

**SOUTHWESTERN PENNSYLVANIA COMMISSION
NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD AND VIRTUAL PUBLIC MEETING**

Note: Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and restrictions on gatherings, SPC is unable to hold in-person public meetings at this time. A virtual public meeting and other online public participation opportunities will be provided for interested parties to review and comment on draft documents. SPC will provide paper copies of materials upon request (see information later in this notice).

The Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission (SPC) is seeking your input and will open a public comment period for Air Quality Conformity Determination and proposed amendments to *SmartMoves for a Changing Region* (Southwestern PA's Long Range Transportation Plan) and *the 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program* (2021-2024 TIP).

This public comment period will begin Monday, December 7, 2020 and conclude Tuesday, January 12 2021.

The U.S. Department of Transportation has recently awarded \$25 million of discretionary BUILD grant funding to Butler County to construct roadway, intersection, and pedestrian improvements along two segments of State Route 228 and State Route 3020 (Freedom Road). The region's TIP and Long Range Plan need to be amended, and the region's air quality conformity assessment needs to be updated before the project can begin construction. SPC is seeking public feedback as part of the amendment process.

The project includes improvements on Freedom Road from Powell Road to Haine School Road, and on State Route 228 at the intersection with Three Degree Road. Various improvements include adding new travel lanes, widening existing lanes, adding turn lanes, converting intersections to roundabouts or jug handles, installing ADA ramps, adding multi-use paths and sidewalks, upgrading traffic signals, and adding pavement markings.

Additional information on the Air Quality Determination and the proposed amendments to the 2021-2024 TIP and *SmartMoves for a Changing Region* is available for public review online beginning December 7th, at www.spcregion.org, at the offices of the Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission and the Butler County Planning Commission.

Beginning Monday, December 7, 2020, these draft documents will be available for public review on the internet at www.spcregion.org. A virtual public meeting will be held to provide an overview of the draft documents, updates on project advancement, and opportunities for the public to ask questions and submit comments.

VIRTUAL PUBLIC MEETING:

Wednesday, December 16, 2020

6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Access Meeting: www.spcregion.org

Comments on the draft documents will be accepted by SPC representatives during the virtual public meeting. Written comments may also be submitted to comments@spcregion.org, by mail to SPC

Comments at Two Chatham Center, Suite 500, 112 Washington Place, Pittsburgh, PA 15219 or by fax to (412) 391-9160.

All comments must be received by 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 12 2021.

Upon consideration of public comments received, the Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission will consider approval of the draft documents at their meeting at 4:30 p.m., on Monday, January 25, 2021. This meeting will be held at Two Chatham Center, 112 Washington Place, 4th Floor, Pittsburgh, PA 15219. In the event that this meeting must be held virtually due to the COVID-19 pandemic, notices will be posted at www.spcregion.org and at SPC's offices.

For individuals without access to the internet, paper copies of draft materials will be mailed upon request. SPC will respond to requests for paper copies as soon as possible in accordance with COVID-19 restrictions. To request paper copies, please contact Shannon O'Connell at (412) 391-5590, ext. 334 or soconnell@spcregion.org.

The Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission (SPC) is committed to compliance with nondiscrimination requirements of civil rights statutes, executive orders, regulations and policies applicable to the programs and activities it administers. Accordingly, SPC is committed to ensuring that program beneficiaries receive public participation opportunities without regard to race, color, national origin, sex, age, disability or economic status. SPC will provide auxiliary services for individuals with language, speech, sight or hearing needs, provided the request for assistance is made 3 days prior to the virtual meeting. SPC will attempt to satisfy requests made with less than 3 days notice as resources allow. Please make your request for auxiliary services to Jared Bedekovich at (412) 391-5590, Ext. 343, or jbedekovich@spcregion.org. If you believe you have been denied participation opportunities, or otherwise discriminated against in relation to the programs or activities administered by SPC, you may file a complaint using the procedures provided in our complaint process document or by contacting SPC's Title VI Coordinator by calling (412) 391-5590. For more information, or to obtain a Title VI Discrimination Complaint Form, please see our website at: www.spcregion.org or call 412-391-5590.

TRANSIT SERVICE INFORMATION

For information regarding transit services in Allegheny County, please call Port Authority Customer Service at 412-442-2000. For transit information in other counties, please visit: <https://commuteinfo.org/for-commuters/commuting-options/transit/>.

This notice satisfies the program of projects requirements of the Urbanized Area Formula Program of the Federal Transit Administration for Beaver County Transit Authority, Butler Transit Authority, Fayette Area Coordinated Transit, Mid Mon Valley Transit Authority, Port Authority of Allegheny County, Washington County Transportation Authority, Westmoreland County Transit Authority, Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission, and CommuteInfo, a program of the Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission.