

Meeting Minutes for April 18th, 2019
Transportation Technical Committee
SPC Conference Center
Two Chatham Center, Pittsburgh PA 15219

Attendees:

- Ann Ogoreuc, Allegheny County Department of Economic Development
- Darin Alviano, Armstrong County Department of Planning and Development
- Joel MacKay, Butler County Planning Commission
- Jeremy L. Kelly, Greene County
- Dr. Jeff Raykes, Indiana County Office of Planning and Development
- Amy McKinney, Lawrence County Planning Commission
- Jeffrey W. Leithauser, Washington County Planning Commission
- Sofie Yarish, City of Pittsburgh
- * Dan Keane, PennDOT Central Office
- Brian Sharkey, PennDOT Central Office
- Michael Sherman, Federal Highway Administration
- Harold Swan, PennDOT District 10-0
- Rob Miskanic, PennDOT District 11-0
- Josh Theakston, PennDOT District 12-0
- Angela Saunders, PennDOT District 12-0
- Jessica Setmire, PennDOT District 12-0
- Lucinda Beattie, Pittsburgh Downtown Partnership
- Steve Shadle, CDRM
- Joe Ruskiewicz, TranSystems
- Steven Stuart, Michael Baker
- Dr. James Hassinger, SPC Executive Director and CEO
- 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
- Dan Alwine, SPC Staff
- Abby Stark, SPC Staff
- John Weber, SPC Staff
- Racheal Diehl, 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 am.

2. Action on the March 21st TTC Meeting Minutes (Handout 1)

A motion was made by Jeremy Kelly and seconded by Amy McKinney to accept the March 21st TTC meeting minutes as presented. The TTC approved.

3. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

4. FHWA/FTA/PennDOT Central Office Reports

Dan Keane reminded the committee that as part of PennDOT's 2021 Program Update, the State Transportation Commission's public outreach campaign is ongoing. The public comment period, which includes a survey, will be open until April 26th at www.talkpatransportation.com.

He also noted that staff from the Pennsylvania House of Representative's Transportation Committee has recently informed PennDOT that a bridge and/or highway capital budget could be considered by the general assembly. PennDOT will be compiling the statewide capital budget list through MPMS, and requests that planning partners work with district planning and programming managers to ensure that projects requiring a capital budget will be covered. Andy reiterated that any counties that needed to get local bridges on the capital budget should work with their respective PennDOT District to get projects on the list that they would like considered for state funding.

Finally, the Commonwealth Financing Authority approved Multimodal Transportation Grant projects for 2019 – the approved list of projects can be found on the [DCED website](#).

Michael Sherman, the new regional FHWA representative, introduced himself to the committee. He thanked the committee for their work on the 2018 list of obligated projects.

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

A. PennDOT District 10-0

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

Jeff Raykes made a motion to approve, which was seconded by Joel MacKay 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 requiring TTC approval.

The amendment was to add Preliminary Engineering for bridge preservation on four local structures using the Allegheny County Local Bridge Preservation Line Item.

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 no amendments and eight groupings of administrative modifications requiring TTC approval.

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

D. Transit Operators Committee

Tom Klevan gave an overview of TIP modifications approved by the TOC at their April meeting. There were no modifications requiring TTC action.

6. Long Range Plan Update (Handout 4)

A. Schedule Overview

Andy Waple gave a brief overview of the status of LRTP development, which has a June adoption date. The Air Quality Analysis and Environmental Justice Analysis are underway and should be completed by the beginning of May, after which the PPP meetings and public comment period will begin. He requested that TTC members look over the list and ensure that all projects are where they should be.

B. Vision List

Dan Alwine noted that he would be following up with the counties and districts to make sure that all needs are reflected on the LRTP vision list.

C. Human Services Coordinated Transportation Plan

Kathy Stefani presented on the status of the regional **Public Transit – Human Services Coordinated Transportation Plan** (CTP), which is expected to be completed before the end of SPC’s fiscal year in June. While the official kickoff of the planning process began in February 2017, the plan is tied to a Regional Transportation Goal developed by the Alliance for Transportation Working in Communities in spring 2018.

Develop a regional multimodal transportation network which, through the use of robotics, automation, and shared mobility, can create seamless travel chains in urban, suburban, and rural environments for in-county and cross-county trips that anyone, regardless of ability or income, can take advantage of in order to access healthcare, jobs, education, quality nutrition, and social activities.

The CTP planning effort involved extensive public outreach to better understand the barriers to access and use and several Alliance-driven brainstorming sessions regarding four specific areas of focus that were derived from the regional goal – 1) Multimodal Transportation Network; 2) Seamless Travel Chains; 3) Urban, Suburban, and Rural Environments; and 4) Anyone, Regardless of Ability or Income.

When it came time to put forth a comprehensive strategy for creating a mobility system comprised of multiple and easily navigable modes, many of which can be used to travel short, medium, and/or long distances and all of which are completely inclusive, the four distinct components, taken as a singular all-encompassing building block, helped lay the groundwork necessary to pursue the next transportation standard in Southwestern Pennsylvania. This

evolving standard is all about **Embracing Change** and ensuring **Greater Access** through **Smarter Service Delivery** to anyone and everyone who chooses to live in the region.

The plan in its final form will align with the region's Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP), especially in terms of its Connected Mobility theme and a central LRTP principle, which is "Equity keeps us whole."

D. Environmental Inventory Screening

Ryan Gordon presented a series of slides on the transportation and environmental linkage aspects of the SPC Long Range Transportation Plan. The presentation focused on the required elements for resource agency consultations and environmental compliance. Ryan covered several key elements in the presentation:

- The regional integrated planning framework
- SPC's approach to PEL
- Agency Consultations
- Long range plan resource inventory
- Regional ecosystem framework
- Project environmental screenings

Ryan explained that this work is currently ongoing and will culminate with the presentation to the PA Agency Coordination Meeting on May 22, 2019. Ryan noted that he could provide the results from the 2019 LRTP project screenings and provide an ACM recap at a future TTC meeting.

E. PPP Meetings

Abby Stark went over the PPP Meetings to be held as part of the LRTP Public Participation process. Public Participation Panels will be held at 3 p.m. The public open house will be held from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. The dates are as follows:

Allegheny County and City of Pittsburgh: May 22nd

Armstrong County: June 3rd

Beaver County: May 6th

Butler County: May 23rd

Fayette County: May 9th

Greene County: June 5th

Indiana County: June 4th

Lawrence County: May 29th

Washington County: May 30th

Westmoreland County: May 13th

7. 2021 TIP Update

Andy Waple gave an update of General Procedural Guidance and Financial Guidance procedures. Performance metrics and targets are being examined as part of General Procedural Guidance. Financial Guidance figures should be available by early June. Dan Keane added that both work groups are aiming to have material publicly available by end of May.

Andy Waple added that LRTP comments and STC comments will be incorporated into the TIP development process. Ryan Gordon added that SPC staff was working with Dan Keane to provide bridge data which will aid in the development of capital budget programming. Dan Keane gave more insight into the bridge data and the ways the district planners could use it when compiling their capital budget lists.

8. 2019 Construction – Brief from the Districts

PennDOT Districts 10 and 11 gave presentations highlighting the projects that would be under construction in summer 2019.

9. Other Business / Status Reports

- A. April 29th – SPC Executive Committee, Commission, and Regional Policy Advisory Committee
- B. April 30th – SR 885/Second Avenue Stakeholders Meeting
- C. May 1st – Alliance for Transportation Working in Communities (ATWIC)
- D. May 9th – CommuteInfo Partners
- E. May 14th – TDM Stakeholders Meeting
- F. May 16th – Transportation Technical Committee (TTC)
- G. May 20th – SPC Executive Committee
- H. May 30th & 31st – ROP @ Districts
 - i. District 12 – May 30th from 9:30 – 11:30
 - ii. District 11 – May 30th from 1:30 – 3:30
 - iii. District 10 – May 31st from 9:30 = 11:30

10. Adjourn

Amy McKinney made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by Darin Alviano, and the TTC approved adjournment of the meeting at 11:55 p.m.