

Meeting Minutes for March 21st, 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
Kevin Gray, Butler County Planning Commission
- Arthur Capella, Fayette County Zoning, Planning and Community Development
- * 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
- Daniel Carpenter, Westmoreland County Department of Planning and Development
Victoria Baur, 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
Chris Watts, Pittsburgh Downtown Partnership
Steve Shadle, CDRM
- Kevin McCullough, PennDOT Central Office
Dave Cook, PennDOT District 10-0
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
Andy Waple, SPC Transportation Director
Ryan Gordon, SPC Staff
Chuck Imbrogno, SPC Staff
Tom Klevan, SPC Staff
Sara Walfoort
Dan Alwine, SPC Staff
John Weber, 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 February 14th TTC Meeting Minutes (Handout 1)

A motion was made by Daniel Carpenter and seconded by Mark Gordon to accept the February 14th TTC meeting minutes as presented. The TTC approved.

3. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

4. FHWA/FTA/PennDOT Central Office Reports

Kevin McCullough noted that PennDOT is in the process of kicking off the 2021 Program Update, and that starts with outreach on behalf of the State Transportation Commission. Last evening there was a live feed on Facebook wherein the Secretary talked about what's happening and how/where to make comments and interact with the program update process. The recording of this address will be made available. Prior to 2017, the STC would move around the state and invite people to give public testimony, but comments have compounded since moving this process online and through social media. The survey will be open until April 26th at <http://www.talkpatransportation.com/>. The STC also recently released the Transportation Performance Report and Risk Report on the website, which Andy provided more information on later in the meeting.

Dave Cook was recognized upon his retirement for his professionalism and contributions to the TTC and for his work in PennDOT District 10-0. Andy Waple presented Dave Cook with a plaque in dedication to and in appreciation of his years of service to the Transportation Technical Committee.

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

A. PennDOT District 10-0

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

The majority of the administrative modifications regarded shifting funds to accommodate the \$20,000,000 BUILD grant that the Butler County Commissioners received for projects on the SR 228/Freedom Road corridor. The grant is going towards the construction phases of the SR 228 Balls Bend and Freedom Road improvement projects. Federal funds must be obligated by September, which means that Balls Bend must be accelerated; and Three Degree Road will be slowed down in its place, essentially flipping them on the TIP. Eventually both will be under construction at the same time, and coordination regarding traffic control plans will be necessary. These moves are done to maintain fiscal constraint on the TIP. The grant for Freedom Road requires a \$5 million match. Funds for the match money will be 100% non federal into the Right-of-way phase, and movements were completed to facilitate this. Other match money is being funded through funds which were not obligated via the SPC Smart program.

Jeff Raykes made a motion to approve, which was seconded by Mark Gordon, 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 three amendments and four groupings of administrative modifications requiring TTC approval.

The amendments included adding two betterment projects: Brandt School Road and SR 8/Wildwood Road, and converting a superstructure replacement project, Wildwood Rd over BP RR, from 100% state to 80% federal/20% state due to a change in scope of work.

Ann Ogoreuc asked about the multimodal projects being added and which line item they were coming from, and Rob Miskanic answered that they are coming from a district line item for in house charges for assisting with these projects, amounting to \$5000.

Ann Ogoreuc made a motion to approve, which was seconded by Jeff Skalican, 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 six amendments and four groupings of administrative modifications requiring TTC approval.

The first amendment, SR 2040 over Redstone Creek, is for adjusting the cash flow of the Construction phase and changing the flavor of funding from state to federal. SR 4012 over Brush Creek is being added to the TIP for preliminary engineering. The next four amendments: SR 2053 over Br Daniels Run, 4057 over Brush Run, SR 3044 over Ltl Sewickley Creek, and SR 1020 over Br Saxman Run, are bridge replacement projects utilizing federal funding that are being deferred due to greater priority needs – which will be programmed on the TIP during the April TTC meeting.

Jeffrey Leithauser made a motion to approve the amendments and modifications, seconded by Arthur Capella, and the TTC approved the modifications as requested by Josh Theakston.

6. Long Range Plan Update (Handout 4)

A. Schedule Overview

Andy Waple gave a brief overview of the steps leading up to the adoption of the Long Range Plan, which are laid out below:

B. Final Project List (Handout 3)

Ryan Gordon went over the Long Range Plan fiscally constrained project list, which has been under development since November. Development consisted of three rounds of work groups in each district, and the final draft was sent out the week preceding TTC and had resulted in no additional comments.

A fiscally constrained transit list is not included in this project list. Tom Klevan noted that there will probably be a separate list with transit projects. Aligning the project information in the capital planning tool with the information project sponsors have, which is the most difficult part of the planning process, has been completed. This means that SPC has more detailed information pertaining what funding will be spent on, and this will be depicted in the final report in some fashion.

Andy Waple added that there will also be a vision list of bigger transformative projects from around the region that will be discussed within the context of the regional vision and the goals and strategies of the plan. There will be a mix of projects on the fiscally constrained plan and those that aren't quite developed to the point of being on the former list. He asked that today the TTC affirm that this will be the final project list moving forward onto the plan.

Jeffrey Leithauser made a motion to approve the project list as presented to the TTC, seconded by Daniel Carpenter, and the TTC approved the final Long Range Transportation Plan project list.

C. Air Quality Conformity Analysis

Chuck Imbrogno gave an overview of the Air Quality Conformity Analysis process, which ensures that projects adopted on the region's transportation plan will not have a negative effect on local air quality. He noted that SPC has been able to demonstrate that routinely for nearly thirty years. A couple of key points: one of the requirements is to tell EPA and USDOT the start date of the analysis, which will be today, the date we have the final project list. SPC is also required to review the project list with an inter-agency review team including the EPA, PADEP, FHWA, PennDOT, SPC, and Allegheny County Air Quality Health Department, so this team may be reaching out to project sponsors with questions regarding scope, etc. SPC also has the turnpike and interstate lists, and a draft list of the transit projects.

D. Environmental Justice Analysis

Lillian Gabreski gave an overview of the Environmental Justice Analysis process, which aims to identify and engage traditionally disadvantaged populations in the region to ensure that transportation projects do not neglect or burden them. LRTP projects are mapped against environmental justice populations to ensure that a) appropriate investment and planning are occurring in EJ areas, and b) that any potential burdens as a result of transportation projects in EJ areas are mitigated or prevented.

E. PPP Meetings

The majority of the PPP meetings are scheduled for the Long Range Plan. 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. SPC Transportation Demand Management (TDM) Plan Update

Tom Klevan noted that the Transportation Demand Management Plan Update project recently kicked off, with the first stakeholders meeting scheduled for April 5th. The consulting group is ICF, which was selected unanimously by the committee. A webpage will go live soon and the draft existing conditions report will be included in material for the stakeholders meeting. Interviews with smaller and larger employers have been conducted as part of this report.

8. Census 2020 Update

Chuck Imbrogno noted that the Participant Statistical Areas Program (PSAP) is happening now where census boundaries and block groups are reviewed at the county and municipal level to be provided to the census bureau. SPC is the point of contact for the ten-county region. The deadline for getting everything back will be sometime in June.

The Census is also pushing Complete Count Committees, which consists of local outreach to hard to count/hard to reach populations to ensure that everyone is counted during the 2020 Census. SPC is working with a coalition from the City and Allegheny County to conduct Complete Count outreach. SPC is scheduling a Census presentation at April's Commission meeting to explain CCCs. The Census also has a map of rate of response from the 2010 Census, which is enlightening when it comes to understanding response rates and hard to reach populations.

On April 1st, the Census will be holding an online event announcing that the date is one year out from the 2020 Census day, to present their schedule and announce job openings.

9. 2021 TIP Update

- A. *STC 45 day comment period – begins March 11th*
- B. Andy Waple reiterated Kevin McCullough's announcement regarding the STC comment period. He also noted that SPC had been involved in the Financial Guidance Work Group.
- C. [*Pennsylvania Transportation Advisory Committee – Risks to Transportation Funding in Pennsylvania*](#)

Andy Waple noted that the PTAC produced a report on the risks to transportation funding in Pennsylvania. He gave a brief presentation that highlighted the points of the report, which is linked above.

10. Other Business / Status Reports

- A. April 5th – TDM Stakeholders Meeting

- B. April 15th – Planning Directors’ Forum
- C. April 17th – Transit Operators Committee (TOC)
- D. April 18th – Transportation Technical Committee
- E. April 29th – SPC Executive Committee, Commission, and Regional Policy Advisory Committee

Dave Cook thanked the committee for the work that has been done over the past few decades to improve transportation infrastructure in the Southwestern Pennsylvania region.

Dan Alwine directed the committee that a handout on [Transportation and Community Funding Programs](#) is available which provides an update on grants available this year.

Lynn Manion noted that on April 30th, ACTA and the Engineer’s Society is having a lunch meeting, and that interested parties can sign up via ACTA’s website or the Engineer’s Societies website.

Mark Gordon noted that Butler County kicked off the start of their second infrastructure bank, on top of the \$10 million already allocated, with interest already shown from municipalities.

Arthur Capella noted that Fayette County is hosting a Complete Count Committee Press Conference on April 10th, and that the County’s Comprehensive Land Use Plan would be issued in May or June.

Sarah Walfoort noted that on May 23rd, SPC will be holding a truck parking roundtable and that more details will be made available.

Jeff Raykes noted that The Southwest section of the American Planning Association is having an Energy Planning workshop on April 10th at Washington and Jefferson College.

11. Adjourn

Daniel Carpenter made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by Arthur Capella, and the TTC approved adjournment of the meeting at 11:50 p.m.