

**Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission  
Transportation Technical Committee (TTC)  
Meeting Minutes via Webex  
April 14, 2022, 10:00 a.m.**

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Attendees:

- Ann Ogoreuc, Allegheny County Department of Economic Development
- Darin Alviano, Armstrong County Planning Commission
- Joel MacKay, Butler County Planning Commission
- Jeremy L. Kelly, Greene County Planning and Community Development
- Josh Krug, Indiana County Office of Planning and Development
- Jason Theakston, Washington County Planning
- Kevin McCullough, PennDOT Central Office
- Jeff Skalican, City of Pittsburgh
- Steven Shanley, Allegheny County Department of Public Works
- Lisa Cessna, Washington County Planning
- Matthew Crea, PennDOT Central Office
- Brandon Leach, PennDOT Central Office
- Kathryn Schlesinger, Pittsburgh Downtown Partnership
- Lynn Manion, Airport Corridor Transportation Association
- Mavis Rainey, Oakland Transportation Management Association
- Harold Swan, PennDOT District 10-0
- Domenic DeFazio, PennDOT District 10-0
- Stephanie Spang, PennDOT District 11-0
- Jordan Bergamasco, PennDOT District 11-0
- Angela Saunders, PennDOT District 12-0
- Jessica Setmire, PennDOT District 12-0
- Josh Theakston, PennDOT District 12-0
- Matthew Kelley, CDR Maguire
- Lucina Beattie, Western Pennsylvanians for Passenger Rail
- Domenic D'Andrea, SPC Transportation Director
- Ryan Gordon, SPC Staff
- Tom Klevan, SPC Staff
- Chuck Imbrogno, SPC Staff
- Ronda Craig, SPC Staff
- Lillian Gabreski, SPC Staff
- Erin Kepple Adams, SPC Staff
- Greg Shermeto, SPC Staff
- Sara Walfoort, SPC Staff

- **Indicates TTC voting member**

1. **Call to Order**

Domenic D’Andrea called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. with a roll call for the TTC members.

2. **Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

3. **Action on March 17<sup>th</sup> TTC Meeting Minutes**

A motion was made by Jeremy Kelly to approve the minutes of the March 17<sup>th</sup> TTC meeting.

4. **FHWA/PennDOT Central Office, Program Center Report from Kevin McCullough, PennDOT Central Office**

Kevin McCullough discussed the notice of funding opportunity for the multimodal projects discretionary grant, which will solicit applications for three different funding opportunities. These funding opportunities include the National Infrastructure Project Assistance (MEGA) program, the Nationally Significant Multimodal Freight and Highways Projects (INFRA) grant program, and the Rural Surface Transportation (Rural) grant program. This funding opportunity is currently open, and applications can be submitted through the Grants.com website until May 23<sup>rd</sup> at Noon. Any further questions can be sent to the email at [MPDGrants@dot.gov](mailto:MPDGrants@dot.gov). Kevin McCullough mentioned that he has had discussions with Port Authority on applying for the grant, and would welcome any other applications to be sent in.

5. **Action on Modifications to the 2021-2024 TIP**

A. PennDOT District 10-0

Harold Swan went over one amendment and two administrative actions for PennDOT District 10-0. The amendment was for a transportation enhancement project which includes the acquisition of abandoned railway corridors in various locations in Bethel and Gilpin Townships in Armstrong County and Allegheny Township in Westmoreland County and converting them to trails. The District requests to add this project in the amount of \$3,500,000 (100% Federal utilizing toll credits) to the TIP with regional TAU and statewide TA funds for right-of-way acquisition in FFY 2022. Funds for the project are only for this eligible acquisition. TA funds will not be eligible for funding other preconstruction phases of any future trail development. The \$600,000 TAU funds programmed in FFY 2022 on the Pittsburgh Pedestrian Wayfinding project are being deferred to FFY 2023 on the current TIP. The project will still have STP funds remaining in FFY 2022, and the deferral of TAU funds to FFY 2023 will not negatively impact the project deliverability. The Wayfinding project is on the 2023 Draft TIP, and an administrative action in October of 2022 on the 2023 TIP will return the full TAU funding for the project in 2023.

The first administrative action was for a safety improvement project which includes adding through lanes along the length of the project, turn lanes at various intersections, side road improvements, the addition of service roads for access control, drainage and guide rail upgrades, signal replacement, signage, and pavement markings along PA 228 (Mars Crider Road) from 500 feet east of its intersection with SR 3015 (Mars Valencia Road) to 1.0 mile east of its intersection with SR 3007 (Three Degree Road). Also included are sidewalks, Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) ramps, bicycle consideration, and the addition of a roundabout on Three Degree Road in Adams Township, Butler County. The district requests to increase right-of-way and add \$3,000,000 (80% Federal and 20% State) in FFY 2022 for unforeseen impacts to several parcels, including relocation of a business, negotiation, and an additional claim. The sources will be SR 1004 over US 119 NB/SB: \$11,717 Federal from the deobligation of surplus preliminary engineering funds, and

\$58,262 Federal from the deobligation of surplus construction funds, South of Cooperstown Bridge #2: \$54,149 Federal from the deobligation of surplus preliminary engineering funds, and South of Cooperstown Bridge #3: \$24,918 Federal from the deobligation of surplus utility funds, US 119 Three Bridges: \$35,645 Federal from the deobligation of surplus final design funds, US 422 EB/WB Bridges over Pony Farm Road: \$15,309 Federal from the deobligation of surplus preliminary engineering funds, Route 22 Pedestrian/Bike Bridge: \$14,431 Federal from the deobligation of surplus preliminary engineering funds, SR 1004 over US 119 NB/SB: \$191,579 Federal from the deobligation of surplus construction funds, Armagh Bypass PM: \$629,321 Federal from the deobligation of surplus construction funds, IJJA SPC District 10 Reserve Line Item: \$659,000 Federal, and SPC District 10 Highway/Bridge Line Item: \$705,669 Federal and \$600,000 State funds. The second administrative action was for a safety improvement project includes signal replacement, installation of turn lanes, and corridor improvements to enhance safety and reduce congestion along PA 68 from Township Road #425 (Stevenson Road) to SR 3007 (Meridian Road/Benbrook Road) in Connoquenessing and Butler Townships, Butler County. The district requests to increase construction and add \$1,753,067 (80% Federal and 20% State) in FFYs 2022 and 2027 due to the addition of post-construction stormwater control facilities, drainage structures, permanent pavement, temporary traffic control costs, new traffic signals at three intersections, and unit cost increases. The project is fully funded on the Draft TIP. The sources will be the SPC CMAQ Line Item: \$1,402,453 Federal and the SPC District 10 Highway/Bridge Line Item: \$350,614 State.

Josh Krug made a motion to approve the amendment and administrative actions from PennDOT District 10-0, which was seconded by Joel MacKay. The motion was approved unanimously.

B. PennDOT District 11-0

Stephanie Spang went over the five administrative actions for PennDOT District 11-0. The first administrative action was for Interchange improvements, ramp reconstruction and bridge work, located on I-376 from the Parkway Center Interchange (SR 8091) to the Fort Pitt Tunnel in the City of Pittsburgh, Allegheny County. Includes US 19 (Banksville Road), US 19/PA 51 at Woodville ramps and Banksville Interchange Ramps (SR 8075). The district requests the increase of the planning and engineering by \$500k (CAQ) for additional analysis and other planning and engineering tasks, with the source of funding coming from the same project's final design phase. The second administrative action was for a bridge replacement project, located on SR 3038 - Connor Road in Castle Shannon, PA, over Port Authority of Allegheny County Trolley Line and Saw Mill Run. The district is requesting the addition of a planning and engineering phase by 400k (NHPP) in FFY 2022 to initiate design, with the source of funding coming from the Allegheny County Bridge line item. The third administrative action was for a bridge preservation project, located on SR 2114 (McKeesport-Duquesne Bridge) over the Monongahela River and railroad in the City of Duquesne and McKeesport, Allegheny County. The district is requesting the addition of a right-of-way phase by \$220K (State185 funds) to cover current damage estimate, with the source of funding coming from the Allegheny County Bridge line item.

The fourth administrative action was for intersection Improvements for signal update, vehicular and ped detection/signals, ramps, establishment of a traffic management center, cameras to monitor and control signals, located at approximately 126 intersections along eight corridors within the City of Pittsburgh, Allegheny County. The district is requesting to add the planning and engineering phases to the TIP to cover planning and engineering costs for all 3 phases for project with a cost of \$1,105,000 (SXF/LOC). The source of funding will come from the Advanced Transportation and Congestion Management Technologies

Deployment (ATCMTD) program. The fifth administrative action was for a mill and resurfacing, bridge rehabilitation and preservation project, located on SR 28 - Harmarville to Russelton in East Deer, Frazer, Harmar and Springdale Townships, Allegheny County. The district is requesting the addition of a right-of-way phase by \$10k (State 185 funds) to cover right-of-way claims, with the source of funding coming from the Betterment Reserve Allegheny County line item.

Ann Ogoreuc made a motion to approve the amendments and administrative actions from PennDOT District 11-0, which was seconded by Kevin McCullough. The motion was approved unanimously.

C. Transit TIP Amendment Summary

Tom Klevan went over a summary of the Transit Operators Committee from the day prior, beginning by going over the one administrative action and two amendments from the Mid Mon Valley Transit Authority. The one administrative action was for vehicle maintenance upgrades in the total of \$80,000, which was added to an existing project. This will be funding bus maintenance equipment and preventative repairs to the bus maintenance facility in Charleroi. The first amendment was for pavement repair in the total of \$260,000 for repairs to pavement in and around the vehicle maintenance facility. Another pavement repair project was in the total of \$40,000 for repairs around the bus stops and bus pull off lanes.

6. **TOC Update**

Tom Klevan discussed updates of some key agenda items from yesterday's Transit Operators Committee meeting, beginning with regional fare collection. Tom mentioned that there have been discussions between TOC staff and SPC to try to provide funding and procurement of a regional mobile fare collection. Several operators in the region already utilize a mobile fare application, so there is potential to pursue federal funding in order to make this mobile fare application available to all the transit operators in the region. Tom also discussed the Coordinated Public Transit Human Services Transportation Plan, also known as the Coordinated Plan. This plan is a Federal planning requirement in order to integrate planning for public transit and human services for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and a key part of this plan involves the shared drive programs, which are sponsored by every county in the commonwealth. Some of these shared drive programs are administered through the county transit operators, such as in Beaver, Allegheny, and Westmoreland counties. This initiative was originally running through SPC and the group known as the Alliance for Transportation Working in Communities (ATWC). The last two Coordinated Plans were developed and updated through the ATWC, however with the reorganization of SPC, and with some key members retiring or shifting focus away from ATWC, the plan is now to focus the development of the Coordinated Plan to the TOC instead of the ATWC. Tom mentioned that this does present issues due to how the TOC is constituted, however he has had discussions with some of the more prominent committee members in order to integrate the planning for these shared ride programs into the planning work for TOC and SPC.

7. **2023 TIP Update**

Ryan Gordon gave an update on the 2023 TIP, starting with current work being done with the district planning managers and Central Office, making sure that all the final program amounts have been balanced and finalized. These will be sent out to the work groups next week for review. The Smart program applications are also being currently analyzed, as well as the EJ analysis and the Transportation Performance Measures appendix. Air quality conformity analysis has also begun on projects in the draft TIP and the Long-Range Plan. The next large task of the 2023 TIP update will be the public involvement process, which will

begin with a public comment period on May 9<sup>th</sup> and close on June 8<sup>th</sup>. All of our draft TIP materials will be available for public comment, and will be available on the SPC website. There are 3 virtual public meetings scheduled, one for each district. District 10-0's virtual public meeting will be on May 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM, District 11-0's will be on May 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM, and District 12-0's will be on June 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:00 PM. SPC will provide a Webex link and materials closer to the meeting dates for people involved in the districts. There will be a separate Facebook live stream that will also be set up for the public.

Lillian Gabreski gave an update on the Smart program, starting with a quick update on the timeline for the program. Currently, all project applications have been received and SPC is in the project evaluation period for the Smart program. The deliverability committee is reviewing the applications for feedback, which will last until May 13<sup>th</sup>, in which then TTC will endorse projects during the May TTC meeting for the Commission. There were 16 applications submitted for the Smart program, with a total requested funds of \$10,406,156. There is \$6 million to spend over the next two years in the Smart program, so these projects will be evaluated and analyzed via weighted project scoring to make a recommendation to the Commission on projects that will be selected to receive Smart funding. Lillian then went over the Smart projects in District 10-0, which are the Downtown Kittanning Revitalization Project from Armstrong County, and the SR 4005-PA954 to Oakland Ave Pedestrian Improvements, which was submitted by the District. The Smart projects in District 11-0 are the Homestead Eighth Avenue Transit and Pedestrian Improvements from Allegheny County, the Phase 1 Brodhead road Safety and Intermodal Improvement project from Beaver County, the Mitchell Road Multimodal Project Phase 1 from Lawrence County, and the West End Trolley Trail from the City of Pittsburgh. District 11-0 also submitted the SR 51 Section 12A Clairton Blvd in Allegheny County, PA 65 Country Club Bridge in Beaver County, and the Liberty St, Jefferson St, and Wilmington Ave betterment project in Lawrence County. The Smart projects in District 12-0 are the Sheepskin Trail City of Uniontown Section in Fayette County, the SR 19 SE2 Project Supplemental Pedestrian Facilities project in Washington County, the WHT West of SR 66 to Ball Park Court – Design Bid project from Westmoreland County, and the district submitted projects of the Fayette County Sheepskin Trail Southern Extension, the Waynesburg Betterment project in Greene County, the Delmont Borough sidewalks project in Westmoreland County, and the Valleybrook/Bebout Road Intersection project in Washington County.

#### 8. **Upcoming RSA's**

Domenic D'Andrea went over some of the current road safety audits which are currently being worked on around the region, starting with the road safety audit on State Route 8 from Penn Township to the City of Butler in Butler County, which is going on from April 13<sup>th</sup> through the 15<sup>th</sup>. This is the final part of a few road safety audits down Route 8 over the past 2 years, which spans from Hampton Township through the City of Butler. Next, SPC is looking to conduct a road safety audit for State Route 51, as requested by District 11-0. This road safety audit spans from Provost Road to the I-376 interchange on Route 51, and will run from May 2<sup>nd</sup> through May 6<sup>th</sup>. SPC is developing the schedule for future road safety audits after Route 51 for next fiscal year, and SPC is taking requests for future audits. Domenic mentioned that if any district members or road owners would like to request a road safety audit, to get in touch with Josh Spano at SPC to see if we can fit the roadway into next fiscal years audit schedule.

#### 9. **PennDOT Connects Outreach**

Josh Theakston went over a municipal outreach session for PennDOT District 12-0, which will take place on May 4<sup>th</sup> from 1pm to 3pm. This outreach session will be all virtual, and will focus on resources available to municipalities through the PennDOT Connects website, not specific to projects or programs. Josh mentioned that it is open to any municipal officials who would like to attend, and to email

[PennDOTconnects@psats.org](mailto:PennDOTconnects@psats.org) for any additional information.

10. **Other Business/Status Reports**

There was no other business or status reports to update.

11. **Adjourn**

A motion to adjourn was made by Jason Theakston. The motion was passed unanimously and Domenic D'Andrea called for the adjournment of the meeting at 10:50 AM.