

**Southwestern Pennsylvania Corporation Board of Directors &  
Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission Executive Committee  
SPC Offices – Terminal Building & Cisco WebEx Meeting  
October 27 2025  
3:00 p.m.**

The three hundred and eighty-eighth meeting of the Southwestern Pennsylvania Corporation Board of Directors was called to order by Chairman Fabian.

SPC Board Members present: Bonni Dunlap, Pat Fabian, Rich Fitzgerald, Sara Innamorato, Dan Kennedy, Betsy McClure, Leslie Osche, Nick Sherman and Vince Vicites.

Executive Committee Members present: Bonni Dunlap, Pat Fabian, Rich Fitzgerald, Sara Innamorato, Dan Kennedy, Betsy McClure, Kristin Mulkerin, Leslie Osche, Johnna Pro, Nick Sherman, Laura Sohinki, and Vince Vicites.

Others: Brandon Leach, PennDOT Central Office, Mark Gordon, Butler County Department of Economic Development; Dusty Kirk, Reed Smith LLP; Chuck Kolling and Carrie DelRosso, Buchanan Ingersoll and Rooney; and John Timney, Washington County.

Staff: Belachew Ayele, Kristin Baum, Mary Brangan, Kirk Brethauer, Melissa Brown, Faith Collins, Ronda Craig, Mason Fish, Lillie Gabreski, Ryan Gordon, Chuck Imbrogno, Jennifer Lasser, Jen Liptak, Jeremy Papay, DJ Ryan, Evan Schoss, Ailisa Sobien, and Devon White.

1. Call to Order

Chairman Fabian welcomed members and called the meeting to order.

2. Action on Minutes of the August 25, 2025 Board of Directors and Commission Executive Committee Meeting

Action on the minutes of the August 25, 2025 meeting of the Board of Directors and the Executive Committee were approved on a motion by Commissioner Vicites which was seconded by Commissioner McClure. The affirmative vote was unanimous.

3. Public Comment – None.

4. Message from the Executive Director – Rich Fitzgerald, Executive Director

Mr. Fitzgerald thanked all of the counties that participated in DC Fly-In. All 10 counties participated in making presentations and talking about some of the important things in their county, and the surface transportation bill. It was very, very good time to do it, because within a week or two, they shut down the government. So we were one of the last ones to be in there and have our voices heard.

We have our ongoing TIP meetings that are happening right now. I think we're about halfway through most of them, I know the transportation team has been participating and presenting. I'll call them the dream team, and I want to thank them for all their hard work.

Mr. Fitzgerald also asked the County Commissioners to submit three places to visit in their counties during the NFL Draft.

5. Finance Update – Jennifer Liptak, Deputy Executive Director/Chief Operating Officer and Ailisa Sobien, Director of Finance

Ms. Liptak provided finance update on what SPC has been doing internally to make sure we can continue SPC's operations given the current state budget situation. Ms. Liptak highlighted that actual expenditures were 10.5% of the budget, with significant funds tied to the Build Back Better Act. Operational restrictions were implemented due to budget uncertainties. An audit report is expected by mid-November.

A two-month bridge loan was approved to cover costs by Citizens Bank. Ms. Liptak requesting a resolution to approve and enter into the line of credit. Ms. Liptak stated that she will be sure to contact all members of the Board before signing any agreement with a lender. This communication will be email due to time constraints. Ms. Liptak, again, thanked the Board for their understanding in this matter.

## 6. Long Range Plan Overview – Lillian Gabreski, Director of Transportation

Ms. Gabreski gave a Long Range Plan overview:

Ms. Gabreski asked members to provide suggestions for a new name for the long-range plan. Identify potential locations and dates for the expert panel meetings and public workshop for the long-range plan. Also, identify individuals to participate in the expert panels.

- May 16<sup>th</sup> Long Range Plan Kickoff Meeting
- Affirm 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

### Existing Conditions Profile

- What are the existing conditions in our region?
- Overview of baseline conditions of categories of sociodemographic, employment, housing, transportation and freight network conditions, and more
- What are the planning implications?
  - *i.e. "Depression-era bridges represent 12 percent of the state bridge stock and will need to be rehabilitated or replaced in the coming years"*
  - *"Only 1,331.25 miles of roadway in the region are eligible for NHPP funding...The vast majority of the region's roadways must rely on other funding sources for improvement. These other funding sources are more flexible but in high demand."*

### Emerging Forces

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 – we will circulate list of suggested contacts for your review.
- Task 1: Identify members of expert panels
- Task 2: Identify Locations and Dates for Expert Panel Meetings and Public Workshop

#### 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

#### 7. Other Business

Chairman Fabian – Nominating Committee – Darin Alviano, Chair of the Nominating Committee will reach out to confirm the representative from each county to serve on the Nominating Committee.

#### 8. Reminder on Next Meeting (December 15, 2025)

#### 9. Adjourn 3:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Ailisa Sobien  
Corporation, Secretary-Treasurer

Betsy McClure  
Commission, Secretary-Treasurer