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Transit Operators Committee

April 15, 2015, 10:00 A.M.

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112 Washington Place
Pittsburgh, PA

MEETING AGENDA

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1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Public Comment
3. Approval of the Minutes from the February 18th TOC Meeting
4. FTA/PennDOT Updates
 - FFY2015 (partial year) FTA FY 2015 Apportionments, Allocations and Program Information (*Attachment A*)
 - Notice of Funding Availability for the Department of Transportation's National Infrastructure Investments Under the Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act, 2015 (FR V. 80, No. 64, Friday, April 3, 2015) – TIGER Funding Announcement (*Attachment B*)
 - Notice of Funding Availability and Solicitation of Applications for Magnetic Levitation Projects (FR V. 80, No. 54, Friday, March 20, 2015)
 - Southwest Pennsylvania Transit – Port Authority of Allegheny County Privatization Study and Port Authority Consolidation Study
<http://www.dot.state.pa.us/Internet/Bureaus/pdBPT.nsf/TransHomepage?OpenFrameSet&Frame=main&Src=%2FInternet%2FBureaus%2FpdBPT.nsf%2FinfoAndReports%3FReadForm%26AutoFramed>
 - Keystone West High Speed Rail Study – Feasibility Report & Preliminary Service Development Plan and the Menu of Options – Update (*Attachment C*)
5. Member Project Updates

Those members present are encouraged to share project schedule updates, news upcoming events, etc.
6. Staff Updates
 - ATWIC/Coordinated Plan Update
 - CMAQ Program Status Report and Process Update (*Attachment D*)
 - Intelligent Transportation Society of America (ITSA) 2015 Annual Meeting and Expo – June 1-3, 2015 – Pittsburgh
7. Amendments & Administrative Actions to the FFY2015-2018 TIP
 - Beaver County Transit Authority has requested the TOC take action to adjust the current TIP (*Attachment E*)
 - New Castle Area Transit Authority has requested the TOC take action to adjust the current TIP (*Attachment F*)
 - Westmoreland County Transit Authority has requested the TOC take action to adjust the current TIP (*Attachment G*)

- Indiana County Transit Authority has requested the TOC take action to adjust the current TIP (*Attachment H*)

8. Carnegie Mellon University Traffic21 Presentation – The Future of Mass Transit

Guest speaker Courtney Ehrlichman from CMU's Traffic21 program will provide a thought-provoking presentation on the future of transit.

9. Mapping the Future – The Southwest PA Plan

Staff will lead a discussion on the update of the region's Long Range Transportation and Development planning process.

10. Other Business

- *The next meeting of the Transit Operators Committee is scheduled for Wednesday, June 17, 2015.*



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MINUTES TRANSIT OPERATORS COMMITTEE MEETING

Date: April 15, 2015

Location: Two Chatham Center
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Attendance:

Members: Marc Roncone, Chairman, MMVTA
Len Lastoria, NCATA
Patti Lynn Baker, TACT
Ed Typanski, PAAC
John Paul, BTA
Lynn Manion, ACTA
Mary Jo Morandini, BCTA
Lucinda Beatie, PDP
Alan Blahovec, WCTA
Nancy Basile, City of Washington

Guests: David Wohlwill, PAAC
Breen Masciotra, PAAC
David Richards, NCATA
John Smith, ACTC
Cecily Zhu, PCRG
Ann Ogoreuc, ACED
Courtney Ehrlichman, CMU

SPC Staff: David Totten
Lisa Kay Schweyer
Chuck Imbrogno
Tom Klevan
Andy Waple
Darin Alviano
Matt Pavolsky

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 February 18th, 2015 Meeting Minutes**

Action: Minutes of the February 18th, 2015 meeting of SPC's Transit Operators Committee weres unanimously approved on a motion by Mary Jo Morandini and a second by John Paul.

4. **FTA/PennDOT Update**

- *FFY2015 (partial year) FTA Apportionments, allocations and program information.* SPC staff distributed the partial year apportionments and allocations from FTA, which were published in the Federal Register on February 9th. (Attachment A)
- *Notices of funding availability:* Staff reported on recent funding availabilities, including the seventh round of TIGER funding, totally \$500 million, nationally. Another NOFA solicits applications for “magnetic levitation” projects. This program totals \$8 million.
- *PennDOT Consolidation and Privatization Study:* Staff noted that PennDOT has released the final report studying potential consolidation of Southwestern Pennsylvania transit operators. The consolidation study is available at:
<ftp://ftp.dot.state.pa.us/public/bureaus/PublicTransportation/GeneralInformation/SB700Consolidation.pdf>
The privatization report is at:
<ftp://ftp.dot.state.pa.us/public/bureaus/PublicTransportation/GeneralInformation/SB700Privatization.pdf>
- *Keystone West High Speed Rail Study:* Staff reported that the official comment period on the state’s high speed rail study had closed. SPC staff presented details of the study’s results to the Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission. Also, the group “Western Pennsylvanians for Passenger Rail”, and the Pittsburgh Downtown Partnership, presented a separate analysis of the benefits and feasibility of increased service frequency on the Pennsylvanian route. Commissioners issued a letter to the Pennsylvania Secretary of Transportation calling for increased service frequency, to be included as public comment on the Keystone West High Speed Rail Study. Port Authority staff reported that PAAC had also submitted comments on the study.

5. Member Project Updates

- *BCTA*— Ms. Morandini reported that BCTA was preparing to place an order for vehicles through the Red Rose Transit Authority bus procurement. These will be CNG buses. While some facilities may not be completed by the expected delivery date, the fueling station should be ready.
- *MMVTA*—Marc Roncone reported that MMVTA expected eight CNG buses to be delivered by Gillig in November, but construction of the fueling station is not yet complete. In addition, MMVTA is \$1 million short in funding for the renovation of its bus storage facility to accommodate CNG vehicles. MMVTA is working with PennDOT to complete the project.
- *BTA*—Mr. Paul reported that BTA had recently met with the P-3 evaluation committee. BTA is currently installing security cameras at the Rt. 528 park-and-ride facility, as well as landscaping, to discourage unauthorized uses of the lot.
- *Wash*—Nancy Basile reported that City of Washington has awarded a contract for the construction of the upper level of the new transportation center. City of Washington Transit plans to move into the new offices over the summer. Meantime, work continues on the proposed consolidation of Washington Rides and City of Washington Transit.
- *PAAC*—SPC staff reported that PAAC had recently proposed a resurfacing plan for a park-and-ride lot near a Blue Line T station that uses innovative re-design to increase the number of parking spaces by 100. PAAC staff, David Wohlwill, reported that public meetings about Bus Rapid Transit were scheduled for May 5th and 6th in Uptown and Oakland to gather input on the scope of the NEPA process for the proposed BRT project.
- *CommuteInfo*—SPC Staff reported that CommuteInfo had recently provided technical assistance to ACTA to resolve issues with the new stop at Ikea. In addition, CommuteInfo staff had recently attended a job fair in Butler, in coordination with BTA. Other recent public presentations on ride sharing were held in conjunction with NCATA and WCTA. Staff also noted that May is Commuting Options Month. Staff also noted that the Emergency Ride Home program is still available to partner transit agencies for them to promote to their riders.

There were no other member updates.

6. Staff Updates

- ATWIC Update—SPC Staff updated the Committee on the progress on the Human Services Coordinated Transportation Plan. Kathy Stefani noted that staff had met with human services representatives from all ten counties in the SPC region, conducted questionnaires and 54 transportation user phone interviews for input on the plan. The plan identified five barriers to coordinated transportation: education & information, program policies & regulations, cost & affordability, availability & accessibility and public funding. The plan includes proposed solutions and action items relating to those barriers. The plan will be included as part of SPC's Long Range Transportation and Development Plan update.
- CMAQ Status Update—SPC Staff shared the current CMAQ project status report. The report includes a proposed development schedule for FY2017 and FY2020 CMAQ TIP program and a listing of the makeup of the CMAQ Advisory Committee. Staff noted that some additional CMAQ funding became available, allowing the funding of additional eligible projects. Staff noted that CMAQ funds must be placed under contract in the year of appropriation. The upcoming CMAQ process is ready to begin, with staff working with consultants to manage the process. Staff will share the proposed process with the SPC Executive Committee later in the summer. Staff shared the current membership of the CMAQ executive committee, noting that there were vacancies that needed to be filled by the TOC.
- ITS America Conference and Expo—Staff highlighted the upcoming five-day conference in Pittsburgh by the Intelligent Transportation Systems Association of America. The event includes a tour of PAAC's Martin Luther King, Jr. East Busway, including a stop to learn about the City of Pittsburgh/CMU/SPC Adaptive Signal program in Pittsburgh's Baum/Centre corridor.

There were no other staff updates.

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

- *Beaver County Transit Authority (BCTA) requested that the TOC amend the FFY2013-2016 TIP to add the new project "Preventive Maintenance" (MPMS #105099) to maintain revenue vehicles and facilities using \$320,000 in federal 5307 funding and \$80,000 in state 338 funding for FFY2016. **TOTAL CHANGE: \$400,000***
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 Ed Typanski. Staff will transmit this project information to the PennDOT Program Center within one week of this action.
- *New Castle Area Transit Authority (NCATA) requested that the TOC amend the FFY2013-2016 TIP to add the new project "Maint & Security Equipment" (MPMS# 105101) to maintain the garage floor scrubber and other items and to purchase 11 new programmable security cameras using \$91,836 in state PTAF funding and \$3,164 in local funding in FFY2016. **TOTAL CHANGE: \$95,000***
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 Mr. Morandini. Staff will transmit this project information to the PennDOT Program Center within one week of this action.
- *Westmoreland County Transit Authority (WCTA) requested that the TOC amend the FFY2013-2016 TIP to add the new project "Paratransit Vehicles" (MPMS# 102900) to purchase 12 wheelchair accessible vehicles for the shared ride program, using \$600,000 in state 341 funding in FFY2016. **TOTAL CHANGE: \$600,000***
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.

- *Indiana County Transit Authority (ICTA) requested that the TOC amend the FFY2013-2016 TIP to add the new project "Property Acquisition" (MPMS# 105100) to purchase property for a public-access CNG fueling station and additional parking for the shared ride program, using \$276,000 in state 339 funding in FFY2016. TOTAL CHANGE: \$350,000*

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 Mr. Paul. Staff will transmit this project information to the PennDOT Program Center within one week of this action.

There were no further TIP amendments.

8. CMU Presentation: The Future of Transportation

Courtney Ehrlichman from Carnegie Mellon University gave an overview of the Traffic-21 program, including the recently signed data sharing agreement with SPC and the research center's designation by the US DOT as a University Transportation Center. Ms. Ehrlichman reviewed some of the most interesting new technologies under development—including many being developed in Pittsburgh—that will change the nature of public transportation. This includes the upcoming transition to connected vehicles, through technologies like Dedicated Short-Range Communication that allows vehicles to "talk" to signals, and each other. DSRC will likely be a factory option on future vehicle purchase, and be available after-market to upgrade existing buses. Mr. Paul said there were further opportunities to connect CMU's adaptive signals demonstration with transit signal priority to improve transit service. Lisa Kay Schweyer suggested that real-time park-and-ride utilization would also improve mobility and service.

9. Other Business

- *The next meeting of the TOC is scheduled for Wednesday, June 17th, 2015 at the Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission, in Pittsburgh, PA.*

10. Adjournment

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