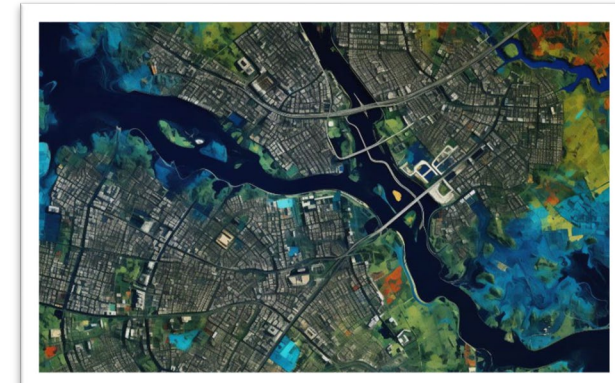
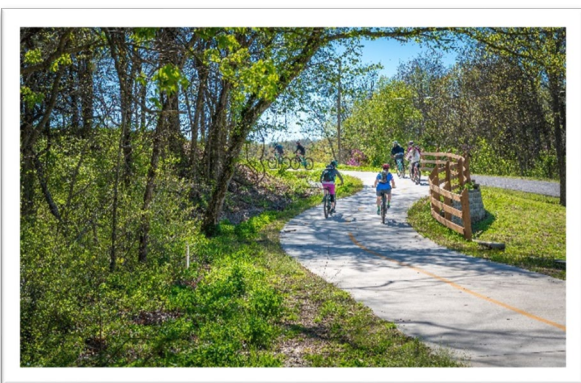
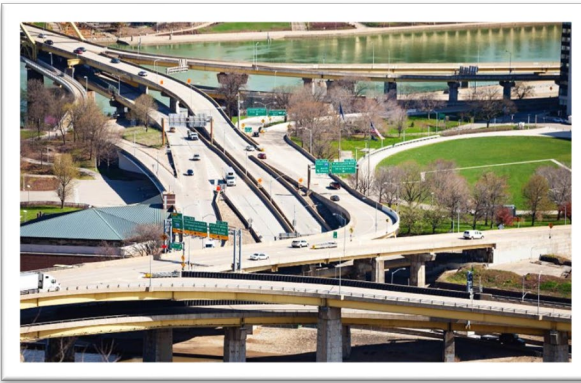


# Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission



# Full Commission Meeting

April 22, 2024

4 p.m.



# Opening Agenda Items

## Welcome/Introductions and Call to Order

- Quorum
- Conflict of Interest Declarations on Action Items

## Action on Minutes from February 26, 2024 Meeting

## Public Comment



# Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Update

Dom D'Andrea, Director of Transportation Planning

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# Transportation Improvement Program Update

*April 22, 2024*

# 2025-2028 TIP SCHEDULE

## Fall 2023 (through end of this year)

- TIP Workgroup meetings (20) and project selection for Draft 2025-2028 TIP-**Completed**
- TA, CMAQ, and CRP Projects selected via competitive application processes-**Completed**
- First round PPP and Public Meetings for feedback-**Completed**

## Winter 2023/2024

- Pre-Draft TIP completed and forwarded to PennDOT Central Office for review-**Completed**

## Spring 2024

- PennDOT review-**Completed**; TTC and TOC endorsement-**Completed**
- AQ Conformity & EJ Analysis; document preparations-**Started**
- Smart Transportation Program solicitation –**Solicitation completed. Evaluation ongoing.**
- 30 Day Public Comment Period-including 11 public meetings (May 8-June 7) and Comment/Response documentation -**Meetings are all scheduled**
- 2025-2028 TIP adoption at June, 2024 Commission meeting

# Public/PPP Meeting Schedule

County	Date	Time	In-Person/Virtual
Indiana	5/8/2024	3-5pm	In-Person
Beaver	5/9/2024	11:00-1:00 pm	In-Person
City of Pittsburgh	5/10/2024	1:30-3:30pm	Hybrid
Westmoreland	5/13/2024	1:00-3:00pm	In-Person
Armstrong	5/14/2024	2:00-4:00 pm	In-Person
Allegheny	5/16/2024	6:00-8:00pm	Virtual
Fayette	5/21/2024	2:00-4:00pm	In-Person
Washington	5/22/2024	3:00-5:00pm	In-Person
Greene	5/29/2024	5:00-7:00pm	In-Person
Butler	6/3/2024	4:30-6:30pm	Virtual
Lawrence	6/4/2024	11:30-1:00pm	In-Person

# Smart Transportation for Livable Communities (STLC) Program

## SPC Administered Program Federal Funding (STU)

**Eligible Sponsors:** SPC member county governments and the City of Pittsburgh may submit one project each, PennDOT Districts 10, 11, and 12 may submit one project per county in their district

**Eligible Activities:** Planning studies, preliminary engineering, final design, and construction (plus inspection)

### **Eligible Project Categories:**

- Bicycle/Pedestrian Improvements
- Corridor Management/Congestion Reduction
- Intermodal/Transit Oriented Development
- Planning and Redevelopment
- Road/Intersection/Network Improvements
- Streetscapes/Traffic Calming
- Electric Vehicle Charging Stations





# Smart Transportation for Livable Communities (STLC) Program

## 2024 Application Evaluation:

- SPC staff will evaluate projects using five STLC Transportation Themes:
  - Linking transportation investment and land use planning
  - Supporting Community Goals
  - Multimodal approach
  - Safety
  - Sustainability
- Other factors
  - Consistency with goals in our Long Range Plan
  - Partnering/collaboration on application
  - Environmental Justice
  - Funding/Project readiness



# Smart Transportation for Livable Communities (STLC) Program

Program Process Timeline for the 2025-2028 TIP	
February 15, 2024	February TTC Mtg; Application period opens
March 4, 2024	Pre-qualification applications due to SPC
March 8, 2024	Sponsors notified if candidate projects meet requirements and are invited to submit final application
April 8, 2024	Final application period closes
April 8, 2024 – May 3, 2024	Project evaluation and selection process
May 9, 2024	TTC endorses project list
June 24, 2024	SPC TIP Adoption

# STLC Program: 2024 Applications

Name of Project/County	Project Description	Sponsor
Sheepskin Trail Southern Extension (FACO)	New trail segment	Fayette County
PA 356 Corridor Improvements (BUCO)	ADA, Sidewalk	PennDOT District 10-0
Leechburg Road Pedestrian and School Zone Safety Improvements (WECO)	ADA/Sidewalk	Westmoreland County
SR 68 Adams St/Virginia Ave Reconstruction (BECO)	Roadway reconstruction	PennDOT District 11-0
West Liberty Avenue (ALCO)	ADA/Sidewalk/Signals	PennDOT District 11-0
SR 158, S. New Castle St/N. Market St (LACO)	Roadway safety, shoulder	PennDOT District 11-0
Grand Avenue Road Diet Study (ALCO)	Study for road diet	Allegheny County
Westmoreland Heritage Trail Murrysville Crossing (WECO)	Study trail crossings	PennDOT District 12-0
Sheepskin Trail Crossings (FACO)	Flashers at trail crossings	PennDOT District 12-0
Equitable Access Butler Twp.-Pullman Ctr. (BUCO)	Pedestrian,transit,EV charging	Butler County



# Questions?

*Dom D'Andrea*

*Director, Office of Transportation Planning*

# Strategic Initiatives & Policy Report

DJ Ryan, Director of Strategic Initiatives & Policy

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# “Community Chronicles”

**Rich Fitzgerald, Executive Director**

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# Stonecrest Business Park

- This 213-acre site of the former Stonecrest Golf Course will be the first privately developed park built in Lawrence County in more than 40 years.
- Will house light manufacturing businesses, warehouse space and pad-ready sites with public utilities.
- 10 miles from Ellwood City, less than five miles away from interchanges with the PA Turnpike and Rt. 376.
- The project is expected to create approximately 1.5 million square feet of space and generate 750 to 1,000 new jobs.



# Tri-County Entrepreneurial Makerspace Project

- \$1.5 million of BBB Regional Challenge Grant (funded through ARM under the PA New Economy Collaborative)
- Includes IUP, an IUP-led STEAMSHOP robotics and electronics satellite site in Armstrong Co. and Made in Johnstown in Cambria Co.
- IUP's STEAMSHOP (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics) makerspace engages with diverse populations, improves digital literacy, prototyping, digital fabrication, robotics, AI and other fields.



**STEAMSHOP** MAKERSPACE RESOURCES & EQUIPMENT  
ACCELERATING INNOVATION

**IUP**

**2 CNC Milling Machines**

Our 3-axis and 5-axis CNC milling machines enable makers & entrepreneurs to fabricate parts from aluminum, wood and more. Our 5-axis CNC machine can create unique, precision parts used in industries, such as manufacturing, medical, and energy.

**Grinders, Lathe, Bandsaws, Welding Equipment, and more.**

With a wealth of tools, innovators, makers, and entrepreneurs can design, build, and create.

**Universal 10e Collaborative Robot**

Collaborative robots (cobots) provide the benefits and efficiency of automation while safely working alongside people—without the risk of repetitive motion injury. With 6 joints and wide flexibility across applications, cobots communicate with other machines while moving like a human arm. Our cobot can hold and move objects or operate tools like sanders and drills.

**Fleet of 3D Printers, 3D Scanner, and Vinyl Cutter**

Makers have access to a fleet of 3D printers—including a high-resolution liquid resin FormLabs printer, a state-of-the-art 3D scanner, and equipment like vinyl cutters to facilitate rapid prototyping for innovative designs.

**3 Large Format Laser Cutters**

One 80 watt and two 130 watt state of the art large-scale laser cutters enable makers to cut and engrave wood, plastic, and other materials with high speed and high precision.

**ShopBot CNC Router**

With the versatility of the ShopBot CNC router, makers create shapes and patterns in materials including wood, plastic, foam, aluminum, and more.

IUP's STEAMSHOP (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics) makerspace is a university-wide collaboration, with the goal of engaging diverse populations, improving digital literacy, and creating an integrated training and research program in design thinking, prototyping, digital fabrication, robotics, and artificial intelligence to capitalize on IUP's current strengths and develop key partnerships across campus and the region.



# Ribbon Cutting Ceremony in Connellsville

- Armstrong Cable's customer service office will service portions of Fayette, Westmoreland, Washington, and Somerset Counties.
- Commissioners Vicites (Vice-Chair, SPC), Dunn, and Lohr
- Lt. Gov. Austin Davis, State Rep. Bud Cook, Brand Carson, Executive Director of Broadband Development Authority, and Kyle Kopko, Executive Director of the Center for Rural PA
- The company is focused on broadband expansion in rural communities



# Butler Happenings

- Attended Butler County's State of the County where Commissioners Osche, Boozel, and Geyer helped lead the discussion, along with Mark Gordon, Economic Development Director.
- Also attended Congressman Kelly's town hall. It focused on the potential 1,300 jobs at Cleveland-Cliff's Butler Works plant that are in jeopardy because of a proposed U.S. Energy Department rule.
- It was a standing-room only town hall in conjunction with officials from Cleveland-Cliffs Butler Works and United Auto Workers Local 3303.
- Gov. Shapiro has also met with workers when he visited the facility recently and is also working to solve this issue.



Governor Josh Shapiro speaks with Cleveland-Cliffs Butler Works workers during his visit to the plant on Friday, April 12. Morgan Phillips/Butler Eagle



Attendees at a Butler County Community College meeting in the Monday afternoon town hall to discuss the proposed department of energy rule that could threaten more than 10,000 jobs at the Butler Works steel plant operated by Cleveland-Cliffs. (Photo by Morgan Phillips/Butler Eagle)

# Leadership Pittsburgh, Butler, and Washington

- Our leadership team presented at Leadership Pittsburgh, Leadership Butler, and Leadership Washington's joint event
- Approx. 125 attendees
- It was an opportunity to connect with a diverse group of individuals from various employment sectors and educate them on what our organization does
- Took place at the Pennsylvania Trolley Museum in Washington County



# Bringing the World to Pennsylvania

- Our Trade/Export team supports DCED's "Bringing the World to PA" event in conjunction with the Pittsburgh Regional Alliance (PRA)
- Event took place at CMU. DCED Deputy Secretary David Briel was there to welcome attendees.
- We work directly with small business owners and have them meet with international trade representatives from more than 20 countries (so they can potentially sell/export their products overseas)



# Armstrong Trails

- Our team took part in Armstrong Trails' celebration event on April 1 (Armstrong Trails is led by Chris Zeigler) and secured media coverage for the group
- DCNR Secretary Cindy Dunn and Deputy PennDOT Secretary Larry Shifflet were there
- Opening of 10 miles of additional trail and newly decked/railed Kiski Bridge
- Armstrong Trails is a 52.5 mile rail-to-trails in Armstrong, Westmoreland, and Clarion Counties (protects and converts railroad corridors)



**Next Meeting: June 24, 2024**

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# Adjourn

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