

Meeting Minutes for November 13th, 2014

Transportation Technical Committee Meeting

SPC Offices

Two Chatham Center, Pittsburgh

Attendees:

- Steve Shanley, Allegheny County Dept. of Public Works
- Sally Conklin, Armstrong County Dept. of Planning and Development
- Tammy Frank, Beaver County Public Works
- Jeremy L. Kelly, Greene County Planning Commission
- Arthur Cappella, Fayette County Planning Commission
- Joel MacKay, Butler County Planning Commission
- * Jeff Raykes, Indiana County Planning Department
- Chris Bova, Westmoreland County Dept. of Planning and Development
- Jeffrey Leithauser, Washington County Planning Commission
- David Wohlwill, Port Authority of Allegheny County
- Kevin McCullough, PennDOT Central Office
- Matt Smoker, Federal Highways Administration
- Lachelle Binion, Oakland Transportation Management Association
- Dave Cook, PennDOT District 10-0
- Kathy Reeger, PennDOT District 10-0
- Stephanie Spang, PennDOT District 11-0
- Robert Miskanic, PennDOT District 11-0
- Zach Patterson, PennDOT District 11-0
- Angela Saunders, PennDOT District 12-0
- Joshua Theakston, PennDOT District 12-0
- Andrew O'Neill, PennDOT BPR
- Jeremy Freeland, PennDOT BPR
- JD Fogarty, Port of Pittsburgh Commission
- Lucinda Beattie, Pittsburgh Downtown Partnership
- Chuck DiPietro, SPC Staff
- Matt Pavlosky, SPC Staff
- Tom Klevan, SPC Staff
- Sara Walfoort, SPC Staff
- Ryan Gordon, SPC Staff
- Kathy Stefani, SPC Staff
- Dan Bernazzoli, SPC Staff

- Indicates voting member
- * Participated via web conference

Chuck DiPietro called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. He notified attendees of changes to the preliminary agenda.

Chuck also noted that IUP's Public Involvement class, led by Jeff Raykes, is also connected to today's TTC meeting to observe a sample of meeting fundamentals, formats, and dynamics in real time.

1. Action on October 16th Minutes (Attachment A)

Motion was made by Jeff Leithauser and seconded by Chris Bova to accept the October minutes as presented. TTC approved.

2. Public Comment.

There was no public comment.

3. FHWA/Central Office Reports

Kevin McCullough, Matt Smoker, and Chuck DiPietro shared updates on the topics below.

Matt provided a federal update noting that congressional action is required on Appropriations for USDOT funding. He also noted that MAP 21 will expire in May 2015 and will require a continuing resolution or that a reauthorization bill be passed.

A. Fourth Quarter TIP Progress Reports

Kevin McCullough reviewed the Obligations Report.

B. October 27-29 PennDOT Fall Planning Partners Meeting

Chuck DiPietro reviewed the event's overall agenda. Meetings included a Planning Organization session, which involved SPC and other planning partners. The planning partners presented topics for discussion, with responses to be provided later by Jim Ritzman as follow-up related to each of the points raised by the MPO/RPO caucus. Ritzman specifically noted that the release of performance of performance measures at the federal level is still pending; he encouraged PennDOT and planning partners to begin to advance their work in this area and not wait for final federal and PennDOT release.

Also discussed at the partners meeting, was the Statewide Long Range Plan. The upcoming review and comment process should provide an adequate timeframe for a thorough assessment of the draft document. Also discussed was continued evaluation of TAP and HSIP with the partners, as well as local asset management issues. In addition, the State will be looking at ways to enhance the LTAP program

Also discussed were Act 89 vehicle registration fees, and the potential for a statewide workgroup on transit, with state planning partners.

Individual session discussion focused on a wide range of areas, such as accelerated project delivery, better overall coordination of projects in corridors, and greater efficiency with contractors. Also discussed was an emphasis on better coordination of TAP/Multimodal programs.

*Chris Bova questioned the \$5 registration fee and its implementation, "is it per year or multi-year renewal?" DiPietro responded that these questions have yet to be fully answered. As more information is made available, we'll pass it along as it develops.

C. Multimodal Fund and TAP Project Selection Announcement

Kevin McCullough emphasized that coordination between the program center and the Governor's office continues, including various press releases such as the project lists. A list of projects is available and can be attained from either Kevin, Chuck DiPietro or Darin Alviano.

D. PA's Long Range Transportation & Comprehensive Freight Movement Plan

The PA Bulletin will have announcement on the draft document comment period. Chuck says that SPC will be coordinating a review internally and any SPC partner's input can be sent to SPC, attention Sara Walfoort.

4. Action on Amendments & Modifications to 2015-2018 TIP

A. District 10-0 (Attachment C, Handout 1)

Dave Cook requested a correction "Near Stonehouse Bridge", changing it to 100% Federal Funding to free up state funds. Also, highlighted by Dave was the addition of the Indiana County railroad grade crossing and Clune Bridge. Motion to approve was made by Art Cappella, seconded by Chris Bova. TTC approved as presented.

B. District 11-0 (Attachment D, Handout 2)

Rob Miskanic requested administrative changes for Almono project in Allegheny County, using Governor's Transportation and Infrastructure Funds for construction in 2015. Rob also highlighted Delafield Avenue, replacement of brick pavement with asphalt. Robert Morris University Turn lanes, installation of westbound/eastbound turn lanes for 2015. SR 65-Fort Duquesne Bridge, additional reconstruction and ramp work. Motion to approve was made by Art Cappella, seconded by Jeremy Kelly. TTC approved as presented.

C. District 12-0 (No TIP Modifications Requested)

5. Locally Owned Federal Aid Road Data Collection - PennDOT Bureau of Planning & Research

Andrew O'Neill and Jeremy Freeland, PennDOT Bureau of Planning and Research discussed an overview of their Bureau and their various programs such as traffic monitoring, HPMS, traffic data, and pavement condition. Focus was also on highway condition data collection/administration on the federal aid system, and in particular data collection or planned data collection on the non-state roads on this network. As part of the 2103 USDOT certification report for our region, the non-state federal-aid system has been identified by FHWA as an area for improved awareness, data collection and management. A copy of the presentation is available from SPC staff for further information.

6. SPC Long Range Plan Update

A. Plan Outreach Activities (Handouts 3 & 4)

Matt Pavlosky gave an update regarding the upcoming meetings for “Mapping the Future: The Southwestern PA Plan”, which included an overview of the meeting structure, and discussion of the electronic voting process used to help define SPC’s Performance Measures.

Chuck DiPietro highlighted the following sample Long Range Plan activity underway:

B. October 24 - SPC Commissioners Energy, Environment & Sustainability Workshop

SPC offered this meeting for its Commissioners and planning partners with a full-day agenda to discuss best practices in the areas of energy, environment, and sustainability. Featured were regional experts including and beyond the SPC region, as speakers and panelists, offering advice, solutions, and their future outlook for incorporating these issues into the planning process.

C. November 4 - Turnpike LRP Update – Turnpike team met with SPC and PennDOT District staff to seek input to their efforts to update their 2004 Plan.

D. November 5 - SPC Operations & Safety Committee – Agenda highlights included corridor modernization, traffic signals, traveler information, ITS architecture, road safety audits, and traffic incident management.

E. November 7 - Economic Impact Analysis Work Group – Progress to date was highlighted, as this SPC work group continues to screen state of economic impact modeling and how to best to apply both as part of the Long Range Plan Update underway, and in future to support our member planning departments. Focus continues on IMPLAN and TREDIS, and on REMII and Transight.

F. November ATWIC HSCTP Outreach Meetings - Kathy Stefani gave an update of the process underway to update the Human Services Coordinated Transportation Plan, and also preview, the Alliance meeting scheduled for November 25th. All are welcome to attend.

G. December - County/City Work Sessions – December will feature work sessions with City & County staffs, Districts and Transit agencies to discuss major candidate projects to be screened as part of the Long Range Plan Update .

H. December 11 - [Energy for the Power of 32](#) - Sustainable Pittsburgh will hold regional summit regarding energy topics and issues for our region at the Convention Center. The focus is working to craft our region’s first-ever energy plan and strategy, including establishing a baseline.

7. Other Business/Status Report

- A. November 13 - SPC Smart Transportation Evaluation Committee
Lew Villotti will assemble a group of partners immediately after today's TTC meeting to screen candidate projects
- B. November 13 & 19 [Stormwater Management Workshop](#) - Workshop on stormwater ordinance enforcement and funding resources for stormwater projects.
- C. December 10 – TOC – Tom Klevan presented agenda highlights, including Discussion of TIP Amendments and Long Range Plan update
- D. December 11 - next TTC Meeting
- E. December 15 & March 30 - Commission Meeting