

Meeting Minutes for January 16th, 2014
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
- Tammy Frank, Beaver County Dept. of Public Works
- Kevin Gray, Butler County Dept. of Planning
- 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
- Arthur Cappella, Fayette County Dept. of Planning, Zoning, and Community Development
- Jeremy Kelly, Greene County Planning Commission
- Jeff Leithauser, Washington County Planning Commission
- Jeff Raykes, Indiana County Dept. of Planning and Development
- Chris Bova, Westmoreland County Dept. of Planning and Development
Daniel Carpenter, Westmoreland County Dept. of Planning and Development
Kevin McCullough, PennDOT Central Office
Dave Cook, PennDOT District 10-0
Craig Chelednik, PennDOT District 10-0
Cheryl Moon-Sirianni, PennDOT District 11-0
Rob Miskanic, PennDOT District 11-0
John Quatman, PennDOT District 11-0
Allen Peng, PennDOT District 11-0
Rachel Duda, PennDOT District 12-0
Pat Richter, PennDOT District 12-0
Angela Saunders, PennDOT District 12-0
Josh Theakston, PennDOT District 12-0
Lucinda Beattie, Pittsburgh Downtown Partnership
Lynn Manion, Airport Corridor Transportation Association
Mavis Rainey, Oakland Transportation Management Association
Joe Logan, Fisher Associates
Brian Fischbach, Fisher Associates
Chuck DiPietro, SPC Staff
Chuck Imbrogno, SPC Staff
Doug Smith, SPC Staff
Darin Alviano, SPC Staff
Ryan Gordon, SPC Staff
Matt Pavlosky, SPC Staff
Kathy Stefani, SPC Staff
David Totten, 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: addition of item 4(a) “Act 89 – Additional 2014 State Revenue”, a revised FCC and narrative for all three PennDOT Districts; addition of handouts for item 5(e) and 7(a)(b), addition of item 7(g) “Review of Current TIP Modification Procedures”. Lastly, Chuck announced that the meeting is being recorded for minute taking purposes only.

1. Action on December 14th Minutes (Attachment A)

Motion was made by Art Cappella and second by Amy McKinney to accept the December meeting minutes with no revisions. TTC approved.

2. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

3. FHWA/Central Office Reports

a. State Updates – Local Projects Federal Cost Sharing Update

Cheryl Moon-Sirianni raised awareness to sponsors of local projects that need to have a utility relocation ordinance. This allows federal funds to be used to cover a share of the utility relocation cost as part of the project. Cheryl does not have an example ordinance that she could share. If she is able to find one, she will share with those members interested.

Federal Updates –Transportation Reauthorization Bill, INVEST Round 2

Chuck DiPietro discussed transportation reauthorization, as well as INVEST Round 2. Chuck stated House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee Chairman Bill Shuster (R-PA) said he intends to have a House bill to reauthorize surface transportation programs passed by the House and ready for a Senate conference before the current surface transportation law, MAP-21, expires at the end of September. He said he hoped to have a bill ready by late spring or summer.

Chuck also informed members of FHWA’s solicitation of interest to PennDOT Districts and Planning Organizations for potential INVEST projects and activities, with particular focus on Operations and Maintenance. The intent of the INVEST research funding opportunity is to develop case studies and analysis showing sustainability improvements that transportation agencies can make through self-evaluation with INVEST and subsequent exploration of promising sustainability practices. Note that funding, for consultant or staff time, is available to assist with analysis of the selected research projects. A 100% non-Federal match (50/50 cost share) is required. Additional information on the INVEST tool may be found at <https://www.sustainablehighways.org/>

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

a. Act 89 – Additional 2014 State Revenue (Handout 1)

Kevin McCullough and Chuck DiPietro provided an update on Act 89 funds. With the passage of Act 89, the SPC region is seeing immediate much needed revenue being added to the region. The three PennDOT Districts will be utilizing funds in 2014 to

advance the state's Decade of Investment list of projects. Of these projects, two projects in Allegheny County and one in Westmoreland County are required to be processed as Major TIP amendments. Handout 1 is a draft "Notice of Public Comment and Public Meeting" for the three projects. It is anticipated that the 30-day public comment process will begin on January 29th and conclude on March 3rd. After consideration of Public Comment Period feedback, the Commission will be requested take action on the Major TIP Amendment request at their March 10th meeting.

b. District 10-0 (Attachment B, Handout 2)

Dave Cook of PennDOT District 10-0 reviewed the requested administrative actions to the current TIP. Jeff Raykes' motion was second by Kevin Gray and TTC approved the administrative actions requiring TTC approval, as presented.

[District 10-0 January Fiscal Constraint Chart](#)

c. District 11-0 (Attachment C, Handout)

Rob Miskanic of PennDOT District 11-0 reviewed the requested amendments and administration actions requiring TTC approval to the current TIP. Both amendment requests exceed the cost threshold allowable for TTC approval, therefore both will be processed as a Major TIP Amendment; requiring a 30-day public comment period and Commission approval. Art Cappella's motion was second by Jeff Leithauser and TTC approved the administrative actions requiring TTC approval.

[District 11-0 January Fiscal Constraint Chart](#)

d. District 12-0 (Attachment D, Handout 3)

Angela Saunders of PennDOT District 12-0 reviewed the requested amendments and administration actions requiring TTC approval to the current TIP. The PA Route 50 Rockfall amendment request exceeds the cost threshold allowable for TTC approval, therefore the project will be processed as a Major TIP Amendment; requiring a 30-day public comment period and Commission approval. Jeff Leithauser's motion was second by Chris Bova and TTC approved the GRCO Airport Access Rd. and Dunbar Twp. Business Park Access Rd. amendment, and administrative actions requiring TTC approval.

[District 12-0 January Fiscal Constraint Chart](#)

5. Advance 2015-2018 TIP Update

a. 2015 Financial Guidance & Final Schedule

Chuck DiPietro stated that SPC is awaiting Final Financial Guidance Document and schedule from PennDOT Central Office. SPC staff has shared the statewide Draft guidance and schedule with the three TIP Development Work Groups at the TIP Update work sessions. The TIP is being developed based upon the draft guidance.

b. TIP Development Work Group Schedule

Chuck DiPietro recapped the fourth round of TIP Development Work Group sessions in District 10-0 and 11-0. Agenda included: TIP Update Revised Schedule, Draft Statewide Financial Guidance; Fall PPP Meetings Feedback; Current TIP Carryover Projects; New Candidate Projects; Statewide P3 Bridge Bundling; and Decade of Investment. The fourth round TIP Development Work Group session for District 12-0 is scheduled for January 29th. A fifth round of Highway TIP Development Work Group sessions are scheduled as follows:

- i. PennDOT District 10-0 – February 3rd at District 10-0
- ii. PennDOT District 11-0 – February 11th at District 11-0
- iii. PennDOT District 12-0 – TBD

c. CMAQ CEC Recommendation (Attachment E)

Chuck Imbrogno provided an update on the CMAQ program. The CMAQ Evaluation Committee's (CEC) prioritized list of recommendations for the 2015-2018 TIP was presented to SPC's Executive Committee at its December 16 meeting. In late December, staff sent the CEC's recommendations to PennDOT Central Office for review. SPC staff is working with PennDOT Central Office and the local PennDOT District Offices to select projects for CMAQ funding in the 2015-2018 TIP from the CEC's recommended list, subject to fiscal constraint. Also, Staff continues to provide technical assistance to project sponsors, in cooperation with PennDOT and others, to ensure that the CMAQ projects on the current 2013-2016 TIP are delivered as programmed.

d. Transit Operators Committee Work Group

David Totten provided an update on the Transit Operators TIP Update Work Group. The work group is awaiting financial guidance from both PennDOT and FTA in order to complete their draft program of projects. SPC staff expects guidance from PennDOT by February 10th.

e. Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) (Handout 4)

Ryan Gordon provided an update on TAP. SPC Staff is recommending that a committee assist with prioritizing candidate projects for Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) funding. Proposed committee would consist of the following:

- 1 Rural County TTC Representative – Jeff Raykes, Indiana County
- 1 Urban County TTC Representative – Ann Ogoreuc, Allegheny County
- 1 PennDOT District Representative – being decided amongst the 3 Districts
- 1 PennDOT Central Office Representative – Kevin McCullough
- 1 SPC Ped/Bike Committee Representative - TBD
- 1 DCNR Representative - TBD
- 1 Transit Operators Committee Representative - TBD
- 1 SPC Staff Representative – TBD

TTC agreed with SPC's recommendation. SPC staff will share full committee composition and PennDOT Central Office TAP guidance (if available) at the February TTC meeting.

f. PPP Update & New Webpage Launch

Matt Pavlosky provided a Public Participation update. SPC staff completed ten TIP update meetings in each of the member counties. Over 170 attendees participated in these meetings for updates on the status of the Draft TIP, discussions on projects in their counties, and introduction Pennsylvania's new Act 89 transportation legislation. Matt also added that SPC staff is developing a public participation information webpage that will be launched through the SPC website. The page will inform Public Participation Panel members and the general public of SPC's transportation planning processes and news. Webpage launch is expected in early February.

g. Review of Current TIP Modification Procedures

Darin Alviano informed members that SPC, as part of its TIP Update, will be conducting a review of its TIP Modification Procedures. In contrast to years past, a work group will be utilized to complete this task. The group will be relatively small, comprised of some members of TTC, TOC, PennDOT, SPC Staff, and FHWA. SPC staff is anticipating holding two or three meetings in February/March and report the group's recommendation to the TTC at the April meeting date. SPC staff will be asking for volunteers.

6. Traffic Incident Management – Local TIM Teams

Doug Smith and Jeff Raykes discussed their involvement in helping to organize a Local TIM team meeting for Indiana County. Both felt there is great opportunity for a dedicated TIM team in Indiana. The TIM meeting is scheduled for tonight in Indiana Borough. Doug and Jeff are both optimistic that stakeholders will see the benefit of sustaining a TIM team for the County.

7. Fall Annual Planning Partners Meeting Power Points

a. Local Bridge Bundling (Handout 5)

Chuck DiPietro and Kevin McCullough reviewed a presentation from the Statewide Fall Planning Partners meeting on Local Bridge Bundling. The bundling objective is to create economies of scale in design and construction that achieves costs and time savings. The goal would be to bundle 20 to 30 local bridges in one contract. PennDOT would administer the Design and Construction on behalf of the local owner. A local bridge bundling project pilot program was administered in Blair, Washington, and Luzerne Counties. Benefits of the program included cost savings in Time, Design, and Construction. Participation in this program will significantly reduce local cost shares by as much as 100 percent. When more program details become available, PennDOT Central Office and SPC will share with planning members.

b. FHWA Update (Handout 6)

Due to time constraints, presentation will be shared at the February TCC meeting.

8. Other Business/Status Reports

SPC staff announced the following upcoming meetings:

- a. January 27 & March 10 - Commission Meetings
- b. February 12 - Transit Operators Committee
- c. February 13 - Next TTC