

**Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission
Transportation Technical Committee (TTC)
Meeting Minutes via Webex
September 18th, 2025, 10:00 a.m.**

Attendees:

- Jaclyn Karolski, Allegheny County Department of Economic Development
- Darin Alviano, Armstrong County Planning Commission
- Dan Distler, Beaver County Planning and Economic Development
- Nathan Werner, Butler County Planning and Economic Development
- Arthur Cappella, Fayette County Zoning, Planning, and Community Development
- Kyle Lamb, Greene County Planning and Community Development
- Josh Krug, Indiana County Office of Planning and Development
- Becky Butler, Washington County Planning Commission
- Joshua Spano, 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
- Mollie Crowe, Airport Corridor Transportation Association
- Milo Freese, Washington County Planning Commission
- Nathan Clair, Westmoreland County Planning
- Brendan Coticchia, City of Pittsburgh
- Matt Pavlosky, Port of Pittsburgh
- Kathryn Simpson, Pittsburgh Regional Transit
- Samuel Buckley, Pittsburgh Regional Transit
- Seth Davis, Pittsburgh Regional Transit
- Brandon Leach, PennDOT Central Office
- Julia Cornell, PennDOT Central Office
- Susan Hyde, PennDOT Central Office
- Dan Laird, GAI Consultants
- Lauren Carlson, Larson Design Group
- Matthew Kelley, CDR Maguire
- Zoe Iseri, Mobilify
- Andy Waple, AECOM
- Katherine Schlesinger, Michael Baker Intl.
- Dom DeFazio, PennDOT District 10-0
- Alicia Kavulic, PennDOT District 10-0
- Adam Marshall, 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
- Angela Baker, PennDOT District 12-0
- Jessica Setmire, PennDOT District 12-0
- Josh Theakston, PennDOT District 12-0
- Indicates TTC voting member

Attendees Cont'd:

Rich Fitzgerald, SPC Executive Director
 Lillian Gabreski, SPC Transportation Planning Director
 Ryan Gordon, SPC Staff
 Anthony Hickton, SPC Staff
 Chuck Imbrogno, SPC Staff
 Devon White, SPC Staff
 Belachew Ayele, SPC Staff
 Leanne Chaney, SPC Staff
 Emily Clarvit, SPC Staff
 Ronda Craig, SPC Staff
 Julia Ferri, SPC Staff
 Chris Jaros, SPC Staff
 Greg Shermeto, SPC Staff
 John Weber, SPC Staff

1. **Call to Order**

Ryan Gordon called the meeting to order at 10:01 AM with a roll call for the TTC members.

2. **Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

3. **Action on August 14th TTC Meeting Minutes**

A motion was made by Darin Alviano and seconded by Josh Spano to approve the minutes of the August 14th TTC meeting. The motion was approved unanimously.

4. **PennDOT Central Office/SPC Transportation Director Report**

Brandon Leach began the report with an update to the Statewide Transportation Alternatives (TASA) program, of which the draft application deadline passed on September 5th. Currently the preapplications are under review, with the final application deadline set for October 31st. Next, Brandon discussed the Transportation Systems Management and Operations, or TSMO, capital funding request, which the application period for that program closed on August 31st, and applications are also still being reviewed and awarded projects will be announced at the beginning of 2026. Ryan Gordon asked for SPC representation on the PennDOT TASA application process, which Brandon mentioned he would make sure SPC is included in information on those projects.

Lillian Gabreski went over the Directors report, beginning with a discussion on the recent SPC trip to Washington DC. Rich Fitzgerald discussed the trip, mentioning that all Counties and County Commissioners were represented on the trip to Washington, which was run by the Allegheny Conference as part of a delegation of business and university leaders. Approximately 100 people were part of the delegation, of which planning directors gave presentations and met with congressional staff. On the transportation side, much discussion was on the upcoming surface transportation authorization bill, which SPC hopes will be approved soon. There was also discussion on smaller municipalities and how the local match becomes difficult and challenging to match, and for any ideas on how to alleviate that. For SPC staff, Rich, Lillian, and DJ Ryan were there for representation, which the three had discussions with Senator McCormick's office on the surface transportation reauthorization bill. He should be reaching out to all Counties with

communication on what we look to be important for the region on the upcoming bill in the upcoming weeks. Rich mentioned he felt that the trip was very helpful and showed great representation for the region, as well as their challenges faced in the region and what kinds of projects are most needed in the area. Lillian Gabreski next gave an update to the Federal certification review that SPC had back in July. A debrief call was made with FHWA on the review, which was very positive. SPC is currently waiting the draft report from the review, at which point SPC can provide feedback. However, initial response looks like it will be very positive from FHWA, with some areas of improvement, but also a lot of recognition for things that SPC staff does very well. Lillian thanked everyone for their participation in the review process, and we will be receiving the final report in the next few weeks.

5. **Action on Modifications to the 2025-2028 TIP**

A. PennDOT District 10-0

Adam Marshall went over the four administrative actions for PennDOT District 10-0. The first administrative action was for a highway restoration along US 422 from approximately the SR 4422 (West Pike Road) overpass intersection to the bridge carrying US 422 over SR 4422 (Wayne Avenue) and SR 3035 (Old Route 119 Highway), located in White, Center, and Armstrong Townships, Indiana County. The district requests to increase the construction phase and add \$1,603,933 (NHPP – FFY 2026) in order to include asphalt widening, slab stabilization, and a limit of work extension that was deemed necessary as construction progressed. The source of funding will come from unneeded construction funds from the US 422 County Line East PM project. The second administrative action was for a highway reconstruction to include safety upgrades, widening, realignment, guiderail and drainage updates, and bridge work along US 422 from the Armstrong County Line west to SR 3022 (Parkwood Road), located in Armstrong Township and Shelocta Borough, Indiana County. The district requests to increase preliminary engineering and add \$585,000 (NHPP – FFY 2026), to analyze opportunities for safety upgrades, potential realignments, and widening with the corridor, which were not accounted for in the initial programming estimate. The source of funding will come from unneeded construction funds from the US 422 County Line East PM project.

The third administrative action was for replacement of the bridge carrying US 422 over PA 356 as well as safety improvements and geometry updates related to the intersection, located in Butler Township, Butler County. The district requests to increase preliminary engineering and add \$230,000 (NHPP – FFY 2026) to include an additional intersection in the scope of work, with the source of funding coming from unneeded construction funds from the US 422 County Line East PM project. The fourth administrative action was for roadway resurfacing from along US 422 from the Butler County line east to 0.37-mile west of the East Franklin Township line, located in West Franklin Township, East Franklin Township, and Worthington Borough, Armstrong County as well as various other locations in Armstrong and Butler County. Also included is ramp patching and repaving at the interchange associated with PA 268 and US 422, which includes preventative maintenance work on the bridge carrying PA 268 over US 422. Furthermore, this project also includes bridge work to include the structure carrying US 422 over SR 4005 Eastbound. The district requests to decrease construction and remove \$2,353,949 (NHPP/581 – FFY 2026) due to a lack of need for the funding, noting that the three prior actions also utilized portions of these unneeded funds, and that this is the remaining amount. The funding will be placed into the SPC District 10 Highway/Bridge Reserve Line Item.

Josh Krug made a motion to approve the administrative actions from PennDOT District 10-0, which was seconded by Nathan Werner. The motion was approved unanimously.

B. PennDOT District 11-0

John Quatman went over the three amendments and six administrative actions for PennDOT District 11-0. The first amendment was for a highway repair and reconstruction project, located on P.J. McArdle Roadway from Liberty Tunnels to Grandview Avenue in the City of Pittsburgh, Allegheny County. The district requests to add a preliminary engineering phase to TIP by \$960K (STU) and \$240K (LOC) in FFY 2026 to initiate design, with the source of funding coming from the Beaver Avenue Esplanade & Corliss Tunnel projects based on their current schedules. The second amendment was for construction of a flyover bridge, new roadway, multi-use trails, and bus stops, located in the Riverfront District of Sharpsburg Borough, Allegheny County. The district requests to add a preliminary engineering phase to TIP by \$100K (RAISE) and \$500K (LOC) in FFY 2026 to initiate design, with the source of funding coming from a 2024 RAISE Grant. The third amendment was for the implementation of countermeasures to mitigate vulnerable road user crashes and improve safety for vulnerable road users, located on various locations identified in District 11-0's Strategic Highway Safety Plan in Allegheny, Beaver, and Lawrence Counties. The district requests to add a construction phase to TIP by \$450K (HSIP) in FFY 2026 for an anticipated February 2026 let date, with the source of funding coming from the SPC Regional Safety line item.

The first administrative action was for a bridge rehabilitation project, located on South Negley Avenue over Norfolk Southern Railroad tracks and Port Authority of Allegheny County East Busway, in the City of Pittsburgh, Allegheny County. The district requests to defer the final design phase by \$800K (STU), \$150K (183) & \$50K (LOC) and the right-of-way phase by \$40K (STU), \$7,500 (183), and \$2,500 (LOC) in FFY 2026 for current project schedule. The funding will be placed into the Betterment Reserve and Pittsburgh City BPRSF line items. The second administrative action was for interchange improvements including the construction of a ramp and bridge and ramp extension, located on I-376 from the Parkway Center Interchange (SR 8091) to the Fort Pitt Tunnel in the City of Pittsburgh, Allegheny County. The district requests to advance the final design phase by \$773,924 from FFY 2026 to FFY 2025 for AC conversion, with the source of funding coming from the same project's Utility phase and the SPC CMAQ line item. The third administrative action was for an interchange improvement project, located on I-79 at SR 910 Interchange in Marshall Township, Allegheny County. The district requests to advance the construction phase by \$269,757 (NHPP) from FFY 2026 to 2025 to capture funds, with the source of funding coming from an available deobligation (Blvd of Allies Ramps MPMS#100728) and funds will be placed into the Betterment Reserve line item.

The fourth administrative action was for an interchange improvement, located on I-79 at SR 910 Interchange in Marshall Township, Allegheny County. The district requests to advance the construction phase by \$2.5M (NHPP) from FFY 2028 to \$2.5M (STP) in FFY 2025 to capture funds, with the source of funding coming from the Allegheny County Local BPRSF Group 5 project and the Betterment Reserve line item. The fifth administrative action was for a bridge reservation project, located on SR 2114 (McKeesport-Duquesne Bridge) over the Monongahela River and railroad in the City of Duquesne and McKeesport, Allegheny County. The district requests to advance construction by \$5M (NHPP) from FFY 2028 to FFY 2026 to capture federal funding, with the source of funding coming from and being placed into the Betterment Reserve line item. The sixth administrative action was for an intersection and safety improvements, located

on SR 3003, Washington Pike between SR 3006 (Boyce Road) and Alpine Road in South Fayette Township, Allegheny County. The district requests to increase the final design phase by \$300K (CAQ) in FFY 2026 to cover updated final design tasks, with the source of funding coming from the SPC CMAQ line item.

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

C. Transit TIP Updates

Devon White gave an administrative update to the Transit TIP, which was for Pittsburgh Regional Transit. PRT moved their funding for the Carnegie Park and Ride from FY 2025 to FY 2026, in order to align funding.

6. **2027 TIP Update**

Ryan Gordon gave an update to the 2027 TIP, starting with discussion on the SPC competitive programs. The deadline for the final applications has passed for the CMAQ, CRP, and SPC TASA programs, so currently SPC is reviewing applications and getting back to sponsors on any additional questions that have arisen since they have been submitted. Greg Shermeto is reaching out to applicants for any applications missing key details, and scheduling is underway for the selection committee meetings. If you are a member of the committee, Ryan has sent around emails with times and dates for those meetings. Next steps will be review of the final applications in preparation for the first of these meetings at the end of October. Next, Ryan discussed the TIP work group meetings, of which currently SPC is in round three of the meetings. District 11-0 work group meeting three will take place next week, and the preliminary agenda has been sent around for that meeting. The third work group meetings in Districts 10-0 and 12-0 have already taken place, and they focused on performance measures on a State, Regional, and District level. There was also discussion on asset management and safety, as well as prioritization and project identification. Ryan mentioned there was also discussion on project carryover, which will end up taking up a significant portion of the funding. The work group meetings ended with discussion of the upcoming fall public participation panel (PPP) meetings, and the upcoming schedule. Ryan went over the PPP schedule, which has one meeting in every County between late September and early December, all in person except for the joint Allegheny County/City of Pittsburgh PPP meeting, which will be held virtually.

7. **NEVI Community Charging Initiative**

Lillian Gabreski introduced the National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (NEVI) Community Charging Initiative, beginning with a recap of work on the program. The Community Charging initiative looks at electric vehicle (EV) charging areas out from the main roadways, looking at building up neighborhoods and communities. In January, SPC hosted a workshop with different planning directors to look at prioritized use cases for EV charging in the SPC region. In this workshop, MPOs had been asked to create a list of prioritized use cases, which includes places such as downtown centers, parks, and municipal areas, and create a shared list. The work shop was well attended and lots of good information was gathered, however the administration put a freeze on the program to review more information on it. This freeze has now been lifted, with new guidance released last month, so as a result SPC is looking to finish submitting the list to PennDOT for this new process. Currently SPC is looking at land use cases, and are ranking priority locations by zip code, as well as collecting more survey data for the SPC region. Currently on the SPC website there is a tab for EV charging, in which a link to the survey can be found, as well as more information on the program. SPC is looking to

hear from community members on where charging would be beneficial within the ten-county region, which will be sent to PennDOT for review. This information will be sent to all MPOs across the state, in which a competitive program will be created to shape where installers of charging infrastructure can apply for new stations.

Emily Clarvit reviewed a mapping tool in the EV charging tab, which shows the EV charging stations currently in the SPC region. This map is meant to serve as a tool to help people make decisions on where they would like to suggest new EV charging stations. The mapping shows where individual stations are located throughout the SPC region, and also show municipal buildings, libraries, grocery stores, business parks, parks, and other key areas in the region. It also shows total EV registrations by zip code and percentage for ownership by zip code, along with population and land cover data. Emily gave a demonstration of the survey, as well as how to navigate the mapping on the website. She showed how to place a proposed charger on the map, and how to add a comment on why the spot was proposed. Emily mentioned that currently there are approximately 100 proposed new spots on the map that people have added, and all these points, plus any added by anyone else taking the survey, will be reviewed for the program. The survey is open until September 26th, and after the data is reviewed, it will be sent out to County planner during the first week of October.

8. **Other Business/Status Reports**

Ryan Gordon mentioned that there were no external presentations this month, and is once again requesting volunteers for external presentations for future months. Josh Krug mentioned that Indiana County would be available to give a presentation in future months, and Doug Seeley mentioned that District 11-0 would also be willing to present in a future month.

9. **Adjourn**

A motion to adjourn was made by Jeff Skalican and seconded by Becky Butler. The motion was passed unanimously and Ryan Gordon called for the adjournment of the meeting at 10:53 AM.