



# SPC Transit Operators Committee

## Meeting Minutes: December 3, 2025

### Attendance

#### Members

Mary Jo Morandini (BCTA)	David Richards (NCATA)
Alan Blahovec (WCTA)	Sheila Gombita (WASH)
Julia Ferri (CI)	Mavis Rainey (OTMA)
David Wohlwill (PRT)	Nancy Basile (MMVTA)
Brenda Hill (ICTA)	John Paul (BTA)

#### Guests & Transit Staff

Cody Slater (ANR)	Brandon Leach (PennDOT)
Kathryn Simpson (PRT)	Leanne Doran
Emily Gwash (ACCESS)	Ian Ramsey (WASH)
Mark Cassel	Jacklyn Karolski (ACED)
Zoe Iseri (Mobilify)	Amy Mathieson (ACTA)
Ed Typanski (PRT)	Seth Davis (PRT)
David White (POGOH)	

#### SPC Staff

Devon White	Russell Singer
Daniel Kukula	Chuck Imbrogno
Ronda Craig	Chris Jaros
Lillian Gabreski	Nancy Hirsch

#### 1. Introductions

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

#### 2. Minutes of November 12, 2025 TOC Meeting

A correction to the November meeting attendance was raised by David Wohlwill. The motion to approve the minutes was raised with stipulation that David Wohlwill's name be added to the register for the previous meeting.

- a. Motion: David Richards    Second: John Paul    Action: Approve

#### 3. Transit Participant Updates

- a. BTA – John Paul updated that BTA finalized contracts for construction of a new bus wash system. The bus wash will move from inside the facility to an external separate building, with a total project cost of \$4,212,247. BTA was also awarded two buses from PennDOT's statewide award through FTA's Low or No Emissions Grant.
- b. BCTA – Mary Jo Morandini stated their bus wash system is also soon to be replaced with a request for proposals going out likely within the month. The existing bus wash inside the facility will be replaced with an updated system after 25 years

- c. PRT – Seth Davis offered multiple updates, including the finalizing of new planning contracts for TOD, general planning, and corridor updates. These projects will include SPC and other regional stakeholders as they will have system-wide effects. What will be called the Rail System Optimization Plan will start early in 2026 and will be funded from operations budget, further funding to continue future phases of the project is being sought for FY27. Also, it's expected the Transit Tunnel will reopen before the end of calendar year 26.
- d. SPC – Devon White mentioned that SPC completed its purchase of Remix software with a license for use within the entire SPC region.

4. TIP Amendments and Administrative Actions

- a. MMVTA – Operating Assistance (MPMS# **65428**):  
 Remaining funds from MMVTA's initial 5307 Operating Assistance grant are being programmed for FFY26, total TIP value change \$432,200  
 Motion: John Paul    Second: Alan Blahovec                      Action: Approved
- b. PRT – Carnegie PnR Expansion (MPMS# **121281**): PRT is reprogramming a total of \$12,548,904 of CMAQ funding from FFY25 to FFY26. No total TIP value change  
 Motion: Alan Blahovec                      Second: David Richards                      Action: Approved

5. SPC Staff Updates

- a. Devon White, Presentation on Distracted Driving: This presentation was generated by Samsara, an AI-powered dashcam company, but the relevant points include findings from surveys done across CDL holders including truck, transit, and school bus drivers. 76% of those surveyed experienced at least one "close call" due to distracted driving. Some reported causes of distraction include the expected cell phone use, but of note particularly for professional drivers were causes including eating, drinking, and using e-cigarettes. Conclusions could be drawn from this regarding the need and timing of driver breaks. CDL drivers indicated higher retention rates at employers who have implemented preventive and educational measures to stop distracted driving. Only 27% found it helpful to view footage of their near collisions for coaching purposes afterward. Following the presentation, Devon offered that SPC would be available to help operators with a safety review to see what measures might be appropriate.
- b. Daniel Kukula, PennDOT Shared-Ride Transportation Study: The goal of the study was to understand and address the downward spiral in funding for transit, in particular shared-ride funding. Increasing copayments and lack of healthcare options and amenities in rural communities create a worsening situation for people who rely on this transportation for their daily needs. The study evaluated three categories of Funding, Service Delivery, and Customer Experience. Daniel's presentation focused on a set of conclusions from the study, which are four different models that could enhance long term financial sustainability for shared-ride transit. The models evaluated included caps to ride co-payments to maintain affordability for medical uses, designating a separate funding source for fixed cost, service-based formula funding more like fixed-route grant funding based on passenger trips and vehicle miles etc, and a per capita funding model where services received funding based on statistical population in their service area. The study explores in detail the pros and cons of

each possibility, and suggests hybrid versions might counteract some of the cons. For more detail, the full study and executive summary are available at the following link:

[Shared Ride Studies | Department of Transportation | Commonwealth of Pennsylvania](#)

6. Other Business

- a. Next meeting: January 14, 2025 at 10:00am

7. Adjournment

- a. Motion: John Paul Second: Alan Blahovec Action: Approved