

Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission

4:30 p.m. – April 27, 2009  
31<sup>st</sup> Floor – Regional Enterprise Tower

AGENDA

1. Action on Minutes of the March 9th Special Meeting
2. Public Comment
3. Financial Report
4. Action on Resolution 8-09 to Proclaim May as CommuteInfo Commute Options Awareness Month
5. Action on Resolution 9-09 to Amend the 2009-2010 UPWP for the City of Washington
6. Action on Resolution 10-09 to Transfer FTA's Designated Recipient Status for the Job Access Reverse Commute and New Freedom Initiatives Program from the Port Authority of Allegheny County to SPC
7. Staff Report/Other Business/Announcements

Next Meeting Date – **June 29, 2009**

8. Adjourn

## **Special Meeting**

Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission  
Minutes of the Special Meeting of  
March 9, 2009 – 4:30 p.m.

31st Floor – Regional Enterprise Tower – 425 Sixth Avenue – Pittsburgh, PA 15219

The seventy-fourth meeting of the Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission was called to order by Vice Chairman Charles Camp.

Commission members present were: Tom Balya, Shirl Barnhart, Peter Behrman, Bracken Burns, Charles Camp, Tom Ceraso, Daniel Cessna, Steve Craig, Terry Daughenbaugh, Kevin Gray, Lynn Heckman, David Johnston, Patricia Kirkpatrick, Allen Kukovich, Larry Maggi, Robbie Matesic, David Miller, William Peduto, William Piper, James Ritzman, Carmen Rozzi, Robert Schiffbauer, Mark Schneider, Richard Shaw, Kelly Shroads, Michael Silvestri, Pam Snyder, Joe Spanik, Anthony Spossey, Joe Szczur, Norma Wintermeyer, and Yarone Zober. Andrew Boni, Dana Henry, Byron Stauffer, Jr., and Vincent Vicites joined the meeting via conference call.

Commission members absent were: Tony Amadio, Stephen Bland, Dave Coder, Rick DeBlasio, Joseph Dubovi III, Karl Eisaman, Patricia Evanko, Richard Fink, David Frick, James Gagliano, Jessica Greathouse, Michael Herron, James Kennedy, Donald Kinosz, James Lokhaiser, Jack Machek, Kevin McCullough, Larry Morris, Dan Onorato, Dale Pinkerton, Luke Ravenstahl, Rodney Ruddock, Daniel Santoro, James Scahill, Mark Snyder, Letitia Thompson, Daniel Vogler, Gealy Wallwork, Jake Wheatley, Jr., and Angela Zimmerlink.

Staff: Jim Hassinger, Kirk Brethauer, Chuck DiPietro, Ken Flack, Chuck Imbrogno, Tom Klevan, Vince Massaro, Marge Nalesnick, Shannon O'Connell, Dee Pamplin, Matt Pavlosky, Kay Tomko, Debbie Tritsch, and Lew Villotti.

Others: Diane Mintus Sheets, Community Development Corporation of Butler County; Tom Noll, Judi McNeil and Jim Ritchie, Port Authority; Alan Barley, PennDOT 12-0; Jon Smith, Allegheny County Transit Council; John Verbanac, SPC Consultant; Karen Rollins-Fitch, City of Pittsburgh; Jon Schmitz, Post Gazette; Ned Williams, Washington/Montour Trail; Case Donchez, and Ken DiBucci.

### 1. Public Comment

Diane Sheets, Executive Director, Community Development Corporation of Butler County – Comments on the proposed amendment to the 2009-2012 TIP to permit the programming of funds made available under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. Ms. Sheets first recognized the significance of the Act as it provides multiple benefits to the region and other regions across the U.S. Fifty percent of the project funds must be obligated within 120 days and 100 percent within one year. Funds not obligated in 120 days may be subject to reallocation elsewhere in the state. Those not allocated in one year may be subject to reallocation to another state. PennDOT District 10-0 has worked diligently designing projects that will be ready to be obligated within 120 days. The list of projects from Butler County is almost entirely rehabilitation or replacement of state deficient bridges. The Commerce of southwestern Pennsylvania would not exist and will not thrive without a transportation network over rivers and connecting hills. It is important however, to also include some new capacity in the TIP in a county that has experienced unparalleled sustained growth and development.

The 228 Regional Corridor Alliance, called together by the Cranberry Chamber of Commerce, is now the single voice for protecting existing investment and attracting new investment on Route 228. PennDOT initiated in 2001 the Route 228 Improvement Project to address traffic congestion and safety issues. A partnership was formed in 2003 to address transportation improvements throughout this Corridor from Route 19 in Cranberry Township to Myoma Road in Adams Township. Under the leadership of Senator Ori and Representative Metcalfe, District 10-0 has agreed to move forward on plans to design and construct a new northbound ramp to I-79 from Route 228 and a new southbound ramp to I-79. Funding for these ramps will come from the \$20 million currently programmed on the TIP.

In Butler County, there are two projects that are classified as new capacity. They include the I-79/SR3025 missing ramps and the Route 228 project. During the last TIP update \$4 million was removed from both projects and moved to fund state deficient bridges. We request that the \$4 million be reinstated to both projects with additional funding placed on both projects. PennDOT has stated that the missing ramps project at Seneca High School will be let at the end of the year. If this project is completed, we can then focus efforts to complete Route 228 project from Route 19 to Route 8. We are also requesting that additional funding be placed on the TIP update for the Route 228 project from Route 8 to Route 356. The Alliance recognizes that competition for transportation dollars is fierce and decisions must be negotiated against the importance of all other projects. We're asking for the opportunity to be considered in those discussions and not abandoned because the project is judged to be new capacity or too expensive. Thank you for the opportunity to come before you this afternoon.

## 2. Report on Public Comment – Input on Proposed Amendments to the TIP

Chuck DiPietro reported that full documentation of comments received to date is part of today's agenda packet. The public comment period was initiated on February 25th. Four public meetings were held: City of Washington, March 2nd, Beaver County, March 3rd, Zelienople, March 4th, and one prior to today's meeting here in the Regional Enterprise Tower. The series of projects before the Commission today for consideration of action are 3 highway projects and 10 transit projects. They are recommended to you by both the Commission's Transportation Technical Committee and Transit Operators Committee.

## 3. Action on Minutes of the January 26th Meeting

A motion was made to approve the minutes of the January 26, 2009 meeting of the Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission by Mark Schneider which was seconded by Commissioner Steve Craig affirmative vote to approve the minutes was unanimous.

## 4. Action on Resolution 6-09 to Amend the 2009-2012 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to Include Transportation Projects to be Advanced with American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 Funding

Chuck DiPietro first noted that today's request to amend the TIP to advance transportation projects with American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 Funding includes 3 highway projects and 10 transit projects that require Commission action. Source of funds for proposed amendments is additional money to the TIP and our region. It maintains overall TIP fiscal balance and is consistent with Clean Air Act & Transportation Conformity Rule. The projects, as packaged, are shovel ready.

Recommended action for projects less than or equal to \$10 Million, is effective immediately. For projects greater than \$10 Million, it is effective at the close of the Public Comment Period on March 27th (Commission action today). Additional comments received through March 27th will be expeditiously shared with the full Commission, including staff responses, depending on your direction today.

Commissioner Balya offered an amendment to Resolution 6-09. It essentially recognizes that everything couldn't be included in the spending from the stimulus package. There are other important projects in the member counties and Commissioner Balya pointed to two example projects in Westmoreland County — Beatty Road Bridge and Slickville Road. He requested that both projects be given a high priority for inclusion to replace projects that have been moved up for implementation with stimulus funding.

Commissioner Balya motioned for approval of the initial Resolution 6-09 with language for the Beatty Road Bridge and Slickville Road projects: Lynn Heckman seconded. Further discussion continued on Commissioner Balya's amended language to the original Resolution 6-09.

Mark Schneider asked is this binding us to do the Beatty Road Bridge project next year. Commissioner Balya responded that it's not binding if it does not meet the criteria to be eligible for federal funding.

Commissioner Burns stated he failed to see the purpose of the motion – isn't that what would happen?

Chuck DiPietro responded that there is some excess money that has been freed up as soon as we take action on the other projects. In Districts 10-0 and 12-0 there is some excess remaining. In District 11-0 there is no excess now identified.

Terry Daughenbaugh said that at the SPC stimulus breakout session we specifically said that those two projects would be advanced to the TIP as backfill projects. Pam Snyder concurred that at the District 12-0 breakout session the consensus was to advance both projects with backfill funds. Joe Szczur added that there were questions about the deliverability of the Beatty Road Bridge improvement project; he also added that the Slickville project is a new project.

Richard Shaw and Commissioner Craig expressed concerns with the amended language being incompatible with the resolution. Further discussion continued on Commissioner Balya's amended language to the original Resolution 6-09.

Commissioner Burns motioned to strike from the amendment to the original Resolution 6-09 the phrase that refers to Beatty Road Bridge and Slickville Road so the motion doesn't have that language included:

WHEREAS, PENNDOT District 11-0 and 12-0 request the following amendments to the Title I Component (Surface Transportation Program) of the region's 2009-2012 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to be advanced with American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 highway and bridge funding:

1. Route 28 Widening Preparation and Railroad Relocation - \$45,956,000 Federal for construction in FFY 2009. This project includes work to prepare the area along Route 28 for the East Ohio Street improvement project and includes relocating railroad tracks, and

other work needed to begin the larger improvement project. The Route 28 Widening Project extends from Troy Hill in the City of Pittsburgh north to the 40<sup>th</sup> Street Bridge at Millvale in Allegheny County.

2. Route 51 Beaver-Rochester Bridge Rehabilitation - \$20,000,000 Federal for construction in FFY 2009. The project is located in Rochester and Bridgewater Borough over the Beaver River in Beaver County.
3. I-79 CPR (concrete patching & repair) - \$16,000,000 Federal for construction in FFY 2009. The project extends on Interstate 79 from the interchange of Interstate 79 and SR 980 near Canonsburg north to the Allegheny County line in Washington County.

WHEREAS, The Butler Transit Authority (BTA), the Mid-Mon Valley Transit Authority (MMVTA), the New Castle Area Transit Authority (NCATA), the Port Authority of Allegheny County (PAAC) and the Westmoreland County Transit Authority (WCTA) request the following amendments to the Title III Component (Public Transportation) of the region's 2009-2012 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to be advanced with American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 transit funding:

1. BTA: Butler Multi-Modal Center – Pullman Redevelopment Area – (\$5,000,000 Federal) for construction of the administrative and bus storage facility portions of this project located in Butler's Pullman Redevelopment Area.
2. MMVTA: Donora Intermodal Transit Facility – Phase I – (\$3,545,171 Federal) for renovation and construction of an intermodal transit facility located on 3.5 acre site in the Borough of Donora, Washington County.
3. NCATA: Facility Roof Replacement - (\$2,900,000 Federal) for removal of entire existing roof due to severe structural deficiencies and subsequent replacement of roof structure.
4. PAAC: Infrastructure Renewal and Repair (North Shore Connector) - (\$117,800,000 Federal) for completion of 1.2 mile extension of PAAC light rail system from its terminus at Gateway Station in Downtown Pittsburgh to serve the North Shore/North Side area of Pittsburgh.
5. PAAC: Hybrid Buses – (\$10,000,000 Federal) for procurement of 20 hybrid engine-powered buses.
6. PAAC: East Busway Pavement Replacement – (\$27,870,000 Federal) for replacement of 16.8 lane miles of full-depth concrete pavement, grade adjustments and reconstruction of inlets for the 25-year old East Busway.
7. PAAC: Warrington Track & Pavement Replacement – (\$13,000,000 Federal) for replacement of embedded track along Warrington Avenue from Haberman Avenue to Arlington Avenue – approximately one half mile.
8. PAAC: Mt. Lebanon Rail Tunnel Replacement – (\$9,000,000 Federal) for replacement of approximately 5,800 feet of rail within PAAC's Mt. Lebanon Light Rail Transit Tunnel. Also, drainage improvements and upgrades to the emergency ventilation systems.

9. WCTA: Maintenance Facility Improvements – (\$2,415,000 Federal) funds to be added to this project to complete both phase one and phase two improvements described in the WCTA Maintenance Facility Master Development Plan.
10. WCTA: Environmental Assessment and Preliminary Engineering for Commuter Rail Service – (\$6,000,000 Federal) for completion of federally-required planning and engineering tasks associated with the first phase of a proposed federally-funded commuter rail line linking Westmoreland and Allegheny Counties.

WHEREAS, the sources of funds for the proposed TIP amendments are from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 and therefore are additional funds to the region; and

WHEREAS, the proposed TIP amendments will maintain overall TIP fiscal balance and will not interfere with the implementation of any projects, commitments, or requirements of applicable State Implementation Plans (SIPs); and

WHEREAS, approval of the proposed amendments to the 2009-2012 TIP will not alter the finding of conformity with the federal Clean Air Act for the 2035 Long Range Plan and 2009-2012 TIP since the affected projects are categorized by EPA's Transportation Conformity Rule (40 CFR Part 93) as being exempt from regional emissions analysis; and

WHEREAS, the proposed amendments were made available for public review and comment consistent with SPC's established public review procedures from February 27th continuing through March 27th, including four public meetings held on March 2nd, March 3rd, March 4th, and March 9th; and

WHEREAS, documentation of the public review and comment period, including public comments received to date on the TIP amendments and responses to comments to date have been compiled and presented to the Commission; and

WHEREAS, the proposed amendments have been reviewed on February 27th at separate meetings of the Transportation Technical Committee and the Transit Operators Committee and are recommended for approval in accordance with SPC's approved TIP amendment procedures.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission approves these amendments to the 2009-2012 TIP and that this action is effective immediately for all projects listed with funding amounts less than or equal to \$10,000,000, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this action is effective for all projects listed with funding amounts in excess of \$10,000,000 as of the close of the public comment period on March 27th, with any additional comments received through March 27th to be shared expeditiously with the full Commission membership, including responses to any additional comments.

RESOLVED FURTHER that many SPC member jurisdictions' high priority projects could not be included in the current TIP because of significant funding constraints at adoption last June; and

RESOLVED FURTHER that additional ARRA funding to the region is expected to advance ready-to-go projects, many on the current TIP, which is expected to free up some level of funding that may thus be available for additional programming; and

RESOLVED FURTHER that the Commission now expresses its preference that projects of a high priority in member jurisdiction plans be given a high priority for inclusion on the TIP in accordance with SPC adopted TIP amendment procedures to replace projects as they are advanced through ARRA funding; and

RESOLVED FURTHER that the Commission expresses its preference that inclusion of such member jurisdiction projects once determined eligible and described appropriately for inclusion on the TIP in accordance with SPC adopted TIP amendment procedures, be given a high priority for inclusion to replace projects that have been moved up for implementation with ARRA funding.

David Miller seconded. There were 5 no votes. The motion passed.

Returning to the original motion made by Commissioner Balya which was seconded by Lynn Heckman the Commission voted for approval of the amended Resolution 6-09:

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There was one no vote. The amended Resolution 6-09 was passed.

Dr. Hassinger restated that the final vote was on the original resolution with this language as amended striking detail of any specific projects.

5. Action on Resolution 7-09 to Approve PennDOT's New Five-Year Open-End Base Agreement for Work Conducted Through the Annual Unified Planning Work Program

Chuck DiPietro said PennDOT has met with their legal counsel and controllers and have moved to an open-end five-year agreement with their MPO/RPO partners throughout Pennsylvania for all work conducted through the annual Unified Planning Work Program. The current request for this initial open-end agreement for five years between SPC and PennDOT would extend from July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2014. Annually, Work Orders would be executed based upon the annual UPWP SPC approves for submission each January. Additionally, supplemental

studies/amendments and time extensions would be handled as Work Order Amendments. Commission action is requested to approve entering into this initial five-year open end agreement with PennDOT.

Dave Johnston motioned:

WHEREAS, the Base Agreement will commence on July 1, 2009 and have a completion date of June 30, 2014, with an option to extend by letter amendment for single or multi-year extensions. However, in no event shall the Agreement continue past June 30, 2019; and

WHEREAS, the total cost, pursuant to the Base Agreement, shall not exceed Twenty-Five million dollars (\$25,000,000) for the original five-year term unless amended by letter amendment; and

WHEREAS, once the new Base Agreement is in place, the Commonwealth/PennDOT process to review and approve UPWPs and supplemental agreements will allow for a significant reduction in the time needed to grant a notice to proceed; and

WHEREAS, the SPC is the designated entity, pursuant to federal regulations, responsible for the developing and carrying out the transportation planning process specified in Title 23 and/or Title 49 of the United States Code for the area within its jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, SPC approved the submission of the 2009-2010 Unified Planning Work Program (July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010) to the appropriate funding agencies on January 26, 2009 through SPC Resolution 3-09. Upon approval by the funding agencies, the identified planning work program will be incorporated as Exhibit A – Scope of Work under the new Base Agreement; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission approves entering into a five-year Open-End Base Agreement (Agreement) with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) commencing July 1, 2009 for work performed by the SPC in accordance with the approved Planning Partner Open-End Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) contract scope of work.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Executive Director, on behalf of SPC, is hereby authorized to enter into Agreements, as well as the Work Orders generated from the Agreement, and/or Supplements with the U. S. Department of Transportation Federal Transit Administration, other federal agencies as needed, and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Department of Transportation relating to said Agreement pursuant to application requests.

Tom Ceraso questioned why this resolution had to be on the agenda today since the Commission meets in a couple of weeks. And, also, how does it benefit SPC to enter a five-year contract with PennDOT. Dr. Hassinger responded that PennDOT has asked for a five-year contract in order to allow longer term free planning across the state. This resolution is on the agenda today since this would be the only piece of business we anticipate for the next meeting on March 23, 2009. We are proposing that the March meeting be canceled.

Commissioner Craig seconded and the affirmative vote was unanimous.

## 6. Staff Report/Other Business/Announcements

Dr. Hassinger suggested canceling the next regularly scheduled meeting and indicated the next Commission meeting is scheduled for April 27, 2009. The RPAC meeting is scheduled for this Friday, March 13, 2009; and, we intend to hold that meeting as scheduled.

Mr. Szczur asked if SPC is going to have any dialogue with the Governor for the other economic stimulus program areas (non-transportation). Tom Ceraso responded that several members of our congressional delegation and senators asked us to prioritize the list across all economic stimulus program areas from each SPC member. We are trying to set up a meeting with the Governor and with our leadership and some Commonwealth secretaries, to further enforce the unity of what we're bringing forth. After that meeting, we may reschedule a meeting of the Intergovernmental Affairs Committee.

7. Adjourn

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rodney Ruddock  
Secretary-Treasurer

SOUTHWESTERN PENNSYLVANIA COMMISSION

RESOLUTION NO. 8-09

A RESOLUTION OF THE SOUTHWESTERN PENNSYLVANIA COMMISSION to proclaim CommuteInfo Commute Options Awareness Month - May 2009.

WHEREAS, approximately sixty percent of the Southwestern Pennsylvania region's 1.5 million workers travel outside their resident municipality to work; and

WHEREAS, commuting options are an integral part of the region's employers and workers life; reducing the number of people driving to work alone can benefit the region by easing traffic congestion and improving air quality; and

WHEREAS, it is important that all commuters be aware of the various commuting options available to them; and

WHEREAS, CommuteInfo, celebrates over 30 years of promoting commuting options in the region by providing information on transit, sponsoring vanpools, helping arrange carpools and providing biking and walking resources through the program website [www.commuteinfo.org](http://www.commuteinfo.org) or by calling toll-free 1-888-819-6110; and

WHEREAS, the month of May includes National Transportation Week, National Bike to Work Day, National Employee Health and Fitness Day, and National Clean Air Week;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Members of the Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission encourage the citizens of this region to welcome and emphasize the value of ridesharing, and offers support by declaring May 2009 as "CommuteInfo Commute Options Awareness Month" in Southwestern Pennsylvania.

I, Rodney Ruddock, HEREBY CERTIFY that I am Secretary-Treasurer of the SOUTHWESTERN PENNSYLVANIA COMMISSION, that the foregoing resolution was adopted, in accordance with the By-Laws, by the said Commission at a Meeting duly called and held on the 27th day of April, 2009, a quorum being present; and that said resolution is now in full force and effect.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF I hereto subscribe my name as Secretary-Treasurer.

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Secretary-Treasurer

SOUTHWESTERN PENNSYLVANIA COMMISSION

RESOLUTION NO. 9-09

A RESOLUTION OF THE SOUTHWESTERN PENNSYLVANIA COMMISSION to amend the region's Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP).

WHEREAS, the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU) authorizes funding and support of transportation planning, research and demonstration activities; and

WHEREAS, the following new transportation planning project is proposed for funding in the 2009-2010 Program:

1. "Route Assessments" at a total cost not to exceed \$40,000 (\$32,000 Federal Section 5307 Formula Program funds; \$8,000 non-federal match) to perform an evaluation of the City's fixed route structure and services and to gain recommendations for implementation in order to provide a more efficient and cost effective service to the public. This assessment is to also follow recommendations contained in the recent Washington County Transit Study and is to be developed with focus on the Intermodal Transit Facility/Garage Project being developed for the East Chestnut Street Garage in the City's Main Street/Business District.

WHEREAS, the Transit Operators Committee acted at its March 18, 2009 meeting to include the project on the 2009-2012 Transportation Improvement Program for funding in FY 2009; and

WHEREAS, planning projects must also be included on an approved Unified Planning Work Program before federal funding can be approved.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission approves revisions to the 2009-2010 UPWP to include the planning project "Route Assessments" as requested by the City of Washington.

I, Rodney Ruddock, HEREBY CERTIFY that I am Secretary-Treasurer of the SOUTHWESTERN PENNSYLVANIA COMMISSION; that the foregoing resolution was adopted, in accordance with the By-Laws, by the Members of said Commission at a meeting duly called and held on the 27th day of April, 2009, a quorum being present; and that said resolution is now in full force and effect.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF I hereto subscribe my name as Secretary-Treasurer

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Secretary-Treasurer

## SOUTHWESTERN PENNSYLVANIA COMMISSION

RESOLUTION NO. 10-09

A RESOLUTION OF THE SOUTHWESTERN PENNSYLVANIA COMMISSION to accept and administer the Federal Job Access Reverse Commute (JARC) and New Freedoms Initiative (NFI) programs.

WHEREAS, Federal transit law, as amended by SAFETEA-LU, requires that projects selected for funding under the Elderly Individuals and Individuals with Disabilities (Section 5310), JARC, and New Freedom programs be “derived from a locally developed, coordinated public transit-human services transportation plan” and that the plan be “developed through a process that includes representatives of public, private, and non-profit transportation and human services providers and participation by members of the public”; and

WHEREAS, the Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission (SPC) adopted the “SWPA Coordinated Public Transit-Human Services Transportation Plan” in January 2008; and

WHEREAS, SPC entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Port Authority of Allegheny County, and the Three Rivers Workforce Investment Board with support from The Pittsburgh Foundation (ATWIC – Access to Work Interagency Cooperative) for the overall purpose of building a foundation of support in the region for a more focused regional process for the implementation of integrated transportation and workforce development strategies that support economic development and employment growth in this region; and

WHEREAS, the Access to Work Task Force in collaboration with regional stakeholders has overseen the Regional Job Access program since its inception 1999 in response to welfare reform legislation and the identification of transportation as key to its successful implementation; and

WHEREAS, SPC staff has participated on the Access to Work Task Force and Executive Committee since 1999 and currently provides technical assistance and oversight guidance to ATWIC; and

WHEREAS, the Regional JARC and NFI programs have implemented twenty projects in eight counties, brought more than \$51 million dollars in resources to the region for coordinated mobility related transportation initiatives, and developed a working collaborative made up of key stakeholders including transportation providers, human service agencies, public welfare offices, transportation planning agencies, job developers, private foundations and others; and

WHEREAS, the Governor designated Port Authority of Allegheny County to administer the Pittsburgh Urbanized Area formula funds and programming; and

WHEREAS, Port Authority of Allegheny County, due to the regional nature of the programs, has requested SPC to fulfill the Governor’s designation to administer the formula funds and programming; and

WHEREAS, Port Authority of Allegheny County's Board of Directors passed a resolution on April 24th, 2009 to request SPC to become the designated recipient for the Pittsburgh Urbanized Area JARC and NFI program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission agrees to accept and administer the Federal Job Access Reverse Commute (JARC) and New Freedoms Initiative (NFI) programs; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission recommends that the Governor of Pennsylvania re-designate SPC as the Pittsburgh Urbanized Area designated recipient to administer the Federal Job Access Reverse Commute (JARC) and New Freedoms Initiative (NFI) programs.

I, Rodney Ruddock, HEREBY CERTIFY that I am Secretary-Treasurer of the SOUTHWESTERN PENNSYLVANIA COMMISSION, that the foregoing resolution was adopted, in accordance with the By-Laws, by the said Commission at a Meeting duly called and held on the 27th day of April, 2009 , a quorum being present; and that said resolution is now in full force and effect.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF I hereto subscribe my name as Secretary-Treasurer.

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Secretary-Treasurer

**Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission**  
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April 27, 2009

**SPC** April 27, 2009  
 Agenda Item No. 1

**Action**  
 Meeting Minutes  
 March 9, 2009 Special Meeting

**SPC** April 27, 2009  
 Agenda Item No. 2

**Public Comment**

**SPC** April 27, 2009  
 Agenda Item No. 3

**Financial Report**

**SPC** April 27, 2009  
 Agenda Item No. 3

	For the period July 1, 2008 to March 31, 2009 (75% of the year completed)				
	Revised Annual Budget	Actual to Date	Percent of Budget	Actual and Encumbrance to Date	Percent of Budget
<b>Revenues</b>					
Total Project Related Revenues	\$9,307,838	\$5,753,135	61.85%	\$6,709,396	72.10%
Total Carry-Over Project Related Revenues	\$198,154	\$38,527	49.72%	\$156,491	78.97%
<b>TOTAL PROJECT REVENUES</b>	<b>\$9,499,992</b>	<b>\$5,851,663</b>	<b>61.60%</b>	<b>\$6,862,887</b>	<b>72.24%</b>
RET Operations Revenues	\$5,415,686	\$4,086,113	75.45%	\$4,086,113	75.45%
RET Endowment Contribution	\$224,764	\$224,096	99.70%	\$224,096	99.70%
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$15,140,442</b>	<b>\$10,161,871</b>	<b>67.12%</b>	<b>\$11,173,096</b>	<b>73.80%</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>					
Total Project Related Expenditures	\$9,350,891	\$5,775,343	61.79%	\$6,714,112	71.89%
Total Carry-Over Project Related Expenditures	\$149,101	\$73,299	49.16%	\$145,754	97.76%
<b>TOTAL PROJECT EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$9,499,992</b>	<b>\$5,848,642</b>	<b>61.56%</b>	<b>\$6,859,866</b>	<b>72.21%</b>
Total RET Expenditures before Amort/Deprec.	\$5,072,281	\$3,867,157	76.24%	\$3,867,157	76.24%
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$15,841,381</b>	<b>\$10,655,287</b>	<b>67.26%</b>	<b>\$11,666,510</b>	<b>73.65%</b>

**SPC** April 27, 2009  
 Agenda Item No. 4

**Action**  
**Resolution 8-09**  
 Proclaim May as CommuteInfo Commute Options Awareness Month





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Agenda Item No. 5

**Action**  
**Resolution 9-09**

Amend the 2009-2010 UPWP  
for the City of Washington



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Agenda Item No. 5

**City of Washington**  
**UPWP Amendment Request**

**Route Assessments**

- \$32,000 Previously Allocated Federal Section 5307 Formula Program funds
- \$8,000 non-federal match
- \$40,000 Total

"an evaluation of the City's fixed route transit structure services/ recommendations for implementation - to provide a more efficient and cost effective service to the public... will follow recommendations from the Washington County Transit Study with focus on the Intermodal Transit Facility/Garage Project being developed for the East Chestnut Street Garage in the City's Main Street/Business District"

- Added to the FFY 2009-2012 TIP by the Transit Operators Committee March 18, 2009



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Agenda Item No. 5

**Action**  
**Resolution 9-09**

Amend the 2009-2010 UPWP  
for the City of Washington



April 27, 2009  
Agenda Item No. 6

**Action**  
**Resolution 10-09**

Transfer FTA's Designated Recipient  
Status for the Job Access Reverse  
Commute and New Freedom Initiatives  
Program from the Port Authority of  
Allegheny County to SPC



- Responding to Requests from Port Authority of Allegheny County and PennDOT Bureau of Public Transportation for SPC to Become the Designated Recipient of Federal Job Access Reverse Commute (JARC) and New Freedoms Initiative (NFI), as well as the Commonwealth's Welfare to Work (w2w) Transportation Program Funds



**Regional Programs**  
**Current Status Overview**

- Eligible sub-recipients are private non-profits, public entities, operators of public transportation services
- PennDOT administers programs for areas with population under 200,000
- Direct apportionment to urbanized areas with population of 200,000 or more
  - Governor assigned the designation for Pittsburgh Urbanized Area to PAAC (Designated Recipient Pittsburgh Urbanized Area for FTA 5307 - sub-recipients are direct FTA grantees)
  - PAAC was awarded the first ISTEA JARC through competitive grant application and the recipient of the discretionary funds.
  - Since TEA-21, the program has grown to cover much of the 10 county region.



## FY 2009 SWPA Regional Funding

- FY 2009 Program of Projects
  - Urban program \$7.7 million
    - Federal - \$3 million
    - State - \$2.5 million
    - Local - \$2.2 million
  - Small Urban \$756,000
    - Federal - \$605,000
    - State - \$151,000
  - Non-Urbanized (Rural) \$82,000
    - Federal - \$41,000
    - State - \$41,000



## Potential SPC Role/Responsibilities

- Solicit/Assist Development of Projects
- Monitor Projects for Compliance/Eligibility
  - Federal and State Regulations
  - Locally Developed Performance Measures
- Project Contract Management
- Federal and State Grants Management



## Potential Next Steps

- PAAC Board (April 24<sup>th</sup>) - resolution to formally request SPC to become the designated recipient of JARC and NFI Urbanized Area funding.
- SPC (April 27<sup>th</sup>) - Commission resolution to formally accept responsibility to administer the JARC and NFI Urbanized Area programs and funding.
- Governor re-designation/FTA approval
- Formal agreement entered into between SPC and PennDOT for other programs administration



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## Action Resolution 10-09

Transfer FTA's Designated Recipient Status for the Job Access Reverse Commute and New Freedom Initiatives Program from the Port Authority of Allegheny County to SPC



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## Staff Report Other Business Announcements

Next Meeting Date:  
June 29, 2009