

**Meeting Minutes for February 14<sup>th</sup>, 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
- Tammy Frank, Beaver County Liquid Fuels
- Mark Gordon, Butler County Planning Commission  
Joel MacKay, Butler County Planning Commission
- Jeremy L. Kelly, Greene County
- Dr. Jeff Raykes, Indiana County Office of Planning and Development
- Doniele Russell, Lawrence County Planning Commission
- Jeffrey W. Leithauser, Washington County Planning Commission
- Daniel Carpenter, Westmoreland County Department of Planning and Development  
Jacob Bowen, Westmoreland County Department of Planning and Development
- Jeff Skalican, City of Pittsburgh  
Sofie Yarish, City of Pittsburgh  
Mavis Rainey, Oakland Transportation Management Association  
Lynn Manion, Airport Corridor Transportation Association  
Joe Rusiewicz, TranSystems Corporation  
Adam Mattis, Pennsylvania DCNR-BRC
- Kevin McCullough, PennDOT Central Office  
Dave Cook, PennDOT District 10-0  
Harold Swan, PennDOT District 10-0  
Rob Miskanic, PennDOT District 11-0  
Lou Ruzzi, PennDOT District 11-0  
Ben DeVore, PennDOT District 11-0  
Doug Seeley, PennDOT District 11-0  
Stephanie Spang, PennDOT District 11-0  
Josh Theakston, PennDOT District 12-0  
Jessica Setmire, PennDOT District 12-0  
Andy Waple, SPC Transportation Director  
Ryan Gordon, SPC Staff  
Tom Klevan, SPC Staff  
Dan Alwine, SPC Staff  
Abby Stark, SPC Staff  
Josh Spano, SPC Staff  
Domenic D'Andrea, SPC Staff  
Chuck Imbrogno, 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 January 17<sup>th</sup> TTC Meeting Minutes (Handout 1)**

A motion was made by Jeremy Kelly and seconded by Daniel Carpenter to accept the January 17<sup>th</sup> TTC meeting minutes as presented. The TTC approved.

**3. Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

**4. FHWA/FTA/PennDOT Central Office Reports (Handout 2)**

Kevin McCullough announced that seven projects across Allegheny, Armstrong, and Westmoreland Counties were awarded funding through the PennDOT Multimodal Transportation Fund. Information regarding when applications for the next round of funding will open has not been released yet.

Five awards were also granted through the PennDOT Program Center's Transportation Systems Management and Operations (TSMO) Capital Funding Initiative in Districts 11 and 12. These projects require a 50% applicant match.

The committee for the Automated Red Light Enforcement (ARLE) program will be meeting on April 1<sup>st</sup>, with an announcement being made regarding approvals shortly after that in late April or May. The ARLE program opens each year in June and does not require a match.

An announcement was made regarding emergency relief for road and bridge repair. This was significant, particularly from Pennsylvania's perspective, in that in the three rounds of approvals that came out, storm events were specifically addressed. These included the U.S. Route 30 landslide that occurred in April of 2018 and events caused by heavy rains and flooding during July and August of 2018. The Commonwealth fronts the money for these projects so that they can move forward, and this emergency relief will come in the form of a reimbursement to maintenance accounts. Due to the reimbursement, a few projects might be able to move and/or move faster.

At the state level, there have been several proposals regarding the Governor's budget and attempts to find additional funding for infrastructure. A proposal was made by the Governor on January 31<sup>st</sup> for a four-year \$ 4.5 billion infrastructure investment program.

**5. Action on Modifications to 2019-2022 TIP (Handout 3)**

*A. PennDOT District 10-0*

Dave Cook reviewed the requested TIP modifications. There were no amendments and five grouping of administrative modifications requiring TTC approval.

Darin Alviano asked that Dave move the money out of PE on the Armstrong Local Bridges Line Item and put it all in construction, as Armstrong County would not be using any of the multimodal for design. Dave Cook said that he would do so.

Doniele Russell made a motion to approve, which was seconded by Jeffery Leithauser, and the TTC approved the modifications as requested by Dave Cook.

*B. PennDOT District 11-0*

Rob Miskanic reviewed the requested TIP modifications. There were nine amendments and eighteen groupings of administrative modifications requiring TTC approval.

The amendments included adding PE or study phases to the TIP for the following projects: Westmoreland Heritage Trail GAP, I-79 South DMS Installation, PA ROUTE 28 ITS Device, PA 18 Bridge over Beaver River, Glenfield Viaduct Bridge, Sewickley Bridge Preservation, PA 910 over Deer Creek 2, PA 910 over Deer Creek 3, and PA 28: Highland Park.

Ann Ogoreuc made a motion to approve, which was seconded by Tammy Frank, and the TTC approved the modifications as requested by Rob Miskanic.

*C. PennDOT District 12-0*

Josh Theakston reviewed the requested TIP modifications. There were no amendments and one grouping of administrative modifications requiring TTC approval.

Doniele Russel made a motion to approve the amendments and modifications, seconded by Jeremy Kelly, and the TTC approved the modifications as requested by Josh Theakston.

**6. Long Range Plan Update (Handout 4)**

Andy Waple announced that the Long Range Plan vision and strategies were adopted by the Commission at their January 28<sup>th</sup> meeting. At the March TTC meeting, the committee should expect to finalize the project list for the Long Range Plan so that it can go for air quality conformity analysis and environmental justice analysis leading to a public comment period tentatively set for Monday May 6<sup>th</sup> – Friday June 7<sup>th</sup>. Following this, we will be looking to adopt the plan at the June 24<sup>th</sup> Commission meeting.

Ryan Gordon summarized the Long Range Plan work group process. Ryan pre-viewed the agenda and objectives for the upcoming third round of District LRP project list development sessions. He noted that he is working to resolve remaining questions regarding projects. Ryan noted that the final work group meetings will provide critical input into the finalization of the fiscally constrained project list. Ryan thanked everyone for their participation in the process.

He also announced that PennDOT Connects had its first municipal outreach training in District 10, which involved about an hour and a half of presentation and discussion. District 12's training will be held on March 18<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m.

## **7. Operations, Inspection and National Research at PennDOT's Tunnels Presentation**

Ben DeVore and Lou Ruzzi gave a presentation on maintenance and operation at PennDOT's tunnels, including traffic incident management, specific projects, and recent inspections.

## **8. Other Business / Status Reports**

- A. *February 14<sup>th</sup> – Natural Heritage Inventory Status Meeting (Immediately following TTC)*
- B. *February 26<sup>th</sup> – Regional Operations Plan Steering Committee Meeting #2*
- C. *ROP Stakeholders District Meetings*
  - i. *District 10 – March 15<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m.*
  - ii. *District 11 – March 14<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 p.m.*
  - iii. *District 12 – March 14<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m.*
- D. *March 6<sup>th</sup> – Active Transportation Forum*
- E. *March 21<sup>st</sup> – Transportation Technical Committee (TTC)*

## **9. Adjourn**

Doniele Russel made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by Jeremy Kelly, and the TTC approved adjournment of the meeting at 11:39 p.m.