



# SPC Transit Operators Committee

## Meeting Minutes: September 17, 2025

### Attendance

#### Members

Sheila Gombita (WASH)	Amy Mathieson (ACTA)
Mary Jo Morandini (BCTA)	Anthony Hickton (CI)
David Richards (NCATA)	Mavis Rainey (OTMA)
Alan Blahovec (WCTA)	Tiffany O'Neal (MCTA)
David Wohlwill (PRT)	Ashley Seman (MMVTA)
Rick Blake (Greene)	

#### Guests & Transit Staff

Tosh Chambers (PDP)	Kathryn Simpson (PRT)
Ian Ramsey (WASH)	Jaclyn Karolski (ACED)
Brandon Leach (PennDOT)	Kaitlyn Wilson (BCTYA)

#### SPC Staff

Rhonda Craig	Russell Singer
Daniel Kukula	Chuck Imbrogno
Matthew Fisher	

#### 1. Introductions

- a. The meeting was called to order by Mary Jo Morandini

#### 2. Minutes of August 13, 2025 TOC Meeting

- a. Motion: David Richards      Second: Sheila Gombita      Action: Approved

#### 3. TIP Amendments and Administrative Actions

- a. PRT – The reprogramming of \$5,060,000 of Federal 5307 from FFY 25 to FFY 26, with matching state and local funds, for Carnegie PNR Expansion with a parking deck to accommodate additional parking spaces. This project is listed on the Title I TIP at MPMS# 106594

Motion: Alan Blahovec      Second: Sheila Gombita      Action: Approved

#### 4. SPC Staff Updates

- a. Russell Singer: Transit TIP Development

- i. We now have a public participation meeting schedule for the 2027 TIP development. It is available on the SPC website and will also be distributed to TOC members.
- b. Russell Singer: National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (NEVI) Survey
  - i. There is a planned \$16.4 million investment from PennDOT for electric vehicle community charging projects in southwestern PA. The survey to contribute ideas for locations and projects is still open till September 25<sup>th</sup>. It can be accessed on the website and will also be distributed.
- c. Chuck Imbrogno: Transit Stop/PNR Accessibility Project Update
  - i. Packages are being developed for each transit agency that will highlight populations and employment opportunities that are within a quarter-mile of transit stops or 3 miles of a park-and-ride. The packages will include maps of stops and PNRs, various pieces of demographic information, and employment data broken down by NAICS code, number of firms, and employment numbers. Demonstrations were shown for Freedom Transit, WCTA, and NCATA. Work is being done to include out-of-region service as well.

## 5. Other Business

- a. Mary Jo Morandini: BCTA Host Presentation
  - i. Mary Jo Morandini gave a presentation highlighting the history of and initiatives underway at BCTA. Celebrating its 45<sup>th</sup> year, BCTA provides local fixed-route, limited express to Pittsburgh, county-wide shared-ride, and a current microtransit pilot program in Midland. A history of their service and service delivery was provided which outlined how the agency developed into what it is today. BCTA's construction history was also highlighted, featuring projects like the completion of the Rochester Transportations Center, the Regional Park and Ride in Ambridge, the Expressway Travel Center, and the Rochester Roundabout project. BCTA has also received numerous awards. In 2025, a customer satisfaction survey was completed featuring general and demographic questions that has revealed interesting data on areas like payment options and how frequently people ride the bus. The overall satisfaction score was 4.61 out of five, with the highest rating being satisfaction with drivers. Fixed Route ridership has been trending upward steadily, especially without counting express service, although numbers haven't reached pre-covid levels yet. Lottery makes up the largest portion of ridership by funding source, with MATP and BCRRC being the next two highest categories. BCTA also underwent a major rebrand, dividing into three main brands with those being BCTA Shared, Forward, and Connect. Each offers specific types of service with unique logos and vehicles. Signage was updated to reflect the new branding. BCTA also highlighted its summer youth pass program, offering free rides to those ages 6-21 between June 1 and August 31. The rest of the year, rides are \$1. These passes will renew automatically, and the program has seen a lot of utilization so far. BCTA has also launched a travel training initiative across multiple platforms to help inform and educate riders, which has shown success in helping with outreach. Mary Jo Morandini concluded the presentation with an overview of BCTA's Service System Vision, which features short term and long-term goals, as well as enhancements, for each of its three brands.
- b. Next meeting: October 15, 2025, 10:00 am, hosted by Westmoreland County Transit Authority

6. Adjournment

- a. Motion: David Richards      Second: Sheila Gombita Action: Approved