

**Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission
Transportation Technical Committee (TTC)
Meeting Minutes via Microsoft Teams
December 11th, 2025, 10:00 a.m.**

Attendees:

- Ann Ogoreuc, 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
- Jeremy Kelly, 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
- Amy Mathieson, Airport Corridor Transportation Association
- Jaclyn Karolski, Allegheny County Department of Economic Development
- Thomas Swisher, Butler County Planning and Economic Development
- Milo Freese, Washington County Planning Commission
- Seth Davis, Pittsburgh Regional Transit
- Samuel Buckley, Pittsburgh Regional Transit
- Brandon Leach, PennDOT Central Office
- Julia Cornell, PennDOT Central Office
- Susan Hyde, PennDOT Central Office
- Matthew Kelley, CDR Maguire
- Leanne Doran, KCI
- Justin Smith, Markosky
- Alison Keating, Pittsburghers for Public Transit
- 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
- Josh Theakston, PennDOT District 12-0
- Lillian Gabreski, SPC Transportation Planning Director
- DJ Ryan, SPC Director of Communications and Strategic Initiatives
- Ryan Gordon, SPC Staff
- Devon White, SPC Staff
- Chuck Imbrogno, SPC Staff
- Belachew Ayele, SPC Staff
- Ronda Craig, SPC Staff
- Chris Jaros, SPC Staff
- Russell Singer, SPC Staff
- Indicates TTC voting member

Attendees cont'd:

Greg Shermeto, SPC Staff
Sara Walfoort, SPC Staff
John Weber, SPC Staff

1. **Call to Order**

Ryan Gordon called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM with a roll call for the TTC members.

2. **Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

3. **Action on November 13th TTC Meeting Minutes**

A motion was made by Josh Krug and seconded by Jeff Skalican to approve the minutes of the November 13th TTC meeting. The motion was approved unanimously.

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

Brandon Leach started with an update on the annual listing of Federally obligated projects, which every MPO on an annual basis must develop a listing of projects which had Federal funds obligated in accordance with Federal regulations. These reports are due to be completed and available for public viewing by December 29th. Next, Brandon discussed the safety performance target setting letter, which was recently sent around and recommends targets statewide for each MPO and RPO in the state. These targets can either be adopted, or MPO/RPOs can develop their own, by the due date of February 27th. Intention to adopt their own targets must be sent to PennDOT Central Office by the end of December so PennDOT can review for compliance. Brandon mentioned that most MPOs, including SPC, adopt the statewide targets each year, and will usually be presented on during the February TTC meeting.

Lillian Gabreski reported on the second round of public engagement for the Allegheny Safe Vision Zero Safety Action Plan, which SPC received Safe Streets for All funding to accomplish. This action plan is being worked on by SPC, City of Pittsburgh, Allegheny County, and PennDOT, as well as PRT. Public comments are available on the social media of all being worked on, as well as the websites of SPC, the City, County, and PRT as well. There are ten corridors being looked into, and public comment should be open until December 19th. Stephen Shanley asked if there have been many comments on the plan so far, which Lillian responded that while there haven't been many comments online, there was two public outreach sessions which were both well attended. There was a virtual session and an in-person session held at the URA building downtown, with many positive comments on the implementation of safety measures across the County. SPC is also looking for a February adoption of the plan for the entire region. Mavis Rainey asked about the ten corridors and how they were chosen, which Lillian mentioned that they were chosen as they were considered "high-injury" segments of road that were not already being addressed with current safety projects on the TIP. These locations include Ohio River Blvd. McKees Rocks Rd., West Carson St., Brownsville Rd., Homeville Rd., Green Springs Ave., Ravine St., River Rd., Kennywood Blvd., and Duquesne Blvd. The accommodations being looked at include improved signage, rumble strips, and pedestrian markings. Next steps include looking at cost estimates, and then additional funding streams to apply to these improvements, as well as possible additional locations in other Counties afterwards.

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

A. PennDOT District 10-0

Adam Marshall went over the two amendments and one administrative action for PennDOT District 10-0. The first amendment was for roadway resurfacing and minor upgrades along SR 28 from South Fork of the Pine Creek to 0.56 miles north of the intersection of SR 1027, located in Boggs and Valley Townships, Armstrong County. The district requests to advance the project from FFY 2031 to FFY 2026 and 2027 and also to change the funding setup from 100% State to 100% Federal utilizing toll credits (581 to NHPP) due to a need for the project after reconciling operations with the maintenance unit. The district also requests to increase construction and add \$128,585 (NHPP – FFY 2027) to the final estimate prior to advertisement that includes a thorough review of unit prices and quantities. The sources of funding for the project will come from the SPC District 10 Highway/Bridge Reserve Line Item (\$1,300,000), and the construction phase of the US 422 County Line West PM (\$3,097,145), with the funds in FFYs 2031 and 2032 being returned to the SPC District 10 Highway/Bridge Reserve Line Item. The second amendment was for the rehabilitation of the existing structure carrying SR 3027 (Lock Five Dam Road) over Dock Hollow Run, located in Gilpin Township, Armstrong County. The district requests to advance preliminary engineering from FFY 2033 to FFY 2026 (BOF) due to the results of a recent bridge inspection, with the source of funding coming from the SPC District 10 Highway/Bridge Reserve Line Item. The first administrative action was for resurfacing along PA 85 from near the intersection with SR 839 to the Indiana County Line, located in Cowanshannock Township, Armstrong County. The district requests to add the project to the TIP and program construction in the amount of \$35,200 to assist Maintenance with the cost of concrete deck repairs along the route, with the source of funding coming from the SPC District 10 Highway/Bridge Reserve Line Item.

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

B. PennDOT District 11-0

John Quatman went over the seven administrative actions for PennDOT District 11-0. The first administrative action was for interchange improvements, ramp and bridge construction, located on I-376, from the Parkway Center Interchange to the Fort Pitt Tunnel in the City of Pittsburgh, Allegheny County. The district requests to increase the final design phase by \$350,000 (CAQ) in FFY 2026 for current estimate, with the source of funding coming from the SPC CMAQ line item. The second administrative action was for an intersection and safety improvement, 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 \$100K (CAQ) for negotiated consultant agreement and Department review cost, with the source of funding coming from the SPC CMAQ line item. The third administrative action was for an intersection and safety improvement, located on SR 3003, Washington Pike between SR 3006 (Boyce Road) and Alpine Road in South Fayette Township, Allegheny County. The district requests to defer the construction phase by \$500,000 (CAQ) from FFY 2026 to 2027 for current project schedule, with the source of funding coming from the SPC CMAQ line item.

The fourth administrative action was for a roadway widening for additional lanes and intersection improvement, as well as new sidewalks, ADA upgrades, traffic signal upgrades, signing and pavement

marking updates, located on PA 50, from Mayer Street to Great Southern Shopping Center and from I-79 to Thoms Run Road in Collier Township, Allegheny County. The district requests to increase the final design phase by \$1,000,000 (581) in FFY 2025, to cover final design tasks, with the source of funding coming from the Betterment Reserve line item. The fifth administrative action was for intersection enhancements and traffic operation improvement for added safety, located at the intersection of SR 8, William Flynn Highway, and Sandy Hill Road in Richland Township, Allegheny County. The district requests to defer the construction phase by \$1,280,000 (CRPU) and \$320,000 (581) from FFY 2026 to 2027 for current project schedule, with the source of funding coming from the SPC Regional CRP/CPRU and Betterment Reserve line items. The sixth administrative action was for ITS device installation including Cameras, Dynamic Message Signs, and Conduit/Fiber Optic Cable installation, located on I-376 from at the Ohio River Crossing/PA 68 (Vanport Bridge) to the PA 51/Pennsylvania Turnpike in Chippewa, Brighton, Vanport and Potter Townships, Beaver County. The district requests to defer the construction phase by \$339,484 (581) in FFY 2025 and by \$144,000 (581) in FFY 2026 to 2027 for current project schedule, with the source of funding coming from the Betterment Reserve line item. The seventh administrative action was for a bridge preservation 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 the construction phase by \$5,000,000 (NHPP) in FFY 2027 to capture more obligation in this federal fiscal year, with the source of funding coming from available deferred funding from the East Carson Street (SR 837-A55) project due to its current project schedule and the Betterment Reserve line item.

Ann Ogoreuc made a motion to approve the administrative actions from PennDOT District 11-0, which was seconded by Becky Butler. The motion was approved unanimously.

C. PennDOT District 12-0

Josh Theakston went over the three amendments and five administrative actions for PennDOT District 12-0. The first amendment was for the next phase of the southern extension of the Sheepskin Trail from the end of the previous extension project to the Nilan Village limits. Project includes a trail structure to cross a tributary of the Cheat River, located in Springhill Township, Fayette County. The district requests to add a construction phase, utilizing Federal STU funds, to the 2025 TIP in FFY 2026. The source of funding will come from the SPC Smart Transportation Initiative Line Item (MPMS# 94698). The second amendment was for the addition of flashing warning signs for four (4) crossings of the Sheepskin Trail, located in South Union Township, Fayette County. The district requests to add a construction phase, utilizing Federal STU funds, to the 2025 TIP in FFY 2026. The source of funding will come from the SPC Smart Transportation Initiative Line Item (MPMS# 94698). The third amendment was for the rehabilitation of (9) structures located on US 119 and ramps, as well as pavement preservation activities to US 119, located in New Stanton Borough and Hempfield Township, Westmoreland County. The district requests to add a construction phase, utilizing Federal NHPP funds, on the 2025 TIP in FFY 2026 and 2027. The source of funding will come from the District 12 Highway/Bridge Line Item (MPMS# 76508).

The first administrative action was for pavement preservation to various routes in various locations in Fayette and Greene Counties. The district requests to add a construction phase, utilizing State A-581 funds, on the 2025 TIP in FFY 2026 and 2027. The source of funding will come from the District 12 Highway/Bridge Line Item (MPMS# 76508). The second administrative action was for replacing a failed inlet with a new precast unit, excavating, and removing the existing 4'x4' cut-stone culvert, and installing a new corrugated

plastic pipe in its place, located in the City of Connellsville, Fayette County. The new pipe will be connected to the existing corrugated plastic pipe upstream and to the existing concrete pipe downstream to restore proper drainage flow. The district requests to add a construction phase, utilizing State A-581 funds, on the 2025 TIP in FFY 2026. The source of funding will come from the District 12 Highway/Bridge Line Item (MPMS# 76508). The third administrative action was for the replacement/rehabilitation of the structure carrying PA 917 (Main Street) over a branch of Pigeon Creek, located in Bentleyville Borough, Washington County. The district requests to add a preliminary engineering phase, utilizing Federal STP funds, to the 2025 TIP in FFY 2027. The source of funding will come from the District 12 Highway/Bridge Line Item (MPMS# 76508). The fourth administrative action was for the replacement/rehabilitation of SR 2047 (Little Creek Road) over Little Tenmile Creek, located in Amwell Township, Washington County. The district requests to add a preliminary engineering phase, utilizing Federal STP funds, to the 2025 TIP in FFY 2027. The source of funding will come from the District 12 Highway/Bridge Line Item (MPMS# 76508). The fifth administrative action was for traffic signal upgrades, ADA and pedestrian facility upgrades, and signing and pavement marking replacements at six intersections along US 119, located in the City of Connellsville, Fayette County. The district requests to add the construction phase, utilizing Federal CMAQ funds, to the 2025 TIP in FFY 2026 to complete AC Conversion. The source of funding will come from deobligations to MPMS# 94953 (FACO Signals-1) and MPMS# 110399 (PA 88 Charleroi CMAQ).

Becky Butler made a motion to approve the amendments and administrative actions from PennDOT District 12-0, which was seconded by Jeremy Kelly. The motion was approved unanimously.

D. Transit TIP Updates

Devon White gave an update on two Transit TIP amendments, the first being for Mid-Mon Valley Transit Agency which added \$432,000 to their operating assistance from their unallocated 307 funding. The second amendment was from PRT, which moved \$12.5 million from the Carnegie Park and Ride expansion from FY25 to FY26.

E. Rochester Road Project Amendment Review

Ryan Gordon discussed the Rochester Road widening project, which is a District 10-0 project in Cranberry Township, Butler County. The district has completed a study of the project and are beginning design work. The project was not originally on the TIP or the LRP for SPC, as we were waiting the study results, and since it is an air quality significant project for the region, a public comment period needed to be set up. SPC held a 30 day public comment period, concluding on December 2nd, including a virtual public meeting on November 17th. No comments were received from the public, and Butler County and Cranberry Township officials gave positive feedback on the project. SPC will bring this topic to the Commission during the December meeting, however Ryan asks the TTC to take an action recommending the commission to approve the TIP amendment to the current program.

Thomas Swisher made the motion to recommend the approval of the TIP amendment to the current program, which was seconded by Josh Krug. The motion was approved unanimously.

6. 2027 TIP Update

Ryan Gordon began the 2025 TIP update with an update on the SPC competitive program, which the program Selection Committee met on the previous Monday to finalize the project selections and to recommend the selected projects to the SPC executive committee. Ryan reviewed the members of the selection committee, noting that there were representatives from each County, PennDOT District and Central Office, Transit Authorities, TMAs, Air Quality, Active Transportation, and Freight as part of the committee. Ryan next reviewed the competitive program schedule and the project evaluations, which include technical, ancillary, and deliverability scoring, with technical and ancillary scoring completed by SPC staff and deliverability completed by a deliverability committee. Ryan discussed the deliverability results, including the evaluation criteria and mentioning comments made by the committee on projects. Ryan then showed how the deliverability is tied into scoring with the technical and ancillary scoring, which was then showed with its unweighted scores. The scores are then weighted on a 50% deliverability, 40% technical, and 10% ancillary score to deliver the final weighted scenario for projects.

Ryan then reviewed the recommended funding scenarios for the CMAQ, TA, and CR programs, after reviewing the final scores. For the CMAQ program, SPC recommends the funding of eight projects (PortPITT Marine Diesel and Landside Equipment Retrofit Program, Increasing Bicycle Ridership in Pittsburgh, PRTX to Mon Valley, Bike Safety Education for Pittsburgh Youth, Ligonier Valley High School Pedestrian Safety Project, SR 3005 at SR 3034 Intersection Improvements, North Shore EV Chargers, and SR 130 and SR 2073 Intersection Improvements). These eight projects do not include the Campbells Run Road project, which was ranked higher than some projects, but will already be fully funded on the upcoming draft TIP. The CMAQ program, after the carryover for project, has \$26.6 million available for funding this cycle. The eight projects totaled \$24.4 million, which leaves \$2.2 million in reserve, which was less funding than the next highest weighted project. For the TASA program, SPC recommends the funding of two projects (Liberty Avenue – Main Street and Bloomfield Bridge, Manorville Borough Enhancing Connectivity and Accessibility project). The TA program has \$2.12 million available for funding this cycle. The two projects totaled \$1.69 million, which leaves \$444k in reserve, which was less funding than the next highest project. For the CR program, SPC recommends the funding of one project (SPC Regional Traffic Signal Program Cycle 6). The CR program had \$5 million available for funding this cycle, and the project totaled \$2.4 million, which leaves \$2.6 million in reserve, which will be reserved for partially funding the next highest weighted project on the CR list, which was the US 19 improvement project.

Ann Ogoreuc made a motion to approve the selections made for the SPC Competitive programs to be passed on to the SPC Executive Committee, which was seconded by Becky Butler. The motion was approved unanimously.

Ryan also discussed the TIP work group meetings, of which 18 meetings have been completed, with the most recent 6th meeting in each District being held. Each work group was given the notice to proceed with the projects that have been selected in each District, and the district programming units are inputting final details of these projects into MPMS, which will then be submitted for the TIP preliminary draft. Ryan also mentioned that the 10 public participation panel meetings are now completed, with one being held in each County and one in the City of Pittsburgh.

7. **Active Transportation in Indiana County**

Josh Krug gave a presentation on Active Transportation in Indiana County, beginning with a profile of the Indiana County area. The County has 827 square miles and a population just under 83,000, with 38 municipalities. Of that populations, 77% drive alone to work, while 8% carpool, 6.3% walk, 7% work from home, with less than 1% utilizing bicycle or public transit. Planning studies in Indiana County include the 2011 Indiana County Regional Connectivity Study, the 2012 Indiana County Comprehensive Plan, and the 2015 Indiana Community University District Master Plan. The 2015 WalkWorks funding that was acquired helped to develop 9 routes throughout Indiana County, and also led to the creation of the Indiana County Transportation Advisory Committee. With this committee, the Statewide WalkWorks conference was held in March of 2016, with the sustainability of the program being continued through the development of the Indiana County decathlon. This decathlon has developed diverse partners in the County, and has created numerous events since 2017, including walks, yoga, and bike rides. After COVID in 2020, a pivot to self-guided tours of cancelled walks from 2020 was created. More WalkWorks funding was approved in 2021 for the County, with an Active Transportation Plan (ATP) update for the County and the Borough, as well as a complete streets policy enacted for White Township. 2022 saw the implementation of the ATPs, as well as 2023 established a sidewalk program in Indiana Borough. Last year, Indiana County received a Governors award for Local Government excellence in Health and Wellness Initiatives, and Indiana County will look to mark next years 10th anniversary of the program with numerous events.

Josh showed numbers trail maps throughout the Indiana County region, and discussed event points, which correspond with each year of the decathlon program. Josh mentioned some of the people who work on the program, which include the advisory committee, student planners, partners, volunteers, and planning advocates in the County. He discussed the nine walking routes that were established by WalkWorks, which are located in Indiana Borough, White Township, Saltsburg, Clymer, Blairsville, Homer City, Glen Campbell, Ernest, and IRMC Campus. These routes help to get people out and active to promote health, social interaction, and economic development across the County. Walkability assessments have been made on routes to provide suggested improvements, which were implemented in a 2024 reinvigoration of the WalkWorks routes. Indiana County is sustaining this programming by creating a high level of engagement, as well as point persons and interested volunteers to create utilization of the trails. There are also regular meetings of advisory committees, outreach through news media, social media, a public presence, and word of mouth, as well as building and maintaining partnerships that are made through the programs. Josh mentioned that one of their most successful walk every year is the Hot Chocolate walk, usually held in late February. In 2024, 109 people participated in the hot chocolate walk, with 84 participating last year. On average in 2025, 22.7 people attended the walks in the decathlon.

Josh reviewed other active transportation programs and projects being worked on in Indiana County, including Indiana County bike month and bike to school and work day, The Route 22 Pedestrian and Bicycle bridge, the Hoodlebug Trail – Mile Hill section rehabilitation, and the Blairsville Riverfront trail improvements. Lastly, Josh discussed the Oakland Avenue expansion project, which is located in White Township, Indiana County. This PennDOT funded project has a cost of \$19.8 million, and this project on Oakland Avenue (Route 286/US 422 Interchange East) will ease congestion and improve pedestrian and cyclist safety throughout the Route 286 corridor. This project is part of the TIP, and worked with the Indiana County Active Transportation Advisory Committee for guidance.

8. **Other Business/Status Reports**

There was no other business discussed.

9. **Adjourn**

A motion to adjourn was made by Jeff Skalican and seconded by Jeremy Kelly. The motion was passed unanimously and Ryan Gordon called for the adjournment of the meeting at 11:52 AM.