



# SPC Transit Operators Committee

## Meeting Minutes: April 15, 2026

### Attendance

#### Members

Mary Jo Morandini (BCTA)	Sheila Gombita (WASH)
Alan Blahovec (WCTA)	Mavis Rainey (OTMA)
Julia Ferri (CI)	Ashley Seman (MMVTA)
David Wohlwill (PRT)	Kelly Stewart (BTA)
Tosh Chambers (PDP)	Tiffany O'Neal (TACT)
Brenda Hill (IndiGO)	David Richards (NCATA)

#### Guests & Transit Staff

Nancy Ozeas	Mollie Crowe (ACTA)
Cody Slater (ANR)	Lynda Conway (Rockland Planning)
Nathan Werner (Butler Co.)	Kathryn Simpson (PRT)
Kunal Asena (UPitt)	Jason Theakston (Washington Co.)
Alison Keating (PPT)	Derek Dauphin (PRT)
Breen Masciotra (Mobilify)	Ian Ramsey (WASH)
Amy Mathieson (ACTA)	Jessica Baek (UPitt)
Thomas Swisher (Butler Co.)	Jack Cetani (UPitt)
Kenecht Ezekoye (UPitt)	Nathaniel Brauser (UPitt)
Owen O'keeffe (UPitt)	Keith Shuster (UPitt)
Ian Ramsey (WASH)	

#### SPC Staff

Devon White	Russell Singer
Daniel Kukula	Chuck Imbrogno
Ronda Craig	Chris Jaros
Evan Schoss	Lillian Gabreski

#### 1. Introductions

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

#### 2. Minutes of March 11, 2026 TOC Meeting

- a. The minutes of the March 11, 2026 meeting were approved

Motion: Ashley Seman      Second: David Richards      Action: Approve

#### 3. TIP Amendments and Administrative Actions

- a. BTA
  - i. CNG 30-Foot Buses (MPMS# 122287): Increase in Federal 5339 with 50/50 State 338 match for the purchase of CNG buses. This funding is part of a State award for Low and

No Emission Funding. Total TIP value change \$1,600,000. FFY 2027.

Motion: David Richards

Second: Alan Blahovec

Action: Approved

b. FACT

- i. Roof Replacement (MPMS# New): This new project programs \$1,250,000 of Federal 5307 plus State and Local in match in FFY26 for the repair and replacement of the roof at FACT's administrative building. Total TIP value change \$1,500,000
- ii. Facility Maintenance and Upgrades (MPMS# New): This new project programs \$787,385 of Federal 5307 plus State and Local match in FFY26 for parking lot, sidewalk, and garage bay repairs at FACT's facility. Total TIP value change \$984,232
- iii. Bus Trolley (MPMS# New): This new project programs \$300,000 of Federal 5307 with State and Local match in FFY26 for the purchase of a bus trolley vehicle, related signage and vehicle technology. Total TIP value change of \$375,000
- iv. Admin Vehicles (MPMS# New): This new project programs \$80,000 of Federal 5307 with State and Local match in FFY26 for the purchase of two administrative non-revenue vehicles. Total TIP value change of \$100,000
- v. Buses (MPMS# New); This new project programs \$460,000 of Federal 5307 with State and Local match in FFY26 for the purchase of a new bus for fixed-route service as well as related signage and communication technology. Total TIP value change of \$575,000
- vi. Operating Expenses (MPMS# New): This new project programs unobligated funds from FACT's 2020 Governor's Apportionment in the amount of \$389,570 along with \$458,318 of Federal 5307 and Local match in FFY26 to be used for additional operating assistance. Total TIP value change \$916,636

Motion: Alan Blahovec

Second: Ashley Seman

Action: Approved

c. MMVTA

- i. AVL Signage Warranty (MPMS# New): The purchase of warranty coverage for AVL-connected electronic signage using state capital funds. Total TIP value change of \$35,000
- ii. Replacement Buses (MPMS# 118166): Moving the funding from FFY26 to FFY27 with an increase in 5311 funding to replace 5307 funding no longer available. Total TIP value change of \$383,530
- iii. Operating Assistance (MPMS# 65428): MMVTA is requesting to program \$1,228,000 of 5311 Rural Operating Assistance with equal State 338 match in FFY2027. Total TIP value change \$2,456,000
- iv. Bus ITS/AVL Replacement (MPMS# New): MMVTA will be purchasing new AVL systems to be installed as part of upcoming replacement of 8 buses. Requesting State 339 increase of \$380,132 plus local match in FFY27, total TIP value change \$392,800
- v. Security System Replacement (MPMS# New): MMVTA is in need of replacing security systems at their transit center and three park and ride lots, requesting an increase in State 339 of \$96,775 plus local match in FFY27, total TIP value change \$100,000
- vi. Updates to Transit Center Exterior (MPMS# New): The Transit Center is in need of updates and repairs to extend its useful life. MMVTA is requesting an increase in State 339 funding of \$96,775 with local match in FFY27. Total TIP value change \$100,000

Motion: David Richards

Second: Rudy Dutko

Action: Approved

4. Other Business

a. Ryan Gordon, SPC: 2027 Draft TIP MOU

- i. Ryan Gordon gave a presentation on the update to the 2027 Draft TIP MOU. This will outline the procedures covering the next two years of TIP modifications. The MOU maintains the current MOU's four ways of making modifications, with those being major TIP amendments, TIP amendments, administrative actions requiring committee approval, and administrative actions that do not require committee approval for information only. Changes were made to what is considered an administrative action. It will now be considered an administrative action if you're re-adding a project in the same fiscal year that was previously an advanced construct project but will be a regular obligated project. If you're adding a project back on to the TIP that's done, but you have to do a right-of-way claim, you can now add it back without it being an amendment as an administrative action. The ability to adjust cash flow within years beyond the tip, as long as there's no change in fiscal constraint, was also changed so that you can cash flow projects between the TIP and the TYP without triggering an amendment. Adding a project back on to the TIP for the purposes of an administrative close out, where the entire project is done but the administrative books need balanced, will also be able to be processed as an administrative action. All the other major elements are the same.
- ii. The final document is being produced for the 2027 tip, and dates and locations are set for the public comment period. Transit agency representatives are encouraged to attend meetings. The comment period will wrap up June 5th, with TIP adoption planned for the June commission meeting.
- iii. Devon White added that financial capacity sheets need to be back by the end of April.

b. Julia Ferri, SPC: CommuteInfo Overview

- i. CommuteInfo is the regional commuter resource program focused on reducing SOV use in the region and represents a major part of the SPC's Traffic Demand Management Program. The program provides rideshare resources, as well as information on things like transit and active transportation, and employer technical assistance. Vanpooling is a major part of CommuteInfo and involves a roster of 5-15 people. There are no paid drivers, and cost sharing is determined within individual groups. Ferri described the value of the vanpool program as a complement to transit by helping cover areas with no transit access or less-traditional shift times. It also promotes workforce development. Park-and-Rides are a common strategy for where to initiate vanpools from. It is helpful to share any service changes, closures, or rideshare permission changes to help information stay updated. There is also an emergency ride home program for CommuteInfo rideshare users to help cover the cost of something like an uber for a variety of extraneous things that may occur and limit your ability to get home. There are a variety of partnership opportunities with CommuteInfo for cross-promotion, emergency ride home, and data sharing, so please reach out if interested.

c. Chris Jaros, SPC: Sidewalk Wayfinding App

- i. Jaros and a team of students from the University of Pittsburgh have spent three and a half months developing a sidewalk wayfinding app using sidewalk data that Jaros has been assembling since COVID. It will function similarly to popular applications like Google Maps, allowing people to identify routes between destinations within the SPC region. The app is not fully public yet, but it will be available soon. It uses sidewalk data and allows users to adjust things like maximum incline and whether or not to include steps. It also provides an elevation profile for the trip. The pedestrian focus sets this apart from major applications like google, and ADA presets that adjust things like elevation will also be available for users. Alerts will be given if a route can't be derived within desired parameters. Admin settings allow for adding or altering specific routes within the software. A system will also log routes that people are searching for but are unavailable. Additionally, areas can be removed from routing for things like closures.
      - ii. The intersection of this with various other initiatives such as Pittsburgh Walks, Pittsburgh directional wayfinding kiosks, and the City County Disability Task Force was presented and discussed by the group.
  - d. NFL Draft Update
    - i. Devon White gave a few quick notes on the NFL draft planning efforts, including updates to detour days, free fares on the T and Draft Routes for PRT, and the need for emergency contacts.
  - e. Next meeting: May 6th, 2026, 10:00am, in Washington County hosted by Freedom Transit. Address has been distributed via email.

5. Adjournment

- a. Motion: David Richards      Second: Dave Wohlwill      Action: Approved