

**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 on the Draft 2021 Public Participation Plan and an update to the Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission Public Participation Plan 2015.

**This public comment period will begin March 3, 2021 and conclude April 16, 2021.**

The Draft 2021 Public Participation Plan provides an outline of the tools and techniques we use to inform and engage the public throughout our transportation planning and programming processes. The Plan must comply with federal participation plan regulations and guidelines for metropolitan transportation planning and programs. This guidance helps to ensure that our Public Participation Plan provides opportunities and access for all individuals to provide input on key transportation planning, policy and investment decisions.

Beginning March 3, 2021, these draft documents will be available for public review on the internet at [www.spcregion.org](http://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, March 24, 2021

6 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Access Meeting: [www.spcregion.org](http://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](mailto: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 April 16, 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 April 26, 2021. This meeting will be held virtually due to the COVID-19 pandemic. A link to that meeting will be posted at [www.spcregion.org](http://www.spcregion.org).

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://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.