

**Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission  
Transportation Technical Committee (TTC)  
Meeting Minutes via Microsoft Teams  
March 19<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
  - Becky Butler, Washington County Planning Commission
  - Joshua Spano, Westmoreland County Department of Planning and Development
  - Jeff Skalican, City of Pittsburgh
  - Mollie Crowe, 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
  - 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
  - Seth Davis, Pittsburgh Regional Transit
  - Kathryn Simpson, 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
  - Andy Waple, AECOM
  - Alison Keating, Pittsburghers for Public Transit
  - Dom DeFazio, PennDOT District 10-0
  - Adam Marshall, PennDOT District 10-0
  - Dave Hollahan, PennDOT District 11-0
  - Stephanie Ma, PennDOT District 11-0
  - John Quatman, PennDOT District 11-0
  - Dina Salemi, PennDOT District 11-0
  - Josh Theakston, PennDOT District 12-0
  - DJ Ryan, SPC Staff
  - Ryan Gordon, SPC Staff
  - Evan Schoss, SPC Staff
  - Devon White, SPC Staff
  - Chuck Imbrogno, SPC Staff
- Indicates TTC voting member

Attendees cont'd:

Belachew Ayele, SPC Staff  
 Ronda Craig, SPC Staff  
 Chris Jaros, SPC Staff  
 Daniel Kukula, 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 February 12<sup>th</sup> TTC Meeting Minutes**

A motion was made by Jeff Skalican and seconded by Ann Ogoreuc to approve the minutes of the February 12<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 PennDOT municipal outreach sessions, which an email was sent out to TTC members last week outlining the time and dates of the sessions. These sessions occur each spring and give local officials, or anyone else interested in transportation planning, the opportunity to discuss local and municipal planning in their region. District 11-0 held their outreach session on March 18<sup>th</sup>, while District 12-0s outreach session will be held at the PennDOT office on April 15<sup>th</sup> at 1pm, which will have a hybrid option. The District 10-0 outreach session will be held on April 29<sup>th</sup> and will be held at the Indiana County PennDOT office at 1pm, with a hybrid option as well. Next, Brandon spoke on the NEVI Community Charging funding rounds, which were announced a few weeks ago. PennDOT will have four separate funding opportunities available through the program. Previously, this program helped to build out electric charging across Pennsylvania on interstates and alternative fuel corridors. This next funding will be a regional rollout approach, starting with the Southeastern region of Pennsylvania. Their funding opportunity opened in February, with the deadline to submit proposals by mid-August. The funding opportunity for the western portion of the State, which includes the SPC region, will be made available for applications in late April/early May with the deadline to submit proposals in late Fall 2026.

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

A. PennDOT District 10-0

Adam Marshall went over the one amendment and three administrative actions for PennDOT District 10-0. The first amendment was for infrastructure upgrades surrounding the Pullman Recreation Center with the reconstruction of Bantam Avenue with sidewalks, crosswalks, bus shelter, and the installation of six EV chargers, as well as additional sidewalk on Hansen Ave and Armco Drive, located in Butler Township, Butler County. The district requests to add the project and program construction at \$481,320 (STU – FFY 2027) due special Federal funding award (SMART), with an additional local contribution of \$300,825 for construction.

The source of funding will come from the SPC SMART Tr. Initiative. The first administrative action was for the realignment, reconstruction, and rehabilitation along PA 228 from 0.47 miles northeast of T-554 (Brewer Road) to 300 feet north of T-557 (Sarver Road), located in Clinton and Buffalo Townships, Butler County. The district requests to add a Federal FY 26 Community Project Funding award from US Representative Mike Kelly in the amount of \$7,000,000 (FFY 2026). In addition, the project is being converted from 80% Federal/20% State to 100% Federal utilizing toll credits. Funding for this process is placed into the line item to maintain fiscal constraint. The second administrative action was for pavement preservation to include concrete restoration and other typical activities along US 22 from the intersection with T-723 (Kettle Hollow Road) West Wheatfield Township east to the intersection with SR 2024 (Philadelphia Street). The district requests to program final design and add the project to the TIP in the amount of \$145,000 (581 – FFY 2026) due to the necessity of the phase on this project, with the source of funding coming from the SPC District 10 Highway/Bridge Reserve Line Item. The third administrative action was for the rehabilitation of five local bridges, located in various locations in Penn and Jefferson Townships in Butler County. The district requests to program preliminary engineering and add the project to the TIP in the amount of \$86,000 (411 – FFY 2026) due to an MTF award. The district is also requesting to program final design and add the project to the TIP in the amount of \$130,000 (411 – FFY 2026) due to an award on the project, as well as requesting to program construction and add the project to the TIP in the amount of \$2,349,200 (411 – FFY 2027) due to an MTF award. The source of funding for the project will come from the Multimodal Reserve.

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

#### B. PennDOT District 11-0

John Quatman went over the one amendment and ten administrative actions for PennDOT District 11-0. The first amendment was for a safety improvement project, located in various locations identified in the Signalized Pedestrian Accommodations - Tiering and cost summary provided by CO in Allegheny, Beaver, and Lawrence Counties. The district requests to add a final design phase for \$525,000 (HVRU) to the TIP in FFY 2026 to cover final design tasks, with the source of funding coming from the SPC Regional Safety Line Item. The first administrative action was for improvements to an off-ramp, including re-striping to incorporate two approach lanes, located at the intersection of I-279 southbound off ramp to East Street in the City of Pittsburgh, Allegheny County. The district requests to increase the preliminary engineering phase by \$120,000 (CAQ) and decrease by \$2,000 (581) in FFY 2026 for updated consultant cost, with the source of funding coming from the SPC CMAQ line item and being placed into the Betterment Reserve line item. The second administrative action was for a bridge rehabilitation of two structures, located on the Boulevard of the Allies over Schenley Park, Junction/ Panther Hollow Bike Trails and CSX Railroad in the City of Pittsburgh, Allegheny County. This project includes Charles Bridge and Panther Hollow overpass. The district requests to increase the construction phase by \$5,570,000 (NHPP) in FFY 2026/2027 for unforeseen steel repairs, wind bracing repairs, and other misc. items, with the source of funding coming from the West End Bridge Ramps (Funds available based on current project schedule), the Betterment Reserve line item and current available deobligations. The third administrative action was for a bridge replacement, located on Versailles Avenue over Ravine Street in the City of McKeesport, Allegheny County. The district requests to add a final design phase by \$850,000 (SXF) in FFY 2026 for an awarded earmark from the 2026 Community Project Funding (CPF) program for this project, while also removing \$800,000 (BRIP) in FFY 2026, swapping out BRIP funds for SXF earmark funds. The funds will be placed into the District Bridge line item.

The fourth administrative action was for Highway Infrastructure Programs and Community Development Fund (HUD) projects, which includes MPMS 89077, Verona Road Bridge (Adding a construction phase by \$850,000 (SXF) in FFY 2027 and removing \$850,000 (581) in FFY 2033, utilizing an awarded earmark from the 2026 Community Project Funding (CPF) program for this project) and MPMS 116560, SR 422, Bus. 422 to Butler County line (Adding a construction phase by \$3,000,000 (SXF) in FFY 2026 and removing \$2,000,000 (NHPP) in FFY 2030, utilizing an awarded earmark from the 2026 Community Project Funding (CPF) program for this project). The original funding will be placed back into the Betterment Reserve line item. The fifth administrative action was for a pavement preservation project, located on US 422 from New Butler Road intersection to Lawrence/Butler County Line in Shenango and Slippery Rock Townships and the City of New Castle, Lawrence County. The district requests to increase the construction phase by \$95,000 (HSIP) in FFY 2026 for the installation of high friction surface treatment (HFST) at the intersection of SR 422 and SR 388, with the source of funding coming from the SPC Regional Safety line item. The sixth administrative action was for a bridge rehabilitation project, located on SR 4042, Old Rochester-Bridgewater Road over Beaver River and Norfolk Southern Railroad in Rochester and Bridgewater Boroughs, Beaver County. The district requests to remove the final design phase by \$550K (BRIP), the right-of-way phase by \$150,000 (BRIP) and the utility phase by \$50,000 (BRIP) in FFY 2026. The funding will be placed back into the District Bridge line item.

The seventh administrative action was for the antiquated equipment in the Western Regional Traffic Management Center, which will be replaced and upgraded, located at the Western Regional Traffic Management Center, Bridgeville, Allegheny County. The district requests to increase the preliminary engineering phase by \$1,000,000 (CRPU) and decrease by \$1,000,000 (STP) in FFY 2026 to swap funds from STP to CRP, since CRP funds qualify. The source of funding will come from the SPC Regional CRP/CRPU line item, while the STP funds will be placed into the Betterment Reserve line item. The eighth administrative action was for the reconfiguration of the SR 22/30 Steubenville Pike over the I-376 Interchange include a bridge replacement, located on SR 22, Steubenville Pike over the I-376 Interchange in Robinson Township, Allegheny County. The district requests to increase the construction phase by \$2,940,000 (185) and \$60,000 (PRIV) in FFY 2026 for low bid, with the source of funding coming from the District Bridge line item. The ninth administrative action was for a signal improvement project, located on SR 4003, McKnight Road, from East Street to Babcock Boulevard in the City of Pittsburgh, Allegheny County. The district requests to increase the construction phase by \$400,000 (CRP) in FFY 2026 to add recently approved TSMO funds, with the source of funding coming from the Central Office TSMO Reserve line item. The tenth administrative action was for traffic flow improvements and the addition of left turn lanes, located on SR 2004 Freedom Crider Road at SR 2006 Lovi Road in New Sewickley Township, Beaver County. The district requests to increase the construction phase by \$201,600 (CAQ) and \$50,400 (581) in FFY 2026 for updated estimate, with the source of funding coming from the SPC CMAQ and Betterment Reserve line items.

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

#### C. PennDOT District 12-0

Josh Theakston went over the three administrative actions for PennDOT District 12-0. The first administrative action was for the rehabilitation/replacement of the structure carrying PA 218 (Smith Creek Road) over a branch of Smith Creek, located in Franklin Township, Greene County. The district requests to

add a preliminary engineering phase on the 2025 TIP in FFY 2027, utilizing Federal STP funds, with the source of funding coming from the District 12-0 Highway/Bridge Line Item (MPMS# 76508). The second administrative action was for the replacement of the pedestrian structure over I-70 (From Ross Street to Carson Street) which will include updating the ADA facilities, located in Rostraver Township, Westmoreland County. The district requests to add a construction phase to the 2025 TIP in FFY 2026, utilizing Federal STP and STU funds, with the source of funding coming from the District 12-0 Highway/Bridge Line Item (MPMS# 76508). The third administrative action was for the update of the vehicle detection and signal equipment and institute an adaptive signal system through the US 19 corridor from the I-70/US 19 (DDI) Interchange to the Allegheny County Line, located in Washington County. The district requests to swap the final design, utility, and right-of-way phases funding from NHPP to CMAQ on the 2025 TIP in FFY 2026 and advance the right-of-way funding from FFY 2027 to 2026. The Federal NHPP funds will return to the District 12-0 Highway/Bridge Line Item (MPMS# 76508) and the CMAQ fund will be drawn from the SPC CMAQ Line Item (MPMS# 84078).

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

#### D. Transit TIP Updates

Devon White gave an update on two Transit TIP actions, the first being for Pittsburgh Regional Transit, who moved \$15 million into their preventative maintenance rail project, which came out of their bus purchasing project. The second action was from SPC on behalf of ACTA, who added a new project for the Moon Crest shuttle service, adding \$280k of CMAQ funds to the project.

#### 6. 2027 TIP Update

Ryan Gordon gave an update to the 2027 TIP, beginning with a recap and an update to the upcoming schedule. SPC has recently completed the seventh round of TIP work group meetings, which one was held in each PennDOT District. Ryan thanked the members who attended these meetings, in which a review of the draft TIP was held, with discussion on the minor changes made since the sixth Work Group meetings. The meeting also looked at the SPC Long Range Plan update, and the highway/bridge project list with the draft TYP with the second and third four-years, as well as the fiscally constrained project lists, which were sent out as part of the TTC packet. These project lists will be sent to the air quality conformity staff and the interagency review groups to be finalized, which will then show up in the appendix of the Long Range Plan. Overall, meetings on the TIP update began last June, and a total of 21 meetings, seven in each PennDOT district, were held, which Ryan thanked everyone once again for attending these meetings and bringing their expertise to the table for the TIP process.

Next on the schedule for the TIP update is to take the TIP project list and combine it with the Transit TIP project list and send the combined list for air quality conformity analysis, as well as document preparation and public involvement activities associated with the formal comment period, which will take place in May. The TIP project list was sent out as part of the TTC packet and has been reviewed extensively from the six work group meetings onward. This list also includes a handful of Statewide managed program projects, from the Statewide TSMO list and the Statewide RRX list, which are still being processed. Also included as part of the packet was the 2027 Draft Long Range Plan highway/bridge fiscally constrained project list, which also will be reviewed by an interagency work group that also

reviews the air quality conformity of the projects. These projects will also be shown in the appendix of the TIP. Ryan asked for a motion to approve the projects in both the TIP and the LRTP lists to move these projects along to air quality conformity and to public involvement activities. Kyle Lamb made the motion to approve the projects on both the TIP and LRTP lists, which was seconded by Josh Krug. The motion was approved unanimously.

Chuck Imbrogno made a comment that air quality conformity has already begun for the highway/bridge lists, with discussions happening between SPC and PennDOT Central Office on data entry on projects into MPMS. Chuck mentioned that conformity should be completed by the end of the month. Next, Ryan discussed the Smart Transportation for Livable Communities (STLC) program, which pre-applications were due in late February. Review of those applications is being completed by Greg Shermeto, with any questions on those applications being discussed before final applications are sent out to the applicants in the next few days. Ryan mentioned that if you did not submit a pre-application and would like to still apply for the program, send an email to Ryan and Greg to discuss. The final applications for the STLC program will be due on April 10th. Last, Ryan discussed the Spring Public Participation Panel (PPP) meetings, which will be the formal comment period for the public on the 2027 TIP. There will be one meeting in each SPC County, and currently Ronda Craig, SPC Public Involvement Coordinator, is working to set up times and dates that work for all those meetings. A finalized list of those meetings will be presented at the April TTC meeting.

#### 7. **2027 Long Range Plan Update**

Ryan Gordon gave an update to the 2027 Long Range Plan, which development is currently underway. SPC is currently engaging the Commissioners to begin looking at policy, with the process of identifying the goals, objectives, and strategies for the SPC region. Next week, an expert panel will be held with invited guests in certain areas of expertise in the region for developing strategies and objectives, with another meeting to be held in May to wrap everything up. Sometime in the May timeframe, a survey will also be sent around to gauge public and committee interest on goal and strategies as well. In the Fall, SPC will begin development of the new fiscally constrained highway/bridge project list, focusing on the outer years of the LRTP. A number of projects will be carried over; however, the TIP work groups will be reconvened to solicit new projects, thinking long-term on the bridges and roadways in the entire SPC region. SPC will also be working with the Interstate experts on unfunded Interstate projects, as well as regional policy updates.

#### 8. **NFL Draft Transit Update**

Devon White gave a presentation on Transit updates on a County-by-County basis during the week of the NFL draft, beginning with Beaver County, who will have two fixed routes, that normally service the downtown Pittsburgh area, running. The first route will run from the Ambridge park-and-ride regularly from 7am to 7pm, as well as a second express route from the Expressway travel center into downtown that will run until 11:15pm Thursday and Friday and 5pm on Saturday. Butler Transit Agency will also have two commuter routes, the first route being their regular route from the Route 528 park-and-ride down to the Ross Township park-and-ride, where passengers can switch to a PRT bus to get downtown, while the second route will run from New Castle straight to downtown, starting at 4:30am until 7pm. Washington County Transit will have a service leading to downtown Pittsburgh from 5am to 7:30pm on draft days, as well as an additional route that will return to Washington County at 11:30pm and midnight on draft days. Fayette County Transit will have their usual morning trip to Downtown Pittsburgh from 5:30am to 9am, with additional trips between Uniontown and the park-and-ride in Jefferson Hills, where people can connect to PRT routes, running from

10am to noon, 4pm to 8pm, and then from 10pm to midnight. Westmoreland County will also be running additional routes into downtown Pittsburgh on draft days, but those routes have not been finalized yet.

Devon reiterated once again that vehicular traffic is anticipated to be extremely heavy during draft week, and utilizing these additional transit routes, as well as PRT and the light rail lines, will be the easiest way to navigate the City. Mavis Rainey asked if additional efforts are being made for downtown City workers to work remotely during the week to reduce traffic downtown, which Devon mentioned that while there has been no conformation, many businesses downtown, as well as Point Park University and the Pittsburgh Public Schools, are planning remote work for employees and students.

**9. Other Business/Status Reports**

There was no additional business or status reports.

**10. Adjourn**

A motion to adjourn was made by Becky Butler and seconded by Ann Ogoreuc. The motion was passed unanimously and Ryan Gordon called for the adjournment of the meeting at 11:03 AM.