

Meeting Minutes for February 22nd, 2020
Transportation Technical Committee
SPC Conference Center
Two Chatham Center, Pittsburgh, PA 15219

Attendees:

- Ann Ogoreuc, Allegheny County Department of Economic Development
- * Tammy Frank, Beaver County Planning Commission
Joel MacKay, Butler County Planning Commission
- Arthur Cappella, Fayette County Zoning, Planning and Community Development
- Jeremy L. Kelly, Greene County Planning
- 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
Josh Theakston, PennDOT District 12-0
Angela Saunders, PennDOT District 12-0
Jessica Setmire, PennDOT District 12-0
Steve Shadle, CDRM
Steven Shanley, ACDPW
Ed Typanski, PAAC
Chris Smallidge, Michael Baker International
Douglas Smith, Prime AE Group
Daniel Laird, Hill International
Joe Rusiewicz, TranSystems
Lynn Manion, Airport Corridor Transportation Association
Lucinda Beattie, Pittsburgh Downtown Partnership
Nick Sagan CDR Maguire
Domenic D'Andrea, SPC Staff
Ryan Gordon, SPC Staff
Tom Klevan, SPC Staff
Chuck Imbrogno, SPC Staff
Sara Walfoort, SPC Staff
John Weber, SPC Staff
Lillian Gabreski, SPC Staff
Greg Shermeto, SPC Staff
- Indicates TTC voting member
- * Participated via telephone

1. Call to Order

Ryan Gordon called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

2. Action on the January 16th TTC Meeting Minutes (Handout 1)

A motion was made by Jeff Skalican and seconded by Jeffrey Leithauser to accept the January 17th TTC meeting minutes as presented. The TTC approved.

3. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

4. FHWA/PennDOT Central Office Reports

A. Interstate TIP

Kevin McCullough provided an update on the development of the statewide Interstate TIP. Kevin anticipated the Interstate TIP would be released within the next two weeks.

B. TSMO and HSIP Set-a-Side (Handout 2)

Kevin McCullough reviewed the selected projects from the statewide TSMO and HSIP programs. The SPC Region received \$7.685 million in HSIP funds for two projects in District 10-0 (SR 3021 Corridor Improvements and PA 68 Zelienople Curve), \$3.3 million in HSIP funds for one project in District 11-0 (Liberty Avenue), and \$2.12 million in HSIP funds for four projects in District 12-0 (District wide Cable Median Guiderail, SR 126/SR 1055 Flashing Beacon, SR 119 HPS, and D12 Red Signal Ahead). The SPC region also received \$408,260 in TSMO funds for two projects in District 10-0 (SR 22 ITS enhancement and Route 28 AVE ITS project), \$618,750 in TSMO funds for three projects in District 11-0 (I-376 Beaver County ITS, Park and Ride Space Availability Information System, and Western Regional Traffic Management Center Upgrade), and \$745,176 in TSMO funds for two projects in District 12-0 (Cameras for I-70 exits and Fiber Installation for segments on I-70).

C. Environmental Justice Workshops

Kevin McCullough noted that FHWA and PennDOT hosted three, one-day workshops on the “Unified Environmental Justice Methodology and Process.” These workshops aimed to prepare staff to complete organizational EJ Benefits and Burdens Analyses as part of the 2021 TIP update process. New guidance aims to unify the standards that Pennsylvania MPOs use to complete their Environmental Justice Analysis updates. SPC staff attended the Western PA Workshop on February 6 in Cranberry Township, and presented on the SPC methodology for conducting its EJ analysis during the 2019 Long Range Plan update, which incorporated the suggested guidance. SPC will be updating its Environmental Justice analysis in Spring of 2020 to align with the new 2021 TIP.

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

A. PennDOT District 10-0

Harold Swan reviewed the requested TIP modifications. There was one amendment requiring TTC approval.

The amendment was to add the construction phase of T-554 Brickyard Hill Bridge in Butler County to the TIP in FFY 2021. This bridge replacement project carries Brewer Road over Rocky Run in Clinton Township. All phases of T-554 Brickyard Hill Bridge were programmed in a joint project with T-573 Wylie Bridge. The District requested to split this project into two separate

construction projects and program \$1,202,000 into the construction phase of T-554 Brickyard Hill Bridge.

Jeff Skalican made a motion to approve the modifications to the TIP, which was seconded by Jeffrey Leithauser, 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 four administration actions requiring TTC approval.

The amendment was to introduce the PA 28: Harmarville-Russelton Betterment project in Allegheny County. The district requested to add Preliminary Engineering to the TIP to initiate design in 2021.

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

C. PennDOT District 12-0

Angela Saunders reviewed the requested TIP modifications. There was one amendment and two administrative actions requiring TTC approval.

The amendment was to introduce the US 40/US 119 Interchange Feasibility Study to the TIP and to program the study phase in FFY 2020 utilizing STP funds.

Jeremy Kelly made a motion to approve the modifications to the TIP, which was seconded by Arthur Cappella, and the TTC approved the modifications as requested by Angela Saunders.

D. Transit Operators Committee

Tom Klevan reported that at yesterday's TOC meeting, the TOC took the following FY2019-2022 TIP actions:

- Butler Transit Authority amended the TIP to add the new project - "ERP Software" - \$390,209 federal 5311; \$94,406 state; \$3,146 local
- Butler Transit Authority made the following administrative adjustments to the TIP - "Tire Chains for Commuter Buses" - \$10,645 state; \$355 local; "Transit Center Design/Constr." adjustment moves this project from FY2019 to FY2020; no changes to funding
- Allied Coordinated Transit (ACTS) of Lawrence Co. made the following administrative adjustments to the TIP - "Network Replacement" - \$66,499 state, "Phone System" - \$25,196 state

6. 2021 TIP Update

A. Draft TIP

i. Transit TIP

Tom Klevan spoke about the updates to the Transit TIP. The Transit Operators Committee, the Program Center and the PennDOT Bureau of Public Transportation have reviewed and agreed to the region's transit project sponsors' Draft FY2020-2024 TIP Programs of Projects. The project lists have been coded for Air Quality Conformity testing. The transit operators are preparing their federally-required Fiscal Capacity documentation. That documentation will be ready in draft for the TIP Public Process scheduled for later this spring.

ii. Highway/Bridge TIP

Ryan Gordon mentioned that PennDOT is currently reviewing the Highway and Bridge TIP. Any day now they will give SPC the go ahead to extract the information from MPMS so that we can begin our Environmental Justice review and Air Quality review. SPC will be beginning summary analysis to better explain the draft TIP shortly. Once the final draft TIP is completed, it will be sent out to each of the TIP work groups for review. SPC will look to finish the draft TIP in time for the March TTC meeting.

B. Long Range Plan: Financial Plan & Project List Reevaluation

Ryan Gordon mentioned that the first round of meetings went well and thanked everyone for their participation. The changes in the project lists that were discussed at those meetings will be evaluated and revisions will be made to the project lists in each District by each investment area. Ryan emphasized that there is still a lot of work to do in a small amount of time. By the time of the next meetings, there should be an updated project list and financial plan available. The times of those meetings are as follows:

District 10-0 – Thursday, March 5th at 1:00pm

District 11-0 – March 16th at 1:00pm

District 12-0 – March 17th at 10:00am

(all meetings held at PennDOT District offices)

C. STIP MOU/MOU Development

Ryan Gordon spoke of the updates to the STIP MOU development, stating that we need to set up a workgroup to discuss the TIP modification procedures. This would be to review what we are doing and how we are developing the MOU, and to see if any changes to the process would need to be made for the current development. This workgroup would include members of all three PennDOT districts, Ryan Gordon, Lillian Gabreski, and any other members of the TTC who would also be interested in helping out.

7. Updated Funding Guidance (Handout 4-5)

Ryan Gordon went over the updated funding guidance for transportation and community funding programs and local bridge funding guidance, as outlined in the two handouts. SPC has been doing

these handouts for a few years, but they have been recently updated for 2020. Ryan went on to explain how these handouts can help with securing funding for projects, and explained the application opening and closing dates for upcoming programs. The bridge funding handout was developed to provide a resource to entities looking to get local bridge work funded. This effort emerged out of the meeting SPC staff has been having with PennDOT and key county representatives on the BOF program in each district. Ryan noted that it has been sent out for review and comment to a few key individuals and it is still in a draft form. Any comments on the bridge funding handout will be addressed before we put it on the SPC website.

8. SMART Program (Handout 6)

Ryan Gordon went over the handouts for the upcoming SMART Program, which included the final draft of the SMART program guidance, the pre-application, and the final application. He mentioned that Andy had reviewed this program during the last TTC, and it is largely the same as last year's program. The program looks to add funding to projects with specific community goals, such as multi-mobility, safety, and sustainability. The pre application period opens on February 21st and is ready to be filled out and submitted for projects. Eligible project categories are on page 4 of the program guidance handout, and eligible sponsors are on page 3, including municipalities, transit agencies, TMA's and other public bodies. An email containing the pre application will also be sent out by Lillian, and will be sent to each of the counties TTC representatives, and the PennDOT district programming managers. We will provide a response to each of the pre application submissions and then will be ready to move on to the full applications by the next TTC meeting.

9. Smart Moves Connections Study Update

Tom Klevan updated the TTC on the status of the *SmartMoves Connections – A Regional Vision for Public Transit* project. Klevan shared a project status presentation detailing the work accomplished to date – including an interactive graphic representation of unique Streetlight data trip aggregation analyses – as well as presenting the remaining project schedule.

10. SR 28 (Kittanning to I-80) Regional Corridor Study Update

Ryan Gordon provided an update of the SR 28 Kittanning to I-80 Regional Corridor Study.

- Study emerged for the work SPC with District 10 and Armstrong County during development of the 2019 LRP (Smart Moves for a Changing Region)...specifically LRP project list and work group discussions. All involved felt that a better understanding of the current and future needs of this corridor was needed in order to develop a strategic plan for the corridor.
- SPC in partnership with Northwest Commission and North Central Commission and District 10 obtained PennDOT funding to conduct this study. Working with Armstrong, Clarion, and Jefferson county representatives throughout the early stages of the project was critical to getting to the point we are now on the study.
- The idea of the study is to ultimately develop a strategy for the corridor in terms of short, medium, and long term improvement concepts. These concepts can be turned into a plan of future projects for the corridor.
- Currently we are working with McCormick Taylor to develop the Existing Conditions Analysis.
- Stakeholder interviews with folks who have knowledge about how the corridor operates are taking place next week.

Ryan reviewed the website for the study and reviewed the study goals. Ryan encouraged everyone to participate in the online survey, which Ryan demonstrated.

11. Other Business / Status Reports

- A. February 25th – Commissioner Funding Workshop*
- B. March 4th – Active Transportation Forum*
- C. March 5th – Smart Signals Workshop*
- D. February 19th – Transit Technical Committee*

12. Adjourn

Daniel Carpenter made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by Jeremy Kelly, and the TTC approved adjournment of the meeting at 11:32 p.m.