	Walfoort	Freight Planning Manager
Tom	Klevan	Manager, Multimodal Planning

1. **Welcome + Introductions**

Leann Chaney opened the meeting and asked for introductions from those in attendance.

2. **Announcements**

Leann reminded the group that comments on the statewide active transportation plan are due this Friday, December 6th.

Leann shared that the Pennsylvania Chapter of the American Planning Association bestowed annual awards for plans; projects, programs or practices; and inspiring leaders at their annual conference in October. Three of the four leadership awards were presented to leaders from our region and Leann showed a short video that SPC staff made to recognize them. Awards/recipients are listed below.

Professional Planner: Jim Hassinger (SPC, Executive Director)

Elected Official: R. J. Sokol (North Belle Vernon Borough Council, Westmoreland County)

Citizen Planner: Laurie Lafontaine (Indiana County)

3. **Presentations**

Active Transportation Planning update: Leann Chaney, SPC

Leann provided a brief review of active transportation planning activities in 2019. Activities included serving as a member of the City of Pittsburgh team and participating in the Safe Streets, Smart Cities Academy, along with staff development of Communities of Concern mapping for their demonstration project; adoption of the region's first active transportation plan and development of a companion web-based toolkit known as the Active Transportation Resource Center; planning support and/or technical assistance was provided to several municipalities and trail organizations seeking to develop active transportation plans, projects and/or complete trail connections; several multimodal planning efforts conducted by SPC involved consideration of active transportation (examples include Road Safety Audits,

State Route 885/Second Avenue Multimodal Corridor Study, Transportation Demand Management Strategic Action Plan and the SmartMoves Connections: A Regional Vision for Transit); staff developed an educational resource for understanding bike symbols, signs and pavement markings; collected bicycle counts on the Armstrong Trail (Ford City), the Butler-Freeport Community Trail (Cabot) and two locations along the Panhandle Trail (Primrose and Burgettstown); GIS staff continued performing ongoing maintenance and updating of the region's active transportation network mapping and developed a regional sidewalk inventory. Leann distributed copies of the guide to "Understanding bike symbols, signs and pavement markings" and promotional postcards for the Active Transportation Resource Center website. She clicked through the website to highlight some of the resources in the Active Transportation Resource Center, including the new addition of a plan library and asked for links to plans that exist but are not in the library. Leann concluded her presentation by showing a Vision Zero video produced by the Transport Accident Commission Victoria. The video is linked on the "Vision Zero" page under the "Initiatives" tab.

SPC Tableau/Bike Counts: Catherine Tulley, SPC

Catherine reviewed SPC's interactive Tableau dashboard for the SPC bicycle count data program, highlighting functionality that allows users to review counting sites by location or by data comparison. She demonstrated how each location profile featured mapping of the counter site along with the trail or road location, plus total counts per trail by date, with weather data included for reference. She also reviewed the comparison feature that allows users to compare the count data by trail, including hourly, daily, weekly, or directional summaries. Catherine shared that the revised dashboard will be updated to the latest version of Tableau, and will incorporate additional count data for sites collected since 2017. Additionally, Catherine discussed new multimodal data available through the StreetLight InSight platform and shared information on an upcoming product webinar for the StreetLight multimodal data. She concluded by reviewing the new multimodal data products available in StreetLight, using an example of an origin/destination analysis that includes trip types and traveler attributes.

Pennsylvania's Local Technical Assistance Program (LTAP) + Active Transportation

Ryan Falcone, SPC

Ryan, who is the LTAP coordinator for Southwestern PA, presented on PennDOT's LTAP program and shared that services include training courses and in-person technical assistance geared toward municipal employees, with a targeted focus on public works employees, planners and administrators. Ryan explained the requirements for setting up an LTAP course and reviewed the two types of LTAP classes that are offered under the topics of safety and maintenance. He also discussed the benefits of in-person technical assistance and concluded by informing the group that LTAP added a new course on active transportation for 2020.

DCNR Fall Grant Workshop Presentation

Adam Mattis, DCNR Regional Advisor

Adam presented an abbreviated version of the Department of Conservation and Natural Resource (DCNR) workshop that was presented across the state for the 2020 grant program. He reviewed the general timeline for the grant program, the new Grants Customer Service Portal and the types of grant funding that are available through DCNR. Adam reviewed DCNR's 2020 priorities, strategies and actions

that will be priorities for the upcoming grant program. Adam discussed eligible applicants, matching funds, the need for a PNDI receipt and grant scoring criteria. He elaborated on eligible project types and emphasized the importance of ensuring that the submitted scope of work matches and contains everything shown on your site development drawing, and that the scope of work and site development drawing match and contain everything listed in the detailed budget. He concluded by touching on the need to address how your project accomplishes green and sustainable outcomes, ADA requirements and how it implements the Pennsylvania Outdoor Recreation Plan.

4. Education + Advocacy

Roundtable updates

Roundtable updates included the following: Delmont and Westmoreland County, in general, have a lot of activity going on related to planning for active transportation and identifying routes for connecting communities to trails; mention of upcoming Penn State Extension webinars; an update on efforts to move the parking protected bike lane measure for a vote; upcoming water/sewer projects that will impact trails; the Trail Volunteer Fund made five grants and has trail guides for sale; Rachel Carson Trails Conservancy is interested in acquiring land for off-road routes; the Northside Bicycle Summit will be held at the Carnegie Science Center this Thursday at 6 PM; McKees Rocks is working with the Department of City Planning on Sheridan Park; and Healthy Ride reports that they deployed five e-assisted bikes and will be seeking funding to expand the number of or convert to all e-assisted bikes.

5. Upcoming Events

- Industrial Heartland Trails Coalition Quarterly Meeting (Pittsburgh) December 10, 2019

6. Future meeting dates

- March 4, 2020
- June 3, 2020
- September 2, 2020 (tentative)
- December 2, 2020 (tentative)

7. Networking Lunch