

Meeting Minutes for December 12th, 2013
Transportation Technical Committee Meeting
SPC Offices
Two Chatham Center, Pittsburgh

Attendees:

- Ann Ogoreuc, Allegheny County Dept. of Economic Development
Steve Shanley, Allegheny County Dept of Public Works
- Chris Jaros, Armstrong County Dept. of Planning and Development
- James Camp, Beaver County Dept. of Public Works
- Amy McKinney, Lawrence County Dept. of Planning
- Patrick Hassett, City of Pittsburgh Dept of Public Works
Marcelle Newman, City of Pittsburgh Dept of Public Works
Patrick Roberts, City of Pittsburgh Dept. of Planning
- Arthur Cappella, Fayette County Dept. of Planning, Zoning, and Community Development
- Jeremy Kelly, Greene County Planning Commission
Crystal Simmons, Greene County Dept. of Economic Development
- Jeff Leithauser, Washington County Planning Commission
- Jeff Raykes, Indiana County Dept. of Planning and Development
Zachary Norwood, Indiana County Dept. of Planning and Development
- Chris Bova, Westmoreland County Dept. of Planning and Development
Kevin McCullough, PennDOT Central Office
Dave Cook, PennDOT District 10-0
Doug Dupnock, PennDOT District 10-0
Dan Cessna, PennDOT District 11-0
Cheryl Moon-Sirianni, PennDOT District 11-0
Rob Miskanic, PennDOT District 11-0
Stephanie Spang, PennDOT District 11-0
Angela Saunders, PennDOT District 12-0
Josh Theakston, PennDOT District 12-0
Lucinda Beattie, Pittsburgh Downtown Partnership
Christine Miller, Airport Corridor Transportation Association
J.D. Fogarty, Port of Pittsburgh Commission
Stephen Hepler, PA DEP Air Quality
Chris Sandvig, PCRG
Joe Logan, Fisher Associates
Brian Fischbach, Fisher Associates
Chuck DiPietro, SPC Staff
Sara Walfoort, SPC Staff
Chuck Imbrogno, SPC Staff
Tom Klevan, SPC Staff
Darin Alviano, SPC Staff
Ryan Gordon, SPC Staff
Matt Pavlosky, SPC Staff
Kathy Stefani, SPC Staff
- (Indicates Voting Member)

Chuck DiPietro called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. He notified attendees of changes to the preliminary agenda, which included: a revised title for item 5 House Bill 1060 is now referred to as Act 89; a FCC walk-in for District 11-0; and a list of future presentations under item 7b. Lastly, Chuck announced that the meeting is being recorded for minute taking purposes only.

1. Action on November 14th Minutes – Attachment A

Motion was made by Jeremy Kelly and second by Amy McKinney to accept the November meeting minutes with no revisions. TTC approved.

2. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

3. FHWA/PennDOT Central Office Reports

a. State Updates

Kevin McCullough provided a brief overview of Act 89, the state's comprehensive transportation funding plan, and its implications on statewide financial guidance. Additional detail is expected by the December 18th meeting of the Statewide Financial Guidance Work Group. There is the possibility of the use of limited bonding to deliver projects that are ready to go. An attachment was provided in the preliminary agenda mail out under item 5a that does a good job of summarizing Act 89.

b. Federal Updates

Chuck DiPietro provided his outlook on the need for action for a transportation reauthorization bill. A message being shared at the Public Participation Panels meetings is the federal priority on the NHPP network and the cut in funding to the STP network. Hopefully, some of the additional state funding under Act 89, will cover the federal funding gap on the STP network. However, as noted at last month's TTC and Commission meeting, also looming is the fiscal cliff for the Highway Trust Fund. If not resolved quickly, beginning on October 1, 2014, Pennsylvania will receive approximately \$8 million in FFY 2015 compared to approximately \$1.6 billion the state has previously received annually from the federal government.; a totally unacceptable scenario.

4. Action on Amendments & Modifications to 2013-2016 TIP

a. PennDOT District 10-0 – Attachment B

Dave Cook of PennDOT District 10-0 reviewed the requested administrative action to the current TIP. Jeff Leithauser's motion was second by Art Cappella and TTC approved the administrative action requiring TTC approval, as presented.

[D10 December 2013 Fiscal Constraint Chart](#)

b. PennDOT District 11-0 – Attachment C

Rob Miskanic of PennDOT District 11-0 highlighted an administration action for informational purposes only. District 11-0 had no amendment requests or administrative actions requiring TTC approval.

[D11 December 2013 Fiscal Constraint Chart](#)

c. PennDOT District 12-0 – Attachment D

Angela Saunders of PennDOT District 12-0 reviewed the requested administrative actions to the current TIP. Jeff Leithauser’s motion was second by Chris Bova and TTC approved the administrative actions requiring TTC approval, as presented.

[D12 December 2013 Fiscal Constraint Chart](#)

5. State Transportation Funding Bill (Act 89)

a. Overview – Attachment E

Chuck DiPietro highlighted Attachment E “Comprehensive Transportation Funding Plan (Act 89). The comprehensive state funding package will bring much-needed investment to the SPC region transportation system, as well as the rest of Pennsylvania. The annual statewide additional investment estimates are provided in the below chart.

Transportation Mode	Year 1 (Jan. 1-June 30, 2014) est.	Year 5 est.
State Roads and Bridges	\$186 million	\$1.3 billion
Public Transportation	\$59 million	\$480 million - \$495 million
Local Roads and Bridges	\$34 million	\$237 million
PA Turnpike Expansion Projects	\$12 million	\$86 million
Multi-Modal Fund	\$30 million	\$144 million
Dirt/Gravel/Low-Volume Roads	-	\$30 million
TOTAL	\$321 million	\$2.3 billion-\$2.4 billion

6. Advance 2015-2018 TIP Update

a. Development Work Group Schedule

Chuck DiPietro highlighted dates for the fourth round of TIP Development Work Group sessions. They are as follows:

1. PennDOT District 10-0 – January 13th at District 10-0
2. PennDOT District 11-0 – January 9th at SPC
3. PennDOT District 12-0 – January 29th at District 12-0

Meeting objectives for the fourth round Work Group sessions include:

1. Schedule Review: Draft TIP to C.O. by the end of January.
2. Review Final Statewide Financial Guidance.
3. Discuss feedback from the November/December PPP Meetings.
4. Review the current TIP carryover projects (updated costs/scopes/schedules).
5. Highlight any new candidate projects that fit into fiscally constrained pre-draft TIP.
6. Discuss statewide P3 bridge bundling and Decade of Investment.

b. Final PA 2015 Transportation Program Financial Guidance

Chuck DiPietro reported on the financial guidance for the 2015 TIP and the impact of the additional state funding. SPC Staff is responding to Act 89, the state's comprehensive transportation funding plan. Potential impacts on the SPC region and TIP are being examined. SPC Staff is awaiting the Final 2015 TIP Financial Guidance, anticipated to be delivered shortly after the December 18th Statewide Financial Guidance Work Group meeting. At this time, SPC Staff can only make assumptions on the distribution of the additional state funding under Act 89 and regional implications.

c. CMAQ Evaluation Committee – Handout

Chuck Imbrogno provided a status update on the CMAQ evaluation process. The CMAQ Evaluation Committee (CEC) developed its prioritized ranking of the candidate CMAQ projects during committee meetings on November 6th and November 26th based on a technical evaluation of each project's expected air quality benefits as well as on several ancillary rating factors. The CEC's project ranking was presented for informational purposes to the TOC (Dec. 4) and is being shared at today's meeting of the TTC. The CEC will finalize its recommendations at its meeting this afternoon after the TTC.

d. Transit Operators Committee Work Group

Tom Klevan provided an update on the Transit Operators Committee (TOC) Work Group. The Transit TIP Update SharePoint site has been set-up and individual project sponsors' current programs of projects have been loaded on the site. TOC TIP Work Group and other stakeholders are working on developing the draft TIP through SharePoint. Like the Highway TIP Development Work Groups, the TOC TIP Work Group is awaiting financial guidance. State Act 89 did provide much needed funding, ensuring service cuts are avoided and vital needs of groups that depend on these services are met.

e. PPP Update

Matt Pavlosky provided an update on the Public Participation Panels (PPP's) TIP update meetings. The meetings with the PPP's, are ongoing in the SPC Region. The meetings have included the latest information on federal and state funding, MAP-21 implications, Highway and Transit TIP Update Work Group activities, candidate project status, and discussion of transportation issues specific to each county. Nine of ten total TIP Update meetings have been completed with the Public Participation Panels. Only Fayette (Dec. 17th) remains.

7. Planning Partners Power Point

a. PennDOT P3 Rapid Bridge Replacement Project – Handout 1

Chuck DiPietro and Kevin McCullough reviewed a presentation from the Fall Planning Partners meeting on P3 Rapid Bridge Replacement. The Commonwealth is

taking advantage of the new P3 tool that Governor Corbett signed into law in 2012 to begin a new initiative to address the state's nearly 4,500 Structurally Deficient (SD) bridges. This P3 tool will allow PennDOT to enter into agreements with the private sector to participate in the delivery, maintenance and financing of transportation-related projects. With the P3 approach, PennDOT can replace hundreds of these bridges more quickly; save money; and minimize the impact on the traveling public. These SD bridges are not unsafe but pose a serious problem that jeopardizes Pennsylvania's ability to grow economically and create jobs. Depending on how much funding is available for P3 initiative, 200 to 1,000 state bridges could be bundled together as part of the Rapid Bridge Replacement Project. At this time, it is anticipated that local bridges may not be part of the initial rollout.

b. Future Additional TTC Presentations

1. Transportation Alternatives Program

In addition to the P3 Rapid Bridge Replacement project presentation, Chuck DiPietro reviewed a presentation on the Transportation Alternative Program from the Fall Planning Partners meeting. PennDOT Central Office anticipates administering a statewide call for TAP candidate projects following the issuance of the TAP guidance. MPO's/RPO's will screen candidates by individual region and submit their recommendations to PennDOT Central Office. SPC Staff awaits the TAP guidance from Central Office, before advancing its own process to screen candidates.

The following select Fall Statewide Planning Partners meeting presentations may be presented at future TTC meetings:

- Local Bridge Bundling
- STC Public Outreach Modernization Project
- FHWA Update

8. Other Business/Status Reports

a. Local Projects Delivery TTC Continued Discussion/Direction – Handout 2

Chuck reviewed Handout 2 which included two job write-ups; one for a redundant bridge pilot study, and the other for local project delivery. These two items were discussed at last month's TTC meeting. SPC Staff built upon the discussion and outlined in more detail the specifics involved. SPC will continue to evaluate both as potential candidates, as it prepares its 2014-2016 Unified Planning Work Program.

SPC Staff announced the following upcoming meetings:

- b. CMAQ Evaluation Committee #5 – December 12th, following TTC*
- c. December 16th & January 27th – Commission Meetings*
- d. January 16th Next TTC*