



# SPC Transit Operators Committee

## Meeting Minutes: January 15, 2025

### Attendance

#### Members

Mavis Rainey (OTMA)  
Ashley Seman (MMVTA)  
Seth Davis (PRT)  
David Richards (NCATA)  
Tiffany O'Neal (TACT)  
John Paul (BTA)

Anthony Hickton (SPC)  
Sheila Gombita (WASH)  
Mary Jo Morandini (BCTA)  
Alan Blahovec (WCTA)  
Tosh Chambers (PDP)

#### Guests & Transit Staff

David Wohlwill (PRT)  
Ed Typanski (PRT)  
Kathryn Simpson (PRT)  
Deborah Phillips (PRT)  
Sam Buckley (PRT)  
Kathryn S (Michael Baker)  
Ashley Cooper-Brounce (WCTA)

Jaclyn Karolski (ACED)  
Cody Slater  
Molly Allwein  
Alison Keating  
Savannah Grooms  
Ann Ogoreuc  
Erich Stein

#### SPC Staff

Ronda Craig  
Devon White  
Lillie Gabreski  
Ayele Belachew

Chuck Imbrogno  
Russell Singer  
Nancy Hirsch

#### 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 Dec 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024 were **approved on a motion by David Richards and second by Mavis Rainey.**

#### 3. Transit Participant Updates

- a. WASH (Sheila Gombita): Freedom Transit has been working with PennDOT to finalize the Find My Ride schedule trip planner for shared ride programs. They're looking forward to a soft rollout for that soon.
- b. PRT (Seth Davis): PRT is wrapping up engagement on the Busline Redesign, and will be coming back to the public in the spring with a revenue neutral redesign 2.0 plan in the spring. Additionally, there are rail construction efforts underway effecting many routes that connect with the light rail system. Additionally, PRT is in the initial phase of their light rail

accessibility program. They will be looking at opportunities for how to enhance accessibility at low level boarding stops. The RFP for their general planning services contract that has been extended into early February.

- c. BTA (John Paul): BTA completed their two in-floor lift projects, and are at 60% design for the new bus wash.
- d. BCTA (Mary Jo Morandini): Microtransit has launched in Beaver County. Initial use is slower than anticipated, and BCTA has been going out into the community to help train target audiences.

#### 4. PennDOT and FTA Updates

- a. PennDOT (Russell Singer): Brandon Leach shared announcements that Gov. Shapiro announced full implementation of the FRITS system, the first statewide ITS system.

#### 5. TIP Amendments and Administrative Actions

- a. ACTS: Presented One (1) TIP action:
  - i. Revenue Vehicle Replacement (**MPMS #114525**): This adjustment adds \$43,600 to match current cost estimates.
- b. BCTA: Presented Three (3) TIP actions:
  - i. Collision Avoidance System (**MPMS # N/A**): This adjustment adds \$120,000 and a new project to the 2025 TIP
  - ii. ETC Renovations (**MPMS #94985**): This adjustment moves funds from FY23-FY24 to FY25-26 due to project delays.
  - iii. Support Equipment (**MPMS #70708**): This adjustment moves funds from FY24 to FY25 due to project delays.
- c. WCTA: Presented One (1) TIP actions:
  - i. Shared Ride Vehicles (**MPMS #114540**): This adjustment adds \$138,000 to the FY25 TIP to match current cost estimates.

#### 6. SPC Updates

- a. Discussion on Breakout Sessions (Devon White): Discussed the committee's preferences for frequency and type of breakout committee sessions. The group agreed that a group focused on the Human Services Coordinated Transportation Plan would be a great starting point, and can be started as soon as the plan has been adopted.

#### 7. Other Business

- a. No Other Business.

#### 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