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Transit Operators Committee

February 12, 2014, 10:00 A.M.

Two Chatham Center
Pittsburgh, PA

MEETING AGENDA

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Public Comment
3. Approval of Minutes from the December 4, 2013 TOC Meeting
4. FTA/PennDOT Updates
 - FFY 2014 Certifications and Assurances – FR 79, No. 21, January 31, 2013
http://www.fta.dot.gov/documents/2014_Certs_and_Assurances.pdf
 - FFY 2014 FTA Allocations - *TBD*
 - PennDOT Bureau of Public Transportation – Act 89 Fiscal Guidance 2/10/14 - (*Attachment A*)
 - PennDOT Bureau of Public Transportation – *Southwestern Pennsylvania Transit Consolidation and Privatization Study* – Meeting – Feb. 20, 2014
5. Member Updates

Those members present are encouraged to share news, upcoming event schedules, etc.
6. Staff Updates
 - Alliance for Transportation Working In Communities (ATWIC) Update
 - Regional JARC/NF Program “Wrap-Up”
 - Alliance Meeting
 - *Southwestern Pennsylvania Public Transit Human Services Coordinated Transportation Plan*
 - CommuteInfo Update
 - Record Vanpool Growth
 - Report on February 6th Partners Meeting
 - Alternative Fueling Expo & Conference – Feb 18-20, 2014 (Attachment B)
7. Amendments & Administrative Actions to the FFY2013-2016 TIP
 - Mid-Mon Valley Transit Authority requests action to make adjustments to the current TIP. (Attachment C)
 - Any other requested amendments and/or administrative actions to the TIP will be acted on at this time.

8. Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) – Proposed Regional Administration

- Staff will review the proposed TAP process for TOC input and approval. (Attachment D)

9. FFY2015-2018 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Update

- Updated Schedule for Transit TIP Submissions
- Process for Update of TIP Amendment Procedures
- Update on the Title I Process
- Update on the Public Participation Process

10. Mon Valley Places – Final Update

The Lower Mon Valley region of Allegheny County is an area that has seen many years of disinvestment in jobs, housing and in transportation options. Yet, today, it is also a place with potential for future community and economic development. In 2012-13, the Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission (SPC) undertook a project to look for potential future enhanced transit corridors—places where new or restored transit service could be a catalyst for revitalization. For this study, SPC set out to create a set of concepts that could inspire future community leaders with ideas for innovative transit service and supportive station area plans that could lead to more sustainable communities.

11. Other Business

- The next regular meeting of the TOC is scheduled for Wednesday April 16, 2014. Proposed change of meeting location – Mid-Mon Valley Transit Authority, Charleroi, PA

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RIDE SCOUT



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Date: February 12, 2014
Location: Two Chatham Center
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Attendance:

Members: Lynn Manion, ACTA
Mary Jo Morandini, BCTA
John Kanyan, ICTA
Marc Roncone, Chairman, MMVTA
Mavis Rainey, OTMA
Lucinda Beattie, PDP
Wendy Stern, PAAC
Joe Thomas, City of Washington
Sheila Gombita, Washington Rides

Guests: Cathy Williams, ACCESS
Amy Mathieson, ACTA
Angela Schon, ACTS
Ann Ogoreuc, Allegheny County
Kathy Clark, BCTA
Sarah Morgan, Delta Development
Lachelle Biree, OTMA
Ed Typanski, PAAC
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John Tague, PAAC Board
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SPC Staff: Tom Klevan
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Kim Beaver
Chuck Imbrogno
Chuck DiPietro

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

1. Welcome and Introductions

2. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

3. Approval of December 4th, 2013 Meeting Minutes

Action: Minutes of the December 4th, 2013 meeting of SPC's Transit Operators Committee were unanimously approved on a motion by Mary Jo Morandini and a second by Mavis Rainey.

4. FTA/PennDOT Update

- SPC Staff updated the TOC on the availability of Federal Transit Administration FFY 2014 Certifications and Assurances, published in the Federal Register and available at http://www.fta.dot.gov/documents/2014_Certs_and_Assurances.pdf. Staff noted that the annual FTA allocations are often published within a week of the Certs and Assurances, but the FFY 2014 allocations have not been published yet. SPC staff will be in touch with the sub-recipients when the information is available.
- Staff updated the Committee on a PennDOT Bureau of Public Transportation Act 89 fiscal guidance phone call, held the previous week. The Bureau reviewed the new language in the act and the new funding sources. Questions were to be sent by e-mail to the Bureau.
- Ms. Morandini asked for an update for the Committee the status of PennDOT's shared-ride pilot program. Sheila Gombita said that the Bureau of Public Transportation does not have a timeline for the project, apart from a November deadline. She said she expects the Bureau to solicit proposals from transit operators.
- Staff noted that the next follow-up meeting on PennDOT's *Southwestern Pennsylvania Transit Consolidation and Privatization Study* is scheduled for February 20th at noon at the Moon offices of Baker.

5. Member Updates

- BCTA—Ms. Morandini reported that BCTA has taken delivery of six new buses, acquired through the joint purchase agreement with WCTA, BTA and York.
- MMVTA—Mr. Roncone updated the Committee on Mid Mon's progress to implement the Connect Card system with the Port Authority of Allegheny County. He expects the pilot to be up and running around April 1st and to include 50 to 60 customers. The pilot will run through June. The goal is to have a system-wide launch after that. In addition, MMVTA and PAAC have executed an interoperability agreement, which will allow customers with stored value on their connect cards to use that value on either system. Mr. Roncone invited the TOC to hold its next meeting—in April—at MMVTA's Charleroi facilities to learn more about the Connect Card implementation.

There were no other member updates.

6. Staff Updates

- ATWIC Update—SPC staff reported on work to set up the close out the “old” ATWIC and launch the “new” ATWIC. The old program was a cooperative venture between SPC, Three Rivers Workforce Investment Board and PAAC. It administered two federally funded programs for the urbanized area: Job Access Reverse Commute and New Freedoms Initiative. ATWIC was also responsible for developing the Public Transit Human Services Coordinated Transportation Plan (last updated in 2011). This plan will be updated by SPC as part of the region's Long Range Transportation Plan. ATWIC was coordinated by the Accessible Transportation Working Group. However, the JARC and NFI programs were eliminated by the federal MAP-21 transportation legislation. The new ATWIC stands for the Alliance for Transportation Working in Communities. It is a project at SPC, not an interagency cooperative. A variety of participants will be welcome to “get things done” with the Alliance, including transportation agencies, workforce support groups, municipal agencies and others. Staff asked Committee members to recommend people or organizations that should be included in ATWIC.
- Commute Info—SPC Staff distributed a copy of the 2013 CommuteInfo program overview publication. Staff reported that CommuteInfo currently operates 61 vans with 1,600 passengers per day. An objective for 2014 is to increase carpool registration. Upcoming CommuteInfo events include presentations in Washington, Westmoreland and Butler Counties.
- Alternative Fueling Expo & Conference—SPC Staff informed the Committee about an upcoming event promoting the use of CNG vehicles. This event will be held February 18-20th in Monroeville. Staff noted the availability of state funding to promote alternative fuel projects.

There were no other staff updates.

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

- Mid Mon Valley Transit Authority (MMVTA) requested that the TOC perform administrative action on the FFY2013-2016 TIP project “Operating Assistance” (MPMS# 65428) to add funding \$275,000 in federal 5307 funding and \$275,000 in state 341 funding for FY2014 to pay for operating expenses that have been or will be realized. **TOTAL CHANGE: \$550,000**

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 Ms. Morandini and a second by Ms. Gombita. Staff will transmit this project information to the PennDOT Program Center within one week of this action. The TOC’s recommendation on the major TIP amendment will be forwarded to the SPC for consideration.

There were no further TIP amendments.

8. Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) – Proposed Regional Administration

SPC Staff updated the committee on the proposed procedures for the new Transportation Alternative Program, which replaces the previous Transportation Enhancements program. TAP will be administered by a new committee at SPC. The new program includes some slight changes in eligibility and project sponsors. Under TAP, the Region is responsible for recommending projects for the program. Mr. Roncone has already volunteered to join the new committee. SPC Staff also requested that a staff person from PAAC be appointed to the committee. The current plan is for SPC’s committee to bring candidate projects to a meeting of the statewide TAP workgroup sometime in April. Lynn Manion, ACTA, expressed her frustration that non-profit groups, such as Transportation Management Associations, were excluded from the TAP process. She also noted the lack of eligibility for sponsors of bike and pedestrian projects. Staff noted that the eligibility was set by Congress in the MAP-21 legislation.

9. FFY2015-2018 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Update

Staff reviewed the state’s guidelines for the upcoming FFY 2015-2018 update of the Transportation Improvement Program. Under the new procedures, projects will only be included on the Draft TIP if the PennDOT Bureau of Public Transportation confirms that state matching funds are available for the project—that limits projects to state operating funds, based on formula, and carryover projects with identified state match in an approved state grant. Other projects will be added to the TIP as the state approves state grants. These will be shown in the Draft TIP as “potential” projects with the state portion shown as “non-federal” funds. This plan may change, depending on FTA guidance. Staff encouraged project sponsors to continue to use the SharePoint site. Staff requested projects sponsors to submit lists of projects within the next three weeks, recommending that they reference their 12-year capital programs.

10. Other Business

- *The next meeting of the TOC is scheduled for Wednesday, April 16th at Mid Mon Valley Transit Authority in Charleroi, PA.*

11. Adjournment

Action: *The meeting was adjourned on a unanimous vote of a motion by Ms. Morandini and a second by Ms. Gombita.*

