



SPC Transit Operators Committee

Meeting Minutes: November 12, 2025

Attendance

Members

Gino Cary (BCTA)
Alan Blahovec (WCTA)
Julia Ferri (CI)
Darcy Cleaver (PRT)

Amy Mathieson (ACTA)
Sheila Gombita (WASH)
Mavis Rainey (OTMA)
Ashley Seman (MMVTA)

Guests & Transit Staff

Lisa Kay Schweyer
Kathryn Simpson (PRT)
Emily Gwash (ACCESS)
Mark Cassel
Zoe Iseri (Mobilify)

Derek Dauphin (PRT)
Leanna Doran
Alison Keating

SPC Staff

Devon White
Daniel Kukula

Russell Singer
Chuck Imbrogno

1. Introductions

- a. The meeting was called to order by Russell Singer

2. Minutes of October 15, 2025 TOC Meeting

- a. Motion: Sheila Gombita Second: Alan Blahovec Action: Approve

3. TIP Amendments and Administrative Actions

- a. FACT – Operating Assistance (MPMS# 65222):
 1. Excess funds remaining from FACT’s FY 2020 Governor’s Apportionment are being applied to operating. Total TIP value change of \$107,552Motion: Sheila Gombita Second: Alan Blahovec Action: Approved

4. SPC Staff Updates

- a. Devon White - 2027 TIP Development Meeting Schedule: SPC will be scheduling meetings in the coming weeks with each operator to discuss needs for the upcoming TIP period. Operators will receive a packet of information based on the existing TIP and data from PennDOT’s Capital Planning Tool to assist in forecasting needs. Expect to hold a meeting with us in early December so a draft TIP can be completed by the end of the year
- b. Daniel Kukula and Russell Singer – NFL Draft Hotel and Transportation Discussion: Russell showed slides from major hotel booking sites which illustrated the already high booking rates across the region with most major hotels in Pittsburgh already fully booked and hotels

in the surrounding region only having suites and expensive rooms available. Daniel then presented hotel pricing data from around the surrounding area, further illustrating booking rates at regional destinations outside of Pittsburgh. Hotels in clusters near county seats, regional airports, and casinos in the region are also filling up early and showing very high rates.

- c. Chuck Imbrogno – Travel Analysis Scenario: Chuck presented work based on SPC’s traffic demand modeling to estimate impacts to travel across the region from NFL Draft vehicle traffic. Attendance in recent years of the draft was in excess of 200,000 visitors per day over the three-day event, that number was used as a conservative benchmark for analysis. With the majority of attendees expected to arrive by car, traffic impacts will be significant with major bridge crossings and tunnels likely to suffer extremely slow, near gridlock conditions. Outside of the City of Pittsburgh and Allegheny County there is negligible delay expected though still a large increase in vehicle miles in excess of 6-million miles.

Chuck pointed out that all modeling assumes the system is working nominally, however when traffic is impacted significantly it often causes compounding problems due to human error. When considering the many visitors to the region, human error is likely to be significant for individual drivers. He suggested that without certain car-free zones transit will not be able to operate downtown due to gridlock. It’s likely that the busways will need to be heavily relied upon, with remote parking outside of the city feeding into them.

Mavis Rainey commented on the need to begin messaging employers about work from home during the duration of the event. Need for curbside management plan for pickup/drop-off locations

5. Other Business

- a. Darcy Cleaver – PRT NFL Draft Planning Update: Darcy provided a brief update on PRT’s current status with regard to draft transportation. Discussions between the City, NFL, and PRT are occurring but a complete plan wont be available until December. More details will come later, however broadly they are focusing on high utilization of the busways, utilizing park and ride lots, improving understanding of system for first time users in terms of pricing, signage and messaging. Currently there isn’t yet a clear area defined for the security zone around the event so it’s uncertain exactly where it’s possible to operate, but once that is solidified further discussions with regional transit operators will be more beneficial.
- b. Next meeting: December 3, 2025 at 10:00am, followed by a separate breakout meeting for Coordinated Transportation Plan workgroup

6. Adjournment

- a. Motion: Sheila Gombita Second: Alan Blahovec Action: Approved