



# SPC Transit Operators Committee

## Meeting Minutes: December 4, 2024

### Attendance

#### Members

Amy Mathieson (ACTA)  
Ashley Seman (MMVTA)  
Seth Davis (PRT)  
David Richards (NCATA)  
Tiffany O'Neal (TACT)

Anthony Hickton (SPC)  
Sheila Gombita (WASH)  
Lisa Kosanovich (BCTA)  
Alan Blahovec (WCTA)

#### Guests & Transit Staff

David Wohlwill (PRT)  
Ed Typanski (PRT)  
Mark Cassel (Bowman)  
Ashley Cooper-Brounce (WCTA)  
Ann Ogoreuc

David Totten (HDR)  
Brandon Leach (PennDOT)  
Jaclyn Karolski (ACED)  
Alison Keating

#### SPC Staff

Ronda Craig  
Devon White

Chuck Imbrogno  
Russell Singer

#### 1. Introductions

- a. The meeting was called to order by Sheila Gombita

#### 2. Minutes

- a. The draft minutes from the previous meeting of the TOC on November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024 were **approved on a motion by David Richards and second by Ashley Seman.**

#### 3. Transit Participant Updates

- a. WASH (Sheila Gombita): shared the "12 Stops of the Season" Campaign where they're showing appreciation to their customers. A hot cocoa social will be held in the lobby of their transit station Thursday, Dec. 12<sup>th</sup>.
- b. PRT (Seth Davis): shared that there is a new facility at the Trolley Museum in Washington and advised that it is worth a visit.
- c. PRT (Dave Wohlwill): shared that the Trolley Museum is in the process of restoring the Terrible Trolley in a Pittsburgh Steelers scheme.

#### 4. PennDOT and FTA Updates

- a. PennDOT (Brandon Leach): There is a public meeting for the PA Rail plan next Tuesday Dec. 10<sup>th</sup>. Check [advancingPArail.com](http://advancingPArail.com) for a survey and additional info.

#### 5. TIP Amendments and Administrative Actions

a. WCTA: Presented 3 (3) TIP actions:

- i. Fixed-Route Bus Replacement (**MPMS #118177**): This adjustment is for the reprogramming of \$6,7500,000 of 5307 funding from FY24 to FY25 due to project timeline changes.
- ii. Facility Security Project (**MPMS # NEW**): This adjustment is for the reprogramming of \$150,000 of 5307 funding from FY24 to FY25 due to project timeline changes. This is a new project amendment as this project does not already appear on the 2025 TIP.
- iii. Driver Safety Project (**MPMS # NEW**): This adjustment is for the reprogramming of \$300,000 of 5307 funding from FY24 to FY25 due to project timeline changes. This is a new project amendment as this project does not already appear on the 2025 TIP.

All three actions were voted on collectively and **approved**

6. SPC Updates

- a. Public Transit – Human Services Coordinated Plan (Devon White): Presented the updated draft for Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission’s Public Transit – Human Services Coordinated Transportation Plan. (CTP)

From a high-level view, the CTP is a ‘State of the Union’ report on the transportation needs for seniors, persons with disabilities, and low-income individuals. This presentation covered the CTP’s Executive Summary, the federal requirements, a summary of the assessment of needs, a summary of strategies and activities to mitigate those needs, a conversation on the prioritization of these strategies, and finally the process for tracking implantation of the plan.

For a summary as presented, please see the presentation at the end of this document included as Appendix A

7. Other Business

- a. Discussion on TOC Mission and Vision: Russell Singer revisited a conversation on the TOC Mission and Vision. Conversation centered around key phrases and thoughts that were pulled from a conversation on the topic at the previous Transit Operator Committee Meeting, and a draft Vision Statement was presented.

“The Transit Operators Committee is a forum for collaboration, education, and technical assistance in support of the continual improvement of public transportation through regional project coordination, resource sharing, and collective efforts throughout Southwestern Pennsylvania.”

The group agreed that the statement was a great beginning. Sheila Gombita noted that Transit Oriented Development, Land Use, and Economic Development portions of the old statement are not reflected here, and may be worth including.

Alan Blahovec noted that those items could be encapsulated by collaboration. This kicked off a discussion on how to best collaborate, and the idea of Transit Operator Committee Break Out Sessions was floated. The group agreed that holding separate topical meetings would allow agencies to send more applicable staff. Additionally, this would allow agencies without applicable staff a resource.

8. Adjournment

- a. The next meeting will be 10:00 am January 15
- b. The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Seth Davis and second by Mary Jo Morandini