



SPC Transit Operators Committee

Meeting Minutes: April 17, 2024

Attendance

Members

Sheila Gombita (WASH)	Mavis Rainey (OTMA)
Amy Mathieson (ACTA)	Tiffany Chaffee (TACT)
Mary Jo Morandini (BCTA)	Alan Blahovec (WCTA)
John Paul (BTA)	Anthony Hickton (CI)
Rudy Dutko (FACT)	David Wohlwill (PRT)
Ashley Seman (MMVTA)	

Guests & Transit Staff

Andy Batson	Lynda Conway
Brandon Leach (PennDOT)	Ashley Cooper-Brounce (WCTA)
Emily Gwash (ACCESS)	Jaclyn Karolski (ACED)
Ed Typanski (PRT)	Carrie Machuga
Jeffrey Devlin (PRT)	Amy Wiles
Lisa Kosanovich (BCTA)	Betsy Zang
Kathryn Simpson (PRT)	

SPC Staff

Dominic D'Andria	Tom Klevan
Chuck Imbrogno	Russell Singer
Belachew Ayele	

1. Introductions

- a. Chairperson Sheila Gombita called meeting to order. Tom Klevan called roll, a quorum was reached

2. Minutes

- a. The minutes from the previous meeting of the TOC on March 13, 2024, were **approved** on a motion by Alan Blahovec and second by Ashley Seman

3. Transit Participant Updates

- a. PRT (Jeffrey Devlin): Fare box system replacement, still no defined schedule as the contract for vending systems is still in progress.
- b. BTA (John Paul): Two projects under construction for in-ground lifts; one replacement and one new. Communications tower failed so they are transferring their communications to the county 911 tower and in the process of getting new radios.
- c. WCTA (Alan Blahovec): Close to finishing new bus storage facility construction

- d. Commute Info (Anthony Hickton): Resigned with Enterprise as provider, contract initiates May, 1
- e. BCTA (Mary Jo Morandini): Finished second phase of transit development plan. Branding effort is underway for microtransit service. Microtransit service pilot will be starting this fall, likely sometime in October or November. Will be awarding contract for microtransit scheduling software at May board meeting
- f. PRT (David Wohlwill): Just received delivery of new 60-foot BEV bus and put into service on the busway. Expecting more to be delivered in the near future.
- g. *There were no further participant updates.*
- 4. PennDOT and FTA Updates
 - a. PennDOT (Brandon Leach): Federal discretionary award for PROTECT grant for climate resiliency. Out of 37 total awards, two in Pennsylvania, one in the SPC region for the “bathtub” region of I-376. The funding will go to improve the floodwall protecting from the Monongahela river.
 - b. PennDOT announced 20 million in funding for a Round 1a awards from National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure program. In SPC region so far has been awarded to Allegheny County for the construction of charging station along I-76 at exit 48. Round 1a funding is for charging stations that are within 1 mile of designated Alternative Fuel Corridors (AFC); because there are still critical gaps in infrastructure the state announced a funding Round 1b to solicit applications to close those gaps
- 5. TIP Amendments and Administrative Actions
 - a. There were no TIP amendments or administrative actions
- 6. Public Transit – Human Services Coordinated Transportation Plan Update
 - a. Betsy Zang and consultant team presented a short update on the progress of SPC’s Coordinated Plan development. A draft vision for the plan was presented for comment. Looking for input from the committee about actionable goals for the region; are there projects, strategies, or policies that we can achieve?
 - b. Currently finalizing public outreach survey. Survey will be distributed to committee members for their own dissemination and other stakeholders in the region, it will be made available as an online survey website, PDF, and print versions for sharing
 - c. Following the survey, further outreach will include stakeholder focus groups and user interviews. Will need help from committee for reaching out and assembling the proper audience for these activities
- 7. SPC Staff Updates
 - a. The TIP update is nearly ready for public process. Financial capacity documentation is needed to complete the process; as of 4/17/24 this

documentation is still missing from FACT.

8. Other Business

- a. The next scheduled TOC meeting has been moved and will be held May 15, 2024.

9. Adjournment

- a. **The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Mary Jo Morandini and second by Alan Blahovec.**