

Full Commission Meeting

August 24th, 2026



Opening Agenda Items

1. Welcome/Introductions and Call To Order
 - a) Quorum
 - b) Any Conflict of Interest Declarations on Action Items
2. Minutes from June 22nd, 2026 Meeting
3. Public Comment

Executive Director's Report

Rich Fitzgerald, Executive Director

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Executive Director's Report

- DC Fly In
 - September 29th and 30th
 - Email coming to you soon with full details and hotel block information
 - Different format for this year to include local business success
- Data Center Symposium in Butler County
 - Thank you to commissioners who attended
 - We continue to monitor data center developments and regulation
 - Governor's Executive Order

Mon Fayette Expressway Tour

- Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission Project
- SPC Staff and Chairman Vicites, Sen Pisciotano, Reps. Inglis and Goughenour
- Next section to Camp Hollow Rd. In West Mifflin to open in November
- Two more sections to complete to Duquesne/Kennywood



Trail Openings

- Hoodlebug Trail bridge over US22, Indiana County
- Westmoreland Heritage Trail expansion
 - 23 acres of land preservation



Executive Director's Report

- Commercial Street Bridge Reopening
- Upcoming Projects
 - Banksville Rd. Interchange with Parkway West
 - Bathtub project – Parkway Downtown
- Road Safety
 - Safety Audit of Kennywood Blvd (Allegheny County Safety Action Plan)
 - PA65
- Economic Development
 - BBB extension
 - Rural Healthcare
 - GE Renova Event



Transportation Planning Report

Lillian Gabreski, Director of Transportation

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Allegheny County Safety Action Plan & CCAP Annual Conference



Transportation Department Updates

- SPC 2027 TIP Adopted by the Commission - Thank you!
- State Transportation Committee adopted the 2027 STIP and 2027 TYP (Twelve-Year Plan) on August 5th
- TIP Work Group completed an After Action Survey on the 2027 TIP Update
 - Concurrence on process and materials SPC used in development of 2027 TIP.
- Media release highlighting SPC Competitive Programs recently approved projects
- July Joint Transportation Technical Committee/Transit Operators Committee Meeting
- Comprehensive Planning:
 - Lawrence County Comprehensive Plan Kickoff
 - Allegheny County Comprehensive Plan (Allegheny Forward) Action Team
 - City of Pittsburgh Comprehensive Plan

Transportation Department Updates

- Regional Operations Plan (ROP) Update Meetings in each district
- Road Safety Audits completed and reports being finalized for:
 - SR 837 Kennywood/Duquesne Blvd in West Mifflin and Duquesne, Allegheny County
 - SR 51 in Franklin Township, Fayette County
 - SR 22 in Blairsville and Burrell Townships, Indiana County
 - SR 68 Pedestrian/Bicycle Walk Audit in Vanport, Beaver, Bridgewater, Beaver County
- Active Transportation team continues to provide technical assistance for municipalities looking at trail feasibility, complete streets, vision zero, and general bicycle/pedestrian access and safety
- Active Transportation Resource Center - www.atrc-spc.org



Transportation Department Updates

- Congratulations to Butler County Transit - received state technical assistance program implementation grant for service realignment
 - Based on Service Alignment Plan completed by SPC team
- Fayette Area Coordinated Transit (FACT) Plan underway to complete similar study on route alignment, bus shelter locations, and fleet requirements.
- Assisted IndiGO (Indiana County) with understanding PROWAG requirements and responsibilities for shelter replacements
- Met with TACT (Armstrong County) and Lutheran Senior LIFE to reduce duplicative service funded by 5310 enhanced mobility of seniors and individuals with disabilities grant program



2027 Long Range Plan Development



Expert Panel Meetings

- Five focus areas – Transportation, Technology, Land Use/Development, Funding and Socioeconomics
- First expert panel work group meeting held on March 23rd at the Steamfitters Event Center in Harmony, PA
 - Identified change factors and prioritized them based on certainty/uncertainty and whether they would have positive/negative impact on region
- Second meeting held virtually on May 18th
 - Brainstorming strategies to address change factors
- Concurrent survey to public to prioritize change factors and topics of concern to the region



Policy Development Conference

- Full day event to bring expert panel groups together and debrief discussions and conclusions across groups
- Panel discussion with honorary chairs
- Activities to prioritize strategies and identify areas of investment
- Keynote address and fireside chat with Lieutenant Governor, Austin Davis



Long Range Plan Timeline

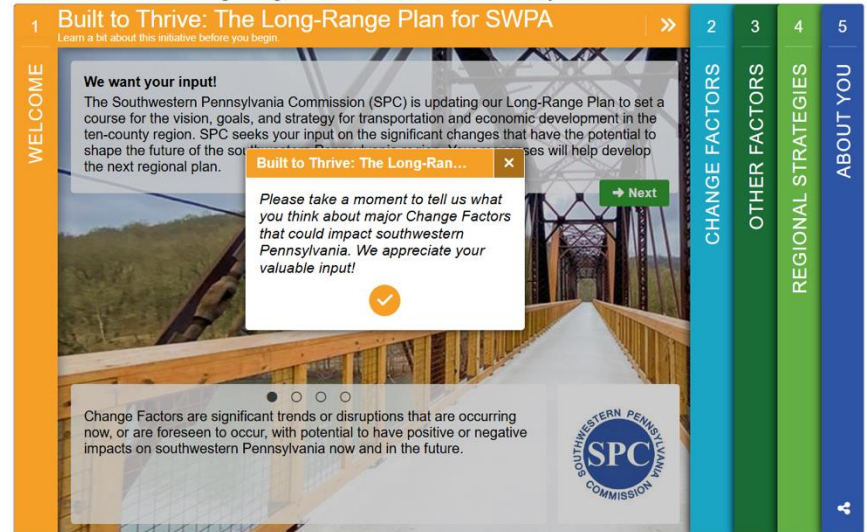
- October 2025: SPC Executive Committee Briefing
- December 2025: SPC Commission Briefing
- March 2026: Expert Resource Panel Meeting 1
- April 2026: Survey 1 Launch
- May 2026: Expert Resource Panel Meeting 2
- ➔ • July 2026: Policy Conference
- September 2026 – March 2027: Long Range Plan Work Groups with counties and PennDOT Districts, Report Writing
- October – November 2026: Fall Public Meetings and Survey 2
- December 2026: Vision, Goals and Strategies presented to Commission
- April - May 2027: Spring Public Meetings
- June 2027: Long Range Plan Adoption

BUILT TO THRIVE



The Long Range Plan for Southwestern Pennsylvania

Built to Thrive: The Long-Range Plan for Southwestern Pennsylvania



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CMAQ Performance Measures

Chuck Imbrogno, Manager of Models and Data Analysis

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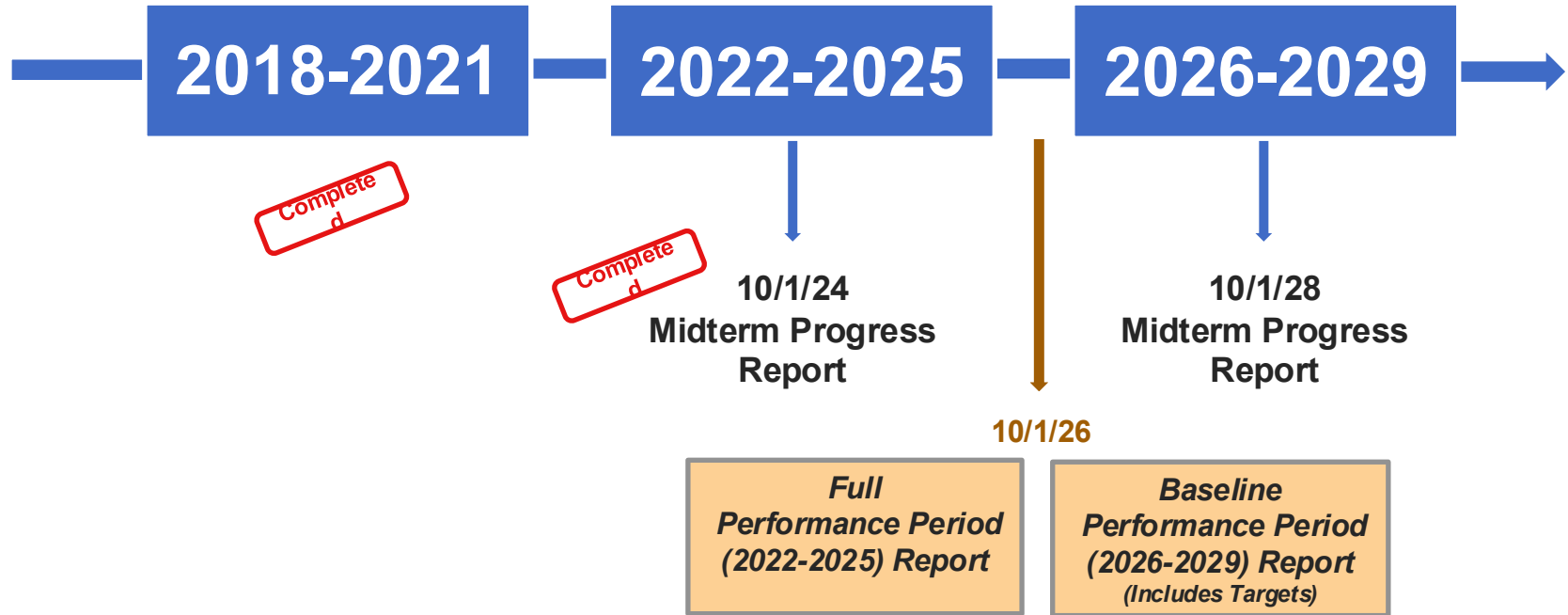
CMAQ Program Performance Measures

Definitions:

- **Excess Peak Hour Delay Per Capita (PHED) – Urbanized Area –**
 - The extra amount of time spent in roadway congestion; defined as (for the purposes of the performance rule) travel speed less than 20 mph or 60 percent of the posted speed limit, whichever is greater. Peak Periods are defined as weekdays from 6 a.m. to 10 a.m. and from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m.
- **Percent Non-SOV Travel – Urbanized Area –**
 - Non-SOV Travel = Any travel mode to work other than driving alone in a motorized vehicle (i.e. single occupancy vehicle or SOV travel) including travel avoided by work from home.
- **Total Emissions Reduction – Nonattainment Areas –**
 - The 2-year and 4-year cumulative estimated emissions reduction (kg/day) from CMAQ funded projects in an MPO planning area for the criteria pollutants for which the area is designated nonattainment or maintenance. The criteria pollutants include ozone (O₃) and particulate matter (PM_{2.5}) and the precursor pollutants; volatile organic compounds (VOC) and oxides of nitrogen (NO_x).



CMAQ Performance Measures



CMAQ Program Performance Measures

Components of Performance Plans and Schedule for Reporting:

Key Component	Baseline Performance Period Report	Mid-Performance Period Progress Report	Full Performance Period Progress Report
Condition/performance	Baseline condition/performance	2-year condition/performance	4-year condition/performance
Targets	Applicable 2-year and 4-year targets	Adjusted 4-year targets (optional)	n/a
Description of projects	Description of projects	Updated descriptions of projects	n/a
Assessment of progress	n/a	Assessment of projects' contribution to achieving 2-year targets	Assessment of projects' contribution to achieving 4-year targets
Due Dates	October 1, 2018 And every 4 years thereafter (10/1/22; 10/1/26; etc)	October 1, 2020 And every 4 years thereafter (10/1/24; 10/1/28; etc)	October 1, 2022 And every 4 years thereafter (10/1/26; 10/1/30; etc)



CMAQ Program Performance Measures

Progress in Achieving 2023 and 2025 Targets:

Congestion Measure	Annual Hours of Peak Hour Delay/Capita & Percent Non-SOV Travel					
	2021 Baseline	2023 2-Year Target	2023 Actual	2025 4-Year Target	Updated 2025 4-Yr Target	2025 Actual
PHED	9.3	10.5 	11.6 	10.5	10.5 	11.9 
Percent Non-SOV Travel	27.6%	27.0% 	31.8% 	27.0%	27.0% 	34.8% 



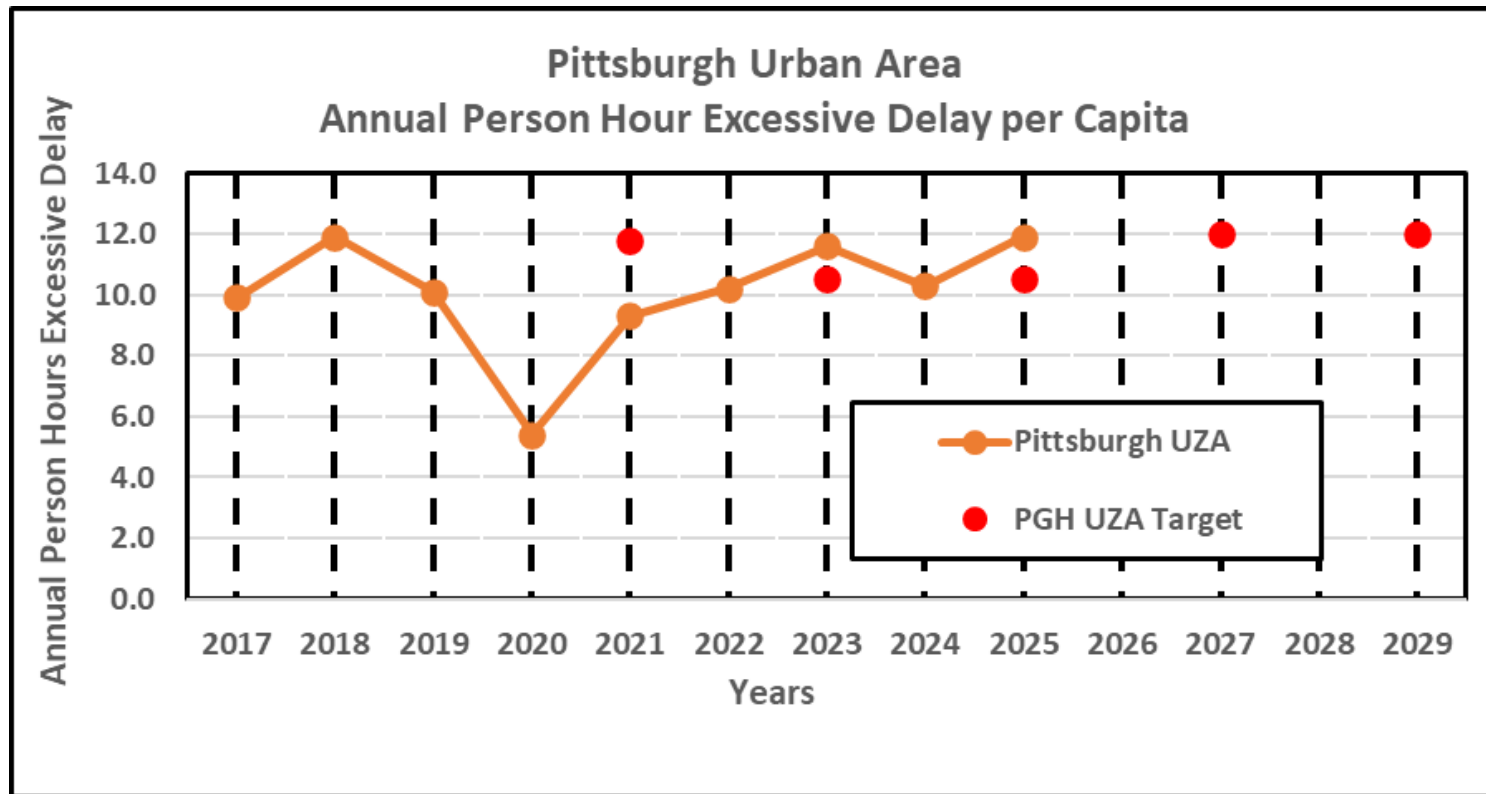
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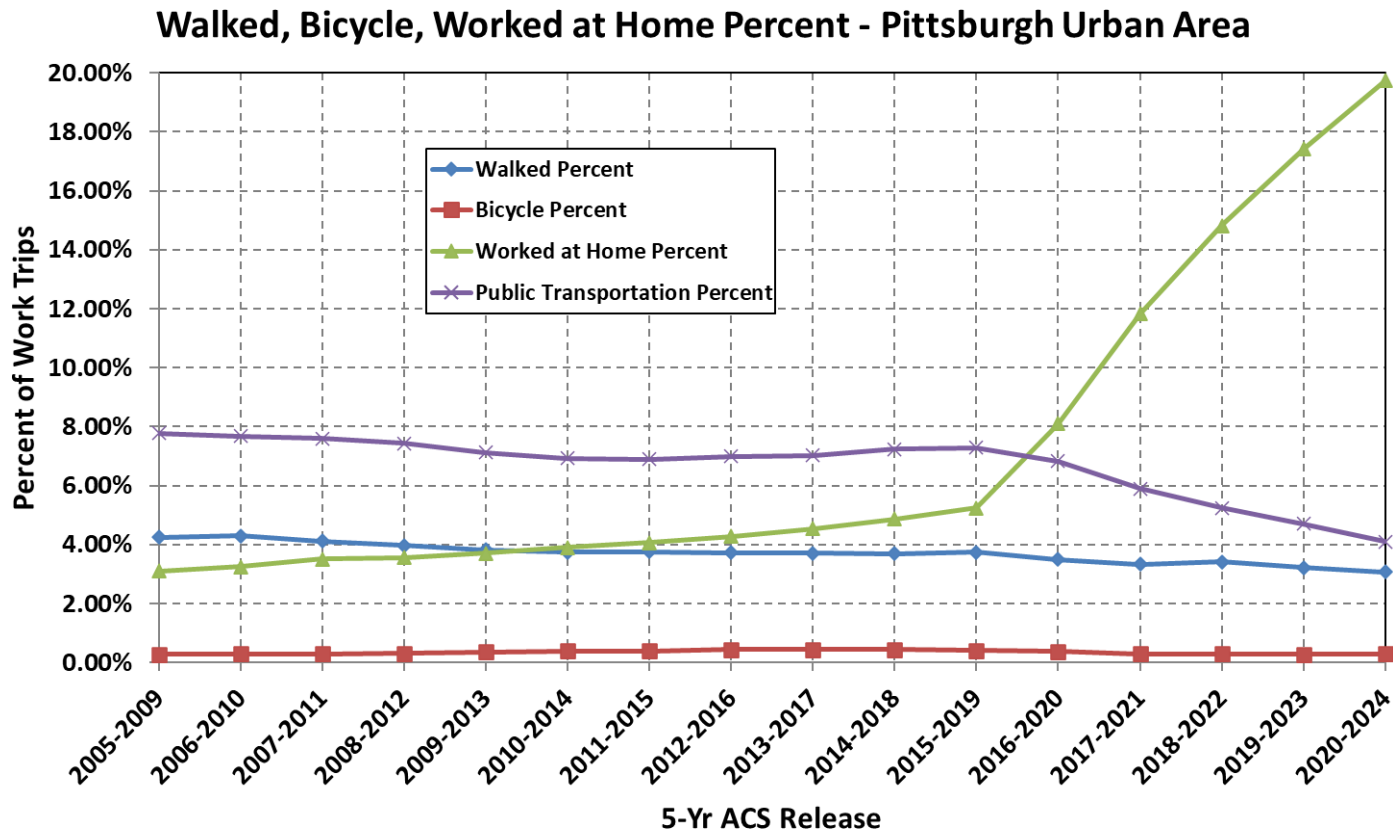
Emission Reduction Measure (kg/day)	On-Road Mobile-Source Emission Reduction (kg/day)				
	2022-2023 2-Year Emission Reduction Target	2022-2023 Actual Emission Reduction	2022-2025 4-Year Emission Reduction Target	Adjusted 2025 4-Yr Emission Reduction Target	2022-2025 Actual Emission Reduction
VOC Emissions	35.58 	24.74 	71.16	71.16 	111.63 
NOx Emissions	92.64 	625.44 	185.27	185.27 	807.47 
PM _{2.5} Emissions	4.88 	15.94 	9.76	9.76 	24.12 



PM3 CMAQ Performance Measures

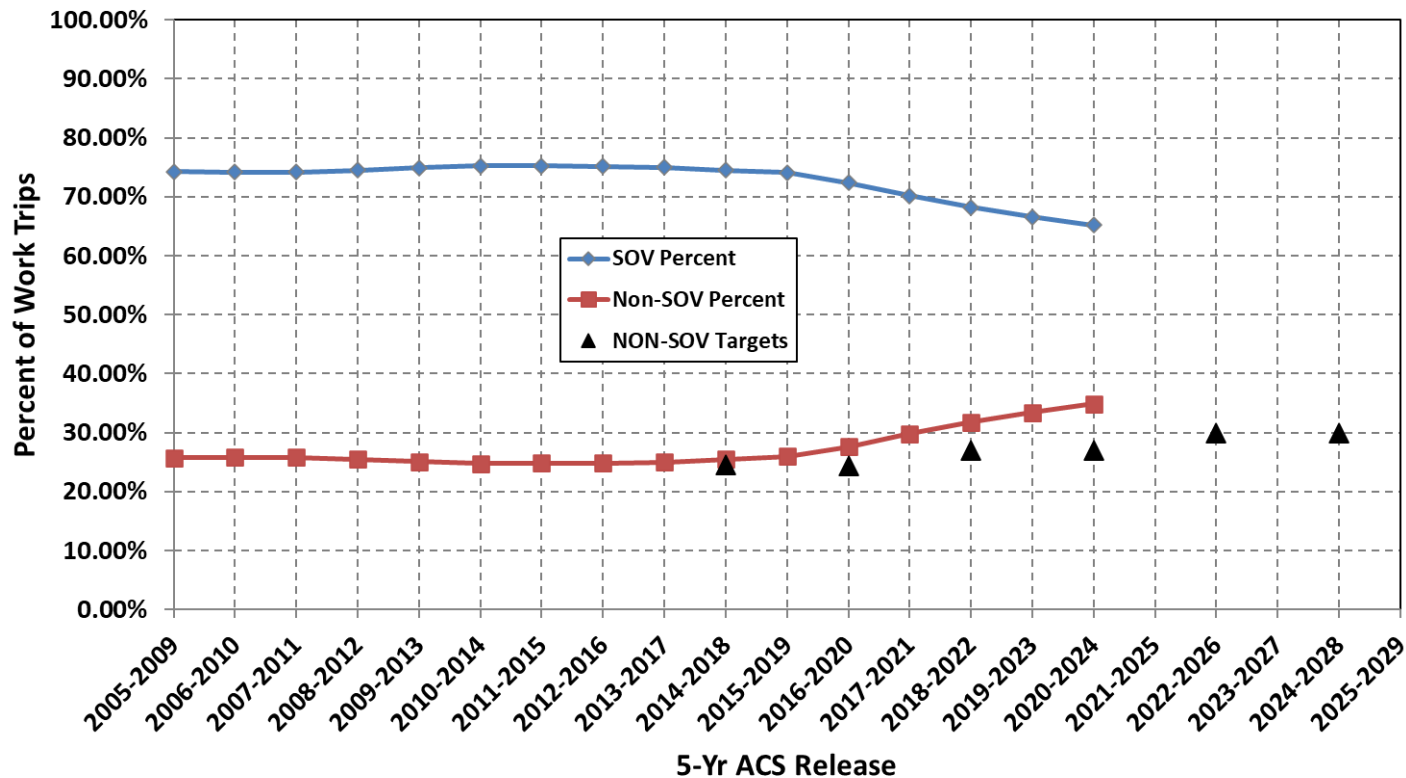


PM3 CMAQ Performance Measures



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SOV - Non-SOV Percent - Pittsburgh Urban Area



CMAQ Program Performance Measures

2027 and 2029 Targets:

Congestion Measure	Annual Hours of Peak Hour Delay/Capita & Percent Non-SOV Travel					
	2025 Target	2025 Actual (Baseline)	2027 2-Yr Target	2027 Actual	2029 4-Yr Target	2029 Actual
PHED	10.5	11.9	12.0 		12.0 	
Percent Non-SOV Travel	27.0%	34.8%	30.0% 		30.0% 	



CMAQ Program Performance Measures

2027 and 2029 Targets:

Emission Reduction Measure (kg/day)	On-Road Mobile-Source Emission Reduction (kg/day)				
	2021-2025 Actual (Baseline)	2026-2027 2-Year Emission Reduction Target	2026-2027 Actual 2-Year Emission Reduction	2026-2029 4-Year Emission Reduction Target	2026-2029 Actual 4-Year Emission Reduction
VOC Emissions	111.63	15.5 		31.11 	
NOx Emissions	807.47	370.24 		740.48 	
PM _{2.5} Emissions	24.12	9.78 		19.56 	



ACTION ITEM: Resolution 05-26 to endorse the region's 2026-2029 CMAQ Performance Plan Baseline Report

Chuck Imbrogno, Manager of Models and Data Analysis

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Strategic Initiatives Report

Dj Ryan, Director of Communications and Strategic Initiatives

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Ethics Forms

- Each commissioner (elected and appointed) received an email on Thursday from Melissa Brown which included required ethics forms you must complete
- These forms are independent of other ethics forms you may be required to complete
- Please return the forms ASAP – you can even complete today before you leave!
- Forms are required every year and cover the preceding calendar year.

Ethics Policy

Adopted September 25, 2006

SPC members are all volunteers who have a strong personal commitment to continuously improve the quality of our region. In order to achieve this objective, it is essential that the credibility of the board's actions be first and foremost on the minds of its members. Strong commitment to a code of ethics should guide the board's deliberations. It is the responsibility of the chief executive officer to conduct the affairs of SPC/SPC, Inc. in accordance with all appropriate cautions and compliance with the regulations that govern the monies/contracts that SPC may be entrusted with.

General rule:

You may not as part of your SPC duties participate in any matter that would have a direct and predictable effect on your financial interests. This rule applies regardless of whether the matter involves specific identifiable parties or involves a broad policy affecting many entities. If you have such interest, you must disqualify yourself from participating in the matter, unless an exemption applies or you are granted a waiver.

Financial interests of relatives and business associates:

The financial interests of certain other persons are considered so intertwined with your own that they are attributed to you for purposes of the rule forbidding you from participating in matters affecting your interests. These persons include your spouse, minor children, general partners, non-federal employers, and prospective employers (including persons with whom you are registering for employment); groups and organizations of which you are an officer, director, or trustee; and members of your household.

Exemptions:

Disqualification is not necessary if the interest is:

- held in a broadly diversified mutual fund (a fund which, according to the fund's prospectus, does not concentrate its investments in a particular industry sector or geographic area);

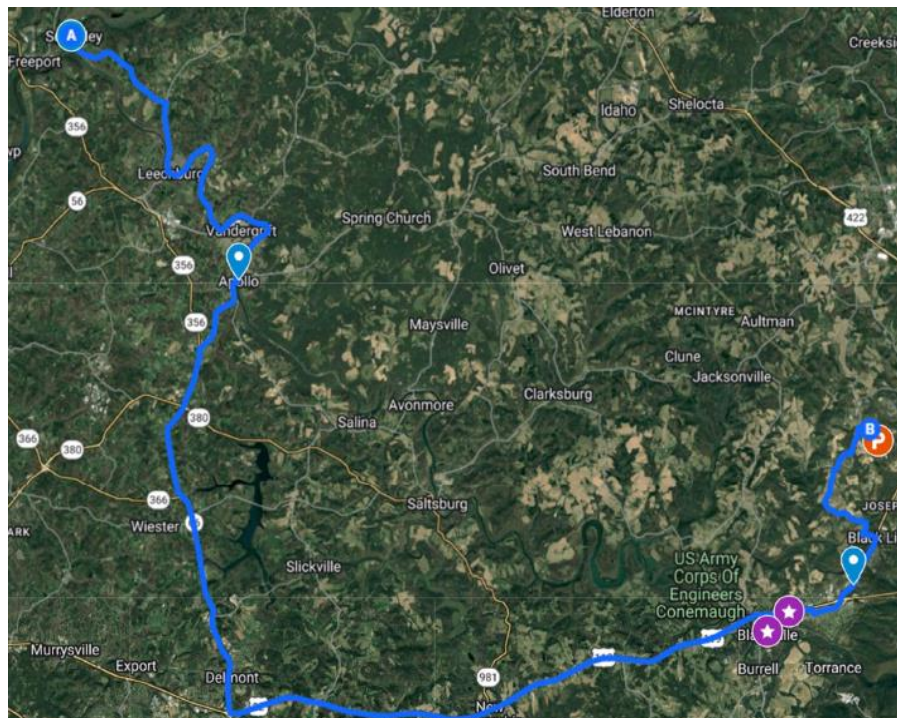
Strategic Initiatives Report

- DC Fly In
 - September 29th and 30th
 - Email with details coming to you shortly
- Data Center developments
 - CBA meetings continuing
 - Happy to come to your county!
 - Monitoring regulatory changes
- HB522
 - Bill to change MPO/RPO Boards
 - SPC Communicated with Transportation Committee



Homer City Construction

- Movement of large cargo (205 ft!) through Armstrong, Westmoreland, and Indiana Counties
- Affected by Lock closure on Allegheny River
- Municipalities briefed on Thursday
- 50 transports each over 2 days
- State Police will be included in the escort party
- Periodic bridge closures as a result
- Good for the Allegheny River!



Strategic Initiatives Report

- Army Corps of Engineers Realignment proposal
 - Continue to monitor
 - Rep. Deluzio amendment
- Allegheny County Airport meeting
 - SR 885 Tunnel under runway
- Freight Node Study in West Mifflin
 - US Steel/Nippon Line
- Freight Plan is underway!



SPC In The News

Allegheny County's high-injury traffic corridors targeted for safety improvements

ADAM BABETSKI TRIBLIVE



These 10 Allegheny County roads have the worst safety issues, a study found

Led by Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission, officials call for improvements through a federal program



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Government & Regulations

City of Pittsburgh snags \$2.3M in grants for traffic signal upgrades, trail restoration

90.5 WESA
Pittsburgh's NPR News Station

Zero traffic deaths by 2050? Allegheny County partners name 10 roads for fixes

90.5 WESA | By Rachel McDevitt

Published July 7, 2026 at 5:30 AM EDT



LOCAL
PRT receives \$9 million to help fund University Line extension through Squirrel Hill, Greentree

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Workforce and Economic Development Report

Jennifer Lasser, Director of Workforce and Economic Development

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Economic Development Team Activities

July-August 2026

Out in the Community:

- HUD Roundtable
- EOS Workforce Event
- Butler County Growth Collaborative
- Fayette Small Business Summit
- Washington County
- Industrial Art Works
- Mainstreet Matters Announcement
- Erie – Mainstreet Conference
- Rep. Kincade Seeds in the City

Technical Assistance:

ARC POWER, ARISE, INSPIRE – Closed

What's Next:

- CEDS/LRP Work
- DCED – PREP/Engage
 - New Guidelines
- EDA - PWEAA Grants
- Announcements on Funding
- ARC Area Development – LAR

Area Development FY27 and Local Access Road now open

- Pennsylvania's Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) is accepting pre-applications (Executive Summaries) for the Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC)'s Area Development funding opportunity and Local Access Road funding opportunity for FY27. Area Development is ARC's landmark funding stream decided by each Appalachian state's recommending agency (DCED).
- Area Development can fund implementation and planning grants for non-construction applications.
- For construction projects: a cost estimate, preliminary engineering report, and a Basic Federal Agency or Registered State Basic Agency agreement are required.
- Please talk with SPC for templates/more information.
- Local Access Road: cost estimate, preliminary engineering report, and a RSBA letter from PennDOT (or similar agreement) are required. Please talk with SPC for more information.

Information about Area Development

- SPC serves as regional point-of-contact and technical assistance providers for 9 county region as a Local Development District (LDD)
- [ARC's Area Development grant opportunity](#) is open now - SPC sends information on project and applicant to DCED; DCED then reviews and sends invites to submit full applications
 - Match must be secured at time of submission
 - Match requirements [have changed](#)
- [Investment Priorities](#)
- [Previously funded grants](#)

Spotlight: GE Vernova Announcement

- July 30th 2026 – Charleroi, PA
- The Commonwealth is investing \$6 million and GE will create 714 new jobs over the next four years and retain 735 existing full-time positions
- Remarks by Governor Shapiro, DCED Secretary Rick Siger, Stephanie Pashman and Scott Strazik GE Vernova CEO, Roger Martella GE Vernova CSO
- Attended by Commissioners, Legislators, Rich Fitzgerald, SPC Staff, DCED staff, EDO partners and GE Staff



Fancy Food Show

- June 28-June 30th
- New York City
- PREP – REN/Export Program Sponsored
- SPC was able to provide booth space for:
 - Evanly Bakes
 - Millers Sauces
 - The Sizzle
 - Two Ugly Mugs
- Showcase for December Meeting



Build Back Better - Update

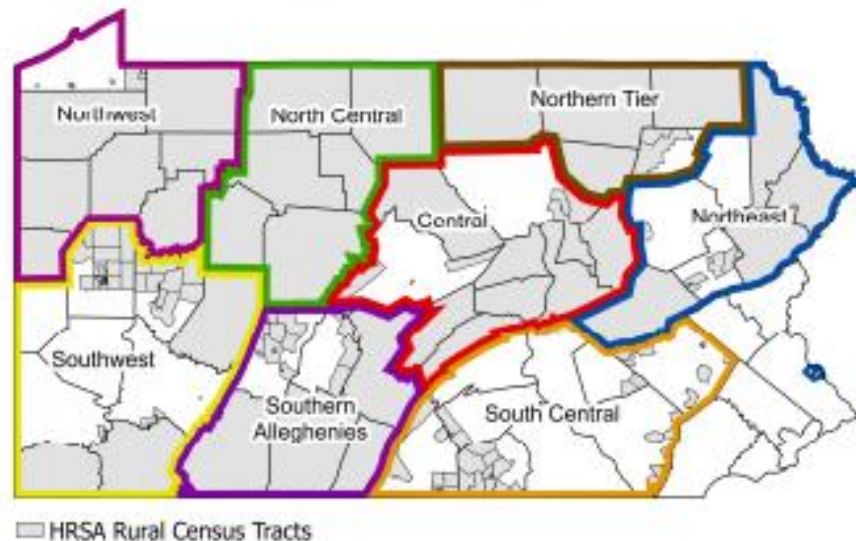
- No-Cost Extension Received from EDA
- PRIORITY: Spending down remaining dollars
- PRIORITY: Finding follow-on funding for partners
- PRIORITY Match Dollars
- Thousands Trained & Educated
 - Semi-Annual Report submitted
 - Working on impact report of equipment
- Robotics & AI Discovery Day – September 16th 2026
 - David L. Lawrence Convention Center
 - 4,500+ attended last year



Spotlight: Rural Healthcare Transformation

- PA Appx 193M awarded of 200M request
 - 5 year renewable program
- DCED PREP Regions will be the service areas
- Five Goals of RHT via CMS:
 - Rural Health
 - Sustainable Access
 - Workforce
 - Innovative Care
 - Technological Innovation
- SPC Met with Sec. Val Arkoosh in May to get additional information on the program
- New Coordinator hired Ann Tyger
- **What's Next: (subject to change)**
 - Creation of Boards/Groups by Coordinator
 - Additional Instructions from DHS
 - SPC will serve in some form of a collaborator role

Figure 2: PREP Regions



Adjourn

