

1 Welcome & Introductions

ATWIC Program Manager, Kathy Stefani, welcomed all those in attendance and, before getting the agenda fully underway, she asked that everyone introduce themselves.

Attendees:

- Richard Bagwell, *Manager – Fleet and Facilities*, Northern Area Multi-Service Center (NAMSC)
- Joycelyn Banks, *Independent Living Specialist*, Transitional Paths to Independent Living (TRPIL)
- Bill Barger, VA Butler Healthcare
- Rick Blaker, *Director*, Greene County Transportation
- Amber Book, Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank
- Debra Braden, Allegheny County Area Agency on Aging (AAA)
- Randy Detweiler, Highmark PALS
- Jeff Ericson, *Founder and CEO*, RubyRide
- Sheila Gombita, *Executive Director*, Washington County Transportation Authority (Freedom Transit)
- Emily Gwash, ACCESS Transportation Systems, Inc.
- Karen Hoesch, *Executive Director*, ACCESS Transportation Systems, Inc.
- Tom Klevan, *Multimodal Planning Manager*, Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission (SPC)
- Rachel Nesbitt, Alliance for Nonprofit Resources (ANR)
- Ann Ogoreuc, Allegheny County Economic Development
- Elizabeth Paulhus, Department of Mobility and Infrastructure, City of Pittsburgh
- Danelle Perkins, VA Butler Healthcare
- Kathryn Schlesinger, Pittsburgh Downtown Partnership (PDP)
- Evan Schoss, Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission (SPC)
- Kathy Stefani, *Program Manager/Transportation Planner*, Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission (SPC)
- John Tague, Jr., *Principal*, JT Disability Consulting Services LLC
- David Totten, *Transportation/Transit Planner*, Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission (SPC)
- Laura Wiens, *Executive Director*, Pittsburghers for Public Transit (PPT)
- Dan Wonders, North Hills Community Outreach (NHCO)
- Meghan Yuhouse, *Director of Operations*, Westmoreland County Transit Authority (WCTA)
- Aniqua Zahra, *Planning Analyst*, Port Authority of Allegheny County

2 Planning for Multimodal Travel

K. Stefani described the many different planning initiatives completed by SPC's multimodal planning staff over the past couple of years, showing that the results of each effort are not all that distinctive from one plan to the next. The group's latest plans include:

- Active Transportation
- Public Transit · Human Services Coordinated Transportation
- Freight
- Transportation Demand Management

The point was made that the conclusions reached in these individual plans suitably align with those found in the latest regional long range transportation plan, **SmartMoves for a Changing Region**, which was adopted by the SPC Commission in late June.

In particular, K. Stefani compared certain aspects of the Coordinated Transportation Plan and the Travel Demand Management Plan with the public transit strategies included in **SmartMoves**.

COORDINATED TRANSPORTATION	TRANSPORTATION DEMAND MANAGEMENT	SMART MOVES FOR A CHANGING REGION
Public/Private Partnerships for multi-provider service network	Enhance Ease of Use, Connectivity, and Effectiveness of all shared and active modes Increase Employment Involvement	Dedicated Public Transit Funding; Collaboration Among Providers
Central Clearinghouse for trip-planning and trip payment	Increase Awareness of options and services	Dedicated Public Transit Funding; Facilitation of Seamless Linkages; First- and Last-Mile Services; Service Across Jurisdictions
Regional Guidance to link land use and transportation	Promote Location Efficient Development	First- and Last-Mile Services; Service Across Jurisdictions
Universal Design Principles applied to all projects	Enhance Ease of Use, Connectivity, and Effectiveness of all shared and active modes	Collaboration Among Providers; Facilitation of Seamless Linkages

3 SmartMoves Connections: A Regional Vision for Public Transit

Next, SPC Transit Planner, David Totten, spoke briefly about a new initiative called **SmartMoves Connections**. According to Dave, this initiative will get underway this fall and be completed by June 2020. The purpose of the project is to respond to a need specifically identified in the regional long range plan, which is the **development of a comprehensive regional vision for public transit** with the following end goals in mind:

- *Major expansion to the region's public transportation network*
- *Better coordination of services among the region's ten transit agencies*
- *Regionally-connected, seamless transit*
- *Facilitation of first- and last-mile modes of transportation*
- *New transit investments in key corridors and networks*
- *New transit centers*
- *Improved transit stops*
- *Implementation of Complete Streets in local municipalities*

4 Status: Coordinated Transportation Plan

K. Stefani presented the current status of the Coordinated Transportation Plan:

- *Under review by SPC senior staff*
- *Making changes as they are received (either from SPC staff or outside partners)*
- *Finalize the plan by the end of August*
- *Submit to SPC Board for approval in September*

5 Review of CTP Strategies

Referring Alliance attendees to the Recommended Strategies handouts for both the Transportation Standard Components (*Embracing Change, Greater Access, Smarter Service Delivery*) and the four Focus Areas (*Multimodal Transportation Network, Seamless Travel Chains, Urban, Suburban, and Rural Environments, Anyone, Regardless of Ability or Income*), K. Stefani initiated a planning-specific DOT exercise. With each attendee having 7 dots, they were directed

to 7 boards listing strategies by category and currently proposed in the draft CTP. For each category, participants were asked to put a DOT on the strategy they think the Alliance should tackle first. K. Stefani also requested written feedback from the group on the proposed strategies, indicating that their comments, concerns, etc. would be given serious thought when finalizing the **Transportation Tomorrow** section of CTP. (Please Note: *The DOT exercise results, along with the captured feedback, are laid out in a separate spreadsheet and will be sent with these meeting minutes as an extra attachment.*)

6 Moving Forward

K. Stefani described the Alliance’s “next steps” as follows:

- Decide on which strategies the Alliance should tackle first (based on today’s DOT exercise)
- Form Strategy Implementation Teams
- Come up with action items for implementing the strategies we decide to address first
- Develop and execute an implementation plan for each strategy
- Work toward achieving each implemented strategy’s Outcome as identified in the Coordinated Transportation Plan

7 Upcoming Meetings

Included in the agenda was a written reminder about upcoming meetings: August 22, 2019 - CommuteInfo, SPC; September 4, 2019 - Active Transportation Forum, SPC; and November 6, 2019 – Alliance for Transportation Working in Communities, SPC.

8 Adjournment & Networking Lunch

The August 6, 2019 meeting of the Alliance came to a close at 12:00 p.m. and was immediately followed by a Networking Lunch.