

Commission Meeting

October 27th, 2025



Opening Agenda Items

- Quorum
- Declarations of Conflict of Interest
- Approval of minutes from August 25th, 2025
- Public comment

Executive Director's Report

Rich Fitzgerald, Executive Director

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DC Fly-In

- County Spotlight meeting
- Event with Senator McCormick
- Every county represented at spotlight and in DC
- Bullfeathers Reception with members and staff



PIT Terminal Ribbon Cutting



Executive Director's Report

- TIP Meetings Ongoing
- PA Sites
 - \$39M for 11 Projects Statewide
 - \$6M to McKees Rocks
 - \$7.7M to Fort Cherry
- EOS Energy Expansion
- BTW2PA with Secretary Siger
- Build Back Better Grant
- Robotics and AI Discovery Day – 11/5



AI Horizons Summit – Bakery Square



Transportation Report

Lillian Gabreski, Director of Transportation

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Transportation Report

- FTA Triennial Review – Final Report Issued
- DOT TMA Certification Review – Debrief to occur in September
 - Thank you for participating!
- PennDOT NEVI Program is underway again – DOT Interim Guidance Issued
- Transit Operators Meetings being scheduled in member counties
- TIP Development Underway
 - Public Meetings being scheduled for Fall
- Long Range Plan
- SPC Competitive Programs

September / October Activities

- DOT TMA Certification Review – Debrief in September
- 2027 TIP Development
 - 12 TIP Work Group Meetings so far, 9 more expected
 - 5 TIP public meetings so far, 5 more expected
 - Competitive Programs Technical Evaluation underway
- Transit Operators Committee met in Beaver and Westmoreland Counties
- Regional Trail Development Capacity & Needs Assessment Study
- Planning Partners – State College
- Vision Zero Summit



2027-2030 TIP Development





Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

The region's long range transportation plan (SmartMoves) is implemented with a series of shorter-term investment plans, known as Transportation Improvement Programs, or TIPs. Each TIP is a step along that 25-year investment in our region's future.



Amended every two years

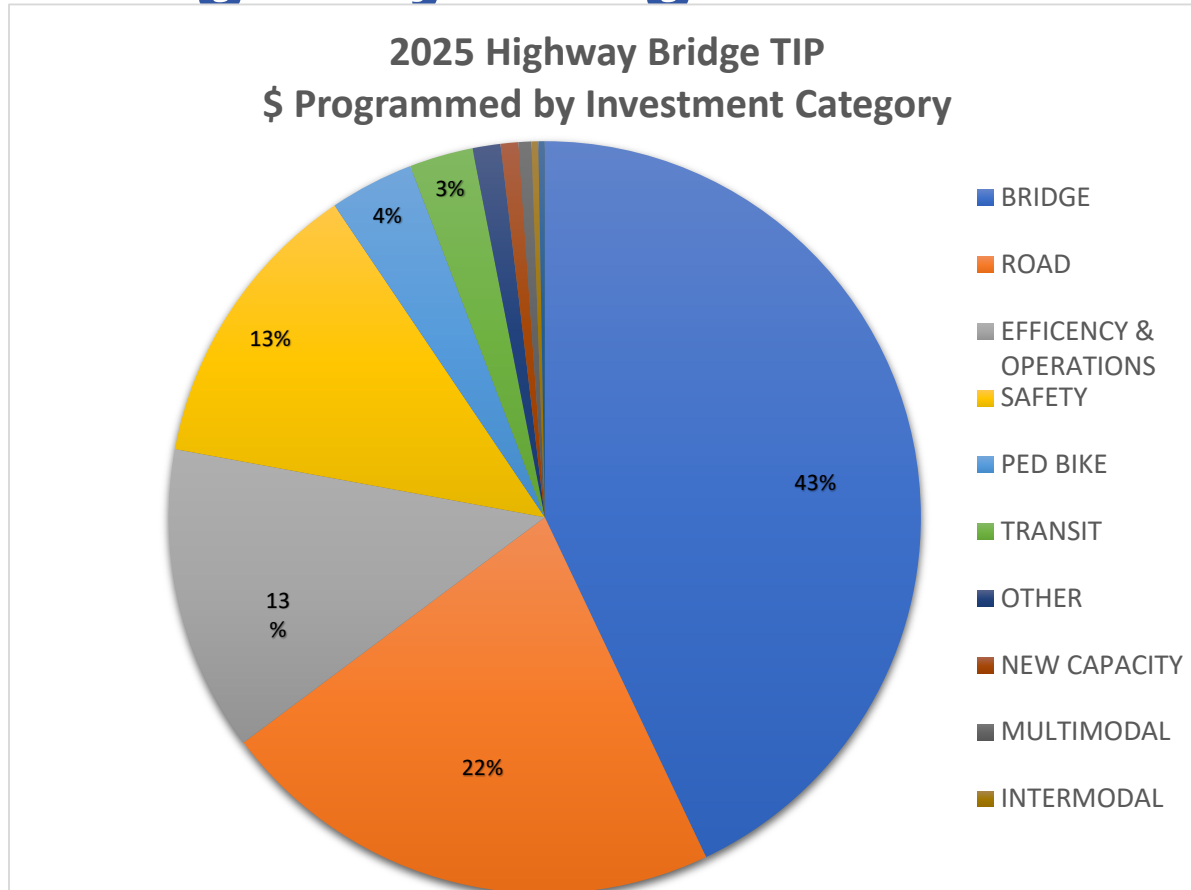


Public plays a major role



Short-term investment plans

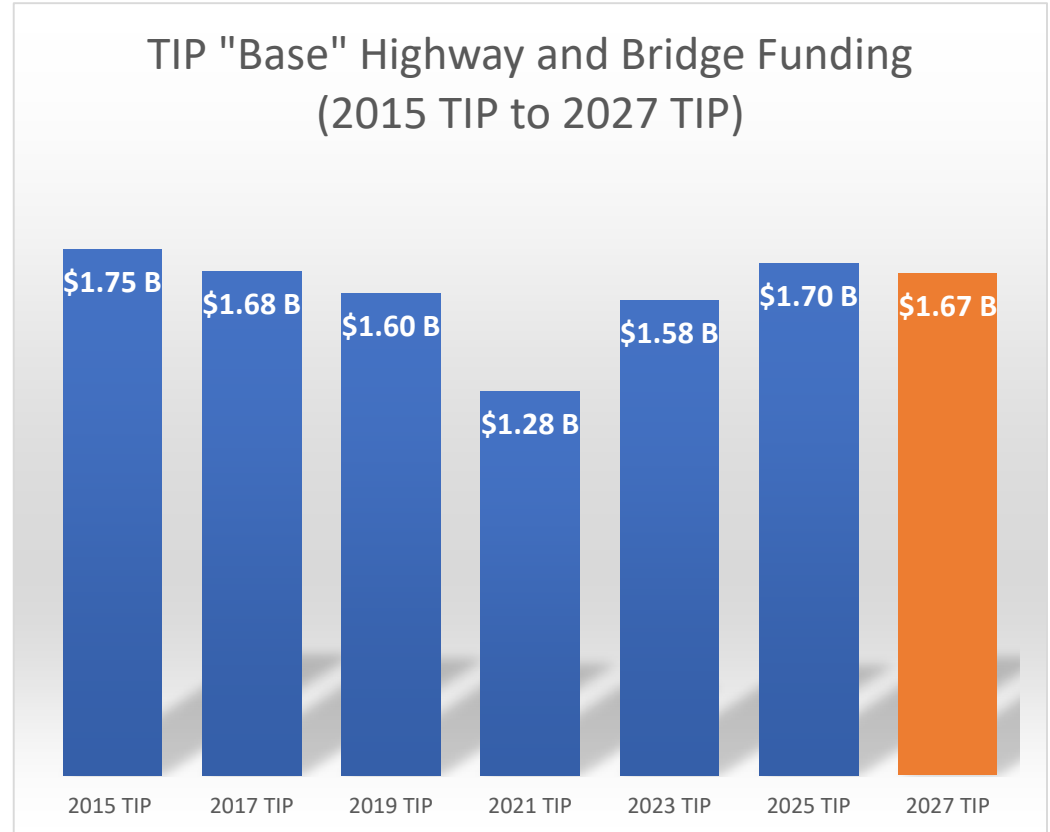
2025 TIP Highway/Bridge TIP Investments



\$2 Billion Total

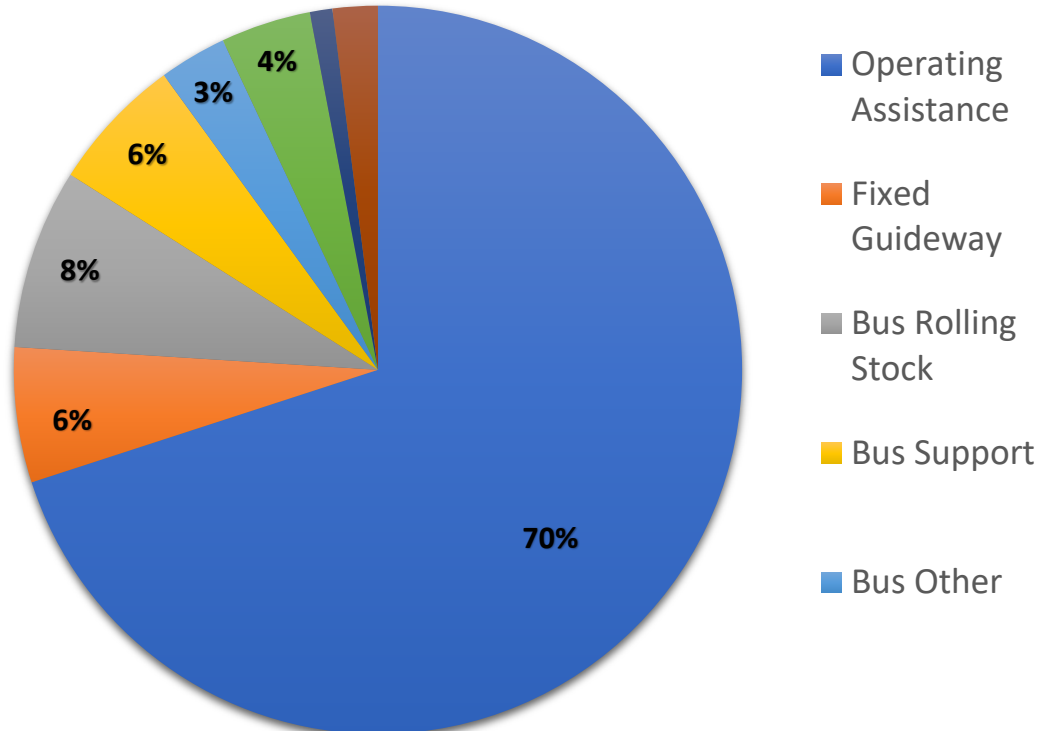
SPC Highway/Bridge TIP Base Fund Trend

- “Base” funding to SPC’s highway/bridge program decreased 2% over the last TIP (\$1.7B to \$1.67B).
- Figures include federal formula and state highway capital program funding for construction projects available to SPC.
- Figures exclude statewide managed programs, maintenance, and any competitive federal capital grants.



2025 Transit TIP Investments

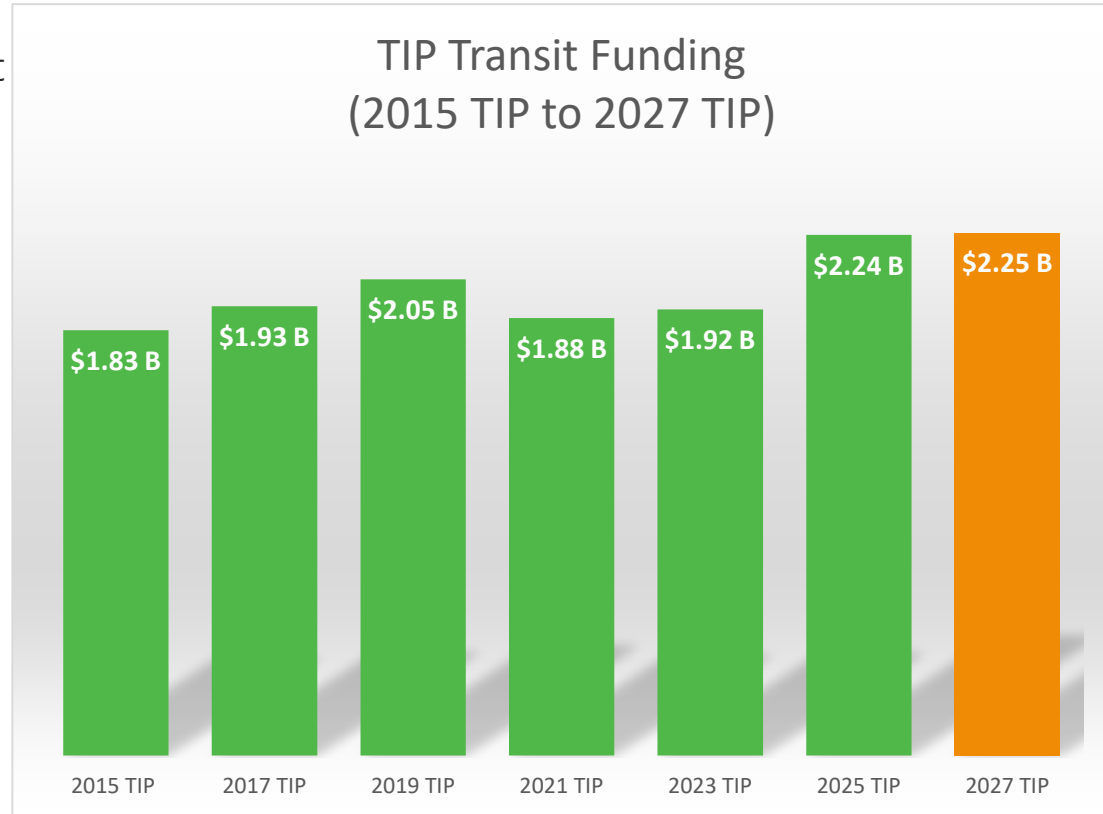
2025 Transit TIP
\$ Programmed by Investment Category



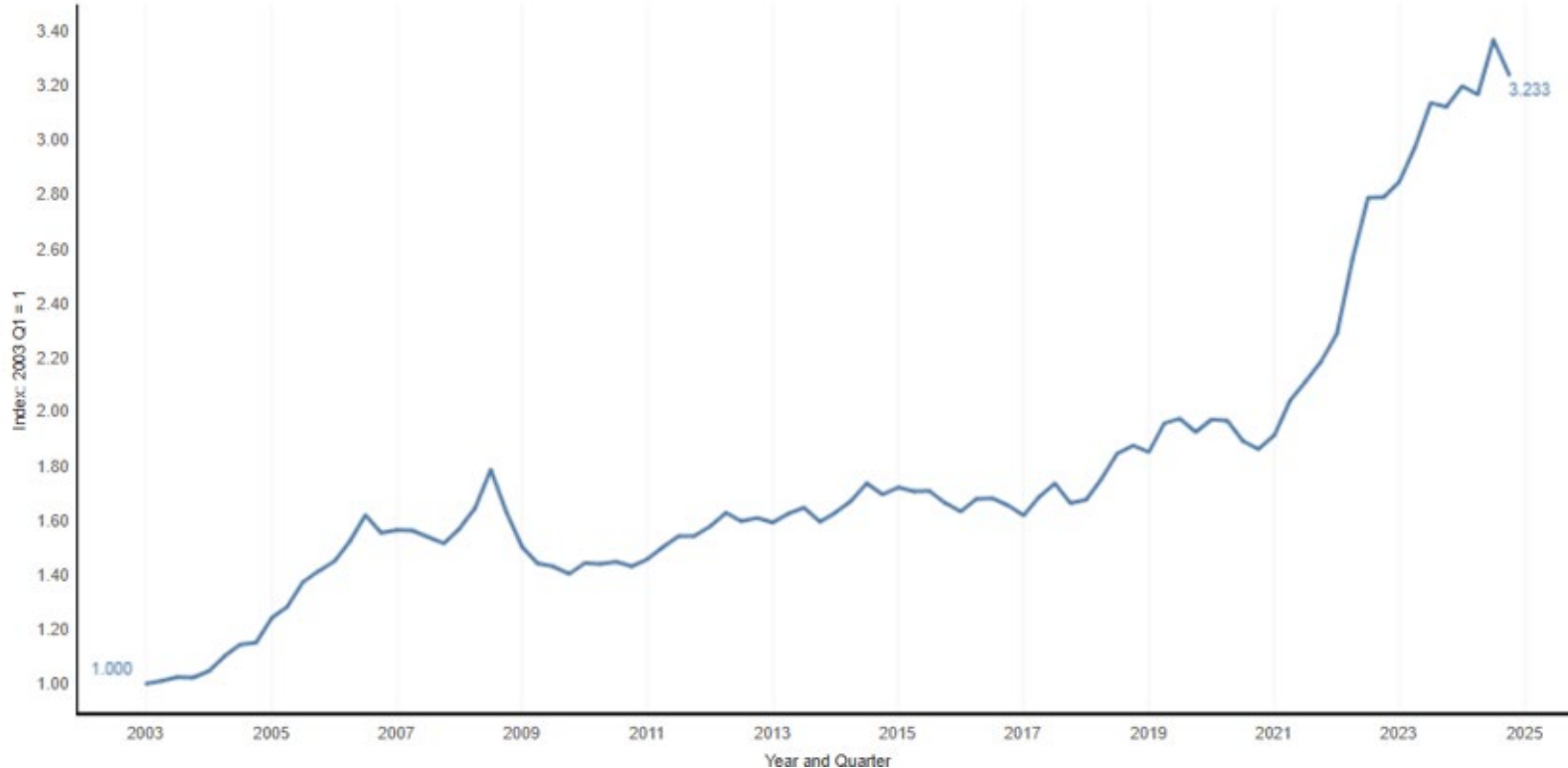
Federal & State
Transit Funding =
\$2.6 Billion Total

Transit TIP Base Funding Trends

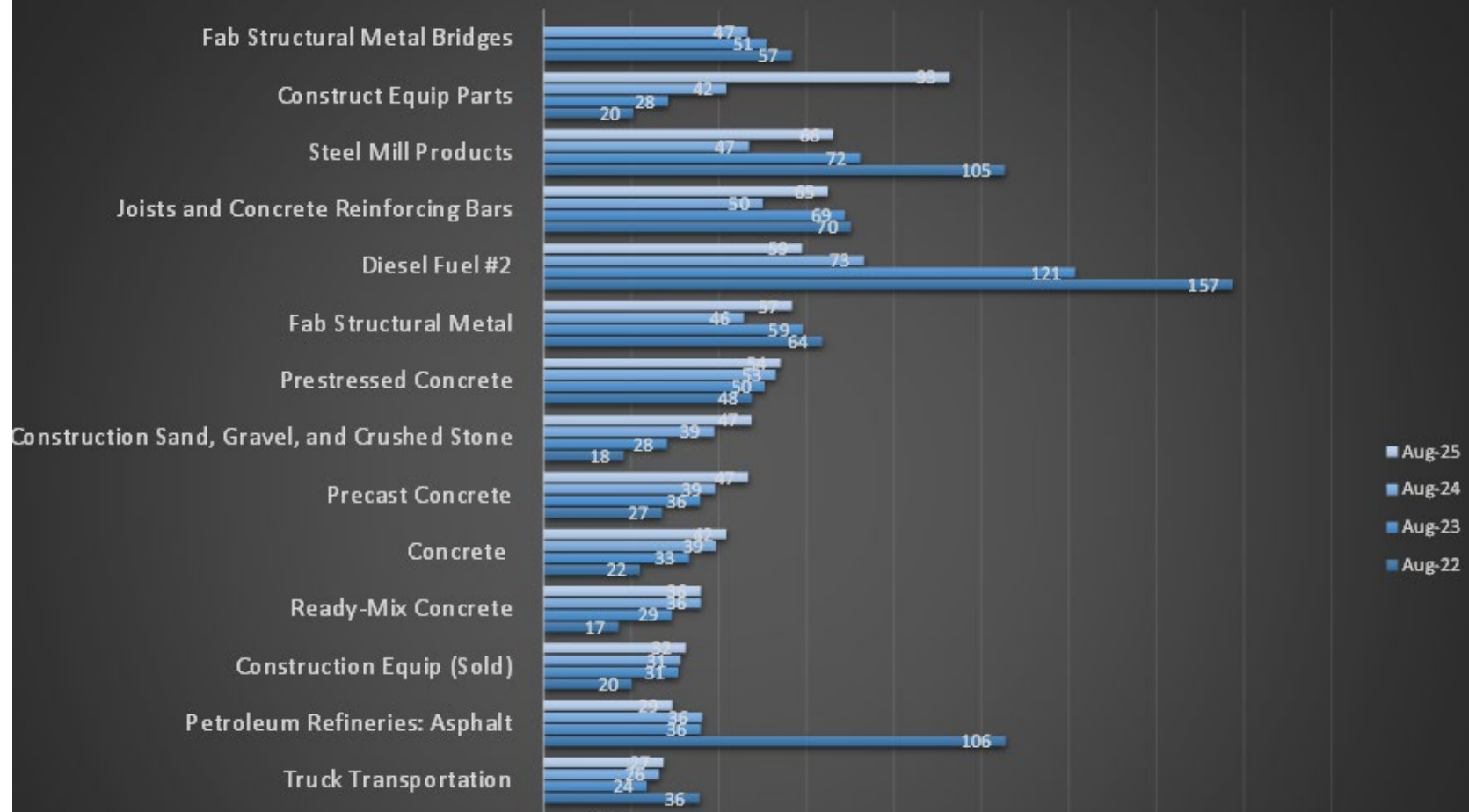
- Figures include state funds for transit operations and maintenance.
- Figures exclude any competitive federal capital grants SPC might secure moving forward.
- Pittsburgh Regional Transit has recently been given special approval to use its own allocation of PA State Asset Improvement Program Funds for Operating Assistance. This has no effect on Indiana County or SPC Transit TIP funding levels.
- Current Federal and state funding estimated at \$2.25 Billion



National Highway Construction Cost Index



Price level over baseline (Feb 2020), Selected Good PPIs



Public Meeting Schedule and Feedback

Meeting Schedule

- Armstrong County, Sept. 25
- Lawrence County, Sept. 29
- Fayette County, Oct. 7
- Washington County, Oct. 9
- Indiana County, Oct. 21
- Greene County, Oct. 23
- Beaver County, Oct. 28
- Allegheny County & City of Pittsburgh, Nov. 3
- Westmoreland County, Nov. 20
- Butler County, Dec. 3

- The Public Should Feel Free to Reach Out Anytime to Us!
 - Paper comment forms on-hand at today's meeting
 - Written Comments (42 21st Street, Suite101, Pittsburgh, PA 15222)
 - Email electronic forms to comments to comments@spcregion.org and should not exceed 5MB in size
 - SPC website spcregion.org (Get Involved Tab!)
 - Evaluation form - Please tell us how we did today!
 - Comment Questions? Ask Ronda!
724-762-2569 or rcraig@spcregion.org



2027 TIP

Competitive Programs Selection



Competitive Programs Selection Committee

- **Purpose** - Responsible for prioritizing the candidate projects for funding on the 2027-2030 TIP, and making project recommendations to the SPC Transportation Technical Committee (TTC).
- **Membership** – Committee aligned to mirror composition of the TTC and TOC as well as members representing active transportation and freight, and air quality agencies.
- **Tenure** – Committee will be active for the 2027-2030 program development process and will be dissolved at the end of the 2027 TIP update.
- **Meeting Frequency** - Committee will meet three times between October and December.

SPC Competitive Programs

Competitive

- SPC Congestion Management and Air Quality (CMAQ) Program
- SPC Carbon Reduction Program Urban (CRP)
- Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Programs (TA)

The current Transportation Act IIJA is due to expire prior to the start of the 2027 TIP. There is no guarantee that these programs will continue to exist in the new Transportation Act.

CMAQ Program Performance Measures

Progress in Achieving 2023 and 2025 Targets

PM3 Emission Reduction Measure (kg/day)	On-Road Mobile-Source Emission Reduction (kg/day)					
	2021 Baseline	2022-2023 2-Year Emission Reduction Target	2022-2023 Actual Emission Reduction	2022-2025 4-Year Emission Reduction Target	Adjusted 2025 4-Yr Emission Reduction Target	2022-2025 Actual Emission Reduction
VOC Emissions	95.63	35.58 	27.60 	71.16	71.16	
NOx Emissions	276.13	92.64 	667.43 	185.27	185.27	
PM _{2.5} Emissions	13.23	4.88 	17.67 	9.76	9.76	
PM ₁₀ Emissions	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
CO Emissions	376.68	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	



Project Prioritization and Recommendations

- Project Evaluation and Ranking is data driven.
- Committee will be provided with the results of Technical Analysis, Ancillary Selection Factors and Deliverability Scoring.
- Committee reviews unweighted and weighted output scenarios
- Committee collaboration on the projects that deliver greatest benefit based on the objectives of the program.
- SPC staff will develop fiscally constrained list of recommendations for SPC Transportation Technical Committee (TTC) endorsement and SPC Executive Committee review.

Upcoming Schedule



Meeting 1: Confirm CMAQ Process, Review Programs and Evaluation Criteria Present Candidate Project List; Review Candidate Project Summary	10/20/25
Coordinate with project sponsors regarding SPC staff questions on applications, as needed	Ongoing
Coordinated with PennDOT Central and FHWA as needed on Eligibility Determinations	
SPC staff conducts preliminary technical and air quality scoring analysis for eligible CMAQ and CRP candidate Projects	
SPC Staff Begin Technical and Ancillary scoring on TASA Candidate Projects	
Meeting 2: Review/Discuss Technical Evaluation of Candidate Projects; Review Working Program Carry-over; Discuss Project Deliverability Importance & Initiate Deliverability Review Process	11/17/25
Deliverability Committee Begins Deliverability Evaluations	
Program Carryover Analysis	
SPC Staff Revise & Finalize Air Quality Scoring, as needed for CMAQ & CRP Candidates	
SPC Staff Revise & Finalize Ancillary Scoring, as needed	
Deliverability Committee Completes Deliverability Review	
Meeting 3: Review Deliverability Ratings; Review Ancillary Scoring; Review Unweighted Scores, Final Weighted Scores; Review Program Carryover; Review Recommended Program Funding Scenarios	12/8/25
Finalize list of recommended Program Funding Scenarios	Dec. 2025
Review Recommended Funding Scenarios to TOC/TTC	12/10 & 12/11
Draft TIP briefing to SPC Executive Committee	12/15/25
Add recommended CMAQ projects to Pre-Draft TIP	Dec. 2025

ACTION ITEM: Resolution 12-25

To adopt the Title VI Compliance Plan

Lillian Gabreski, Director of Transportation

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ACTION ITEM: Resolution 13-25

To adopt the Public Transit Agency Safety Plan

Lillian Gabreski, Director of Transportation

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Strategic Initiatives Report

Dj Ryan, Director of Communications and Strategic Initiatives

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Strategic Initiatives Report

- Newsletter Refresh
 - Subscribe on spcregion.org
 - We want to highlight your success – let us know!
- Freight Plan Update
 - Focus – safety, efficiency, reliability
- Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG)
 - Public meetings completed
- Broadband
 - PBDA moving to implementation phase



Strategic Initiatives Report

- DC Fly-In
 - Thank you to those who attended
 - Feedback from Members and staff was positive
 - Feedback is appreciated!
- NEVI
 - County Planning Offices reviewing NEVI locations
 - Sending to PennDOT by 10/31
- TIP Meetings
 - First round nearing completion
 - Second round in 2026



Strategic Initiatives Report



- Transportation Committees in Pittsburgh
 - River Cruise
 - Dinner with legislators
- Port of Pittsburgh Commission
 - Grant through ARC for freight diversification
 - Need is on all three rivers, not just Allegheny
 - Local business outreach

Workforce and Economic Development Report

Jennifer Lasser, Director of Workforce and Economic Development

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Workforce & Economic Development Update & Priorities August- Sept 2025

- Business Finance
 - 6 Loans in for FY 25/26
 - 2M+ in pipeline
- Export
 - Bring the Word to PA – Sept 12
- Water Resource Center
 - Chartiers Creek Support
 - Army Corps Project
 - CPRG Meetings
- DCED – PREP/Engage
 - Waiting on State Budget to pass
- ARC – Annual Training Conference (attendees)
- ARC – Grant Season Kicks off!
 - POWER/Area Development/ARISE
- Speaking Engagements
 - Data Centers
 - Workforce Needs
 - Rural Relationship Building

Continued Support Areas for FY 25/26

- Build Back Better
 - 10 months remaining
 - Thousands Trained
 - Semi-Annual Report
 - Robotics & AI Discovery Day
 - Nov 5th 2025
- Building Capacity
 - Working to secure additional dollars
 - Working to communicate with legislators on importance of LDD/EDD activities
- Workforce
 - Meeting with industry
 - Working with educational partners
 - Connecting to WIBs, CareerLinks and support programs
 - Brainstorming regional data and programing ideas to meet needs

Spotlight: BTW2PA

- Bring the World to PA Event
- September 12th 2025 @ CMU
- Annual event - hosted by SPC Export Team and DCED/REN
- Speakers included Secretary Rick Siger (DCED), Rich Fitzgerald (SPC), Ben Pratt (ACCD)
- Connected local business with 12 countries



Spotlight: Regional Progress Forum

- September 25th 2025 @ Heinz History Center
- Keynote speakers, panel discussions and data overviews from experts
- Discussions on impacts to rural and urban populations
- Workforce and education panels
- Where SWPA is headed economically and planning for future



Spotlight: Rural College-Community Initiative

- September 29th-30th @ RK Mellon (upstairs)
- RK Mellon launched an initiative to support the economic development of rural communities in Western PA, utilizing partnerships with institutions of higher education.
- Six communities are:
 - Allegheny College/ Meadville
 - Seton Hill University/Greensburg
 - Saint Vincent College/Latrobe
 - Washington & Jefferson/ Washington
 - UPitt Johnstown/Johnstown
 - Grove City College/ Grove City
- USDA-Rural, SBA, DCED and SPC were panel members
- Overview of resources and services
- “Speed-Dating” session for each partner provided to discuss needs and challenges and brainstorm solutions



Spotlight: PEDa BRE Training

- October 8th 2025 – Virtual/Harrisburg
- SPC selected 3rd year in a row to be a presenter on Business Retention and Expansion for the IEDC-accredited Basic Economic Development Course Certification sponsored by PEDa
- Provide our best practices on the Engage! Program, how we build relationships with businesses and the importance of business retention
- Regional partnership strengths

Spotlight: Regional Growth Summit

- October 17 2025
- Hosts: Cav Con - Noelker & Hull
- Event held at Butler County Community College
- Key note, speakers & tour
- Networking & Discussions about regional growth
- Diverse group of Econ Developers, Real Estate, Engineers, Construction, Education
- Partner with Educational Entities



Around the Region:

- Bots IQ
- Slippery Rock University
- Western PA Conservancy (WPC)
- Small Business Food Industry Focus Group @ SPC
- ACCD Regional Investment Event
- ARC Frostburg MD
- ARC Appalachian Leadership Institute – Ashland KY

Other Business

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Next Meeting: October 27th, 2025

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