

**Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission  
Transportation Technical Committee (TTC)  
Meeting Minutes via Webex  
April 11, 2024, 10:00 a.m.**

Attendees:

- Jaclyn Karolski, Allegheny County Department of Economic Development
- Darin Alviano, Armstrong County Planning Commission
- 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
- Jason Theakston, Washington County Planning
- Nathan Clair, Westmoreland County Planning
- Stephen Shanley, Allegheny County Public Works
- Jeff Skalican, City of Pittsburgh
- Mavis Rainey, Oakland Transportation Management Association
- Tosh Chambers, Pittsburgh Downtown Partnership
- Tammy Frank, Beaver County
- Jason Rigone, Westmoreland County Planning
- Kathryn Simpson, Pittsburgh Regional Transit
- Brandon Leach, PennDOT Central Office
- Matthew Crea, PennDOT Central Office
- Julia Cornell, PennDOT Central Office
- Adam Mattis, PennDOT DCNR
- Neal Daley, HW Lochner
- Matthew Kelley, CDR Maguire
- James Kennedy, Erdman Anthony Engineers
- Steve Pomykata, AMT Engineering
- Andy Waple, AECOM
- Alison Keating, Pittsburghers for Public Transit
- Harold Swan, PennDOT District 10-0
- Domenic DeFazio, PennDOT District 10-0
- Jordan Bergamasco, PennDOT District 11-0
- Dave Hollahan, PennDOT District 11-0
- Stephanie Ma, PennDOT District 11-0
- John Quatman, PennDOT District 11-0
- Dina Salemi, PennDOT District 11-0
- Doug Seeley, PennDOT District 11-0
- Jessica Setmire, PennDOT District 12-0
- Josh Theakston, PennDOT District 12-0
- Domenic D'Andrea, SPC Transportation Director
- Chuck Imbrogno, SPC Staff
- Ryan Gordon, SPC Staff
- Tom Klevan, SPC Staff
- DJ Ryan, SPC Staff
- Belachew Ayele, SPC Staff
- Leanne Chaney, SPC Staff
- Erica Eagan, SPC Staff
- Greg Shermeto, 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 14<sup>th</sup> TTC Meeting Minutes**

A motion was made by Jeff Skalican and seconded by Jason Theakston to approve the minutes of the March 14<sup>th</sup> 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 going over an update to the National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (NEVI) program, which last week awarded \$20 million in funding for projects across Pennsylvania in Round 1A of the program. This was to fill critical gaps in the alternate fuel corridors across Pennsylvania, and included 29 projects in 10 counties across the state. One of these awarded projects was in Allegheny County, which will fund a charging station at the Sheetz on Freeport Road, off of exit 48 (New Kensington) on I-76. In addition to this funding, PennDOT has received priority areas for the NEVI round 1B funding opportunity, which will look to fill in any remaining gaps after rounds 1 and 1A. Additional details on Round 1B will be released soon. Mavis Rainey asked the question of who is eligible to apply for NEVI funding, which Brandon responded that it is any private entities, as long as they lie within the designated areas, of which he would share the map of the 1B locations as soon as they come available.

Next, Brandon discussed the 2024 PennDOT winter services survey, which is a ten-minute survey that can be completed by anyone regarding how winter services have been completed in different areas, as well as utilization of Pennsylvania's 511 traffic and weather system. The deadline for this survey is April 17<sup>th</sup>. Lastly, Brandon discussed the 2022-2023 PROTECT discretionary awards, which were announced earlier in the day. This award period closed in August of 2023, and one of the two awarded projects in Pennsylvania was in the SPC region. The PROTECT parkway floodwall improvement project was awarded \$6.69 million, which offers resiliency improvements and will increase the height of the flood wall that protects I-376 in downtown Pittsburgh from flooding by the Monongahela River. The project will significantly reduce highway closures, delays, traffic congestion and associated risks and costs of flooding while increasing safety for travel. Brandon mentioned that given the amount of flooding in the past month in downtown Pittsburgh, the project will bring much welcomed federal funding to support the project. Domenic D'Andrea also brought up a new federal discretionary program that is now open, called the Active Transportation Infrastructure Improvement Program (ATIIP), which looks to fund pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure. Awards for the project range between \$100,000 and \$15 million, and if anyone is contemplating applying for the program to let SPC know, so we can support the project.

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

### A. PennDOT District 10-0

Harold Swan went over the four administrative actions for PennDOT District 10-0. The first 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 advance a portion of final design funds from FFY 2025 to FFY 2024 to align with the project schedule and to remove \$222,256 (100% Federal utilizing toll credits) due to a revised estimate. The source of the funds will come from the South of Cooperstown Bridge #1 project (\$114,627), the Portersville Bridge project (\$25,772) and the Windows Bridge project (\$23,840), with surplus funds being placed from the project being placed into the SPC District 10 Highway/Bridge Line Item. The second administrative action was for a relocation and expansion of the existing park-and-ride facility at the intersection of PA 356 (South Pike Road) and SR 2017 (Silverville Road) in Buffalo Township, Butler County. The district requests to increase final design and add \$85,000 (80% Federal and 20% State) in FFY 2024, with the source of funds coming from the D10/SPC Carbon Reduction Line Item (\$68,000 Federal) and the SPC District 10 Highway/Bridge Line Item (\$17,000 State).

The third administrative action was for construction of a multi-purpose pedestrian bridge over US 22 to connect Hoodlebug and Blairsville Riverfront Trails that will expand the multi-state trail network to provide a safe route to school and reduce short distance vehicular use in Burrell Township, Indiana County. The district requests to increase construction and add a private contribution in the amount of \$794,808 in FFY 2024. This will fully fund the project for advertisement. The fourth administrative action was for a bridge replacement project which carries SR 2012 (River Road) over Mardis Run in Buffington Township, Indiana County. The district requests to increase utilities and add \$85,000 (100% Federal utilizing toll credits) in FFY 2024 due to the discovery of a waterline and overhead impacts. The sources of the project will come from the Upper Juneau Bridge project (\$405), the T-584 Geibel Road Bridge project (\$53,100), the Baker Hollow Bridge project (\$738), the SR 3016 over Two Lick Creek project (\$2,867), the T-573 Wylie and T-554 Brickyard Hill Bridge projects (\$27,890), with the remaining surplus funds being placed into the SPC District 10 Highway/Bridge Line Item.

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

### B. PennDOT District 11-0

John Quatman went over the nine administrative actions for PennDOT District 11-0. The first administrative action was for slope stabilization, improve drainage, and repaving, located on SR 4037 between SR 68 and John E Gray Drive in Industry Borough, Beaver County. The district requests to add a planning and engineering phase by \$125,000 (581) in FFY 2024 to initiate design, with the source of funding coming from the Highland Park Bridge project. The second administrative action was for slope stabilization, improve drainage, and repaving, located on SR 4011 between Cross Creek Court and Hillendale Road in Ross Township, Allegheny County. The district requests to add a planning and engineering phase by \$125,000 (581) in FFY 2024 to initiate design, with the source of funding coming from the Highland Park Bridge project. The third administrative action was for slope stabilization, improve drainage, and repaving, located on SR 2080 between High View Drive and Colorado Street in Penn Hills Township, Allegheny County. The

district requests to add a planning and engineering phase by \$125,000 (581) in FFY 2024 to initiate design, with the source of funding coming from the Highland Park Bridge project.

The fourth administrative action was for slope stabilization, improve drainage, and repaving, located on SR 2003, between Conway Wallrose and Mason Road in Economy Borough, Beaver County. The district requests to add a planning and engineering phase by \$125,000 (581) in FFY 2024 to initiate design, with the source of funding coming from the Highland Park Bridge project. The fifth administrative action was for slope stabilization, improve drainage, and repaving, located on SR 1024 between Bryson Road and Hilltop Lane in West Deer Township, Allegheny County. The district requests to add a planning and engineering phase by \$125,000 (581) in FFY 2024 to initiate design, with the source of funding coming from the Highland Park Bridge project. The sixth administrative action was for congestion and safety issues for pedestrian, bike and motor vehicles, signal upgrade, signing updated and milling and resurfacing, located on SR 837 from Station Square to Steelers Practice Field in the City of Pittsburgh, Allegheny County. The district requests to increase the construction phase by \$100,000 (CAQ) in FFY 2024 to cover contract overruns, with the source of funding coming from the SPC CMAQ line item.

The seventh administrative action was for a bridge removal project, located over PA 51, Saw Mill Run Boulevard in the City of Pittsburgh, Allegheny County. The district requests to increase the construction phase by \$1,000,000 (BOF) and decrease by \$750,000 (183) & \$250,000 (LOC) in FFY 2024 to change pro rata to 100% federal to maximize use of federal funds. The source of funding will come from the Bridge-Allegheny County line item and State/Local funding will be placed back into the City of Pittsburgh's Bridge Preservation line item. The eighth administrative action was for a signal improvement project, located at various locations in Allegheny, Beaver, and Lawrence Counties. The district requests to reduce the planning and engineering phase by \$952,960 (CAQ) & \$238,240 (LOC) in FFY 2024, as well as reducing the construction phase by \$645,680 (CAQ) & by \$161,420 (LOC) in FFY 2025 for updated estimate, and adding final design by \$47,200 (CAQ) and \$11,800 (LOC) in FFY 2024 to cover final design activities. The source of funding will come from the SPC- CMAQ line item. The ninth administrative action was for Congestion reduction at the I-79/PA 910 Interchange by widening and improving traffic flow at on/off ramps to Interstate 79, located in Marshall Township, Allegheny County. The district requests to increase the final design phase by \$1,250,000 (NHPP) in FFY 2024 for current consultant design and department review estimate, with the source of funding coming from the Betterment Reserve line item and available deobligations.

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

#### C. PennDOT District 12-0

Josh Theakston went over the seven administrative actions for PennDOT District 12-0. The first administrative action was for the replacement of the bridge carrying State Route 3001 (Aleppo Road) over UNT South Fork Dunkard Creek, located in Aleppo Township, Greene County. The district requests to add a right-of-way phase to the TIP in FFY 2025, 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 State Route 2001 (Rudolph Run Road) over Rudolph Run, located in Perry and Wayne Townships, Greene County. The district requests to add a right-of-way phase to the TIP in FFY 2025, with the source of

funding coming from the D12 Highway/Bridge Line Item (MPMS# 76508). The third administrative action was for the replacement of the bridge carrying State Route 3018 (Behm Road) over branch of Blacks Run, located in Aleppo Township, Greene County. The district requests to add a right-of-way phase to the TIP in FFY 2025, with the source of funding coming from the D12 Highway/Bridge Line Item (MPMS# 76508).

The fourth administrative action was for improvements to the structure carrying SR 1067 (Laughner Road) over Snyders Run, located in Fairfield Township, Westmoreland County. The district is requesting to add a right-of-way phase in in FFY 2025 and a construction phase in FFY 2026, with the source of funds coming from the D12 Highway/Bridge Line Item (MPMS# 76508). The fifth administrative action was for improvements to a second structure carrying SR 1067 (Laughner Road) over Snyders Run, located in Fairfield Township, Westmoreland County. The district is requesting to add a construction phase to the TIP in FFY 2026, with the source of funds coming from the D12 Highway/Bridge Line Item (MPMS# 76508). The sixth administrative action was for improvements to a third structure carrying SR 1067 (Laughner Road) over Snyders Run, located in Fairfield Township, Westmoreland County. The district is requesting to add a construction phase to the TIP in FFY 2026, with the source of funds coming from the D12 Highway/Bridge Line Item (MPMS# 76508). The seventh administrative action was for the replacement of the structure carrying SR 1002 (Banning Road) over a branch of Laurel Run, located in Lower Tyrone Township, Fayette County. The district requests to add a construction phase to the TIP in FFY 2026, with the source of funds coming from the D12 Highway/Bridge Line Item (MPMS# 76508).

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

#### 6. **2025 TIP Update**

Ryan Gordon gave an update on the 2025 TIP, starting with a recap of the Draft TIP and LRTP project lists, which were approved at the March TTC meeting. Both of these lists, as well as the Draft TIP and LRTP Transit project lists, have been forwarded to public involvement and air quality conformity for review. Public involvement planning efforts are underway, with the public comment period beginning on May 8<sup>th</sup>, with 11 public meetings being held, one in every county and one for the City of Pittsburgh. Documentation development is underway for the Draft TIP and documentation will be available for public comment of the SPC website by May 8, 2024. Air Quality conformity, environmental justice analysis, and all document preparations are ongoing and should be finalized by the end of April. The Smart Transportation for Livable Communities (STLC) program evaluations are also ongoing, which should be finalized by mid-May. Public Comment period and public participation panels will be going throughout May and June, with the meeting schedule sent out in the TTC packet. Meetings will mostly be in-person, with two (Allegheny and Butler) being virtual, with also one hybrid meeting (City of Pittsburgh). Ryan then gave an update to the STLC program, which first Ryan mentioned that the final application deadline was April 8<sup>th</sup>. Project evaluations and the selection process will run through early May, with a project list to be presented and endorsed during the May TTC meeting. Ryan presented a list of the 10 final applications that were received, which included projects submitted by Allegheny County, Butler County, Fayette County, Westmoreland County, and each of the PennDOT Districts.

#### 7. **Other Business/Status Reports**

There was no other business to report.

8. **Adjourn**

A motion to adjourn was made by Arthur Cappella and seconded by Stephen Shanley. The motion was passed unanimously and Domenic D'Andrea called for the adjournment of the meeting at 10:46 AM.