

**Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission
Transportation Technical Committee (TTC)
Meeting Minutes via Webex
June 15, 2023, 10:00 a.m.**

Attendees:

- Dan Distler, Beaver County Planning Commission
- Joel MacKay, Butler County Planning Commission
- Arthur Cappella, Fayette County Zoning, Planning, and Community Development
- Jeremy L. Kelly, Greene County Planning and Community Development
- Josh Krug, Indiana County Office of Planning and Development
- Amy McKinney, Lawrence County Planning
- Jason Theakston, Washington County Planning
- Daniel Carpenter, Westmoreland County Planning
- Brandon Leach, PennDOT Central Office
- Jeff Skalican, City of Pittsburgh
- Dave Wohlwill, Pittsburgh Regional Transit
- Steven Shanley, Allegheny County Department of Public Works
- Brendan Coticchia, City of Pittsburgh
- Kyle Lamb, Greene County Planning and Community Development
- Austin McDaniel, Washington County Planning
- Nathan Clair, Westmoreland County Planning
- Craig Toocheck, Pittsburgh Regional Transit
- Matt Pavlosky, Port of Pittsburgh
- Vanessa Shamberg, FHWA
- Amy Mathieson, Airport Corridor Transportation Association
- Aaron Sukenik, Downtown Pittsburgh Partnership
- Mavis Rainey, Oakland Transportation Management Association
- Dina Salemi, PennDOT District 11-0
- Julia Cornell, PennDOT Central Office
- Harold Swan, PennDOT District 10-0
- Domenic DeFazio, PennDOT District 10-0
- Jordan Bergamasco, PennDOT District 11-0
- Dave Hollahan, PennDOT District 11-0
- John Quatman, PennDOT District 11-0
- Doug Seeley, PennDOT District 11-0
- Stephanie Spang, PennDOT District 11-0
- Rachael Duda, PennDOT District 12-0
- Angela Saunders, PennDOT District 12-0
- Josh Theakston, PennDOT District 12-0
- Chase Weaver, PennDOT District 12-0
- Jeff Hans, HDR, Inc.
- Cheryl Teamann, HDR, Inc.
- Matthew Kelley, CDR Maguire
- Domenic D'Andrea, SPC Transportation Director
- Chuck Imbrogno, SPC Staff
- Ryan Gordon, SPC Staff
- Anthony Hickton, SPC Staff
- Tom Klevan, SPC Staff

- Indicates TTC voting member

Attendance Cont'd:

Dan Bernazzoli, SPC Staff
 Leann Chaney, SPC Staff
 Ronda Craig, SPC Staff
 Erika Eagan, SPC Staff
 Caleb Knudsen, SPC Staff
 Sara Walfoort, SPC Staff
 John Weber, SPC Staff

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 May 11th TTC Meeting Minutes**

A motion was made by Jeremy Kelly and seconded by Jason Theakston to approve the minutes of the May 11th TTC meeting. The motion was approved unanimously.

4. **FHWA/PennDOT Central Office, Program Center Report from Brandon Leach, PennDOT Central Office and Vanessa Shamberg, FHWA**

Brandon Leach began the program center report by mentioning the completion of PennDOT Connects municipal outreach sessions. Recordings of the meetings, as well as numerous handouts from the meetings, are available on the connects website. Brandon next discussed the State Transportation Commission meeting which took place yesterday, in which they approved the survey result data from the bi-annual survey that the STC puts out to solicit the state for transportation needs. That data is also now available on the Talk PA Transportation website. There is also a breakdown of the data on the website, as well as a map of locations of the data points discussed. Vanessa Shamberg gave a reminder on Federal grants which are currently active, mentioning Safe Streets for All, which applications for are due on July 10th. Vanessa also mentioned upcoming grants, including the MEGA, INFRA, and Rural grant programs. Domenic mentioned that SPC is currently working on a Safe Streets for All grant, and any discussion or collaboration on any other upcoming federal grants would be welcomed. Angela Saunders asked a question about previous RAISE grants, and when certain counties should be hearing back about applications. Vanessa mentioned that they should be hearing back about RAISE grants sometime around August, but would get a more accurate timeframe and respond to Angela.

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

A. PennDOT District 10-0

Harold Swan went over the seven administrative actions for PennDOT District 10-0. The first administrative action was for a bridge replacement project, which carries SR 3020 (Freedom Road) over Interstate 76 (PA Turnpike) in Cranberry Township, Butler County. The district requests to remove \$9,805 from the

deobligation of surplus right-of-way funds, and place those funds into the SPC District 10 Highway/Bridge Line Item. The second administrative action was for a safety improvement project, which includes shoulder widening, the installation of edge-line rumble strips, and sight distance improvements along SR 3021 (Franklin Road) from PA 228 north to Township Road #307 (Peters Road) in Cranberry Township, Butler County. The district requests to increase final design and add \$115,000 (100% Federal utilizing toll credits) in FFY 2023 due to a final agreement that includes an increased scope of work, with the source of funds coming from the SPC District 10 Highway/Bridge Line Item. The third administrative action was for a bridge replacement project, which carries PA 8 over an unnamed tributary of Glade Run in Middlesex Township, Butler County. The district requests to remove \$11,305 from the deobligation of surplus right-of-way funds, and place those funds into the SPC District 10 Highway/Bridge Line Item.

The fourth administrative action was for a bridge replacement project, which carries PA 8 over the south branch of Glade Run in Middlesex Township, Butler County. The district requests to remove \$15,068 from the deobligation of surplus preliminary engineering funds, and place those funds into the SPC District 10 Highway/Bridge Line Item. The fifth administrative action was for a safety improvement project, which will eliminate crossover access along stretches of US 119 and add a new access road from US 119 at SR 2023 (Lucerne Road) to SR 3035 (Old Route 119) in Center Township, Indiana County. The district requests to remove \$231,502 from the deobligation of surplus utility funds, and place those funds into the SPC District 10 Highway/Bridge Line Item. The sixth administrative action was for a bridge replacement project, which carries SR 2003 over Huskins Run in Cowanshannock Township, Armstrong County. The district requests to remove \$39,992 from the deobligation of surplus final design funds, and place those funds into the SPC District 10 Highway/Bridge Line Item. The seventh administrative action was for a bridge preservation project, which carries PA 8 over Connoquenessing Creek, Quarry Street, and railroads in Butler City, Butler County. The district requests to remove \$179,700 (100% Federal utilizing toll credits) from the preliminary engineering phase in FFY 2023 due to a reduced estimate, and place those funds into the SPC District 10 Highway/Bridge Line Item.

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

B. PennDOT District 11-0

John Quatman went over the two amendments and ten administrative actions for PennDOT District 11-0. The first amendment was for a bridge preservation project, located on I-279, north of Fort Duquesne Bridge in the City of Pittsburgh, Allegheny County. The district requests to decrease the final design phase by \$600,000 (NHPP), utilities phase by \$50,000 (BRIP), right-of-way phase by \$100,000 (BRIP) in FFY 2024 and construction phase by \$12,500,000 (BRIP) in FFY 2027 due to project removal from the TIP. The funding will be placed into the Bridge- Allegheny County line item. The second amendment was for the installation of sidewalk, bituminous trail, and Design/Build ADA ramps along 0.586 miles of roadway on Summit Park Drive in North Fayette Township, Allegheny County. The district requests to add a construction phase by \$1,050,000 (TAU) in FFY 2023 for a scheduled July 2023 letting, with the source of funding coming from the SPC Region TAU line item and an available deobligation. The first administrative action was for a culvert replacement, located on Kingswood Drive (T440) in Neshannock Township, Lawrence County. The district requests the addition of a planning and engineering, final design, utilities, right-of-way, and construction phases current TIP in FFY 2023 for ACT 13 qualified project. The source of funding will come from ACT 13

funding. The second administrative action was for interchange improvements, construction of a ramp and bridge, and extending ramp construction, located on I-376 from the Parkway Center Interchange (SR 8091) to the Fort Pitt Tunnel in the City of Pittsburgh, Allegheny County. This also includes US 19 (Banksville Road), US 19/PA 51 at Woodville ramps and Banksville Interchange Ramps (SR 8075). The district requests to increase the construction phase by \$975,000 (CAQ) in FFY 2023 to cover updated design consultant estimate, with the source of funding coming from the SPC CMAQ line item and available project deobligation.

The third administrative action was for a mill and overlay project, located on SR 2108, Forbes Ave from Parkway Ramps to Beeler Street, as well as SR 2308, from Birmingham Bridge to Forbes Avenue, in the City of Pittsburgh, Allegheny County. The district requests to increase the construction phase by \$737,429 (581) in FFY 2023 to cover payment to the City, with the source of funding coming from the Betterment Reserve line item. The fourth administrative action was for a bridge replacement project, located on SR 3004, McLaughlin Run Rd over McLaughlin Run in Bridgeville Borough, Allegheny County. The district requests to defer the construction phase by \$2,000,000 (185) in FFY 2025 due to utility issues, with the funds being placed into the Bridge-Allegheny County line item. The fifth administrative action was for a bridge restoration project, located on Frazier Street over the CSX Railroad and Saline Street in the City of Pittsburgh, Allegheny County. The district requests to increase the planning and engineering phase by \$87,200 (BOF), \$16,350 (183), and \$5,450 (LOC) in FFY 2023 to cover constructability reviews, with the source of funding coming from the Pittsburgh City BPRSF line item and an available deobligation. The sixth administrative action was for a bridge rehabilitation project, located on Frazier Street over the CSX Railroad and Saline Street in the City of Pittsburgh, Allegheny County. The district requests to defer the construction phase by \$5,800,000 (BOF), \$1,087,500 (183), and \$362,500 (LOC) to FFY 2025 & FFY 2026 due to current project schedule, with the funding being placed in to the Pittsburgh City BPRSF line item.

The seventh administrative action was for a bridge rehabilitation project, located on SR 2094 over Youghiogheny River in the City of McKeesport, Allegheny County. The district requests to increase the construction phase by \$40,000 (NHPP) in FFY 2023 to cover additional costs, with the source of funding coming from the Bridge-Allegheny County line item. The eighth administrative action was for five signal replacements and one new signal installation, located City of Pittsburgh's South Side along 18th Street. The district requests an increase in the construction phase by \$90,000 (CAQ) in FFY 2023 to cover supplement for inspection due to time extension, with the source of funding coming from the SPC CMAQ Line Item. The ninth administrative action was for a bridge restoration project, located on West Ohio Street from Merchant Ave to Ridge Ave, including the Ridge Ave Bridge over the Norfolk Southern Railroad, all on the North Shore of the City of Pittsburgh, Allegheny County. The district requests to increase the construction phase by \$48,800 (BRIP), \$9,150 (183), and \$3,050 (LOC) in FFY 2023 to cover additional work orders, with the source of funding coming from the Pittsburgh City BPRSF line item. The tenth administrative action was for a bridge restoration project, located on California Bridge which connects the Marshall-Shadeland and Brighton Heights neighborhoods within the City of Pittsburgh, Allegheny County. The district requests an increase in the planning and engineering phase by \$220,000 (BOF) in FFY 2023 for updated estimate, with the source of funding coming from the Bridge-Allegheny County line item and two available deobligations.

Jeff Skalican made a motion to approve the amendments and administrative actions from PennDOT District 11-0, which was seconded by Steven Shanley. The motion was approved unanimously.

C. PennDOT District 12-0

Josh Theakston went over one amendment and three administrative actions for PennDOT District 12-0. The first amendment was for the rehabilitation of the structure carrying Brownsville Avenue over Dunlop Creek, located in Brownsville Borough, Fayette County. The district requests to add the planning and engineering and the final design phases to the TIP in FFY 2023, and the project will be constructed as a companion project to the Cast Iron Bridge project (MPMS# 74344). The source of funds will come from the D12 Local Bridge Reserve Line Item (MPMS# 114628). The first administrative action was for the department force replacement of the structure carrying SR 2041 (Beallsville Road) over West Pike Run, located in West Pike Run Township, Washington County. The district requests to add utilities, right-of-way, and construction phases to the FFY 2023 TIP in FFY 2024, with the source of funding coming from the D12 Highway/Bridge Line Item (MPMS# 76508). The second administrative action was for the replacement of the structure carrying SR 3009 (Lenity School Road) over Speers Run, located in Rostraver Township, Westmoreland County. The district requests to add utilities, right-of-way, and construction phases to the FFY 2023 TIP in FFY 2024, with the source of funding coming from the D12 Highway/Bridge Line Item (MPMS# 76508). The third administrative action was for the department force bridge replacement of a pipe located on SR 2034 (Sunset Drive), located in West Pike Run Township, Washington County. The district is requesting the addition of a construction phase to the FFY 2023 TIP in FFY 2024, with the funds coming from the D12 Highway/Bridge Line Item (MPMS# 76508).

Jason Theakston made a motion to approve the administrative actions from PennDOT District 12-0, which was seconded by Jeremy Kelly. The motion was approved unanimously.

D. Transit TIP Amendment Summary

Tom Klevan gave a summary of the Transit TIP amendments, mentioning that there were three administrative actions taken, as well as one amendment. The first two administrative actions were for Washington County Transportation Authority, which took an administrative action on MPMS project 118156, which was for additional bus shelters. The TA added an additional \$150,000 in Federal funds, and a total adjustment of \$297,000. The second administrative action was for MPMS project 118173, for fare collection equipment. The TA adjusted the fiscal years for the project, moving it from FY2023 to FY2025 for a total of \$280,000. The third administrative action was for Pittsburgh Regional Transit, MPMS project 119325, which was for bus extension pads, enhancing some of the bus stops in the area. Federal and state capital funding contributed \$171,429 towards the project. The final project was also for Pittsburgh Regional Transit, which was an amendment due to the project being new funding on the TIP. The project was for a rehabilitation project in Station Square, which received \$5 million in earmark funding which FTA has turned into community project funding. The project has \$4 million in funding in FY2022, so the additional \$5 million in FY2023 has raised it to \$9 million total on the project. The project will involve reconfiguration of the station located at station square in order to make it easier for pedestrians to access.

6. Long Range Transportation Plan Update

Domenic D'Andrea introduced the Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) update by mentioning that the 30 day comment period has just been completed. During that period, 11 public meetings were held across the 10 county SPC region, one in each county and one for the City of Pittsburgh. Domenic thanked everyone who attended those meetings or sent in comments for the LRTP. Ryan Gordon gave a presentation on the

final pieces of the LRTP, which will lead into an endorsement of the LRTP to recommend adoption to the commission. Ryan began with mentioning the transportation planning process, which federal regulations require MPOs to develop and update a long-range transportation plan every 4 years in nonattainment areas, and the draft LRTP is to be adopted by June 26, 2023. Ryan went over a schedule of the LRTP development, stretching from Fall of 2022 to now. Ronda Craig went into detail on the public meetings and outreach which Domenic mentioned, including that the comment period was held from May 11th to June 9th and that the 11 meetings were 7 in-person and 4 virtual. There were 239 participants over all 11 meetings, and the meetings were advertised in regional newspapers and libraries. Notices were posted on other organizational websites as well. There were 94 public comments received from 52 individuals, and in-person meetings collected a handful of other written comments and a number of evaluation forms. Press coverage and articles were written prior to and following most meetings that were held, including on social media such as Facebook and Twitter, Tv/Radio such as WPXI in Beaver and Indiana counties, and multiple newspaper articles. Ronda thanked everyone who contributed to making the public meetings and comment period successful. Ryan mentioned that the comments will be responded to, and the full package of comments and responses will be provided to the commission.

Ryan Gordon continued into the other required elements of the LRTP, including population and employment forecasting, transportation performance management, air quality conformity, environmental justice analysis, environmental inventory and analysis, and agency consultations. The environmental justice portion helps to identify disproportionately high and adverse health or environmental effects of the respective agency's programs, policies, and activities on low-income populations and minority populations. It also ensures social equity in programming transportation investments, including full and fair participation by all potentially affected communities in the transportation decision making process. Ryan showed maps of the affected communities, highlighting low-income and minority area in the region, and mentioned that during the report we found no group that was being disproportionately disadvantaged by the planning process. Next, Ryan went over the air quality conformity mapping, which shows the 8-hour ozone areas which currently have a seven county area that is currently in a non-attainment area (Armstrong, Allegheny, Beaver, Butler, Fayette, Washington, Westmoreland), as well as the Greene County Maintenance area and the Indiana/Clearfield Maintenance areas. The mapping also shows the PM 2.5 areas, which include the Allegheny County non-attainment area, the Pittsburgh-Beaver Valley non-attainment area, the Liberty-Carrick non-attainment area, and the Johnstown non-attainment area. For future projects, the area in non-attainment have a budget of projected emissions that they not allowed to exceed, which Ryan showed using graphs that the LRTP projects are completely below the budgeted amount of allowed emissions.

Lastly, Ryan went over environmental linkages, which includes a regional integrated planning framework, which takes the LRTP input and the regional ecosystem framework and combines them into an integrated regional map. This is then used for impact assessment, and results and consensus form that assessment is then used to expedite project delivery, create early coordination for integrated planning, protect and minimize resource impacts, and create effective mitigation with the mitigation suitability tool. This is all then evaluated for new inputs, and integrated once again into the regional ecosystem framework to be used again. Ryan next discussed agency consultation activities, which began in October of 2022 with agency approach review with FHWA and receipts of updated agency contact lists. Agency consultation invitation letters were sent out in November, with meetings with agency representatives from within and outside the SPC region taking place through January of 2023. Coordination with specific agencies of project impact analysis took place in March and April of 2023, with environmental inventory maps and project screening

results finalized in April. This included looking through each project and screening for water resources, wetlands, threatened and endangered species, farmlands, protected lands, hazardous waste, cultural resources, and resiliency issues. Consultation coordination with PennDOT district environmental managers also took place in April, with a statewide agency coordination meeting presentation made on May 24, 2023.

Ryan Gordon and Domenic D'Andrea asked the TTC to recommend commission adoption of the Draft 2023 LRTP. Josh Krug made the motion to recommend commission adoption, which was seconded by Jason Theakston. The motion was approved unanimously.

7. **2025 TIP Update**

Ryan Gordon gave an update to the 2025 TIP, which began with a rundown of the upcoming first round of in-person work group meetings. The District 10-0 work group meeting will be held on July 13th at 1:00 pm at 280 Indian Springs Road in Indiana, Indiana County, the District 11-0 work group meeting will be held on July 12th at 10:00 am at the District 11-0 PennDOT office, and the District 12-0 work group meeting will be held on July 19th at 10:00 am at the District 12-0 PennDOT office. Ryan then went over the deadline to submit candidate projects for the TIP, which had a June 23rd deadline. He mentioned that if anyone needs an extension on that deadline to let him know. Ryan also mentioned that due to the District 12-0 meetings being pushed back a few weeks, the deadline for District 12-0 projects has also been pushed back to July 7th. Ryan discussed that the first work group meetings will go over the procedural guidance elements, and there is a questionnaire that will be sent out to give an outline on what everyone role is in the work groups and what each meeting should accomplish, as well as process enhancements and prioritized candidate projects from other work groups. Lastly, Ryan went over the competitive grant program, mentioning that the application period is now open for the programs (Transportation Alternatives, Carbon Reduction, and CMAQ). Information on all three programs is available on the SPC website, and there will be an informational webinar on the basics of the competitive programs on June 20th at 10:00am. A recording of the meeting will be available on SPCs website after the meeting.

8. **Other Business/Status Reports**

Domenic D'Andrea went over the 2023-2024 SPC draft meeting schedule, noting the TTC and TOC meetings on the schedule for the upcoming fiscal year. It will be brought in front of the commission at this month's meeting for approval and if there are any changes, TTC will be made aware. He also mentioned that next months TTC meeting will be the joint TOC/TTC meeting, which is typically held annually in July.

9. **Adjourn**

A motion to adjourn was made by Jeremy Kelly. The motion was passed unanimously and Domenic D'Andrea called for the adjournment of the meeting at 11:19 AM.