

**Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission  
Transportation Technical Committee (TTC)  
Meeting Minutes via Microsoft Teams  
February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2026, 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
- 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
- Amy McKinney, Lawrence County Planning and Economic Development
- Becky Butler, Washington County Planning Commission
- Joshua Spano, Westmoreland County Department of Planning and Development
- Stephen Shanley, Allegheny County Public Works
- Jeff Skalican, City of Pittsburgh
- Amy Mathieson, Airport Corridor Transportation Association
- Mavis Rainey, Oakland Transportation Management Association
- Tosh Chambers, Pittsburgh Downtown Partnership
- Jaclyn Karolski, Allegheny County Department of Economic Development
- Tammy Frank, Beaver County Liquid Fuels
- Kegan Stiles, Indiana County Office of Planning and Development
- Thomas Swisher, Butler County Planning and Economic Development
- Milo Freese, Washington County Planning Commission
- Nathan Clair, Westmoreland County Department of Planning and Development
- Brendan Coticchia, City of Pittsburgh
- Samuel Buckley, Pittsburgh Regional Transit
- Seth Davis, Pittsburgh Regional Transit
- Gene Porochniak, FHWA
- Brandon Leach, PennDOT Central Office
- Julia Cornell, PennDOT Central Office
- Susan Hyde, PennDOT Central Office
- Adam Mattis, DCNR
- Matthew Kelley, CDR Maguire
- Leanne Doran, KCI
- Ross Buchan, Lawson Design Group
- Lauren Carlson, Lawson Design Group
- Andy Waple, AECOM
- Dan Laird, Mannik Smith Group
- Dom DeFazio, PennDOT District 10-0
- Alicia Kavulic, PennDOT District 10-0
- Adam Marshall, PennDOT District 10-0
- Robert Zuzek, PennDOT District 10-0
- Jordan Bergamasco, PennDOT District 11-0
- Dave Hollahan, PennDOT District 11-0
- Stephanie Ma, PennDOT District 11-0

- Indicates TTC voting member

## Attendees cont'd:

John Quatman, PennDOT District 11-0  
 Dina Salemi, PennDOT District 11-0  
 Jason Zang, PennDOT District 11-0  
 Doug Seeley, PennDOT District 11-0  
 Angela Baker, PennDOT District 12-0  
 Rachel Duda, PennDOT District 12-0  
 Jessica Setmire, PennDOT District 12-0  
 Ryan Gordon, SPC Staff  
 Evan Schoss, SPC Staff  
 Devon White, SPC Staff  
 Chuck Imbrogno, SPC Staff  
 Ronda Craig, SPC Staff  
 Russell Singer, SPC Staff  
 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 January 15<sup>th</sup> TTC Meeting Minutes**

A motion was made by Jeff Skalican and seconded by Ann Ogoreuc to approve the minutes of the January 15<sup>th</sup> TTC meeting. The motion was approved unanimously.

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

Brandon Leach began the report with discussion of the Rail Transportation Assistance Program and Rail Freight Assistance Programs, which on January 21<sup>st</sup>, PennDOT announced a \$53 million investment in 30 rail-freight projects across Pennsylvania. These projects help improve infrastructure that connects Pennsylvania businesses and communities which grow the States economy. In the SPC region, there were three projects awarded in Allegheny County, two in Butler and Washington counties, and one in Armstrong and Westmoreland Counties. Brandon also mentioned the announcement of the Automated Red-Light Enforcement, or ARLE, program awards. There was a total of \$27 million in ARLE awards throughout Pennsylvania, supporting 51 projects across the State. These projects improve State safety intersections with traffic signals by providing automated enforcement at locations where data shows red-light running has been an issue. In the SPC region, there were four projects awarded in Allegheny County, two in Butler and Fayette Counties, and one in Westmoreland County. Ryan Gordon made a note that the Federal BUILD grant is currently open for projects, with the applications due on February 24<sup>th</sup>.

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

### A. PennDOT District 10-0

Adam Marshall went over the three administrative actions for PennDOT District 10-0. The first administrative action was for the replacement of the existing bridge carrying Station Street over the South Branch of Bear Creek. The district requests to increase final design and add \$32,100 (BOF – FFY 2026) to fund the phase at the amount needed to execute the consultant work order, as well as increase utilities and add \$48,100 (BOF – FFY 2026) due to a more complete understanding of impacts based on the design process. The source of funding will come from a deobligation of preliminary engineering funds on the SR 3014 Callery Bridge. The second administrative action was for a replacement of the existing structure carrying SR 3014 (Kline Avenue) over Breakneck Creek, located in Callery Borough, Butler County. The district requests to remove all remaining preliminary engineering funds made possible by deobligation in the amount of \$5,531 (BOF – FFY 2026), which will then be placed into the SPC District 10 Highway/Bridge Reserve Line Item. The third administrative action was for streetscape improvements to extend the beautification and other improvements completed on Market Street in 2018 to connecting side streets that intersect the commercial district, located in Kittanning Borough, Armstrong County. The district requests to increase preliminary engineering and add \$75,000 (STU/Local – FFY 2026) to fund the phase at the full scope of work, with the source of funding coming from the SPC Smart Transportation Initiative.

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

### B. PennDOT District 11-0

John Quatman went over the three administrative actions for PennDOT District 11-0. The first administrative action was for a lane widening and signal upgrades, located on SR 50 (Washington Pike) from Thoms Run Road to Mayer Street in Collier Township, Allegheny County. The district requests to increase the preliminary engineering phase by \$680,000 (CAQ) in FFY 2026 to cover tasks related to SR 50-A32 project, with the source of funding coming from the SPC CMAQ line item. The second administrative action 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 by \$500,000 (LOC) to TIP in FFY 2026 in Local funds. The Third administrative action was for a safety improvement, consisting of the replacement of traffic signals at five (5) intersections, intersection safety, efficiency, and reliability, and corridor improvements, located on North Avenue from Arch Street to East Street in the Northside Neighborhood of the City of Pittsburgh, Allegheny County. The district requests to increase the construction phase by \$1,394,029 (073) in FFY 2026 to add approved Green Light Go funds to the project.

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

### C. PennDOT District 12-0

Josh Theakston went over the three amendments and three administrative actions for PennDOT District 12-0. The first amendment was for the installation of mountable curb to create left turn lanes into Wimmerton Blvd and Saint Xavier's Road from US 30 while fully restricting left turns out of both roads, located in Unity Township, Westmoreland County. The district requests to add a construction phase, utilizing Federal HSIP funds, to the 2025 TIP in FFY 2026. The source of funding will come from the SPC Reg. Safety Line Item (MPMS# 76430). The second amendment was for the installation of a roundabout at the intersection of SR 66 / SR 366 / Fox Road, located in Washington Township, Westmoreland County. The district requests to add a preliminary engineering phase, utilizing Federal HSIP funds, to the 2025 TIP in FFY 2026. The source of funding will come from the SPC Reg. Safety Line Item (MPMS# 76430). The third amendment was for the installation of a roundabout at an existing 3-leg intersection (PA 217/Industrial Boulevard), located in Derry Township, Westmoreland County. The district requests to add a preliminary engineering phase, utilizing Federal HSIP funds, to the 2025 TIP in FFY 2026. The source of funding will come from the SPC Reg. Safety Line Item (MPMS# 76430).

The first administrative action was for slide repairs to various locations districtwide using PROTECT funding. The district requests to add a preliminary engineering phase, utilizing State A-581 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 second administrative action was for the design and installation of turn lanes and a new traffic signal at the Bebout/East McMurray Road intersection, located in Peters Township, Washington County. The district requests to add a construction phase, utilizing Federal STP/STU funds, to the 2025 TIP in FFY 2026/2027 to cover low bid plus inspection. The source of funding will come from the District 12 Highway/Bridge Line Item (MPMS# 76508). The third administrative action was for the installation of a TWLTL (Two-Way Left Turn Lane) in a corridor that is currently a 2-lane, 2-way roadway with many driveways and intersections, located in Franklin Township, Greene County. The district requests to add a construction phase, utilizing Federal HSIP funds, to the 2025 TIP in FFY 2026 to cover the AC Conversion. The source of funding will come from the SPC Reg. Safety Line Item (MPMS# 76430).

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

### D. Transit TIP Updates

Devon White gave an update on four Transit TIP actions, the first being for Beaver County Transit Authority's preventative maintenance project, which moved \$960k of 5307 funds from FY 25 to FY 26. The second action was for Beaver County ETC renovations project, which moved \$300k of 5307 funds from FY 26 to FY 27. The third action was also from Beaver County, an ADP hardware and software project which was increased by \$216k of 5307 funds. The final action was from Mid-Mon Valley Transit Authority, which their operating assistance project increased \$104k from a de-applcated capital funding line.

## 6. 2027 TIP Update

Ryan Gordon gave a 2025 TIP status update, beginning with mentioning that the preliminary draft TIP has been submitted to PennDOT for Central Office review. All pre-draft TIP review calls between SPC and Central Office have been completed by the end of January, which one was held for each PennDOT district

in the SPC region. Any changes or revisions made to the draft TIP by Central Office will be noted and discussed by the TIP work groups, as well as updated versions will be sent to the members of the work groups when completed. The next round of work group meetings in February will focus on calibration of the 2027 LRTP with the 2027 TYP, and the agendas, materials, and information will be sent out to each work group member before the meetings. Ryan also mentioned that projects selected in the SPC competitive programs (CMAQ, TASA, CRP), which were approved in December, will have their award letters placed on hold until the Federal Transportation Reauthorization bill is approved. The remaining schedule for the draft TIP includes finalizing the project list for the 2027 TIP and LRTP at the next TTC meeting in March, which will lead to air quality conformity and document preparations in April. The SPC Smart Transportation for Livable Communities (STLC) Program and candidate evaluations will start at the end of February and run through May, with public comment and public participation panel meetings also making place in May and early June, before the full draft TIP is adopted by the end of June.

Next, Ryan discussed the SPC Smart Transportation for Livable Communities (STLC) Program in detail, with an overview of the program. The STLC program is a reimbursement program with a 20% no-Federal match. There is an available \$3 million in funder per year, regionwide. The projects are selected by a competitive application every two years, with projects on planning studies and design proposals may not exceed \$250k, and Construction proposals which may not exceed \$1 million. Eligible sponsors include SPC member Counties and the City of Pittsburgh, as well as each PennDOT district may submit an additional project per County. Eligible activities include planning studies, preliminary engineering, final design, and construction (plus inspection). The eligible projects include bicycle and pedestrian improvements, corridor management and congestion reduction, transit-oriented development and transportation demand management, streetscapes, EV charging stations, ITS improvements, safe routes to school, traffic flow improvements, and traffic monitoring and management. Ryan mentioned that the program guidance has been updated and will be provided, along with the preapplication forms, tomorrow (February 13<sup>th</sup>). The deadline for the preapplications will be March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2026, after which preapplications will be reviewed and final applications will be returned to project sponsors. The final applications will then be due on April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2026.

Projects will be evaluated using the five STLC Transportation Themes and five Ancillary factors. A nonpartisan deliverability committee will evaluate each candidate's project in terms of availability to be delivered on time and within budget. These terms will be the same ratings as the other SPC Competitive Programs (CMAAQ/TASA/CR). Staff will also utilize Decision Lens to analyze weighted project scoring and to make a recommendation to the TT ON PROJECTS selected to receive funding, which then TTC will consider and approve the list of recommended projects before it is presented to the Commission for approval. Ryan reviewed the eligible applicants again, mentioning that every County and the City of Pittsburgh can submit a project, while the PennDOT districts will have the opportunity to also submit one project per County, making a maximum of 22 eligible applications. Ryan mentioned that the only change to the program guidance, which will be sent out tomorrow, will be that the use of Equity measures and Justice40 factors, which were used during the last STLC funding round, have been removed as they are no longer in effect. Alicia Kavulic asked a question on what years the funding of the project would have to go into, which Ryan answered that the funding must happen during the upcoming TIP years (2027-2030), more likely in the later of the four-year cycle.

7. **2027 Long Range Plan Update**

Ryan Gordon next spoke on the beginnings of the 2027 Long Range Plan update, which covers a mixture of policy changes, transportation projects, and economic development in the SPC region. The Long Range Plan is used as a vision statement for all other regional objectives for the region, as well as most of SPCs planning, programs, and projects. The first phase of the Long Range Plan will be the policy phase, in which SPC will be working with its commissioners, as well as County Planners and PennDOT Executive Staff to look at future constraints, challenges, and opportunities in the region, to come up with goals and visions to help solve these challenges. Ryan mentioned that both himself and DJ Ryan, Director of Strategic Initiatives at SPC, have been working on an expert panel for policy review, which the first meeting of will take place on March 23<sup>rd</sup>. Invites for that meeting are currently being sent out, and there will be multiple panels for different aspects of the Plan, including for Transportation, Funding, Technology, and Land Use/Economic Development. These panels will determine what SPC discusses as the large issues of the region for these aspects, as well as what has changed in the past eight years since the last Long Range Plan was developed. This will include the development of a regional vision and goals for the next thirty years in the SPC region, and how SPC can help with these regional issues.

8. **Other Business/Status Reports**

Angela Baker promoted the public meeting being held next week for West Newton Bridge, which will be held at the West Newton Senior Center on Thursday, February 19<sup>th</sup>. This project was awarded RAISE funding for rehabilitation on the bridge last year, and this public meeting will start at 5pm. Ryan Gordon also asked for any presentations that anyone would like to give at future TTC meetings, to let either him or Greg Shermeto know so that SPC can add to later agendas.

9. **Adjourn**

A motion to adjourn was made by Jeff Skalican and seconded by Ann Ogoreuc. The motion was passed unanimously and Ryan Gordon called for the adjournment of the meeting at 11:23 AM.