

SOUTHWESTERN PENNSYLVANIA COMMISSION

RESOLUTION NO. 20-05

A RESOLUTION OF THE SOUTHWESTERN PENNSYLVANIA COMMISSION to adopt an updated Public Involvement Policy.

WHEREAS, the Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission has a shared obligation with the public to identify, define, evaluate and address the objectives, needs and alternatives for all modes of the region's transportation system; and

WHEREAS, communication with the public contributes to more effective and innovative transportation planning that is representative of and responsive to the needs of the entire region; and

WHEREAS, a defined public involvement policy is necessary and desirable as it provides a framework for the Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission to conduct an open process that elicits the input and active involvement of all affected individuals, groups and communities from the earliest planning stages; and

WHEREAS, the procedures described in the updated Public Involvement Policy help ensure that regional planning efforts "include a proactive public involvement process that provides complete information, timely public notice, full public access to key decisions, and supports early and continuous involvement of the public in developing plans" (23CFR 450.316(b)(1)); and

WHEREAS, it is necessary and desirable to coordinate when appropriate public involvement activities with other transportation planning agencies; and

WHEREAS, the Commission recognizes that a Public Involvement Policy is a required element of the Long Range Plan and the Transportation Improvement Program under the provisions of federal transportation planning legislation; and

WHEREAS, the Commission recognizes "Public involvement processes shall be periodically reviewed by the MPO in terms of their effectiveness in assuring that the process provides full and open access to all" (23CFR 450.316(b)(1)(ix)); and

WHEREAS, an approved draft updated Public Involvement Policy has been made available for public review and comment for a period of 45 days, a public meeting was held, and comments were received and considered as required by federal transportation planning legislation and SPC's existing Public Involvement Policy.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission hereby adopts the updated Public Involvement Policy dated October 2005.

I, Dan Onorato, 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 24th day of October 2005, 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