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Southwestern Pennsylvania Active Transportation Forum

Wednesday, June 7, 2017

Meeting: 10:00 AM – Noon

**North Meeting Room, 4th Floor
Two Chatham Center, 112 Washington Place
Pittsburgh, PA 15219**

Meeting Summary

Attendance

Ann	Ogoreuc	Allegheny County Economic Development
Betsy	Zang	McCormick Taylor
Carol	Moore	Oakmont Borough
Carol	Reichbaum	University of Pittsburgh/WalkWorks
Daniel	Carpenter	Westmoreland County
Darrell	Rapp	Swissvale Borough
Doniele	Russell	Lawrence County
Hannah	Hardy	Allegheny County Health Department (Live Well Allegheny)
Jason	Theakston	Washington County
Joel	Mackay	Butler County
Josh	Grimm	PennDOT D-11
Josh	Theakston	PennDOT D-12
Kathleen	McCaig	Cranberry Twp
Kathryn	Schlesinger	Pittsburgh Community Reinvestment Group
Lindsay	Angelo	CONNECT
Liz	Gamelier	TransAssociates
Lynn	Manion	Airport Corridor Transportation Association
Mark	Gordon	Butler County
Mark	Magalotti	University of Pittsburgh
Mary	Shaw	Trail Volunteer Fund, Free Wheeling Easy
Mike	Zizan	Skelly and Loy
Richard	Feder	University of Pittsburgh, Squirrel Hill Urban Coalition
Robert	Genter	Mackin Engineering
Roy	Weil	Trail Volunteer Fund, Free Wheeling Easy
Stephen	Wiedemer	AD Marble
Tosh	Chambers	Port Authority
William	Lesterick	PennDOT D-11
Keith	Johnson	Gannet Fleming

SPC Staff

Abby	Stark	Public Involvement Specialist
Chuck	Imbrogno	Models & Data Analysis Manager
David	Totten	Transit Planner
Doug	Smith	Transportation Planning Director
Jim	Hassinger	Executive Director
Kim	Beaver	Grant Manager
Leann	Chaney	Transportation Planner
Lisa Kay	Schweyer	CommuteInfo Program, Program Developer
Ronda	Craig	Outreach Specialist
Tom	Klevan	Manager, Multimodal Planning
Mali'e	Yoon	Intern
Shakir	Mahmud	Intern

1. Welcome & Introductions

Leann Chaney opened the meeting and asked for introductions from those in attendance. She also introduced SPC's new multimodal transportation intern, Mali'e Yoon. Mali'e is a graduate student, studying civil engineering at the University of Pittsburgh. She has a strong interest in transportation planning.

2. Education & Advocacy

Roundtable Updates

Rather than holding the roundtable updates at the end of the meeting, updates were shared at the start of the meeting to ensure adequate time for local knowledge sharing. Updates were shared by several of those in attendance.

Highlighted activities included efforts to identify missing bicycle network links within and between communities, sidewalk projects, trail connections, trail extensions, improved river access, development of boat launches, multi-state trail development activities, mobility plans, greenway plans, Complete Streets policy development efforts, trail counters, last mile service, bike lanes and streetscape projects.

3. Capacity Building

Healthy Communities in PA; Hannah Hardy, Healthy Communities in PA Task Force

Hannah presented on the APA/PA Chapter's new initiative, Healthy Communities in PA. Hannah provided a brief summary of the definitions and relationships between health and community design, followed by a summary of the Healthy Communities in PA project which was created through a grant from the Planners4Health –the grant was funded by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). The Healthy Communities in PA project focuses on the overlapping needs and resources of planning and health.

The task force is comprised of planning and health professionals and advocates from around the state. Hannah reviewed ways to improve community health, which include planning and implementing community design that creates opportunities for biking, walking and outdoor recreation. Hannah also discussed a County Planning Directors Survey that the task force released through the County Planning Directors Association of Pennsylvania. The purpose of the survey is to help identify the priorities and needed resources in Pennsylvania's communities. The Healthy Communities in PA presentation will be posted on SPC's active transportation planning webpage.

PennDOT Connects; Doug Smith, SPC

Doug Smith presented an overview of PennDOT Connects, a PennDOT initiative that encourages communication between PennDOT and municipal officials *earlier* in the project development process. The purpose of the initiative is to identify community needs and the potential inclusion of pedestrian, bicycle and/or other multimodal accommodations before a project is designed and budgeted for.

Doug presented an example of a roadway asset management project that was completed prior to this initiative and explained how the project may have been able to incorporate additional enhancements had they been considered early in the project development process.

4. Planning

Regional Active Transportation Plan; Leann Chaney, SPC

Leann reviewed the status of each task involved in development of the plan. She stated that the Roles & Responsibilities task has been completed and that the resulting work product will be integrated into the introduction chapter of the plan. She also shared that SPC is working with Gannet Fleming to complete a county-by-county assessment of active transportation planning activities in the region. Keith Johnson (Gannet Fleming) provided an update on the status of this task and said they anticipate completing profile sheets for each county by the end of July. Leann stated that development of a web-based toolkit for use in planning healthy communities and building active transportation networks is well underway. She stated that Mali'e will be working on organization of resources that will be included on the website. Leann also stated that plan goals, which are tied to *Mapping the Future*, have been identified and preliminary objectives have been developed. Leann stated that SPC is seeking input on preliminary objectives and active transportation network mapping that is maintained by SPC GIS staff.

Maps for each county were on display for review/comments and objectives were listed for ranking of importance, via a dot exercise that was conducted at the end of the meeting.

Leann stated that SPC also presented the preliminary objectives during the Public Participation Panel (PPP) meetings that were held in each county in May. PPP members were asked to identify the top three priorities for their communities. She also shared that SPC created an online survey to gather additional input on the preliminary objectives and posted the link on their Facebook page this morning. The link will be provided for sharing with others.

5. Future meeting dates

- September 6, 2017
- December 6, 2017
- ~~March 1, 2018~~ March 7, 2018
- ~~June 7, 2018~~ June 6, 2018

6. Networking lunch

Noon – 1PM

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