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#### SPC

Transit Operators Committee December 10, 2014, 10:00 A.M. Two Chatham Center 112 Washington Place Pittsburgh, PA

## **MEETING AGENDA**

- 1. Welcome and Introductions
- 2. Public Comment
- 3. Approval of the Minutes from the July 16<sup>th</sup> and September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2014 TOC Meetings
- 4. <u>FTA/PennDOT Updates</u>
  - PennDOT Multi-Modal Program Funding Awards (Attachment A)
  - PennDOT Public Private Partnership CNG Fueling Station Project Announcement (Attachment B)
- 5. Member Updates

Those members present are encouraged to share news, upcoming event schedules, etc.

- 6. Staff Updates
  - CommuteInfo Update
  - ATWIC/Coordinated Plan Update
- 7. Amendments & Administrative Actions to the FFY2015-2018 TIP
  - Washington City Transit requests action to amend the current TIP. (Attachment C)
- 8. SPC Long Range Transportation and Development Plan Update
- 9. Update of the Regional Intelligent Transportation Systems Architecture
- 10. Other Business
  - Special Resolution
  - The next meeting of the Transit Operators Committee is scheduled for Wednesday, February 18, 2015



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# MINUTES TRANSIT OPERATORS COMMITTEE MEETING

Date:

December 10, 2014

Location:

Two Chatham Center 112 Washington Place

Pittsburgh, PA

Attendance:

Members: Marc Roncone, Chairman, MMVTA

David Wohlwill, PAAC Ray McDonald, FACT

Joe Thomas, City of Washington Mary Jo Morandini, BCTA Mavis Rainey, OTMA

Sheila Gombita, Washington Rides

John Paul, BTA Alan Blahovec, WCTA Lynn Manion, ACTA

Guests:

Ed Typanski, PAAC

Ashley Altemare, MMVTA Lori Brkovich, WCTA Jon Smith, ACTC

Cathy Williams, ACCESS Amy Mathieson, ACTA

SPC Staff:

David Totten

Lisa Kay Schweyer Chuck Imbrogno Kathy Stefani Ken Flack Chris Jaros Tom Klevan

This meeting of the TOC was called to order at 10:00 A.M.

### 1. Welcome and Introductions

Staff introduced the TOC to Chris Jaros, a new GIS Analyst at SPC, who will help with transit-related mapping needs. Jaros was recently Planning Coordinator for Armstrong County.

#### 2. Public Comment -

There was no public comment.

# 3. Approval of July 16th, 2014 and September 17th, 2014 Meeting Minutes

Action: Minutes of the July 16<sup>th</sup>, 2014 and September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2014 meetings of SPC's Transit Operators Committee were unanimously approved on a motion by Mary Jo Morandini and a second by Joe Thomas. The July 16<sup>th</sup> minutes

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were considered at this meeting due to a lack of quorum at the September 17th meeting.

## 4. FTA/PennDOT Update

- PennDOT Multi-Modal Funding Awards. Staff distributed a list of projects awarded by the Pennsylvania DOT through the Act 89 Multi-Modal Transportation Program. Staff highlighted that Port Authority of Allegheny County was awarded a grant through this program to rehabilitate the McKeesport Transit Center.
- PennDOT Public Private Partnership CNG Fueling Station Project Announcement. Staff
  distributed the official notification from PennDOT for the upcoming CNG fueling station
  program.
- State Transit Flex Program. Marc Roncone noted that the annual state flex program to fund transit projects was no longer being managed by Red Rose transit, and would now be managed directly by PennDOT.
- State Capital Grant Applications. Several TOC members reported that their state capital grant applications had been processed and approved, including MMVTA, WCTA and BCTA. If grantees need to update the STIP to match all sources of funding, SPC staff can coordinate that action with the PennDOT Program Center
- FTA Triennial Reviews: Three federal grantees are due to have triennial reviews from FTA in 2015, including SPC.

## 5. Member Updates

- <u>BTA</u>—John Paul reported that BPT planned to perform an Act 44 Performance Review of BTA in the next week.
- <u>OTMA</u>—Mavis Rainey reported that OTMA's steps improvement project was selected for TAP funding.
- <u>WASH</u>—Mr. Thomas reported that the City of Washington's transit center project was nearing completion.

There were no other member updates.

## 6. Staff Updates

- <u>CommuteInfo Update</u>—SPC Staff thanked BCTA for donating bus tickets for CommuteInfo's recent job seeker workshops at career links. Staff also thanked WCTA for printing signs for the new park-and-ride facility, indicating where ride share vans should park. Staff noted that IndiGo has been working with CommuteInfo to use ride-share strategies to fill gaps in the bus service. SPC staff plan to hole a "Transportation 101" workshop in Indiana County in the future.
- ATWIC Update—SPC Staff updated the Committee on the progress on the Human Services Coordinated Transportation Plan. Staff have met with transportation providers in nine of the 10 SPC counties to gather info for the plan. Staff presented some of the data about transportation accessibility issues in the region. A follow-up meeting was held to involve the transit operators and other stakeholders. This group proposed a shared definition of "Coordinated Transportation" and discussed the difference between providing transportation and mobility. This discussion led to 20 regional transportation goals. Staff will make the Power Point file for this presentation available to TOD members. The next meeting of the Alliance to work on the plan is set for January 29<sup>th</sup> with a third meeting in March. The plan will be completed by the end of April.

There were no other staff updates.

## 7. Amendments and Administrative Actions to the FFY2013-2016 TIP

• City of Washington Transit (WASH) requested that the TOC amend the FFY2013-2016 TIP to add the project "Intermodal Transit Facility" (MPMS #86780) to complete interior construction of the 2<sup>nd</sup> level of the Washington Intermodal Transit Facility using \$360,000 in federal 5307 funding and \$90,000 in other/non-federal funding in FY2015. TOTAL CHANGE: \$450,000

Action: This action was unanimously approved and the appropriate changes were made to the region's FFY2013-2016 TIP by the TOC on a motion by Mr. Paul and a second by Ms. Morandini. Staff will transmit this project information to the PennDOT Program Center within one week of this action.

There were no further TIP amendments.

## 8. SPC - Long Range Transportation and Development Plan Update

SPC staff reviewed the current status of the project to update the region's Long Range Transportation and Development plan, noting that the new plan includes a performance-based planning strategy, as mandated by US DOT, through MAP-2. For this plan, staff collected over 100 potential performance measures, narrowing that down through staff research and public input gathered at a set of public workshops. Staff presented an example of some of the measures relating to mobility issues for TOC input. The next step for the plan is to gather more public input by putting the measures in an online survey. A second survey will be done in early 2015 to look at what strategies the region can use to influence the performance measures.

## 9. Update of the Regional Intelligent Transportation Systems Architecture

SPC staff reported on progress to update the region's ITS Architecture, which is a planning tool and document that shows the data-sharing connections for all transportation projects, operations and activities in the region. Staff will hold a series of workshops with stakeholders, including TOC members, to review the Architecture and populate the system with plans for upcoming ITS work. As the ITS Architecture is implemented (it will be included in the Regional Operations Plan and the Long Range Transportation Plan), SPC staff will be on-hand to help transit operators and other stakeholders incorporate its data sharing advantages into planning and procurement procedures.

## 10. Special Resolution Honoring Chuck DiPietro

The TOC adopted the following resolution, honoring the service to the region of Chuck DiPietro upon his retirement from SPC:

"WHEREAS Chuck DiPietro has served with distinction on the staff of the Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission for over 46 years,

AND, WHEREAS he has had a key role in planning, programming and implementing almost every major regional transportation improvement since 1968, including many of the initiatives undertaken by members of the Transit Operators Committee,

AND, WHEREAS he has directed and encouraged cooperation and collaboration in the regional decision-making process,

AND, WHEREAS he has faithfully represented SPC and the interests of its members and committees in regional, statewide and national forums, to the benefit of the region and the TOC,

AND, WHEREAS he has been a leader, role model and mentor to his staff and colleagues, AND, WHEREAS his service to SPC, the Transit Operators Committee and the region have earned him the respect of his peers and the admiration of all who know him, NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the members of the Transit Operators Committee of the Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission express their appreciation for his years of dedicated service in support of Southwestern Pennsylvania's transportation system, his outstanding contributions to the TOC's ongoing activities, as well as the people of Southwestern Pennsylvania and wish him and his family all the best during his retirement from SPC."

### 11. Other Business

- The next meeting of the TOC is scheduled for Wednesday, February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at the Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission, in Pittsburgh, PA.
- **12.** Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned on a unanimous vote of a motion by Mr. Paul and a second by Ms. Morandini.