

Commission Meeting

December 15th, 2025



Opening Agenda Items

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

Presentation of 2025-2026 Annual Audit Report

Maher Duessel, CPAs

Agenda Item 4





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SPC Board Meeting

BRIAN MCCALL, CPA, PRESIDENT/COO

MICHELLE HOKE, CPA, SENIOR MANAGER

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Communications to Those Charged with Governance

- ❑ Our Responsibilities under Auditing Standards Generally Accepted in the United State of America, Government Auditing Standards and Uniform Guidance
- ❑ Significant Accounting Policies
 - Adoption of GASB 101 “Accounting and Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefits Other than Pensions,”
 - Government-wide net position impact - decrease of \$342,886
- ❑ Accounting Estimates
- ❑ Sensitive Disclosures

Communications to Those Charged with Governance (continued)

- ☐ Other communications
 - ☐ No difficulties encountered in performing the audit
 - ☐ No material misstatements
 - ☐ No disagreements with management
 - ☐ Will obtain required management representations
 - ☐ No management consultations with other accountants

Single Audit Financial Statements

- ❑ Independent Auditor's Report
- ❑ Management's Discussion and Analysis
- ❑ Fund Financial Statements
 - Revenues up \$1.3M or 7.2% (Grant Activity)
 - Expenditures up \$1.8M or 9.4% (Grant Activity)
 - Negative (\$839,892) general fund balance (overall negative fund balance \$385,102)

Statement of Financial Position

	Governmental Activities	2024
Assets		
Cash and cash equivalents:		
Operating	\$ 334,738	\$ 309,593
Restricted	976,556	540,418
Revolving loan funds:		
Uncommitted	2,011,536	1,499,528
Total cash and cash equivalents	3,322,830	2,349,539
Accounts receivable	4,893,948	4,817,508
Prepaid expenses	3,115	313
Other assets	50,742	110,919
Loans receivable:		
Appalachian Regional Commission - RLF	1,764,319	1,814,644
Economic Development Administration - RLF	712,613	801,505
Economic Development Administration - RLF CARES Act	620,932	867,686
PIDA/SBF Loan Fund	2,743,026	2,854,831
Total loans receivable	5,840,890	6,338,666
Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation/amortization	5,620,562	6,782,658
Total Assets	19,732,087	20,399,603

Statement of Financial Position

Liabilities		
Accounts payable	3,746,436	3,123,764
Accrued salaries and fringe benefits	144,757	337,322
Compensated absences	572,266	229,380
Grant advances	2,218,063	1,602,677
Unearned revenue	255,867	568,303
Notes payable - PIDA/SBF loan programs	2,743,026	2,854,831
Accrued liabilities	172,946	133,493
Loan payable - Due within one year	55,567	50,231
Lease liability - Due within in one year	596,899	872,139
Loan payable - Due in more than one year	603,510	659,094
Lease liability - Due in more than one year	4,497,474	5,094,369
Unearned revenues of revolving loan funds	4,984,901	4,881,814
Total Liabilities	20,591,712	20,407,417

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance

	Southwestern Pennsylvania Corporation General Fund	Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission Special Revenue Fund	Total	2024
Revenues:				
Federal grants	\$ -	\$ 14,512,711	\$ 14,512,711	\$ 13,335,347
State grants	-	1,575,116	1,575,116	1,783,450
SPC member contributions	-	966,591	966,591	932,867
In-kind service contributions	-	2,470,550	2,470,550	1,994,218
Contributions	77,265	246,343	323,608	483,966
Loan program fees	22,002	-	22,002	-
Interest income and other	-	119,002	119,002	110,784
Total revenues	99,267	19,890,313	19,989,580	18,640,632

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance

Capital expenditures	-	-	-	844,627
Debt Service:				
Principal retirement of loan and leases	487,888	-	487,888	498,065
Interest on loan and leases	87,615	-	87,615	81,678
Total expenditures	20,260,043	-	20,260,043	19,786,475
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenditures	(20,160,776)	19,890,313	(270,463)	(1,145,843)
Other Financing Sources (Uses):				
Transfers in	20,331,914	441,601	20,773,515	19,310,267
Transfers out	(441,601)	(20,331,914)	(20,773,515)	(19,310,267)
Loan proceeds	-	-	-	750,000
Leases	-	-	-	574,579
Total other financing sources (uses)	19,890,313	(19,890,313)	-	1,324,579
Net Change in Fund Balance	(270,463)	-	(270,463)	178,736
Fund Balance:				
Beginning of year	(569,429)	454,790	(114,639)	(293,375)
End of year	\$ (839,892)	\$ 454,790	\$ (385,102)	\$ (114,639)

Single Audit Financial Statements

- ❑ Footnotes to the Financial Statements
 - Adopted/Pending accounting standards (FN 2)
 - Promissory Note Payable (FN 8)
 - Loans Payable (FN 12)
- ❑ Supplementary Information – Schedule of Federal Awards
- ❑ Reporting by Uniform Guidance

990 – SWPA Corporation

- ☐ Sch A – Supporting Org
- ☐ Sch B - Public Disclosure copy blinds donor names/addresses
- ☐ Sch C – Lobbying Activities
- ☐ Sch D – Footnotes to 990
- ☐ Sch J – Compensation Information
- ☐ Sch R – Related Organizations
- ☐ Sch O - Misc

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Executive Director's Report

Rich Fitzgerald, Executive Director

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Executive Director's Report

- TIP Meetings concluded for Fall
 - Will do another round next year
- State and Federal Budgets Passed
- New Dublin Flight at PIT



NFL Draft Update

- Draft is April 23-25
- Opportunities for visits and events to your counties all week
- Massive travel from nearby cities expected



Mid Mon Valley Economic Symposium

- Well-attended Event hosted by the Mon Valley Alliance
- October 31st in Rostraver
- Myself and several SPC Staff Attended
- Panel discussion with Senatore



New Terminal Opens at PIT



Pittsburgh's *New* New Airport Marks the Start of an Exciting Chapter for the Region

Posted on November 20, 2025 in [News](#), [SPC Original](#)

By Rich Fitzgerald
Executive Director, SPC
11/20/2025

As we open the brand-new landside terminal at Pittsburgh International Airport, it's important to remember the years of work that got us to today. For over a decade, thousands of people across our region have worked to make this a reality. The opening of the new Pittsburgh International Airport represents so much more than just the completion of a major infrastructure project. To me, it marks the start of a new era for Southwestern Pennsylvania and a defining moment for our region's future.

Transportation Report

Lillian Gabreski, Director of Transportation

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November / December Activities

- DOT TMA Certification Review – Draft Report Finalized
- 2027 TIP Development
 - Draft TIP is close to completion
 - 18 TIP Work Group Meetings, 3 more in February
 - 10 TIP Public Meetings
 - Competitive Programs Complete
- Allegheny County Safety Action Plan – Second round of public outreach – plan complete by Spring 2026
- Transportation Engineering and Safety Conference Presentations
- Human Services Coordinated Plan Implementation
- Regional Trail Capacity & Needs Assessment Study



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 Long Range Plan Development



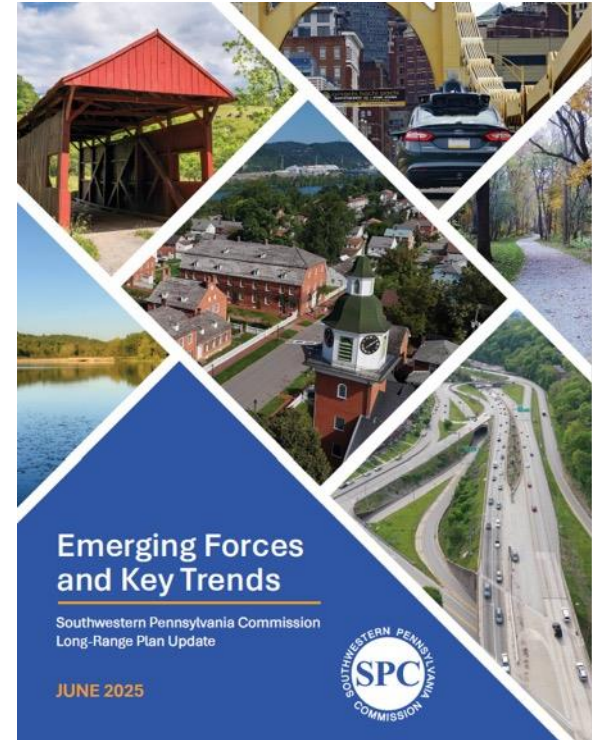
2027 Long Range Plan

- May 16th Long Range Plan Kickoff Meeting
- Executive Committee affirms direction of 2027 Long Range Plan
- **First Task**-> Identify existing conditions, key trends, emerging forces to plan for strategies and goals of next Long Range Plan
- **Second Task** -> Convene Expert Panels to develop strategies to address Emerging Forces



Emerging Forces and Key Trends

- Emerging Forces/Expert Panel Focus Areas:
 1. Socioeconomic
 - Population, Jobs
 2. Land Use / Development
 - Housing, Infrastructure, Environmental/Resiliency
 3. Technology
 - EV/AV, Broadband, AI, Data Centers
 4. Funding
 - Shortfalls, PPPs, Discretionary Grants
 5. Transportation
 - Safety, Micromobility, Asset Management, Transit



Developing Strategies

- Next Step: Convening of expert panels to start to plan for strategies that can be deployed to address the emerging forces the team has identified.
- These strategies and ultimately goals will shape the projects selected for the Long Range Plan, TIP, and all other SPC programs.
- Five Expert Panels for the corresponding Five Emerging Forces Categories – let us know which expert panel you would like to participate in
- Currently Underway:
- Task 1: Identify members of expert panels
- Task 2: Identify Locations and Dates for Expert Panel Meetings and Public Workshop



Strategy 1: Raise the Profile of Skilled Labor Blue Collar Careers

In order to fill the increasing number of jobs in skilled trade industries, efforts must be made to break the stigma attached to available jobs in blue collar jobs (such as heavy machinery, etc.). Partner with local workforce boards to implement training that emphasizes problem solving and leadership skills to show that these jobs have opportunities for advancement.

Implement a public education strategy showing that skilled labor is a viable path to success. Encourage training in schools from early ages to both increase awareness of these trades and encourage hands-on work experience such as apprenticeships. Build partnerships with educators and employers to understand employer needs and post-secondary employment options. Place as much emphasis on skilled labor tracks as academic tracks.

Partners for Implementation

Employers, workforce investment boards, trade associations, universities, K-12 schools, chambers of commerce, trade schools



Strategy 2: Focus on Soft Skill Training

Encourage training programs to focus on soft skills. Local schools and universities can develop programs that focus on soft skills and industry specific training. Schools and training programs can incorporate transition plans with employment goals into graduation requirements.

Regional partners can help expose students to a greater range of jobs to increase their awareness of career opportunities. Network with universities to secure funding to support education and leadership training to help move employees up the ladder. Provide or arrange for flexible and easy to use on-the-job training funds for companies to train employees and promote awareness of existing resources to aid with these goals.

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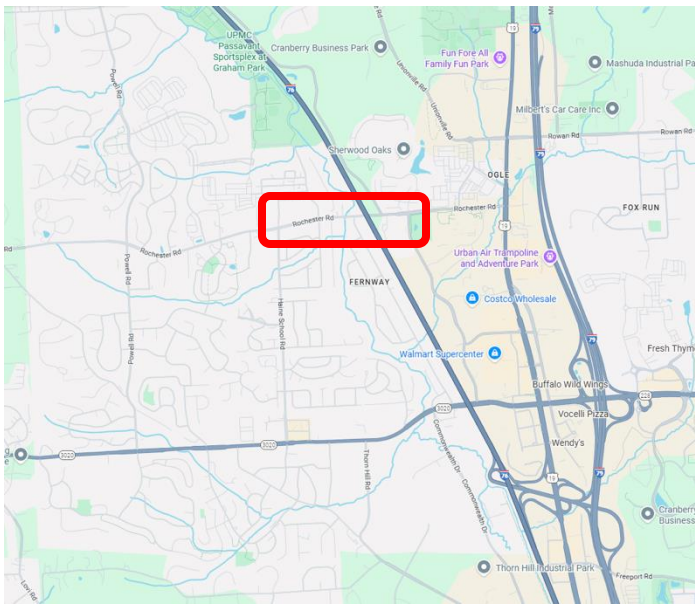
Long Range Plan Timeline

- **October 2025:** SPC Executive Committee Briefing
- **December 2025:** SPC Commission Briefing
- **March 2026:** Expert Resource Panel Meeting 1
- **April 2026:** Survey 1
- **May 2026:** Expert Resource Panel Meeting 2
- **July 2026:** Public Workshop
- **October – November 2026:** Fall Public Meetings and Survey 2
- **April - May 2027:** Spring Public Meetings
- **June 2027:** Long Range Plan Adoption

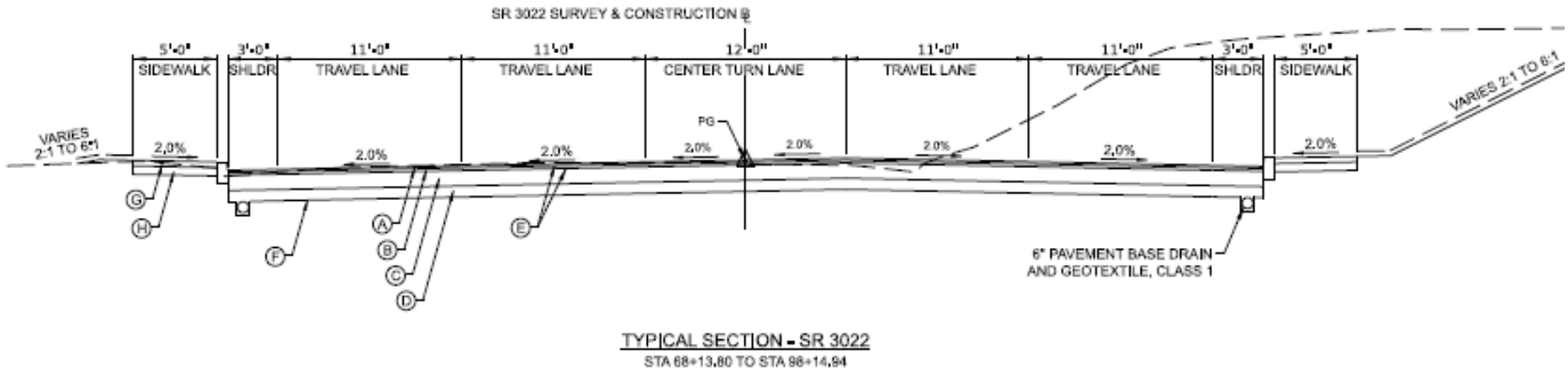
Rochester Road (SR 3022) Widening AQ Conformity, TIP/LRP Amendment



PROJECT LOCATION



PROPOSED CROSS-SECTION



Proposed Amendment: LRTP

Proposed Amendment

PennDOT District 10 is proposing to add the Rochester Road Widening to the SPC 2025 TIP resulting in a revision of the Regional Air Quality Conformity and the amendment of the SPC TIP and SPC Long Range Plan. The proposed LRP amendment includes adding the construction phase of the project to the current LRP. The construction cost is \$15 million. Table 1 shows the proposed changes to the LRP fiscally constrained project list.

The proposed project on Rochester Road in Cranberry Township Butler County includes widening to five lanes under the PA Turnpike's Rochester Road Bridge, and widening of Rochester Road (SR 3022) between Haine School Road and Thompson Drive to five lanes. The project includes pedestrian/bike facilities on Rochester Road and replacement of the existing structure carrying Rochester Road over Brush Creek.

Table 1: Proposed LRP Fiscal Constraint Highway Bridge Project List Amendment

November 2025

District	County	Title	Estimated Cost	Route	Stage	Project Narrative	Proposed Revision
10	Butler	Rochester Road Widening	\$15,000,000	SR 3022	Mid-Term (2029-2036)	Widening SR 3022 (Rochester Road) between <u>Haine</u> School Road and Thompson Drive to five lanes. Project includes pedestrian/bike facilities and replacement of the existing structure carrying SR 3022 over Brush Creek.	Adding the project for \$15,000,000 to the LRP Fiscal Constrained Project List

District	County	Title	Estimated Cost	Route	Stage	Project Narrative	Proposed Revision
10	Armstrong, Butler, Indiana	Roadway Non-NHS Reconstruction	\$15,600,000	Various	Mid-Term (2029-2036)	Non-NHS Roadway Reconstruction Reserve	Reducing the line item amount from \$15.6 million to \$600,000

Proposed Amendment: TIP

- PennDOT District 10 is requesting to add preliminary engineering phase of the project to the SPC current TIP and program \$1,627,785 due the findings of the study phase. The requested amount will allow for the preliminary engineering work order to be executed. Note that the project is now intended to be developed for construction due to available funds.
- The sources for both requests will be as follows:
 - **SPC District 10 Highway/Bridge Reserve Line Item:** \$1,002,859 in FFY 2026 to include the study increase as well as a portion of the preliminary engineering increase.
 - **Three Degree Road Intersection:** \$627,758 of unneeded construction funds in FFY 2027 for the remainder of the preliminary engineering increase.

Resolution 14-25

Air Quality Conformity Finding

Rochester Road (SR 3022) Widening

Agenda Item 6a



Resolution 15-25

Amendments to TIP and Long Range Plan

Rochester Road (SR 3022) Widening

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Strategic Initiatives Report

Dj Ryan, Director of Communications and Strategic Initiatives

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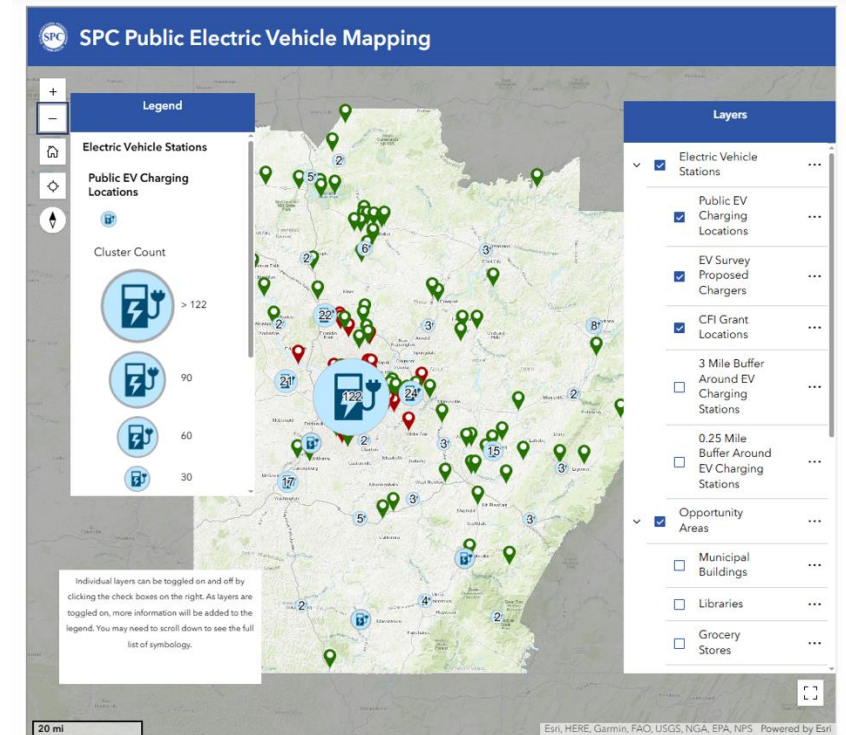


Strategic Initiatives Report

- New Video Series
 - Chairman video later today!
- Freight Plan
 - Consultant contract executed soon
 - Multimodal analysis
 - Focus on needs of emerging economies
- CPRG
 - Plan is completed?
- Information Sheet – Please fill out!!

Strategic Initiatives Report

- NEVI Community Charging
 - Thank you to those who submitted locations and shared!
 - Thanks to the team here for building a beautiful survey
 - Final list of priority use cases and locations submitted to PennDOT
 - PennDOT will develop final guidelines and open applications next year



Workforce and Economic Development Report

Jennifer Lasser, Director of Workforce and Economic Development

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Workforce & Economic Development

Update & Priorities November-December 2025

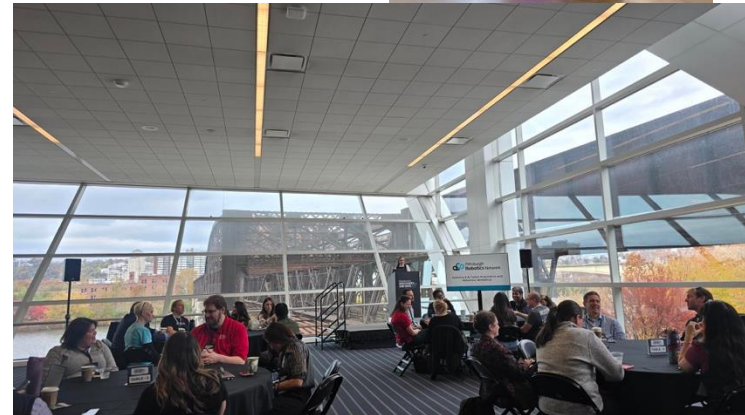
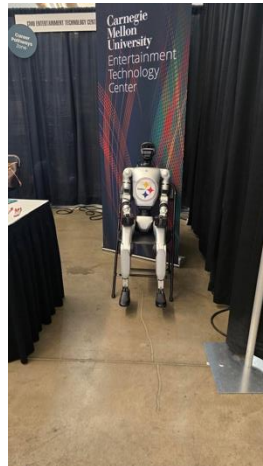
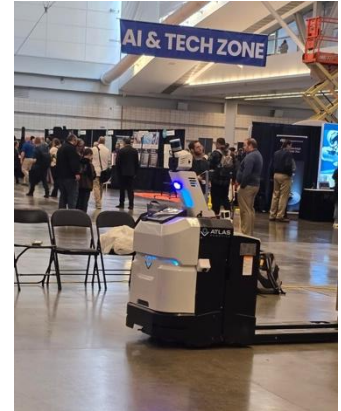
- Water Resource Center
 - Army Corps Project
 - CPRG Report Closeout
- PREP/Engage
 - Loans
 - Export
 - Gov. Contracting
- Community Outreach
 - Presentations & attendance
- DCED PREP/Engage
 - Gathering partner budgets and FY25/26 Invite
- EDA Planning
 - CEDS Process/LRP
- Rural Health Care Collaborative Funding
 - Process TBD
- Preparing for January Reporting
 - EDA, ARC, DCED

Continued Support Areas for FY 25/26

- Build Back Better
 - 9 months remaining
 - Thousands Trained
 - 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
- Data Centers
 - How can SPC assist with data, information etc.

Spotlight: Robotics & AI Discovery Day

- November 5th 2025
- PRN organized and hosted
- SPC staff volunteered
- Robots, booths, panel discussions and data overviews from experts
- Workforce Meeting held during event – on needed skill sets
- New zone added with tours for K-12
- Even larger than last year est. 5000 in attendance



Spotlight: Fayette County Economic Development Town Hall

- Pathways to Growth How Trails Drive Jobs, Investment and Quality of Life
- November 14 @ PSU Fayette
- SPC Staff attended
- Nathan Riegner PA Director of Outdoor Recreation spoke
- Panel hosted by Mark Rafail
- Series of Townhalls – great job!



Spotlight: Rural Health Conference

- November 20th 2025
- Hosted by IRMC and IUP
- Presentations, panels and data regarding rural health needs, opportunities and challenges
- Legislative Update Panel
- Attendees from across the state



ACTION ITEM: Resolution 16-25 to honor the services of Mayor Ed Gainey

Agenda Item 9



ACTION ITEM: Resolution 17-25 to honor the services of outgoing Chairman Pat Fabian

Vince Vicites, Vice-Chair

Rich Fitzgerald, Executive Director

Agenda Item 10



Report of Nominating Committee

Darin Alviano, Nominating Committee Chair

Agenda Item 11



ACTION ITEM: Resolution 18-25 to elect an Executive Committee

Agenda Item 11a



ACTION ITEM: Resolution 19-25 to elect officers of the Commission for 2026 and 2027

Agenda Item 11b



Other Business

Pat Fabian, Chairman

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Next Meeting: February 23rd, 2026

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Adjourn

