

Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission Full Commission Meeting

February 23rd, 2026



Opening Agenda Items

1. Welcome/Introductions
 - a. Quorum
 - b. Conflict of interest declarations
2. Approval of Minutes from December 15th, 2025 Meeting
3. Public Comment

Executive Director's Report

Rich Fitzgerald, Executive Director

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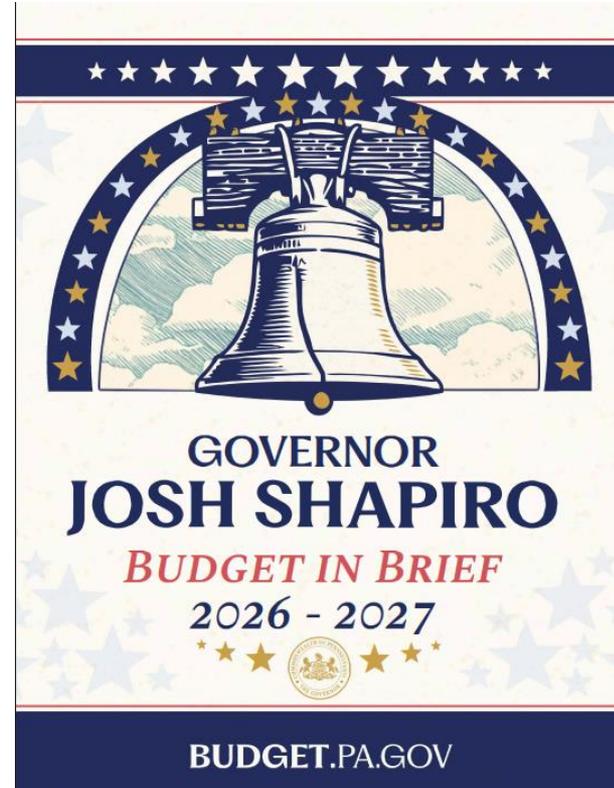
Executive Director's Report

- NFL Draft Preparation Continues
 - County Commissioner Briefing
 - Meetings with regional transit agencies
- Announced Long-Range Plan expert panel sessions
 - First one is March 23rd in Harmony, Butler County
 - All SPC Commissioners are encouraged to attend
- Appointed to State Transportation Commission



Executive Director's Report

- Governor's Budget Address in Harrisburg
 - Monitoring and will provide updates at future meetings as budget process continues
- Commissioners Harrisburg Trip
 - Rescheduled for June 1st-2nd
- New Economy Collaborative Event
 - BBB Review



FY 24-25 Annual Report

- Report available online and in print today
- Represents thousands of hours of work by our staff, commissioners, and public participation panelists
- Events and meetings in every county
 - Westmoreland last week
- Robust public engagement
 - 330 Public Participation Panelists
 - More than 130 individual touches in the community, mostly at established events
 - NEVI Vehicle Survey
 - CPRG Public Feedback
 - Updated Public Participation Plan
- We want to be in your communities – please continue to invite us!

Strategic Initiatives Report

Dj Ryan, Director of Communications and Strategic Initiatives

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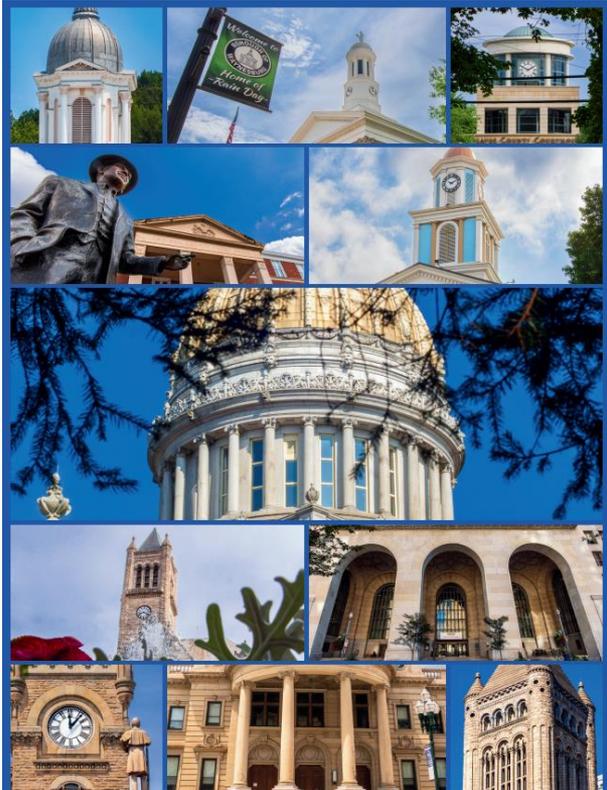


FY 24-25 Annual Report

- Report covers July 1st, 2024-June 30th, 2025
- Toplines:
 - For every \$1 invested by SPC members, **\$128,222.30** was returned in transportation projects alone
 - Total of **\$1.1B** in transportation projects last year
 - 19 poor bridges let for construction
 - 113 good/fair bridges let for construction
 - 63 miles of resurfacing (excluding local projects)



FY 24-25 Annual Report



- Economic Development
 - Over **\$27M** awarded to region through economic development programs
 - 1,124 companies served
 - Over 700 jobs created through Keystone Opportunity Zones and Contract Assistance Programs
- Regional Export Network
 - Over **\$58M** in sales in FY 24-25

Strategic Initiatives Report



Broadband

PA appears to have its
broadband plan approved by
NTIA



NEVI

PennDOT released funding
for the first round of
charging – SEPA
Western Region expected in
April



Calendar Reminders:

March 23rd is Long-Range
Plan expert panel session
June 1st-2nd is
Commissioners' Harrisburg
Trip

Transportation Planning Update

Lillian Gabreski – Director of Transportation

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January/February Activities

- **2027 Draft TIP Development**
 - All 21 Work Group Meetings Completed
 - The Preliminary Draft SPC TIP has been submitted for Central Office Review.
 - FTA and PennDOT BPT reviewing draft list of transit projects. Meetings with operators are being scheduled.
 - TTC is expected to approve the draft TIP project list at March meeting and advance to air quality conformity and public involvement activities.
 - New Program Guidance for the SPC Smart Transportation for Livable Communities was sent to eligible applicants. Application period opened on 2/16 with a pre-application deadline of 3/6.
- **Transit**
 - NFL Draft – Coordination with Transit Agencies
 - Butler Transit Authority Preliminary Service Alignment Report

January/February Activities

- Safety

- Allegheny County Safety Action Plan – Draft release for public review imminent
 - Mapping of HIN/HRN
- SPC hosting pilot test for the new Road Safety Audit (RSA) process proposed as part of ongoing research under the National Highway Cooperative Research Program ([NCHRP 17-125](#)). Identified corridor is The corridor is **National Pike between US 119 and Canistra Road in Uniontown, PA**
- SPC RSAs for 2026:
 - District 10: SR 22 Blairsville from 217 to Snyder Lane
 - District 11: Kennywood Boulevard from Mifflin Street to Wylie Ave
 - District 12: SR 51 SR 201 to Northgate Highway (two parts)



Zero Compromises on Safety For All

Allegheny County Comprehensive Safety Action Plan
Virtual Public Meeting | December 2, 2025

Safety Partners & Steering Committee



Pittsburgh Regional Transit

What is a Safety Action Plan?

Safety Action Plan Components

- Leadership commitment of target goal
- Planning structure
- Safety analysis
- Engagement and collaboration
- Policy review
- Strategy and project selections
- Progress tracking and transparency

Safety Action Plan Benefits

- Uses data to support better decision-making
- Leads to safer outcomes for everyone
- Makes the most of available funding
- Fosters agreement and trust among community members, stakeholders, and roadway owners

To qualify for implementation funding through the Safe Streets for All (SS4A) program, an approved safety action plan must be in place.

A Safe System Approach



Vision Zero

Goal: Reducing traffic fatalities and serious injury crashes to zero.

How We Get There: A Safe System Approach

TRADITIONAL APPROACH

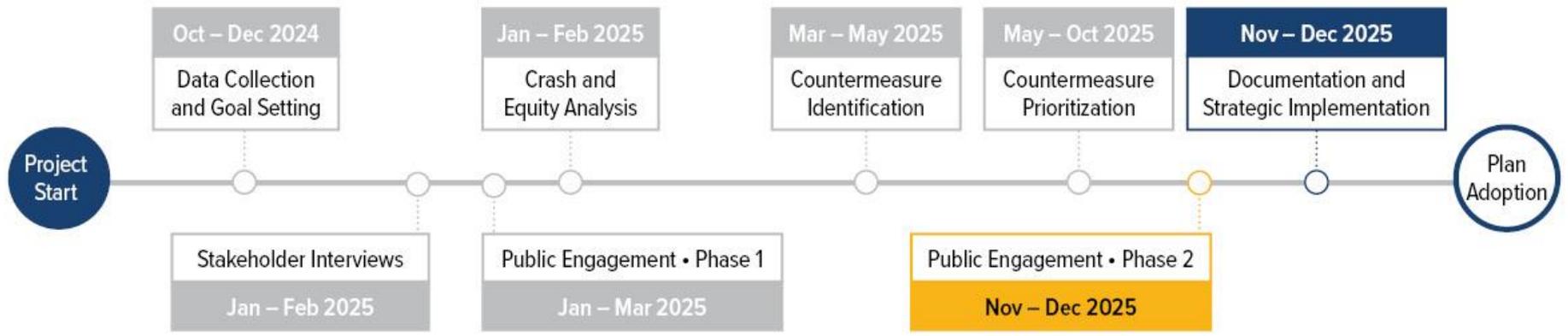
Traffic deaths are **INEVITABLE**
Traffic deaths are **PERFECT** human behavior
Prevent **COLLISIONS**
INDIVIDUAL responsibility
Saving lives is **EXPENSIVE**



VISION ZERO

Traffic deaths are **PREVENTABLE**
Integrate **HUMAN FAILING** in approach
Prevent **FATAL** and **SERVERE CRASHES**
SYSTEMS approach
Saving lives is **NOT EXPENSIVE**

ACSAP Project Schedule



Safety Action Plan Outcomes



Policy and Process Review



Strategies



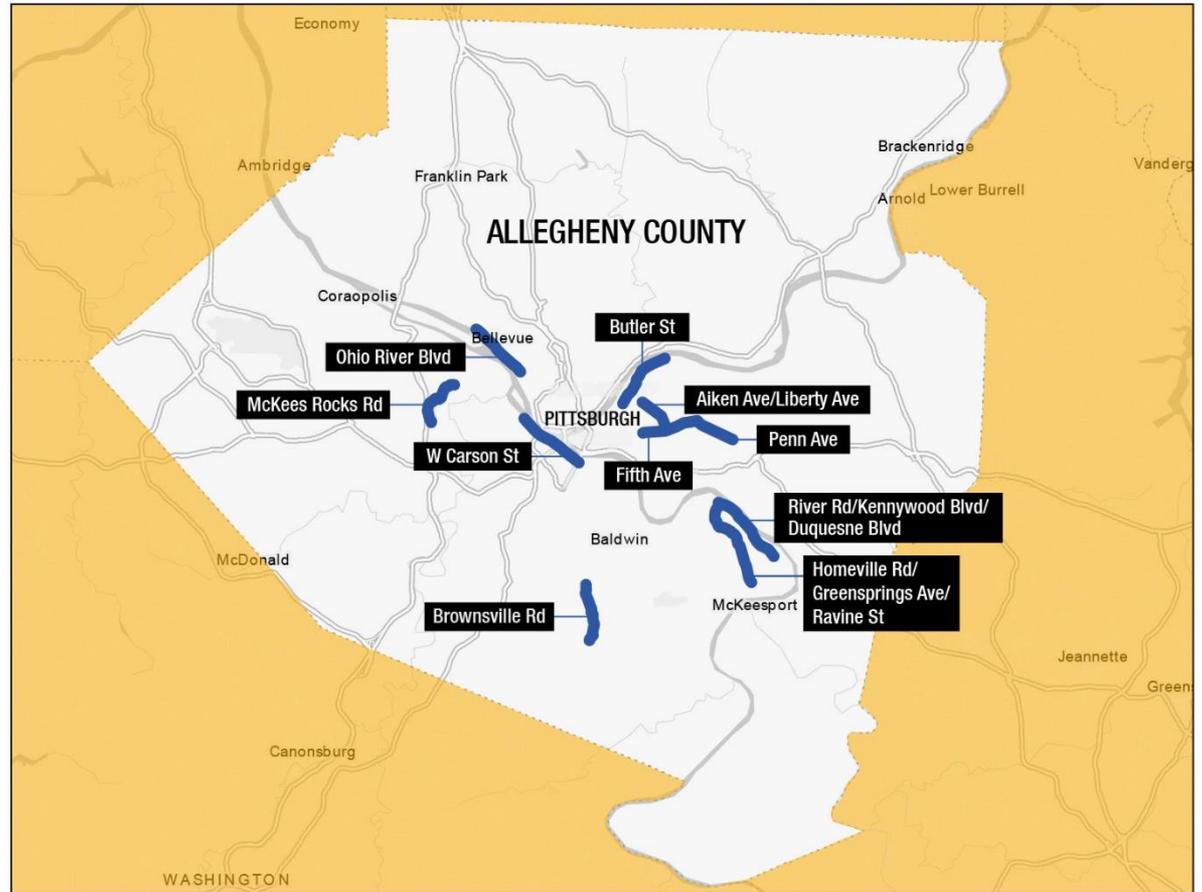
Countywide Systemic Solutions



Location-Specific Corridor Projects



Ten Priority Corridors



Next Steps

- Gather and incorporate public feedback
- Finalize recommended safety projects and strategies
- Analyze project costs and benefits
- Complete the Safety Action Plan and adoption in early 2026
- Use the plan to seek safety funding and advance project implementation

2027 Long Range Plan Development



Long Range Plan Timeline

- October 2025: SPC Executive Committee Briefing
- December 2025: SPC Commission Briefing
- March 23rd, 2026: Expert Resource Panel Meeting 1
- April 2026: Survey 1
- May 2026: Expert Resource Panel Meeting 2
- July 2026: Policy Conference
- October – November 2026: Fall Public Meetings and Survey 2
- April - May 2027: Spring Public Meetings
- June 2027: Long Range Plan Adoption

Transportation Safety Planning Performance Measurement

Evan Schoss, Manager of Transportation Operations and Safety



Safety Performance Measures

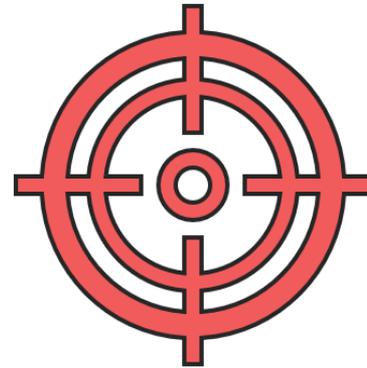
Performance requirements to carry out the HSIP Program-Safety Final Rule (5 year rolling average) include:

1. Number of Fatalities (all public roads)
2. Rate of Fatalities (all public roads-per 100 M VMT)
3. Number of Serious Injuries (all public roads)
4. Rate of Serious Injuries (all public roads-per 100 M VMT)
5. Number of non-motorized fatalities and non-motorized serious injuries (all public roads)

Performance Management-MPO Targets

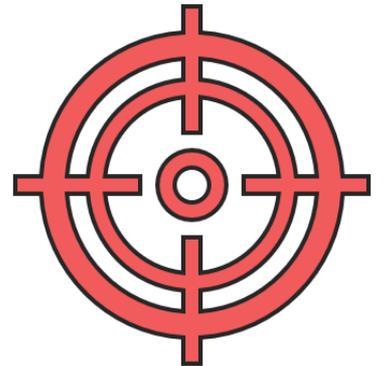
Two options to establish targets

- MPOs can agree to support the State DOT target; **OR**
- MPOs can establish a numerical target specific to the MPO planning area for each of the 5 measures

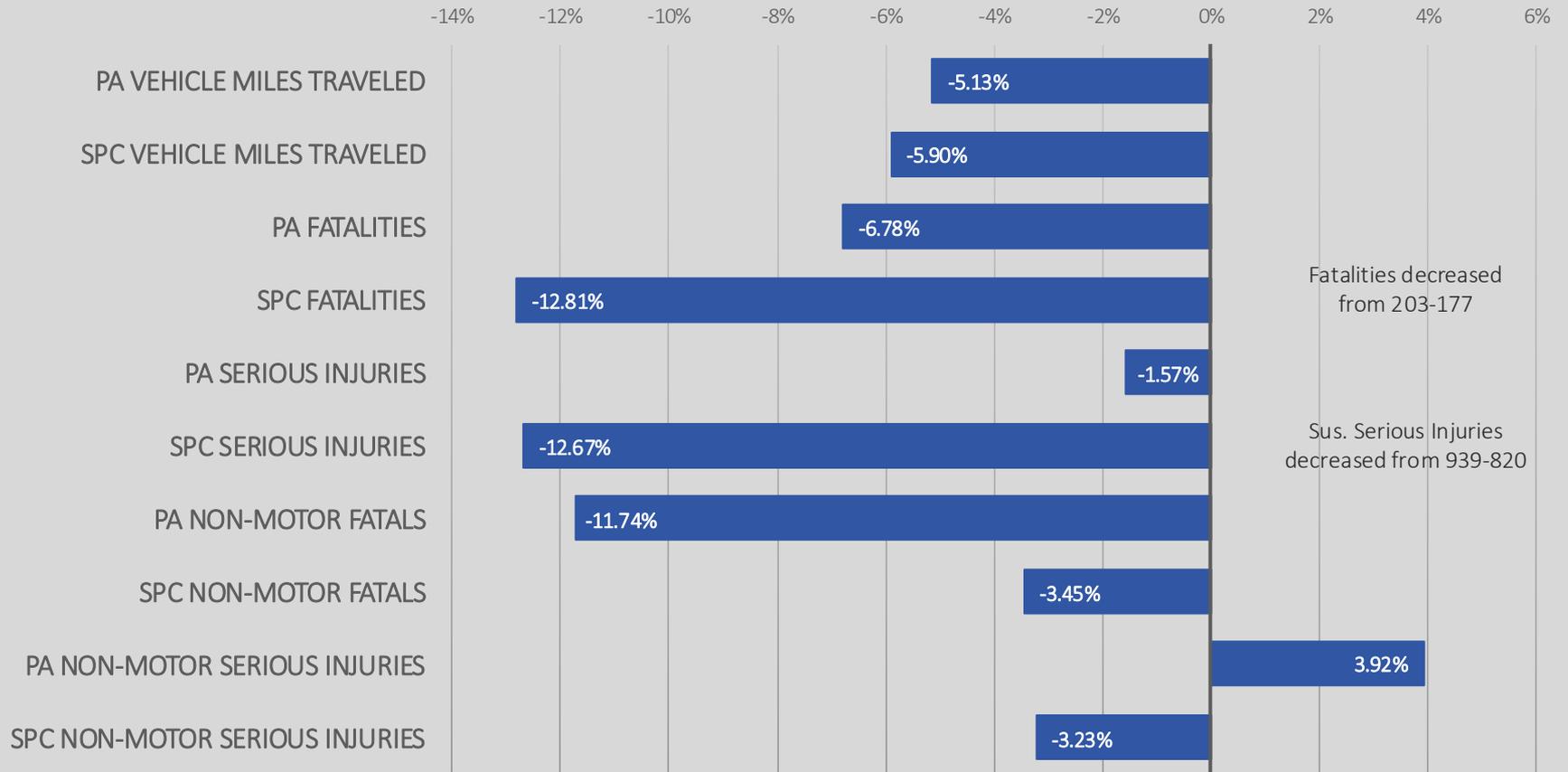


Considerations for Performance Goal

- PennDOT is asking us to continue to support a 2% annual reduction for fatality goals (no change from last year).
- PennDOT is asking us to continue to support a 0% reduction for serious injury goals (no change from last year)



2024 PERCENTAGE CHANGES VERSUS 2023

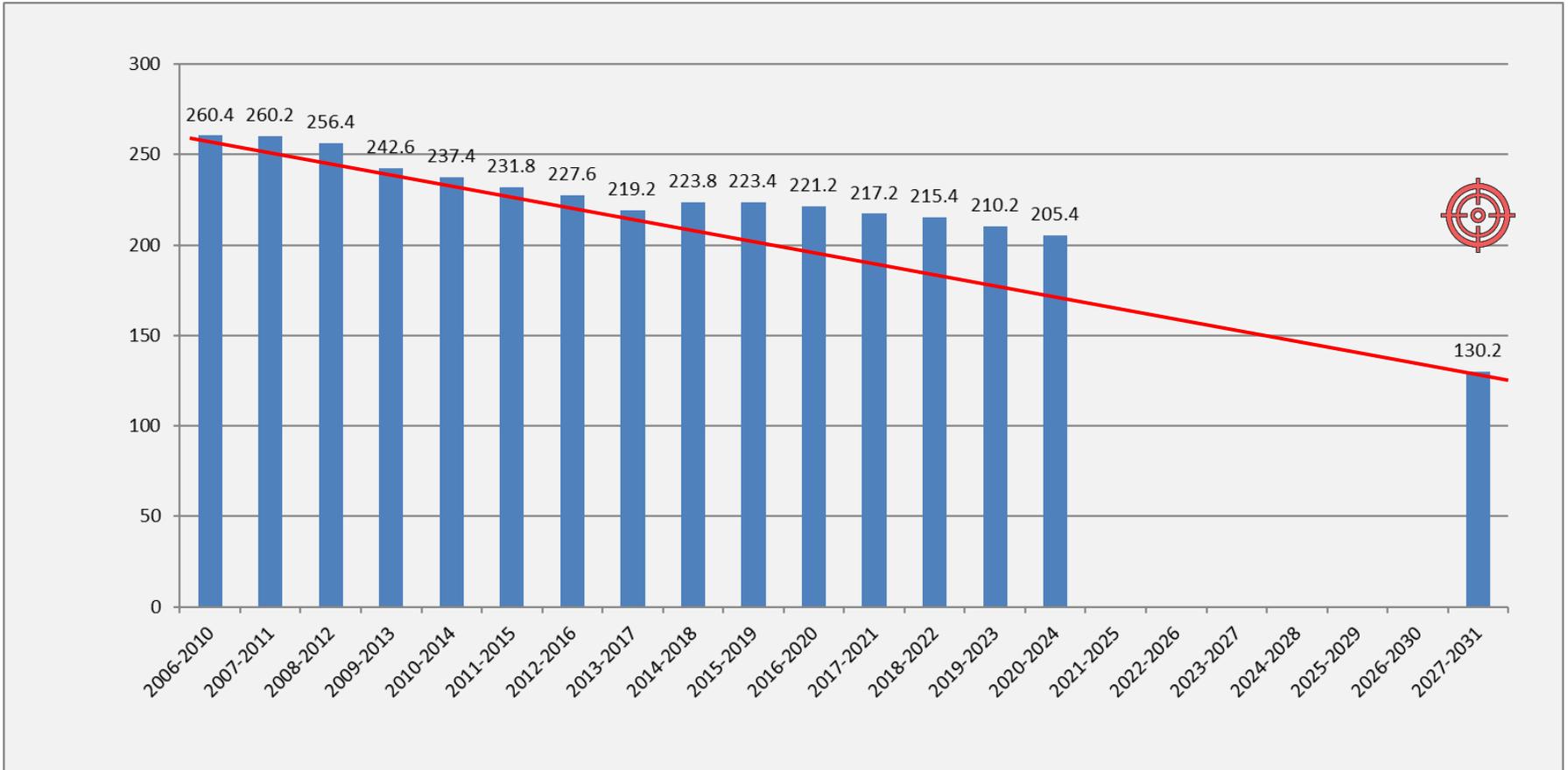


Performance Management – SPC



Measure/Year	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2022-2026 SPC Target
Fatalities	212	203	195	2% 191.1	2% 187.278	197.6756
Serious Injuries	974	939	943	0% 943	0% 943	948.4
Non-Motorized Fatal/serious Injuries	113	122	118	117.44	116.8912	117.46624

SPC Fatalities



Questions?

Evan Schoss

Manager, Transportation Operations and Safety Programs



Workforce & Economic Development Update

Jenn Lasser – Director Workforce & Econ Development

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Workforce & Economic Development Update & Priorities Jan-February 2025

- Water Resource Center
 - Army Corps Project (Mason)
- PREP/Engage
 - Loans - Welly Loan Closing
 - Export – Food Show Meeting
 - Gov. Contracting - Contracts
- Grant Season
 - ARC and EDA (Faith)
 - POWER
 - Getting the Grant
- DCED PREP/Engage
 - Contracts Out to Partners
- EDA Planning
 - CEDS Process/LRP
- Rural Health Care Transformation Funding
- New Staff – Faith Pelesky
- January-Feb Reporting
 - EDA, ARC, DCED completed!

Continued Support Areas for FY 25/26

- Build Back Better
 - 7 months remaining
 - Thousands Trained
 - Partner Meetings
 - Spend down remaining dollars
- Building Capacity
 - Working to secure additional dollars
 - Working to communicate with legislators on importance of LDD/EDD activities
- Workforce
 - Meeting with industry
 - 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: Senate Majority Policy Committee

- February 18th 2026 @ PSU Fayette
- Senator Argall & Senator Stefano
- Panels included local officials, housing advocates, developers who discussed barriers to construction, redevelopment of vacant properties and policy changes that could stimulate additional housing development needed in swpa
- Testimony provided my SPC
Commissioner Dunn, Mark Rafail,
Southern Alleghenies CEO Steve Howsare



Spotlight: Build Back Better Regional Challenge Meeting

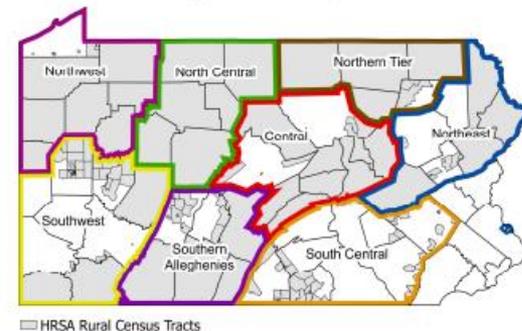
- February 17th 2026 @ ACCED Offices
- BBBRC Overview & Celebration of Successes across 5 grants
- SPC attended and spoke
- Focused on what's next and the remaining months of grant
- Opportunities for future grants and growth



Spotlight: Rural Healthcare Transformation

- PA Appx 193M awarded of 200M request
 - 5 year renewable program
- DCED PREP Regions will be the service areas
- Five Goals of RHT via CMS:
 - Rural Health
 - Sustainable Access
 - Workforce
 - Innovative Care
 - Technological Innovation
- Inquiry Form & downloadable Plan Updated at www.pa.gov
- What's Next:
 - Awaiting additional instructions
 - Creation of Boards/Groups
 - Hiring of coordinators
 - Collecting Contacts

Figure 2: PREP Regions



PA Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
Pennsylvania Department of Human Services

HEALTH TRANSFORMATION (RHT) PROGRAM
CMS-RHT-26-001

Pennsylvania Department of Health
Pennsylvania Department of Aging
Pennsylvania Department of Community & Economic Development
Pennsylvania Insurance Department
Pennsylvania Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs

LEAD: DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES
FEBRUARY 2026

Thank you!

Jenn Lasser



Other Business

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Next Meeting Date: April 27th, 2026

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Adjourn

