

**Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission
Transportation Technical Committee (TTC)
Meeting Minutes via Microsoft Teams
May 14th, 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
- 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
- Mavis Rainey, Oakland Transportation Management Association
- Tosh Chambers, Pittsburgh Downtown Partnership
- Jaclyn Karolski, Allegheny County Department of Economic Development
- Tammy Frank, Beaver County Liquid Fuels
- Brendan Coticchia, City of Pittsburgh
- Matt Pavlosky, Port of Pittsburgh
- Brandon Leach, PennDOT Central Office
- Julia Cornell, PennDOT Central Office
- Susan Hyde, PennDOT Central Office
- Matthew Kelley, CDR Maguire
- Leanne Doran, KCI
- Andy Waple, AECOM
- Alison Keating, Pittsburghers for Public Transit
- Ngani Ndimbie, PennDOT
- Dom DeFazio, PennDOT District 10-0
- Adam Marshall, PennDOT District 10-0
- Jordan Bergamasco, PennDOT District 11-0
- John Quatman, PennDOT District 11-0
- Dina Salemi, PennDOT District 11-0
- Jessica Setmire, PennDOT District 12-0
- Josh Theakston, PennDOT District 12-0
- Lillian Gabreski, SPC Transportation Planning Director
- Ryan Gordon, SPC Staff
- Evan Schoss, SPC Staff
- Devon White, SPC Staff
- Chuck Imbrogno, SPC Staff
- Belachew Ayele, SPC Staff
- Leanne Chaney, SPC Staff
- Ronda Craig, SPC Staff
- Greg Shermeto, SPC Staff
- Sara Walfoort, SPC Staff
- John Weber, SPC Staff

- Indicates TTC voting member

1. **Call to Order**

Ryan Gordon called the meeting to order at 10:02 AM with a roll call for the TTC members.

2. **Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

3. **Action on April 16th TTC Meeting Minutes**

A motion was made by Jeff Skalican and seconded by Becky Butler to approve the minutes of the April 16th TTC meeting. The motion was approved unanimously.

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

Brandon Leach reported on the Statewide Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside, or TASA awards, which were released on Monday. \$74 million was awarded to 72 projects across Pennsylvania, with seven projects being awarded within the SPC region (three in Allegheny County, two in Armstrong County, One in Beaver and Indiana Counties). These projects can be viewed on the PennDOT website. Next, Lillian Gabreski gave a report on the Safe Streets for All application period, which is currently open. Applications for the program are due on May 26th, and Lillian has heard of applications being put forth from Allegheny County, Fayette County, and Westmoreland County. Lillian asked if anyone else is moving forward with an application to please let SPC know, and if they are using the SPC action plan, to please reach out and let SPC know so that we can coordinate efforts from the beginning, including the ability to send out letters of support. Lillian also mentioned that SPC will be sending staff, along with SPC commissioners, to Harrisburg on June 1st and 2nd in order to meet with legislators and participate in the Allegheny Conference annual event. If there is any questions that member of TTC may have for the legislators, or any information needed for your Counties or regions, please let Lillian or DJ Ryan know before June 1st.

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

A. PennDOT District 10-0

Adam Marshall went over the one amendment and one administrative action for PennDOT District 10-0. The first amendment was for the rehabilitation of the existing structure carrying SR 56 over the Conemaugh River, located in East Wheatfield and St. Clair Townships, Indiana County. The district requests to add the project to the TIP and program preliminary engineering at \$300,000 (STP – FFY 2026) due to recent bridge inspections showing a need to rehabilitate the structure. The sources for the project will come from the PA 356 over Tributary to Coal Run project (\$29,628 of deobligated final design funds), the PA 356 over Tributary to Coal Run project (\$8,786 of additional deobligated final design funds), the Freedom Road Turnpike Bridge project (\$4,111 of deobligated utility funds), the Marion Center Bridge #1 project (\$229,600 of deobligated preliminary engineering funds), and the Ekastown West 3R project (\$27,875 of unneeded utility funds). The first administrative action was for a roadway resurfacing along Jones and Rothman Roads to the township line, located in Brady's Bend Township, Armstrong County. The district requests to add the project to the TIP and program \$147,841 (State MTF – FFY 2026), with the source of funding coming from the Multimodal Reserve and local funds.

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

B. PennDOT District 11-0

John Quatman went over the four administrative actions for PennDOT District 11-0. The first administrative action was for a mill and overlay project, located on SR 2046, Streets Run Road in the City of Pittsburgh, Baldwin and Whitehall Boroughs, Allegheny County. The district requests to decrease the construction phase by \$500,000 (SXF) in FFY 2027 and Increase PE by \$500,000 (SXF) in FFY 2026 to obligate Earmark prior to expiration. The second administrative action was for a culvert replacement and flood mitigation, located on SR 1004, Kittanning Pike in O'Hara Township, Allegheny County. The district requests to transfer right-of-way funds by \$460,000 (SXF) and final design funds by \$240,000 (SXF) to preliminary engineering funds \$700,000 (SXF) in FFY 2026 to capture Earmark funds prior to 9/30/26 deadline. The third administrative action was for a bridge replacement project, located on Jacks Run Road over I-279 in Ross Township, Allegheny County. The district requests to increase the construction phase by \$1,760,000 (BOF) in FFY 2026 for updated estimate, with the sources of funding coming from the Abers Creek Bridge #3/#4 project based on projects' current schedule, available deobligations, and the Local Bridge Preservation line item. The fourth administrative action was for a bridge rehabilitation project, located on PA 366, Tarentum Bridge over Norfolk Southern Rail and Allegheny River, in Tarentum Borough, Allegheny County. The district requests to add a right-of-way phase by \$300,000 (NHPP) in FFY 2026 for anticipated right-of-way tasks, with the source of funding coming from 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 eight administrative actions for PennDOT District 12-0. The first administrative action was for the replacement of the structure carrying State Route 4091 (Leechburg Road) over a stream to the Kiskiminetas River, located in Allegheny Township, Westmoreland County. The district requests to add a right-of-way phase, utilizing State A-581 funds, to the program in FFY 2026. The funding will be sourced from the District 12 Highway/Bridge Line Item (MPMS# 76508). The second administrative action was for the replacement of the structure carrying State Route 3009 (Old Scales Road) over a Branch of Chartiers Creek, located in South Franklin Township, Washington County. The district is requesting to add a utility phase, utilizing State A-581 funds, to the program in FFY 2026. The funding will be sourced from the District 12 Highway/Bridge Line Item (MPMS# 76508). The third administrative action was for the rehabilitation of the structure carrying State Route 3014 (Vaneal Road) over Chartiers Creek, located in South Franklin Township, Washington County. The district requests to increase the utility phase, utilizing State A-581 funds, to the program in FFY 2027. The funding will be sourced from the District 12 Highway/Bridge Line Item (MPMS# 76508). The fourth administrative action was for the replacement of the structure carrying PA 221 over a branch of Ruff Creek, located in Washington Township, Greene County. The district requests to add a utility, right-of-way, and construction phase, utilizing State A-581 funds, to the TIP in FFY 2027. The funding will be sourced from the District 12 Highway/Bridge Line Item (MPMS# 76508).

The fifth administrative action was for the Department Force replacement/rehabilitation of the structure carrying State Route 1021 (Crucible Road) over Neel Run, located in Cumberland Township, Greene County. The district requests to add a utility, right-of-way, and construction phase, utilizing State A-581 funds, to the TIP in FFY 2027. The funding will be sourced from the District 12 Highway/Bridge Line Item (MPMS# 76508). The sixth administrative action was for the rehabilitation of the structure carrying SR 1010 (River Road) over Pumpkin Run, located in Rices Landing Borough, Greene County. The district requests to increase the construction phase, utilizing Federal BOF funds, in FFY 2026 to cover low bid plus inspection. The funding will be sourced from the District 12 Highway/Bridge Line Item (MPMS# 76508). The seventh administrative action was for preservation activities to various structures in various municipalities districtwide. The district requests to remove the project from the TIP as the project will not be ready to bid before the expiration of the current TIP. Funding is programmed on the 2027 TIP for the project. The funding will be returned to the District 12 Highway/Bridge Line Item (MPMS# 76508). The eighth administrative action was for the 2026 contract for substructure preservation activities in various locations districtwide. The district requests to increase the construction phase, utilizing State A-185 funds, to the 2025 TIP in FFY 2027. The source of funding will come from the District 12 Highway/Bridge Line Item (MPMS# 76508).

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

D. Transit TIP Updates

Devon White gave an update on the one action on the Transit TIP from the previous month, which was from Westmoreland County Transit for a \$1.4 million reprogramming from FY 25 to FY 26 for a bus wash replacement project.

6. 2027 TIP Update

Ryan Gordon gave an update to the 2027 TIP, going over the schedule for the public comment period and upcoming public meetings. Ryan mentioned that the draft TIP documents are currently posted on the SPC website, which includes the TIP report and its 10 appendices. These appendices include the SPC self-certification, the MOU, and other documents that have been reviewed at TTC in the past few months. Also, on the SPC website is interactive mapping on the comments currently received during the comment period, as well as mapping of the candidate projects for the draft TIP. Currently, SPC is also making their way through each County in the region, with three meetings already completed in Fayette, Armstrong, and Indiana Counties. Ryan mentioned that the next public meeting will be held later today in Washington County, and the rest of the public meetings will be held over the course of the next few weeks. At each meeting SPC will be giving a short presentation, displaying maps and answering questions one-on-one on the TIP. SPC staff will be at each meeting, as well as representatives from the transit agencies, as well as each PennDOT District. The public comment period will be open until June 7th, and a summary of the comments received will be presented at the next TTC meeting. There will also be a recommendation for draft TIP adoption to be held at the June TTC meeting, which will lead to a vote from Commission to adopt the full plan at the end of June.

Next, Ryan discussed the Smart Transportation for Livable Communities, or STLC, program, which opened for preliminary applications back in February. After the re=applications were due in early March, the sponsors were notified if the projects meet the requirements, and final applications were sent out by

mid-March. Final applications for the STLC projects were due on April 10th, and after a project evaluation and selection process, Ryan mentioned that today SPC is ready to present their findings and for TTC to endorse the recommended STLC projects for this selection period. The STLC projects are evaluated on three scoring criteria: technical scoring, ancillary scoring, and deliverability scoring. The technical scoring is evaluated with transportation and land use consistency, community support, multimodal aspects, safety, and sustainability. Ancillary scoring includes consistency with SPC long range plan vision and strategies, consistency with the active transportation plans and strategies, a demonstration of collaboration and partnering with communities, benefits to low-income communities, and funding amounts and uses of non-traditional funding. Deliverability is evaluated from a panel of deliverability experts, who assess project readiness and if the project is free of significant issues and can be delivered within the proposed budget and schedule. The deliverability committee also looks at political and community support, sponsor history, environmental clearance and permits, utility and railroad involvement, and right-of-way.

Ryan next reviewed the seven candidate projects for the STLC program, beginning with the 8th Street Corridor Improvement Project, which was for design work for corridor improvements along 8th Street in downtown Indiana, including crosswalks, traffic calming, and streetscape improvements. This project was submitted by Indiana County and PennDOT District 10-0 and requested \$200,000 in STLC funding. The second project was for the Sheepskin Trail - South Union Township to Fairchance Borough, which was for design work for a 2.3 mile section of the Sheepskin Trail, running from South Union Township to Fairchance Borough. This project was submitted by Fayette County and requested \$173,192 in STLC funding. The third project was for the Mt. Pleasant Road Corridor Operations Study, which was for a Study for a corridor plan along Mr. Pleasant Road in Hempfield Township. This project was submitted by Westmoreland County and requested \$250,000 in STLC funding. The fourth project was for the Three Rivers Heritage Trail – Slope Stabilization & Trail Restoration, which was for 100 feet of trail remediation along the Three Rivers Heritage Trail in the Chateau district of the City of Pittsburgh. The project was submitted by the City of Pittsburgh and requested \$1,000,000 in STLC funding. The fifth project was for shoulder reconstruction and restoration along SR 18 in Wilmington and Neshannock Townships, Lawrence County. This project was submitted by PennDOT District 11-0 and requested \$1,000,000 in STLC funding. The sixth project was for 1.3 miles of rock wall stabilization along SR 1001 and Three Rivers Heritage Trail construction in O'Hara Township, Allegheny County. This project was submitted by PennDOT District 11-0 and Allegheny County and requested \$1,000,000 in STLC funding. The seventh project was for the design and construction of a roundabout at the intersection of Brodhead Road and Pleasant Drive in Center Township, Beaver County. This project was submitted by PennDOT District 11-0 and requested \$1,000,000 in STLC funding.

Ryan next reviewed the deliverability scoring, going over the notes for each project as to how and why they scored as they did. He then reviewed the full, unweighted scores for all the projects, noting that the final scoring is weighted so that the deliverability of the project is scored for 40% of the final score, with the technical scoring accounting for 50% and the ancillary scoring accounting for the final 10%. Ryan next showed the weighted scoring, giving the final results of the selection process. The priority rankings of the projects are set by the weighted project evaluations, as these projects give the greatest benefit and deliverability based on the objectives of the program. After carryover of previous STLC projects was reviewed, the estimated funding available for this round of STLC was established to be \$6 million, and funding was applied to these projects in priority rank order, ending when inadequate funds exist to fund

the next available project. Ryan next showed the final recommendation of projects, noting that all total projects combined only requested \$4,623,000, meaning that all seven STLC projects have been recommended for funding, leaving the remaining \$1.3 million in contingency for future cost increases.

Ryan asked for a motion to recommend the approved projects for commission approval. Arthur Cappella made a motion to recommend the approved projects, which were seconded by Josh Krug. The projects were recommended unanimously. Ryan thanked everyone for their work on the STLC program for this cycle, and these projects will be presented to the Commission during the June meeting for approval.

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 will be held at 1pm on Zoom. Invitations were sent out to panel members by Lillian, and a reminder email will be sent around later today. Lillian mentioned that after the first expert panel meeting, scenarios were made in order to begin developing strategies for the Long Range Plan, which identified change factors for the region. This meeting will be to identify strategies in order to develop them further, with a third expert panel meeting, occurring on July 17th, which will be a conference style format in order to present and review the strategies that come out of the first two expert panel meetings and to formally adopt the vision, goals, and strategies for the Long Range Plan. The conference meeting will be held in Southpointe, Washington County, with a time still to be finalized. After the formal adoption of the vision, goals, and strategies, development of the project list can begin, which will take approximately one year. Lillian also thanked the people who filled out the survey for the Long Range Plan, mentioning that SPC received 270 responses and provided good feedback. Lillian mentioned another survey will be sent out in the fall for the Long Range Plan, so if you were unable to fill out the initial survey, there will be more chances to provide feedback.

8. **Other Business/Status Reports**

Josh Krug made a note that tomorrow is Walk, Bike or Bus to work day, which Indiana County is promoting through the Transit Authority, the Chamber of Commerce, and the Downtown Indiana Business Organization. Josh mentioned this is also Safe Biking and Walking Month in Indiana County, and have recently held a bike to school day, in which 32 riders from 4th and 5th grade at Eisenhower Elementary rode bikes to school. On May 21st, Indiana County will host a Safe Walking, Biking, and Driving seminar at the Indiana Borough municipal building at 5:30pm. This will be led by Leanne Chaney of SPC staff, and Indiana County is excited to host the seminar. Matt Pavlosky also noted that next week is National Safe Boating Week, which kicks off next Monday with a newsletter on how to prepare for recreational boating season. On Next Thursday at 11am, Port of Pittsburgh will be hosting a press conference with the US Army Corps and US Coast Guard to prep people on how to prepare for a safe boating season, how to handle the waters, and what is happening with Pittsburgh's water infrastructure.

9. **Adjourn**

A motion to adjourn was made by Jeff Skalican and seconded by Becky Butler. The motion was passed unanimously and Ryan Gordon called for the adjournment of the meeting at 11:17 AM.