

Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission
Minutes of the Meeting of
January 28, 2013
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The one hundredth meeting of the Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission was called to order by Chairman Rod Ruddock.

Members present were: Tony Amadio, Alfred Ambrosini, Charles Anderson, Robert Brooks, Tom Ceraso, Daniel Cessna, Jack Cohen, Tyler Courtney, Steve Craig, Mary Ann Eisenreich, Patricia Evanko, Rich Fitzgerald, Jim Gagliano, Jr., Kelly Gray, Joe Grata, Lynn Heckman, David Johnston, Fred Junko, Clifford Levine, Robert Macey, Larry Maggi, Jeff Marshall, Robbie Matesic, Bruce Mazzoni, William McCarrier, David Miller, Mary Jo Morandini, Charles Morris, A. Dale Pinkerton, Rod Ruddock, Michael Silvestri, Byron Stauffer, Jr., Wendy Stern, Archie Trader, Angela Zimmerlink and Blair Zimmerman.

Members absent were: David Battaglia, Stephen Bland, Robert Bower, Brigid Hynes-Cherin, Albert D'Alessandro, Terry Daughenbaugh, Joseph Dubovi, Rich Fink, David Frick, Dana Henry, Kevin McCullough, Laura Mohollen, Dennis Nichols, Rich Palilla, William Peduto, Luke Ravenstahl, James Ritzman, Carmen Rozzi, Robert Rubinstein, Richard Shaw, Daniel Shimshock, Harlan Shober, Renee Sigel, Robert Del Signore, Mark Snyder, Joe Spanik, Joe Szczur, Diana Irey Vaughan, Daniel Vogler, Christopher Wheat, Jake Wheatley, Jr., and Yarone Zober.

Others: Jon Smith, Allegheny County Transit Council.

Staff: Jim Hassinger, Kirk Brethauer, Chuck DiPietro, Linda Duffy, Kurt Fruhlinger, Chuck Imbrogno, Vince Massaro, Shannon O'Connell, Doug Smith, Lew Villotti and Sara Walfoort.

1. Action on Minutes of December 10th Meeting

A motion was made to approve the minutes of the December 10, 2012 meeting of the Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission by Commissioner Pinkerton which was seconded by Commissioner Maggi. The affirmative vote to approve the minutes was unanimous.

2. Public Comment – None

3. Financial Report – Vince Massaro

Mr. Massaro reported on the financials for the Corporation and Commission for the six-month period July 1 through December 31, 2012. The detailed financial report is included in your agenda packet. Total project related revenues actual and encumbered as of December 31st are \$9,725,345 compared to the adopted annual budget of \$13,213,859. This reflects 73.60% of the budget recognized and encumbered to date. There are no anticipated items to report at this time. Revenue items are in line with the budget. Actual and encumbered carry-over revenues, for the Regional Traffic Signal Cycle I project, are \$144,543 compared to the adopted budget of \$133,089. This reflects 108.61% of the budget recognized and encumbered to date. Mr. Massaro mentioned that we will be making a budget

revision at the next meeting to update the revenue numbers and the expenditure numbers for this fiscal year. When we estimated the budget last year at the beginning of June, we weren't clear on all of the carryover projects so we tried to estimate on what all the revenues would have been or what all the expenditures would have been and we under estimated those carry over budget numbers. But they will all be brought up to date with the revised budget.

Total project related expenditures recorded and encumbered to date are \$9,789,131 vs. the adopted annual budget of \$13,253,930. This reflects 73.86% of the budget expended and encumbered to date. There are no anticipated items to report for this reporting period. Total carry-over project related expenditures recorded and encumbered to date are \$80,757 vs. the annual budget of \$93,018. This reflects 86.82% of the budget expended and encumbered to date. Again, these expenditures relate to the Regional Traffic Signal Cycle I project.

In summary, Mr. Massaro said that SPC is in good financial position at this time with significant cash in hand to cover all expenditures we are committed to and all funding grant agreements have been fully executed and are in place.

4. Staff Profile – Kurt Fruhlinger

Mr. Brethauer introduced Kurt Fruhlinger who is a GIS Analyst for the Information Systems Department. Mr. Fruhlinger has worked for SPC for 14 years. He was born and raised in Penn Hills, Allegheny County, along with 3 sisters and a brother. He graduated from Penn Hills High School – Class of 1989. He attended Indiana University of Pennsylvania where as an elective he took a geography class and was introduced to GIS. He received a B.S. in Geography, GIS Track in 1996, and held an internship with the City of Pittsburgh's Department of City Planning. He was hired at SPC in October 1998 as a GIS Technician.

Mr. Fruhlinger explained that during his time here at SPC, he has worked on multiple projects creating mapping and databases for the other SPC departments. The two major programs he has worked on are the Transportation Improvement Program and the Long Range Transportation and Development Plan. Most recently, he did the coding and created the mapping for the Functional Class Modification changes which are set up around the room this evening. When the work day is over, Mr. Fruhlinger said he is a HUGE Pittsburgh sports fan!!! He tries to attend as many games as possible, and if not there in person, he's definitely watching on TV.

5. Action on Resolution 1-13 Recognizing the Contributions of Sally Haas – Sara Walfoort

Ms. Walfoort commented that Sally was very active in the airport corridor, the tri-county airport partnership, and many other roles regionally. This resolution is to honor and commemorate her services.

WHEREAS, Sally Haas, passed away suddenly on December 26, 2012; and

WHEREAS, she had a long and active association with the Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission, having been co-chair of the joint Allegheny County and City of Pittsburgh Public Participation Panel since 2000; and

WHEREAS, she has been an active participant in development of the SPC Long Range Plan and other regional planning initiatives; and

WHEREAS, in her role as President and CEO of the Airport Area Chamber of Commerce since October, 1998, Sally has worked tirelessly to promote business development, job retention and transportation planning in the airport corridor; and

WHEREAS, she was largely responsible for the development of the Honorary Commanders Association, whose aim is to get the word out to the community-at-large about the vital role and economic impact the military has in this region's economy; and

WHEREAS, she served as co-chair of the local committee responsible for maintaining the presence and status of the US Air Force's 911th Airlift Group and other military facilities at Pittsburgh International Airport through the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission (BRAC) and subsequent efforts to close or downsize military operations at Pittsburgh International Airport; and

WHEREAS, she promoted business development efforts large and small through her participation in global outreach efforts as well as serving as a mentor for the entrepreneur round table known as E.L.I.T.E., which targets support for start-up companies; and

WHEREAS, she gave generously of her time to the promotion of SPC regional planning efforts.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission members and staff would like to recognize and honor Sally Hass's life of service to the region, and extend our sympathy to her family.

I, Rodney Ruddock, HEREBY CERTIFY that I am Chairman 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 28th day of January 2013, a quorum being present and that said resolution is now in full force and effect.

Commissioner Ruddock stated that we would take Ms. Walfoort's comments in the resolution as a motion to approve Resolution 1-13 and he seconded. He commented that he had a chance to spend a significant amount of time with Sally while working on the BRAC Commission trying to solve the puzzle on how we were going to keep the military installations alive and well in Pittsburgh. You couldn't find a harder worker. She was a great lady. The affirmative vote was unanimous.

6. Action on Resolution 2-13 to Approve Submission of 2013-2014 UPWP to Funding Agencies – Chuck DiPietro

Mr. DiPietro reported that today we are seeking Commission approval to submit our draft transportation planning work program for funding consideration to both PennDOT and the U.S. Department of Transportation. It's transmitted now so that work program approval is in place for the start of our fiscal year beginning July 1, 2013.

UPWP Background

- The UPWP document outlines the major transportation planning tasks we will perform in the upcoming state fiscal year:
 - July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014
- Provides a central source of information about major transportation planning priorities

New UPWP Projects

- Economic Impact Assessment
- Regional Freight Plan
- Transportation Safety Planning
- ITS Planning & Implementation
- Candidate Project for DCED's D2P Program (Discovered in PA/Developed in PA)

UPWP: Continuing Projects

- Data Systems and Modeling
- Transportation Plans & Programs
- Transportation Modes & Operations/Management
- Projects to Assist PennDOT
- Outreach & Coordination
- Program Administration
- Other Planning Projects

Mr. DiPietro explained that 78% of the projected budget funding is from U.S. DOT (Federal Highway & Federal Transit), 10% from PennDOT; 5% from other partners, and 7% SPC match.

Mr. Macey moved to approve Resolution 2-13.

WHEREAS, the 2013-2014 Unified Planning Work Program documents all transportation and transportation-related planning activities to be undertaken within the SPC region from July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014; and

WHEREAS, the 2013-2014 Unified Planning Work Program identifies planning tasks to be performed by SPC staff and the staffs of the member Counties, the City of Pittsburgh, and the Port Authority of Allegheny County using planning assistance funding from the Federal Highway Administration, the Federal Transit Administration, and the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission approve submission of the 2013-2014 Unified Planning Work Program; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Executive Director, on behalf of SPC, is hereby authorized to enter into Agreements and/or Supplements with the Federal Transit Administration and the Federal Highway Administration of the Department of Transportation, and the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation relating to the 2013-2014 Unified Planning Work Program and pursuant to application requests; and

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the Executive Director, on behalf of SPC, is authorized to enter into Contracts with the Counties of Allegheny, Armstrong, Beaver, Butler, Fayette, Greene, Indiana,

Lawrence, Washington, Westmoreland, the City of Pittsburgh, and the Port Authority of Allegheny County covering work items delineated in the 2013-2014 Unified Planning Work Program.

Mr. Stauffer seconded and the affirmative vote was unanimous.

7. Action on Resolution 3-13 to Approve Revised SPC Urban Boundary & Functional Classification per 2010 Census Outputs – Doug Smith

Mr. Smith provided the following background:

Urban Boundaries

What They Are Used for:

- Roadway design criteria
- Funding eligibility for any funds designated strictly for Urban or Rural areas

Process Followed for Updating:

- Every 10 years when new Census data comes out
- Census boundaries based on population density
- Work sessions with each member planning department to “smooth out” boundaries
- GIS coding by Census blocks
- TTC 1/17/13 recommendation for Commission adoption

Adjusted
Urban Boundaries

<u>Census 2000</u>	vs.	<u>Census 2010</u>
• Pop. 2,656,007		Pop. 2,574,959
• 81% Urban		82% Urban
• Housing Units 1,172,044		Housing Units 1,197,719
• 82.5% Urban		83.3% Urban
• Land Area 21% Urban		Land Area 22% Urban

Functional Classification

What It's Used For:

- Roadway design criteria
- Funding eligibility for any funds designated for particular networks

Process Followed For Updating:

- Can be updated periodically
- Comprehensive review every 10 years along with urban boundaries
- Work sessions with member planning departments and PennDOT Districts
- GIS coding
- TTC 1/17/13 recommendation for Commission adoption

New Roadways in the City of Pittsburgh:

- Redevelopment of the Mellon Arena site
- Establishment of an urban grid network
- Addition of three Urban Collectors to the federal-aid system
- Reclassification of Washington Place between Centre & Bedford

Mr. Johnston moved to approve Resolution 3-13.

WHEREAS, the 2010 Census has redefined the urbanized area boundaries for the Pittsburgh, Monessen, and Uniontown/Connellsville Urbanized Areas; and,

WHEREAS, the 2010 Census has defined other Urban Clusters; and,

WHEREAS, the Federal Highway Administration, under provisions of the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century (MAP-21) Act, continues to mandate Highway Functional Classification in urban and rural areas; and

WHEREAS the Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission, as the region's Metropolitan Planning Organization, with the concurrence of the state, is responsible for defining revised urban boundaries that serve as limits for various federal-aid highway and transit programs, and is also responsible for maintaining the functional classification of the region's highway system; and

WHEREAS, SPC's review work considered initial input from the U.S. Census Bureau resulting from Census 2010, along with a review of recent development by working cooperatively with representatives of the SPC Member Planning Departments and PennDOT in redefining the region's revised urban boundaries; and

WHEREAS, SPC has worked cooperatively with the SPC Member Planning Departments, and PennDOT representatives to review the current functional classification of the region's highway system, and as necessary, recommended changes based on these revised urban boundaries and consistent with FHWA guidelines;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission approves the region's revised urban area boundaries and revisions to the functional classification system and authorizes the Executive Director to transmit maps showing these revisions to PennDOT in accordance with federal regulations.

Ms. Heckman seconded and the affirmative vote was unanimous.

8. Report of Nominating Committee and Action on Resolutions 4-13 and 5-13 to Elect Executive Committee and Officers of Commission for 2013 – Byron Stauffer, Jr.

Mr. Stauffer first thanked Jim Hassinger for his guidance to the process. He also thanked the Nominating Committee for their efforts in seeking nominations for the open slots and confirmation of those who were continuing their service. He presented the list of members to elect to the Executive Committee and to serve as officers for calendar year 2013.

Mr. Silvestri moved to approve Resolution 4-13 to elect the following members to the Executive Committee for the calendar year 2013.

2013 Executive Committee

- Allegheny County, Rich Fitzgerald
- Armstrong County, David Battaglia
- Beaver County, Joseph Spanik
- Butler County, A. Dale Pinkerton
- Fayette County, Alfred Ambrosini
- Greene County, Chuck Morris
- Indiana County, Rodney Ruddock
- Lawrence County, Steve Craig
- Washington County, Larry Maggi
- Westmoreland County, Charles Anderson
- City of Pittsburgh, Luke Ravenstahl
- At-Large, Jake Wheatley
- At-Large, Tom Ceraso
- At-Large, Lynn Heckman
- PENNDOT, James Ritzman
- Governor's Appointee, Mary Ann Eisenreich
- DCED, Albert D'Alessandro
- SPC Executive Director, James Hassinger, ex officio

Commissioner Zimmerlink seconded and the affirmative vote was unanimous.

Commissioner Amadio moved to approve Resolution 5-13 to elect the Officers of the Commission for 2013.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the following persons be and the same hereby are elected to serve as Officers of the Commission in the capacity set forth opposite their name below, from the date hereof until their successors are elected and qualified by the Commission:

2013 Commission Officers

- Rodney Ruddock, Chairman
- Steve Craig, Vice-Chairman
- Charles Anderson, Secretary-Treasurer

Mr. Ceraso seconded and the affirmative vote was unanimous.

9. Appoint 2014 Nominating Committee – Rod Ruddock

Commissioner Ruddock deferred this agenda item to a later date.

10. Staff Report/Other Business/Announcements – Jim Hassinger

Mr. Hassinger congratulated the newly elected committee and officers.

Mr. Hassinger announced the following:

- 2013 Commissioners Policy Conference from the afternoon of March 19 to the morning of March 21, 2013
- 2015 TIP Update – Briefing included in the agenda packet
- Next Meeting Date – February 25, 2013
- Freight Conference – April 12, 2013

Mr. Hassinger asked all in attendance to remain for the Southwestern Pennsylvania Corporation Members Annual Membership Meeting immediately following.

11. New Business – None

Commissioner Ruddock thanked all in attendance for their support of this organization.

12. Adjourn

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rod Ruddock
Chairman