

Meeting Minutes for December 12, 2019
Transportation Technical Committee
SPC Conference Center
Two Chatham Center, Pittsburgh, PA 15219

Attendees:

- Ann Ogoreuc, Allegheny County Department of Economic Development
- Darin Alviano, Armstrong County Department of Planning and Development
- Joe West, Beaver County Planning Commission
- Joel MacKay, Butler County Planning Commission
- * Arthur Cappella, Fayette County Zoning, Planning and Community Development
- * Jeremy L. Kelly, Greene County
- 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
- David Wohlwill, Port Authority
- * Kevin McCullough, PennDOT Central Office
- Harold Swan, PennDOT District 10-0
- Rob Miskanic, PennDOT District 11-0
- John Quatman, PennDOT District 11-0
- Doug Seeley, PennDOT District 11-0
- * Angela Saunders, PennDOT District 12-0
- Lynn Manion, Airport Corridor Transportation Association
- Nick Sagan CDR Maguire
- Dan Laird, Hill International
- Dr. James Hassinger, SPC Executive Director and CEO
- Andy Waple, SPC Transportation Director
- Ryan Gordon, SPC Staff
- Chuck Imbrogno, SPC Staff
- Tom Klevan, SPC Staff
- John Weber, SPC Staff
- Erika Eagan, 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 a.m.

2. Action on the November 21st TTC Meeting Minutes (Handout 1)

A motion was made by Joe West and seconded by Amy McKinney to accept the November 21st TTC meeting minutes as presented. The TTC approved.

3. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

4. FHWA/PennDOT Central Office Reports

Andy Waple announced that an Interstate TYP had been released with carry-over projects - no new projects are yet listed. These should be put out later in the month. SPC's total amount for just carryover projects is about \$660 million, which is consistent with previous Interstate TYPs. Central Office has told SPC that new projects will be added before the end of the year, upon receipt of the full list SPC will send it out to the TTC. Also, as reported last month, the SPIKE list has been put out and is consistent with years past. These lists will be presented to the Commission at its December meeting for review.

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

A. PennDOT District 10-0

There were no amendments or administrative modifications requiring TTC approval.

B. PennDOT District 11-0

Rob Miskanic reviewed the requested TIP modifications. There were two amendments and one grouping of administrative modifications requiring TTC approval.

The first amendment was for the installation of lighted chevrons at multiple locations in Allegheny County. The project will consist of wired and solar installations on SR 79, SR 28, and SR 8108 (Veteran's Bridge Ramps). The goal is to reduce crashes and roll over incidents at these locations. This is a safety improvement that was funded from the SPC Regional Safety Line Item.

The second amendment was for a planned 2021 planned betterment project on PA 65 from Emsworth to Sewickley Bridge in Glenfield, Haysville and Glen Osborne Boroughs, Allegheny County. PE is being added to initiate design.

Ann Ogoreuc made a motion to approve, which was seconded by Amy McKinney, 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 no amendments and three groupings of administrative modifications requiring TTC approval.

Jeff Leithauser made a motion to approve the modifications, seconded by Joe West, and the TTC approved the modifications as requested by Angela Saunders.

D. Transit TIP

Tom Klevan noted that at the December 9th TOC meeting two TIP modifications were approved. The first was from Butler County Transit Authority, adding a \$2.5 million project to replace commuter buses. This project is funded with 80% FTA formula funds and matched entirely with local funds. The second was from Indiana County, which added a 9.5 million project to expand existing bus parking facilities. This project will include the construction of a parking lot that will be used by employees with the possibility of being expanded to a Park and Ride in the future. This project is funded with FTA 5311 rural capital funding passed through PennDOT and state capital transit funding.

6. 2021 TIP Update

A. Preliminary Draft TIP and Schedule Overview

Ryan Gordon noted that there had been a total of 13 TIP Work Group meetings conducted across the region since July. He thanked the committee for their participation in these work groups. He noted that after reviewing project lists, a complete draft version will be shared with each work group leading up to the March TTC meeting. Adoption will be considered by the Commission at its June meeting.

B. PPP Meetings

Andy Waple and Ryan Gordon went over the PPP meetings held in Westmoreland and Armstrong. Andy noted that many of the Commissioners and Commissioners-Elect were present at these meetings and are engaged in the process of TIP development moving forward.

C. CMAQ Final Project List (Handout 3)

Andy Waple presented the final CMAQ project list. With the available funds – the committee was able to fund every project that requested funding except for one. Jeff Leithauser made a motion to endorse the final CMAQ project list, which was seconded by Joe West, and the TTC approved.

Andy noted that SPC would be looking at ways to improve the CMAQ project selection process, including looking at other MPOs to see if there are better ways that other organizations conduct the process. Chuck Imbrogno noted that there would be a Central Office webinar the following week on implementing CMAQ selection processes across the state.

D. Transit TIP Update

Tom Klevan announced that at the December 9th meeting of the TOC, the committee endorsed the fiscally constrained draft program of projects for the 2021 TIP. The program is available for review upon request.

7. Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside program (Handout 4)

Ryan Gordon noted that with the completion of deliverability scoring, the weighted scoring of TA projects had been completed. He presented the unweighted and weighted scoring to the committee, which indicated which projects would be pre-approved based on available funding.

Andy Waple asked the committee if they had any questions or comments. Jeff Leithauser noted that in the future, projects that were short funding should offer better explanations of how they expected to deliver projects. David Wolhwill brought up whether with the reserve funding; the Bicycle Lockers project could be funded based on its low cost and high deliverability. Joe West and Ann Ogoreuc expressed support. Andy Waple asked if there were any objections. Darin Alviano expressed concern that during the next round of TA applications, sponsors would be putting in applications for low costs. Andy noted that this is an exception to the minimum limit as it is for materials only. He emphasized the importance of separating these types of projects from low-cost construction projects. Darin also expressed that the Port Authority could fund this project within its budget. With no objections, the bicycle lockers were funded with contingency funds.

Ryan Gordon noted that these projects are not programmed, but pre-approved for funding. These projects will be added to the TIP as they are ready for construction as-needed on a first-come first-serve basis.

Joe West asked what the rest of the surplus funds would be used for. Andy Waple noted that it would be used for cost over-runs, as these smaller projects often come in higher after bid. Ann Ogoreuc asked when the project sponsors will get notified that they were awarded funds, and whether project sponsors could move before the TIP is adopted in June. Andy noted that the project list would be presented as an appendix to the TIP, and will not be technically approved until the entire TIP is approved in June. As a result, project sponsors should wait to move until this takes place.

8. 2020-2022 UPWP Development

Andy Waple noted that the 2020 UPWP had been submitted to FHWA and Central Office for review. SPC should hear back with any edits soon. Andy will be presenting a high-level draft to the Commission at its December meeting, and SPC will ask the Commission to adopt at its January meeting. Comments were submitted from Allegheny County and the Port Authority, and will be incorporated after comments are received back from FHWA and Central Office. He thanked the committee for their review and support throughout this process.

9. Regional Transit Planning Presentation

Tom Klevan gave a presentation on the regional transit planning process. He went over the planning agreements including the MOU - which is a legal document that contains certain responsibilities for each planning partner. Tom noted that there are three planning products or processes that the Federal government expects the MPO, the State, and the providers of public transportation to cooperate on; these are grant-making, project delivery, and programming. He further clarified the roles of PennDOT, SPC and the Transit Operators in developing the UPWP, the Long Range Transportation and Development Plan, and the Transportation Improvement Program. Finally, Tom gave an overview of the purpose and history of the SPC Transit Operators Committee.

10. Other Business / Status Reports

- A. DCNR 2020 Grant Funding Application Period and Associated Webinars
 - i. Application Period: January 15, 2020 – April 22, 2020
 - ii. Webinars: [January 29 at 10:00 A.M.](#) and [February 19 at 10:00 A.M.](#)
- B. *December 16th – Commission and Executive Committee*
- C. *January 13th – Planning Directors' Forum*
- D. *January 16th – Transportation Technical Committee (TTC)*

11. Adjourn

Jeff Leithauser made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by David Wohlwill, and the TTC approved adjournment of the meeting at 11:25 p.m.