

**Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission
Transportation Technical Committee (TTC)
Meeting Minutes via Microsoft Teams
April 16th, 2026, 10:00 a.m.**

Attendees:

- Ann Ogoreuc, Allegheny County Department of Economic Development
- Darin Alviano, Armstrong County Planning Commission
- Dan Distler, Beaver County Planning and Economic Development
- Nathan Werner, Butler County Planning and Economic Development
- Arthur Cappella, Fayette County Zoning, Planning, and Community Development
- Kyle Lamb, Greene County Planning and Community 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
- Jaclyn Karolski, Allegheny County Department of Economic Development
- Milo Freese, Washington County Planning Commission
- Brendan Coticchia, City of Pittsburgh
- Samuel Buckley, Pittsburgh Regional Transit
- Gene Porochniak, FHWA
- Brandon Leach, PennDOT Central Office
- Julia Cornell, PennDOT Central Office
- Adam Mattis, DCNR
- Dan Laird, Mannik Smith Group
- Matthew Kelley, CDR Maguire
- Leanne Doran, KCI
- Breen Masciotra, Mobilify
- Justin Smith, Markosky
- Andy Waple, AECOM
- Ngani Ndimbie, PennDOT
- Dom DeFazio, PennDOT District 10-0
- Alicia Kavulic, PennDOT District 10-0
- Adam Marshall, PennDOT District 10-0
- Jordan Bergamasco, PennDOT District 11-0
- Dave 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
- Angela Baker, PennDOT District 12-0
- Rachel Duda, PennDOT District 12-0
- Josh Theakston, PennDOT District 12-0
- Rich Fitzgerald, SPC Executive Director
- Lillian Gabreski, SPC Transportation Planning Director

- Indicates TTC voting member

Attendees cont'd:

Ryan Gordon, SPC Staff
 Evan Schoss, SPC Staff
 Devon White, SPC Staff
 Chuck Imbrogno, SPC Staff
 Belachew Ayele, SPC Staff
 Ronda Craig, SPC Staff
 Chris Jaros, SPC Staff
 Daniel Kukula, SPC Staff
 Greg Shermeto, 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 March 19th TTC Meeting Minutes**

A motion was made by Jeff Skalican and seconded by Josh Spano to approve the minutes of the March 19th TTC meeting. The motion was approved unanimously.

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

Brandon Leach began the report with discussion of the automated red-light enforcement, or ARLE, program, which applications for the program will open on June 1st, and will be open until June 30th. A pre-application scoping form is required prior to submitting an application, and if you are able to submit those forms before April 30th, you will be provided with feedback on the project by May 29th, prior to the opening of the application period. Next, Bradnon discussed the Safe Streets for All program, which is also now accepting applications. The deadline for applications is May 26th, and the program website provides details on eligibility, how to apply and who can apply. Last, Brandon spoke on the PennDOT District Municipal outreach meetings, which have already occurred for District 11-0 and District 12-0. District 10-0s meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 29th, from 1pm to 3pm, and there will be a hybrid meeting with in-person available at the District 10-0 office, with a link to register to the online portion of the meeting provided by Brandon.

Lillian Gabreski also spoke on the Safe Streets for All program, which SPC is currently working to finalize their portion of the Allegheny County Comprehensive Safety Action Plan, incorporating public comments that SPC has received over the last few weeks. Allegheny County is planning to apply to the SS4A program for implementation funding for this plan, and SPCs safety action plan will be able to be used for those outside of Allegheny County as a qualifying safety action plan for implementation funding through this program. Lillian also spoke on the conclusion of SPCs trail needs assessment study, which was presented at the Active Transportation forum. This study looked at the current needs with trail development, trail maintenance, and what trails are missing in order to build capacity and continue building and maintaining trails the region. Lillian spoke on the NEVI program, which SPC is working with PennDOT Central Office to finalize priority locations with the intention of putting out a final map of locations by the end of the month.

These priority locations were identified with focus groups back in January of 2025, and after the funding freeze last year, the final steps are finally coming into fruition. Last, Lillian mentioned that update to the regional operations plan, which meetings between SPC and PennDOT staff were held with all three PennDOT districts last month as a part of putting the plan together.

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

A. PennDOT District 10-0

Adam Marshall went over the three administrative actions for PennDOT District 10-0. The first administrative action was for bridge preservation activities on the existing structure carrying SR 356 over the B&P, B&LE Railroads and Connoquenessing Creek, located in the City of Butler, Butler County. The district requests to add a final design phase and program \$50,000 (185 – FFY 2026) to address a nearby bridge that was hit in order to make necessary repairs in a timely fashion, with the source of funding coming from the SPC District 10 Highway/Bridge Reserve Line Item. The second administrative action was for the realignment, reconstruction, and rehabilitation along PA 228 from 0.47 miles northeast of T-554 (Brewer Road) to 300 feet north of T-557 (Sarver Road), located in Clinton and Buffalo Townships, Butler County. The district requests that the project is updated to reflect a low-bid result of \$19,080,959 which resulted in savings of \$2,476,157 (STP) and procedural requirements delaying the removal of State funds, as well as the addition of a \$7 million Federal earmark. The third administrative action was for the replacement of the existing structures carrying SR 1030 (Ridge Road) over Whiskey Run, located in Pine Township, Armstrong County. The district requests to add a preliminary engineering phase to the TIP and program \$100,000 (185 – FFY 2026) due to a need for archeology on the project, with the source of funding coming from the Butler Epoxy Group Bridges project (\$24,144 of remaining surplus construction funds) and the SPC District 10 Highway/Bridge Reserve Line Item (\$75,856).

Jeff Skalican 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 one amendment and four administrative actions for PennDOT District 11-0. The first amendment was for the first & second components of an awarded RAISE Grant project for Sharpsburg Borough, Allegheny County. The first component will include construction of a district connector road and trail, located at the 19th Street Gateway Connector and Riverfront District Connector Road. The second component will include construction of regional connector road, flyover bridge, ramp widening, walls and transit improvements, located in the same location. The district requests to add a preliminary engineering phase to TIP in 2026 for both projects utilizing APL, STP and ARPA funding. The source of funding will come from a fund swap involving the SR 4003-A26, Nelson Run to Perryont Signal (119595) project and Central Office's TIF/Econ Development Reserve (60469) line item. The first administrative action was for the first & second components of an awarded RAISE Grant project for Sharpsburg Borough, Allegheny County. The first component will include construction of a district connector road and trail, located at the 19th Street Gateway Connector and Riverfront District Connector Road. The second component will include construction of regional connector road, flyover bridge, ramp widening, walls and transit improvements, located in the same location. The district is adding the administrative action for

informational purposes, as the remaining phases (final design, right-of-way, and construction) for these two projects will be added to the 2027 Draft TIP, with the source of funding coming from a fund swap involving the District's SR 4003-A26, Nelson Run to Perrymont Signal (119595) project and Central Office's TIF/Econ Development Reserve (60469) line item.

The second administrative action was for a slide remediation, located on SR 48 (Long Run Road) in the City of McKeesport, Allegheny County. The district requests to increase the construction phase by \$1,950,000 (NHPP) in 2027 for pipe replacement/lining and paving, with the source of funding coming from the Betterment Reserve line item. The third administrative action was for a slide correction, located on SR 3081 (Montour Street Extension) between Intersections of Rosedale Avenue and Grace Street in Coraopolis Borough, Allegheny County. The district requests to decrease the construction phase by \$1,000,000 (STP) and increase by \$1,000,000 (581) in FFY 2026 and decrease by \$360,000 (STP) and increase by \$360,000 (581) in FFY 2027 to convert funding from 80/20 to 100% state to match draft TIP, with the source of funding coming from the Betterment Reserve line item. The fourth administrative action was for interchange improvements, including ramp and bridge construction, located on I-376 from the Parkway Center Interchange to the Fort Pitt Tunnel in the City of Pittsburgh, Allegheny County. The district requests to increase the final design phase by \$154,769 (CAQ) in FFY 2026 to cover consultant supplement, with the source of funding coming from two available deobligations.

Jeff Skalican made a motion to approve the amendment and 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 two administrative actions for PennDOT District 12-0. The first administrative action was for the replacement of the structure carrying State Route 7421 (Fourth Street) over Conrail Railroad, located in North Irwin Borough, Westmoreland County. The district requests to add local funds to the construction phase on the 2025 TIP in FFY 2026 and 2027 to match reimbursement agreement for execution, with the local funds coming from North Irwin Borough. The second administrative action was for the rehabilitation/replacement of the structure carrying State Route 2053 (Weaver School Road) over Branch of Daniels Run, located in West Bethlehem Township, Washington County. The district requests to add the right-of-way phase, utilizing State A-581 funds, to the 2025 TIP in FFY 2026, with the source of funding coming from the District 12 Highway/Bridge Line Item (MPMS# 76508).

Jeff Skalican 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 thirteen amendments and administrative actions on the Transit TIP, beginning with Butler Transit Authority who added a 30-foot bus project, utilizing \$1.6 million of State awarded funding from the low emissions program. Fayette Transit added a bus trolley project for \$375,000 of unobligated 5307 funds. They also added an admin vehicle project for two new admin vehicles, utilizing \$100,000 of unobligated 5307 funds. Fayette Transit also added a bus purchase project that adds a new bus purchase to the TIP, utilizing \$575,000 of unobligated 5307 funds. Fayette Transit also added \$916,000 to

their operating expenses project, utilizing their unobligated Governor's apportionment funds. Fayette Transit next added a roof repair and maintenance project, in order to repair the roof of their admin building, utilizing \$1.5 million of unobligated 5307 funding. Lastly, Fayette Transit added a facilities project to repair the concrete at their maintenance facility, utilizing \$984,000 of their unobligated 5307 funding. Next, Mid-Mon Valley Transit added a signage warranty project for a total of \$35,000, as well as a bus replacement project that moves funding from FY26 to FY27 and replaces their 5307 funding with 5311, rural transit funds. Mid-Mon Valley Transit also added a bus ITS replacement project, which will purchase thrift systems for new buses for a total of \$390,000. Mid-Mon Valley Transit also added a security system replacement project that replaces the security systems at the transit center and three park and ride lots for a total of \$100,000. Lastly, Mid-Mon Valley Transit added an update to their transit center project, repairing and renovating the center for an increase of \$100,000.

6. **2027 TIP Update**

Ryan Gordon gave an update to the 2027 TIP, going over the schedule for document development. Ryan mentioned a few late additions to the TIP, which are being incorporated into the final document. The project list for the TIP and the Long-Range Plan have both been sent to the Interagency Air Quality Group for review, which will look at exempt codes and the air quality status of the TIP projects, which may return some comments. Ryan mentioned if any issues arise from this, he will meet with districts and County sponsors to discuss. The public comment period for the TIP begins on May 7th, and public meetings will start soon afterward.

Ryan next discussed the TIP memorandum of understanding, or MOU, which is a formal agreement between SPC, PennDOT, and Federal agencies that oversee TIP modifications. There is one MOU at State level, and then each planning region has their own MOUs to lay out the procedure and process that governs the modifications to the TIP. There is one MOU used for the highway side at TTC, and another used for the Transit side at TOC. Every TIP cycle SPC looks at how we are processing TIP amendments, administrative actions, and other projects on the TIP. In the past, SPC has made big overhauls to the MOU, however this TIP cycle is just some small tweaks to align with the Statewide MOU. This included no changes to what constitutes an amendment or a major amendment, however there are additions to administrative actions requiring TTC action. This includes adding a project back onto the TIP for advance construct conversion or to process a right-of-way or damage claim, or a project that involves a cashflow action that does not change the projects' total cost in excess of the thresholds described in other parts of the MOU, including funding between the TIP and TYP years. Also added to administrative actions that do not require TTC action are projects that are being added back onto the TIP to capture close-out costs. Ryan mentioned that this copy of the new MOU is available for TTC review and comment, in order so that TTC members are aware of the process and procedure and formal agreement of how SPC does actions on modifications to the TIP every month. Ryan thanked everyone who helped work on the updates to the SPC MOU.

Next, Ryan discussed the SPC self-certification checklist, which is also for informational purposes to the TTC members. This document self-certifies that SPC is following all rules and regulations in the transportation planning process pertaining to TIP development. Ryan asked members to review the document, and if anyone has any comments or suggestions, to email him. Next, Ryan spoke on the Smart Transportation for Livable Communities, or STLCL, program. The application period is now closed, and review of the final applications has begun. Evaluations are taking place currently, and if any questions

arise on the applications, project sponsors are being emailed asking for further clarification. Next tasks for the STLC program include the reconvening of the deliverability committee to look over the deliverability of the projects, which will be factored into final scoring. The results of the evaluation and the final project scoring and funding evaluation will be presented during the May TTC meeting. Last, Ryan went over the spring Public Participation Panel (PPP) meeting schedule, which represents all the public meetings for the draft TIP. This schedule was included in the TTC packet and highlights one public meeting per County in the SPC region. Some meetings are in-person only, while others are hybrid online as well. Ryan mentioned that all who were involved in the development of the TIP are welcome to come and participate in the meetings, and to come out and see SPC in your Counties.

7. 2027 Long Range Plan Update

Lillian Gabreski gave an update to the 2027 Long Range Plan, beginning with the conclusion of the first expert panel for the plan. This was attended by over 100 people across the region, and the next expert panel will take place on May 18th at 1pm. This will be held on Zoom and will consist of a number of breakout meetings. SPC is taking all the feedback on concerns and things impacting the region from the first expert panel and will be identifying strategies to meet these factors. A public survey will be released by Michael Baker, which should be coming out in the next week or two. Lillian mentioned that these expert panel meetings and the survey are all leading up to SPC's Policy Conference, which will take place in mid-July. Dates and venues are currently being booked, and Ryan will update TTC on when and where that will take place. The writing of the plan will begin after the Policy Conference in late July, with another dozen or so meetings across the region in order to come up with the Long Range plan project list, among other parts of the document.

8. County Comprehensive Plan Status Update

Chuck Imbrogno gave an update on the County Comprehensive Plan update, which was held by Jen Lasser during the County Planning Directors forum quarterly meeting. During this meeting, SPC reviewed the status of all the County plans, making sure that the links to all the plans were still viable on the SPC website. During the meeting they also reviewed any plan updates, and schedules around these updates for completion, which is important to the Long Range plan. Discussion was made on priority development areas in each County, as well as if policies in County plans align with our Regional plan and also looked into population economic employment forecasts. SPC will be reaching out to each County to confirm how to best work with each one on modeling efforts, utilizing the County comprehensive plans.

9. Other Business/Status Reports

There were no additional business or status reports.

10. Adjourn

A motion to adjourn was made by Jeff Skalican and seconded by Arthur Cappella. The motion was passed unanimously and Ryan Gordon called for the adjournment of the meeting at 11:04 AM.