

**Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission
Transportation Technical Committee (TTC)
Meeting Minutes via Microsoft Teams
June 11th, 2026, 10:00 a.m.**

Attendees:

- Ann Ogoreuc, Allegheny County Department of Economic Development
- Darin Alviano, Armstrong County Planning Commission
- David Thompson, Beaver County Planning and Economic Development
- Nathan Werner, Butler County Planning and Economic Development
- Arthur Cappella, Fayette County Zoning, Planning, and Community Development
- Jeremy Kelly, 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
- Stephen Shanley, Allegheny County Public Works
- Amy Mathieson, Airport Corridor Transportation Association
- Mavis Rainey, Oakland Transportation Management Association
- Tosh Chambers, Pittsburgh Downtown Partnership
- Tammy Frank, Beaver County Liquid Fuels
- Nathan Clair, Westmoreland County Department of Planning and Development
- Brendan Coticchia, City of Pittsburgh
- Seth Davis, Pittsburgh Regional Transit
- Matt Pavlosky, Port of Pittsburgh
- Gene Porochniak, FHWA
- Brandon Leach, PennDOT Central Office
- Julia Cornell, PennDOT Central Office
- Susan Hyde, PennDOT Central Office
- Matthew Kelley, CDR Maguire
- Leanne Doran, KCI
- Lauren Carlson, Larson Design Group
- Dan Laird, Mannik Smith Group
- Andy Waple, AECOM
- Alison Keating, Pittsburghers for Public Transit
- Dom DeFazio, PennDOT District 10-0
- Alicia Kavulic, PennDOT District 10-0
- Adam Marshall, PennDOT District 10-0
- Jordan Bergamasco, PennDOT District 11-0
- David Hollahan, PennDOT District 11-0
- Stephanie Ma, PennDOT District 11-0
- John Quatman, PennDOT District 11-0
- Dina Salemi, PennDOT District 11-0
- Doug Seeley, PennDOT District 11-0
- Jessica Setmire, PennDOT District 12-0
- Josh Theakston, PennDOT District 12-0

- Indicates TTC voting member

Attendees Cont'd:

Jennifer Liptak, SPC Deputy Executive Director/Chief Operating Officer
 Lillian Gabreski, SPC Transportation Planning Director
 Ryan Gordon, SPC Staff
 Evan Schoss, SPC Staff
 Devon White, SPC Staff
 Chuck Imbrogno, SPC Staff
 Leanne Chaney, SPC Staff
 Ronda Craig, SPC Staff
 Russel Singer, 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 May 14th TTC Meeting Minutes**

A motion was made by Josh Krug and seconded by Ann Ogoreuc to approve the minutes of the May 14th TTC meeting. The motion was approved unanimously.

4. **PennDOT Central Office/SPC Transportation Director Report**

Brandon Leach began the report with a report on the INFRA and the Bridge Investment programs, which have both recently opened for new applications. The INFRA, or Nationally Significant Multimodal Freight and Highway Project program, has opened for two different tracks; the first track is focused on standard INFRA projects and is open until July 5th, with the second track focused on commercial motor vehicle parking projects, which is open until July 15th. Brandon mentioned that he would send out a link to apply for this program, as well as a resource account link for anyone with questions or who would like PennDOT technical assistance on submitting an application for this program. The Bridge Investment Program is also split into two different programs, one for planning grants which are due on June 15th and one for implementation grants which are due on June 29th. Brandon mentioned again that if anyone is planning to submit for this program and would like PennDOT technical assistance to use the attached resource link and send him an email.

Next, Lillian Gabreski discussed the SPC trip to Harrisburg, which took place last week. She mentioned that Rich Fitzgerald will give an extensive report to Commission on the trip, however Lillian will give a quick summary, mentioning that 18 County Commissioners joined SPC on the trip. There were a number of informative meetings which took place over the two and a half days, including meeting with PennDOT Secretary Carroll, as well as DCED Secretary Siger. SPC also met with both the House and Senate transportation committees, as well as leadership in both the House and the Senate. SPC hosted a legislative breakfast, where Commissioners were able to engage with representation on both sides of Pennsylvania congress. A number of presentations were given on some of the work SPC has been doing, including on technical assistance. Lillian mentioned that SPC did receive word that there will not likely be a State Transportation bill coming within the next year, so we will not be seeing any movement on that until after

the election season, however, there has been no slowdown on adopting a State budget for this year, which SPC remains optimistic about for the future. Lillian mentioned that the trip was very successful for SPC and the commissioners in expressing the needs of each of the Counties in the region, and SPC will remain to keep everyone in the loop in the future for any changes in legislative initiatives. Lillian also mentioned the Bridge Investment Program, noting that SPC is aware of a few potential applications for this program, and to keep SPC in the loop on these applications in order for SPC to provide assistance and data, as SPC hopes that these applications can provide more funding to the region.

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

A. PennDOT District 10-0

Adam Marshall went over the four administrative actions for PennDOT District 10-0. The first administrative action was for the replacement of the structure carrying PA 286 (Main Street) over Reeds Run, located in Blacklick Township, Indiana County. The district requests to increase construction and add \$483,100 (STP – FFYs 2026, 2027) to fund the project for advertising at the full scope, with the source of funding coming from the SPC District 10-0 Highway/Bridge Reserve Line Item. The second administrative action was for safety improvements, signal upgrades, and congestion reduction along the SR 68/ SR 356 corridor downtown, located in Butler City, Butler County. The district requests to increase construction and add \$187,050 (CRP/581 – FFY 2026) to address additional adjustments on ADA ramp locations due to signal pole and utility impacts in the field, with the sources of funding coming from the District 10-0 SPC Carbon Reduction Line Item (Federal - \$149,640) and the SPC District 10 Highway/Bridge Reserve Line Item (State - \$37,410). The third administrative action was for the replacement of the existing culvert carrying a tributary to Muddy Creek under the US 422/I-79 Interchange, as well as hillside stabilization in the impacted area, located in Muddy Creek Township, Butler County. The district requests to increase final design and add \$115,000 (185 – FFYs 2026, 2027) to refresh this shelf project and prepare it for construction next year, with the source of funding coming from the SPC District 10-0 Highway/Bridge Reserve Line Item. The fourth administrative action was for resurfacing and other minor upgrades from along SR 422 from East of Worthington to the Judge Graff Bridge, located in East Franklin and North Buffalo Townships, Armstrong County. The district requests to add utilities and program \$170,000 (581 – FFY 2027) due to a need for the phase on the project, with the source of funding coming from unneeded construction funds on the Three Degree Road Intersection.

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

B. PennDOT District 11-0

John Quatman went over the seven administrative actions for PennDOT District 11-0. The first administrative action was for a slide remediation, located on SR 4032, Fern Hollow Road between Audubon Road and Camp Meeting Road in Sewickley Heights and Bell Acres Boros, Allegheny County. The district requests to increase the construction phase by \$600,000 (PROTECT) funding in FFY 2026 for additional slide repair, with the source of funding coming from the PennDOT Central Office's PROTECT Reserve line item. The second administrative action was for interchange improvements, ramp extension and bridge construction, located on I-376 from the Parkway Center Interchange (SR 8091) to the Fort Pitt Tunnel in the

City of Pittsburgh, Allegheny County. The district requests to increase the final design phase by \$1,100,000 (CAQ) in FFY 2026 to cover escalation, department and additional effort needed to complete final design, with the source of funding coming from the SPC CMAQ Line Item and two available deobligations. The third administrative action was for a bridge preservation project, located on SR 2114 (McKeesport-Duquesne Bridge) over the Monongahela River and railroad in the City of Duquesne and McKeesport, Allegheny County. The district requests to advance the construction phase by \$1,739,000 (NHPP) and \$2,561,000 (STP) from FFY 2029 to \$4,300,000 (NHPP) in FFY 2027 to capture more obligation, with the source of funding coming from the Mossdale Blvd-PA 130 to Haymaker project.

The fourth administrative action was for traffic flow Improvements - adding left turn lanes on Freedom Crider Road, located on SR 2004 Freedom Crider Road at SR 2006 Lovi Road in New Sewickley Township, Beaver County. The district requests to increase the final design phase by \$40,000 (CAQ) and \$10,000 (581) in FFY 2026 for negotiated design consultant and department review cost, with the source of funding coming from the SPC CMAQ and Betterment Reserve line items. The fifth administrative action was for a bridge rehabilitation project, located on SR 4068, Bakerstown Road over CSX Railroad in Richland Township, Allegheny County. The district requests to add a final design phase by \$600,000 (185) to TIP in FFY 2027 to cover final design tasks, with the source of funding coming from the District Bridge line item. The sixth administrative action was for a signal improvement project, located on SR 4003, McKnight Road, from Nelson Run Interchange to Perrymont Road in Ross, Pine and McCandless Township, Allegheny County. The district requests to increase the construction phase by \$2,636,000 (CRPU) in FFY 2026 as part of a fund swap involving CRPU and STP/STU funds, with the source of funding coming from the SPC Regional CRP/CRPU line item. The seventh administrative action was for the same signal improvement project, as the district requests to remove the construction phase funding by \$1,689,098 (STP) and \$946,902 (STU) in FFY 2026, which will be placed into the Betterment Reserve line item.

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

C. PennDOT District 12-0

Josh Theakston went over the three amendments and three administrative actions for PennDOT District 12-0. The first amendment was for the replacement of the structure carrying Chestnut Road over the South branch of Maple Creek, located in Twilight Borough, Washington County. The district requests to add a right-of-way phase, utilizing Federal BRIP funding, to the program in FFY 2026, with the source of funding coming from the District 12-0 Highway/Bridge Line Item (MPMS# 76508). The second amendment was for the rehabilitation of the structure carrying PA 136 (Main Street) over Youghiogheny River in West Newton Borough, Westmoreland County. The district requests to increase the construction phase, utilizing Federal STP funding, in FFY 2027 and 2028 to cover low bid plus inspection, with the source of funding coming from the District 12-0 Highway/Bridge Line Item (MPMS# 76508). The third amendment was for the design and construction of a 2.3-mile section of the Sheepskin Trail from the current terminus in South Union south to Fairchance Borough, running through several municipalities in Fayette County. The district requests to advance the Preliminary Engineering phase of MPMS#122384- Sheepskin Trail SE Nilan Bridge to adjust the cash flow since the project will not be delivered in FFY 2026 and will be balanced through MPMS#94698- SPC Smart Transportation Line Item.

The first administrative action was for the acquisition of (8) 35' CNG Transit Buses for the Mid Mon Valley Transit Authority. The district requests to advance the construction phase, utilizing Federal CMAQ funding, on the 2025 TIP from FFY 2027 to FFY 2026. The source of funding will come from the SPC CMAQ Line Item (MPMS# 84078). The second administrative action was for improvements to four signals located on US 30 from Sheraton Drive to Lewis Rd, located in Hempfield and Unity Township, Westmoreland County. The district requests to increase the Preliminary Engineering Phase, with federal CMAQ funding being sourced from the SPC CMAQ Line Item (MPMS#114563). The third administrative action was for safety improvements to the western section of the US 30 Corridor Safety Improvement Study Area from the intersection of US 30/PA 48 to Malts Lane. The district requests to increase the right-of-way phase, utilizing Federal CMAQ funds, on the 2025 TIP in FFY 2026. The source of funding will come from the SPC CMAQ Line Item (MPMS# 84078).

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

6. **2027 TIP Update**

Ryan Gordon gave an update to the 2027 TIP, beginning with the conclusion of the formal comment period. SPC staff are currently reviewing and developing responses to each of the comments received, and the agency comments on the air quality conformity report have been addressed and responses to that will also be included in those comments. SPC is now preparing the draft 2027 TIP for presentation to the Commission on June 22nd, where the Commission will undertake consideration of the TIP. Ryan next mentioned the public participation panel meetings, of which 10 public meetings were held over the 30 day public comment period. Ryan thanked Ronda Craig for helping with all those meetings., as well as the PennDOT district staff and Transit operator staff who attended and participated in the meetings. These included eight in-person meetings and two virtual meetings, and SPC received 60 comments from the Public which will all be addressed and shared before the Commission meeting. Ryan noted that he will be looking for TTC to take action to recommend the 2027 Draft TIP for approval to the Commission, noting that work on the TIP has taken a year and half, and a majority of people on the call have been involved in this process. Ryan made a note that the resolutions that are being put forth to the Commission were passed yesterday at TOC for adoption.

Arthur Cappella made the motion to approve the 2027 Draft TIP for Commission adoption, which was seconded by Josh Krug. The motion was approved unanimously.

7. **2027 Long Range Plan Update**

Lillian Gabreski gave an update to the 2027 Long Range Plan, beginning with the May 18th expert panel, which reviewed draft strategies which will be used for the final draft strategies for the long range plan. The first draft versions of the long range plan strategies will be presented during the Regional Policy Conference, which will be held on Friday, July 17th. Invitations to the conference will be sent out sometime next week, and the Conference will start at 9am and run until noon. The last time this Conference was held was in 2018, and the basis of the Conference is to bring all five work groups for the Long Range Plan together, in which everyone can talk through the different changes, factors, and strategies that were identified throughout the work group process. We will also look at next steps, which include formalizing the strategies, vision, and goals of Build To Thrive, the formal name for the new Long Range Plan. There will also be a special guest speaker, who will be announced at a later date, who will speak during the lunch break.

Ryan Gordon next gave an overview of the schedule for the Long-Range Plan, starting with the Regional Policy Conference on July 17th. He mentioned that SPC will be working on a fiscally constrained long-range transportation project list, as well as a transit list, as well as identifying other projects that are not in fiscal constraint. The LRTP Candidate development resources, including data on the fiscal constraint project list and SPCs current project list, will be sent out to work group members after the Regional Policy meeting. There will be virtual work group meetings held in September, with an anticipated deadline to submit new candidate projects by the end of September. The first in-person work group meetings will take place in October, which will review the candidate projects. Public Long Range Plan outreach and meetings will also take place in the November/December timeframe. A second round of work group meetings will take place in December, with a review of prioritization of candidate projects and a discussion of carryover projects. There will be a possible check in meeting held in January 2027, before the third round of work group meetings in February 2027 to finalize the fiscally constrained and unconstrained project lists. The TOC and TTC will look to approve the project lists during the March 2027 meetings, after which SPC will conduct Air Quality conformity, and assemble to final Long Range Plan document throughout March and April. After a 30-day public comment period in the May/June timeframe, the final Long Range Plan adoption will take place in June of 2027.

8. **SPC Draft Meeting Calendar**

Ryan Gordon gave an overview of the SPC meeting calendar for July 2026 through June 2027, noting that it is currently in a draft format, and some of these meeting dates may change before it is adopted by Commission at the end of the month. Ryan also noted that the next TTC meeting in July will be the combined TOC/TTC meeting and will be an in-person meeting.

9. **Other Business/Status Reports**

Mavis Rainey made a note on the closure of I-376 for the Commercial Street project in July, and included a link to critical information for detours, commuting alternatives, park and ride information, and public transit. Ryan noted that for next month, he was going to reach out to District 11-0 to give a short presentation on the Commercial Street project, which Doug Seeley of District 11-0 commented that a presentation on the project was possible for next month. Josh Krug made a comment that there will be a ribbon cutting of the Hoodlebug trail/Route 22 bicycle/pedestrian bridge on July 9th at 11am. The ceremony will take place at the park and ride lot located at 1601 Old William Penn Highway in Blairsville.

10. **Adjourn**

A motion to adjourn was made by Jeff Skalican and seconded by Ann Ogoreuc. The motion was passed unanimously and Ryan Gordon called for the adjournment of the meeting at 11:22 AM.