

**2015-2018 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM
FOR SOUTHWESTERN PENNSYLVANIA**

APPENDIX 11

**CHANGES TO THE
2015-2018 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT
PROGRAM IN RESPONSE TO PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Appendix 11. Changes to the 2015-2018 Transportation Improvement Program in Response to Public Comments

In accordance with SPC's Public Participation Plan, the public is offered the opportunity to review the Draft 2015-2018 Transportation Improvement Program, and to provide comments during a public comment period. This public input opportunity was widely advertised, and a series of ten public meetings are held to provide additional opportunities for public comment.

In response to comments received, SPC may make minor changes to the Draft 2015-2018 Transportation Improvement Program prior to formal action by the Commission.

In the public review of the draft 2015-2018 TIP, it was noted that funding made available recently with the adoption of Pennsylvania Act 89 permitted two additional projects (project phases) to be added to the 2015-2018 Transportation Improvement Program.

The draft 2015-2018 TIP included pre-construction activities for the replacement of the Aten Road Bridge in Findlay Township, Allegheny County. The final 2015-2018 TIP includes the construction phase of this project, as well as the pre-construction phases that were reflected on the draft 2015-2018 TIP.

Added to the 2015-2018 TIP is a new project, the preservation of the Henry Mancini Bridge in West Aliquippa, Beaver County. Design phases of this project had been included in the draft 2015-2018 TIP for the year 2017. However, the 2015-2018 TIP also includes pre-construction and construction phases of this project.

The addition of these new projects/project phases do not represent substantive changes to the TIP (list of projects), in that each modification may be implemented through established TIP modification procedures as "TIP Administrative Actions." In the event that substantive changes had been made to the draft TIP as a result of the public comment process, the public would have been provided additional opportunities to review and comment on the proposed changes.

An informational fact sheet on these two new projects/project phases is provided on the following page.

SOUTHWESTERN PENNSYLVANIA COMMISSION

- PennDOT District 11-0 is requesting the following program adjustments to the 2015-2018 Draft TIP. This request includes administrative actions.
- Any fiscal modifications being requested to the 2015-2018 Draft TIP will keep the year-to-year funding in balance.

Project Summaries:

Administrative Actions

SR 7203-000, Aten Road Bridge, MPMS # 86186, Allegheny County Local Project

- Located on Aten Road over Industry Drive in Findlay Township, Allegheny County.
- Bridge replacement.
- Add Aten Road Bridge Construction phase to 2015 TIP. Structure is owned by Findlay Twp. Sponsor will complete preconstruction phases. This bridge is structurally deficient with a sufficiency rating of 31.5. The bridge currently has a posted weight restriction of 17 T single vehicle, 26 combined. The bridge has a direct impact on commerce in the airport area which would be negatively affected if this bridge would require reduced weight limitation posting beyond what currently exists. The funding source is a District Line Item. These funds are available due to the additional funds allocated by the Act 89 legislation. The increased state funding allowed the placement of these federal funds into the line item so these types of issues can be addressed.

West Aliquippa, Henry Mancini Bridge, MPMS # 89067, Beaver County Local Project

- Ramp G Road (Henry Mancini Bridge) over CSX RR and Main Street in the City of Aliquippa, Beaver County.
- Bridge Preservation.
- Advance preconstruction and construction phase on the 2015 TIP as indicated. The project was planned to start design in 2017. The condition of this bridge and issues with leaking dams that are causing accelerated deterioration warrant the advancement of this work which will save costs over the long run. This bridge is currently structurally deficient with a sufficiency rating of 68.9. The funding source is a District Line Item. These funds are available due to the additional funds allocated by the Act 89 legislation. The increased state funding allowed the placement of these federal funds into the line item so these types of issues can be addressed.