

Meeting Minutes for July 17th, 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
- Joel MacKay, Butler County Planning Commission
- Arthur Cappella, Fayette County Zoning, Planning and Community Development
- Jeremy Kelly, Greene County Planning Commission
- Jeff Raykes, Indiana County Planning and Economic Development
- Amy McKinney, Lawrence County Dept. of Planning
- Patrick Hassett City of Pittsburgh Department of Public Works
- Chris Bova, Westmoreland County Dept. of Planning and Development
- Jeffrey Leithauser, Washington County Planning Commission
- Kevin McCullough, PennDOT Central Office
- Dan Keane, PennDOT Central Office
- Dave Cook, PennDOT District 10-0
- Robert Miskanic, PennDOT District 11-0
- John Quatman, PennDOT District 11-0
- Angela Saunders, PennDOT District 12-0
- William Beaumariage, PennDOT District 12-0
- Joshua Theakston, PennDOT District 12-0
- Mavis Rainey, Oakland Transportation Management Association
- Lynn Manion, Airport Corridor Transportation Association
- JD Fogarty, Port of Pittsburgh Commission
- Jim Hassinger, SPC CEO & Executive Director
- Chuck DiPietro, SPC Staff
- Lew Villotti, SPC Staff
- Sara Walfoort, SPC Staff
- Tom Klevan, SPC Staff
- Darin Alviano, SPC Staff
- Dominic D'Andrea, SPC Staff
- Dan Bernazzoli, SPC Staff
- Ryan Gordon, SPC Staff

Chuck DiPietro called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. He notified attendees of changes to the preliminary agenda, which included: an addition of item 3.a.i. – Capital Budget Bills; a revised District 10-0 FCC and Narrative; addition of handout 3 under item 5; addition of handouts 4 & 5 under item 7; addition of handout 8 under item 11.a.

1. Action on June 19th Minutes (Attachment A)

Chuck DiPietro indicated that David Wohlwill with agreement from the City, requested that the following language be inserted into the final meeting minutes under SPC TAP Update: “David Wohlwill of the Port Authority stated that the City of Pittsburgh’s bicycle facility program did not identify the locations for the proposed bicycle lanes and raised concerns about potential impacts on transit operations and service. He requested that the City of Pittsburgh coordinate with Port Authority and transit riders early in the project. Pat Hassett noted that he shares the Port Authority's concerns and supports early coordination and effort between the City and the Port Authority and transit riders in regards to this project.” Motion was made by Amy McKinney and second by Art Cappella to accept the June meeting minutes with addition. TTC approved.

2. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

3. FHWA/Central Office Reports

a. State Updates

Kevin McCullough and Chuck DiPietro shared updates on the below topic.

i. Capital Budget Bills

Capital project itemization bills, HB 2244 (Bridge bill) and SB 1384 (Highway bill) have been passed by the legislature and signed by the Governor. These bills list all projects with capital budget approval.

b. Federal Updates

Kevin McCullough and Chuck DiPietro shared updates on the below topics.

i. Transportation Reauthorization & Highway Trust Fund (Handout 1)

On July 10th, the U.S. House of Representatives Ways and Means Committee passed a stopgap bill (H.R. 5021 – Highway and Transportation Funding Act of 2014) to extend HTF solvency until May 31, 2015, as well as all MAP-21 provisions. The one-time \$10.8 billion (B) measure transfers \$8.8B to the Highway Account and \$2.0B to the Mass Transit Account. The Senate Committee is working on a similar measure, but would like to see a shorter extension. The highway account of the HTF is expected to dip below \$4 billion by the end of July. Once it dips below this level, the U.S. Department of Transportation will take measures to ensure that the account will be able to cover existing obligations.

ii. FY 15 Appropriations

There are less than 30 legislative days remaining before the start of the new fiscal year – October 1 – when FY15 appropriations *should* be complete. The U.S. House of Representatives is nearly halfway through their bills. The U.S. Senate has yet to pass any of its spending bills due to an amendment process roadblock.

iii. Freight Trust Fund Bill

A bill is expected to be introduced in Congress that would create a Freight Network Trust Fund, funded with a portion of import duties collected by Customs and Border Patrol. The bill would

provide approximately \$2 billion annually for so-called “last-mile” connectors that are crucial for system efficiency.

iv. [NHS Intermodal Connectors Additions in Pennsylvania](#)

FHWA has reviewed and approved PennDOT’s request to add new NHS intermodal connectors and terminals. The State, in conjunction with the MPOs and RPOs, conducted a statewide review of their current NHS intermodal connectors list over the past year. This review identified intermodal terminals that now meet terminal activity threshold levels defined in Appendix D of 23 CFR 470, and are eligible for connector route addition to the NHS. The requested additions are in line with the guidance in the regulations, and FHWA approves the addition of thirty new NHS intermodal connectors and terminals in the Commonwealth. Please see above link for list of new NHS intermodal connectors and terminals.

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

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

Dave Cook of PennDOT District 10-0 reviewed the requested administrative actions to the current TIP. Chris Jaros’ motion was seconded by Jeff Raykes and TTC approved the administrative actions requiring TTC approval, as presented.

[PennDOT District 10-0 July TIP Modifications](#)

b. District 11-0 (Attachment C)

Rob Miskanic of PennDOT District 11-0 reviewed the requested administration actions requiring TTC approval to the current TIP. Ann Ogoreuc’s motion was seconded by Amy McKinney and TTC approved the administrative actions requiring TTC approval, as presented.

[PennDOT District 11-0 July TIP Modifications](#)

c. District 12-0 (Attachment D)

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

[PennDOT District 12-0 July TIP Modifications](#)

5. Report on Public Comment Period Response (Draft 2015-2018 TIP; [EJ Benefits & Burdens Assessment](#); [Air Quality Conformity Determination](#); [2040 Plan Amendment](#)) (Handout 3)

Chuck DiPietro highlighted the Handout 3 summary to date of the Public Comment period currently underway (ends July 18th).

6. Action to Recommend Commission Approval of [Air Quality Conformity Determination](#) (for 2015-2018 TIP & 2040 Plan Amendment)

Art Cappella’s motion was second by Patrick Hasset to recommend Commission Approval of the Air Quality Determination for the 2015 TIP and 2040 Plan Amendment. TTC approved.

7. Action to Recommend Commission Adoption of [2015-2018 TIP](#) (Handout 4 & 5)

Art Cappella’s motion was second by Jeff Leithauser to recommend Commission Adoption of the 2015-2018 TIP. TTC approved.

8. Action to Recommend Commission Approval of 2013-2016 TIP Amendment [I-376/SR 18 Relocation & Realignment in Beaver County](#)

Jeff Leithauser's motion was second by Joel McKay to recommend Commission Approval of Shell's request to include the I-376/SR 18 Relocation & Realignment in Beaver County in the 2013-2016 TIP. TTC approved.

9. Action to Endorse Township of Findlay's Westport Transportation District to be Advanced Under the Transportation Partnership Act (Attachment E & F, Handout 6 & 7)

Chuck DiPietro highlighted the request before the TTC from the Township of Findlay, and key elements of the Transportation Partnership Act of 1985. Ann Ogoreuc's motion was second by Art Cappella to endorse the Township of Findlay's Westport Transportation District. TTC approved (see Handout 6 resolution)

10. SPC Smart Transportation Initiative

Lew Villotti provided an update on SPC's "Livability Through Smart Transportation Program". Currently, there is \$3 million programmed on the 2015 Draft TIP; \$1.5 million in each of the first two years. Lew reviewed the program guidance and received feedback from members on decision points that needed to be finalized. Opinions varied on eligible uses of funds for project phases. SPC staff will take all comments into consideration when drafting the final program guidance. SPC will be soliciting applications from SPC member planning departments.

11. Other Business/Status Reports

SPC staff highlighted both recent and upcoming meetings listed below.

a. SPC 2014/2015 Meeting Schedule (Handout 8)

b. July 16 - Transit Operators Committee

Tom Klevan recapped yesterday's TOC meeting. Agenda included the following topics: FTA/PennDOT/PPTA Updates; Member Updates; CommuteInfo Updates; Amendments & Administrative Actions to the FFY2013-2016 TIP; FY2015-2018 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Update & Actions; PAAC ULI Recommendations and Planned System Improvements; ConnectCard Regional Pilot.

July 17 - SHRPP National TIM Responder Training - Ross Township

c. July 28 & September 29 - Commission Meetings

d. July 30 - Operations & Safety Committee

Dom D'Andrea provided details on the upcoming O&S Committee meeting. Agenda includes the following presentations: June 24-26 Utility Incident on S.R. 228; PennDOT's New PA511 Mobile App; Tier 1 Congestion Management Performance Measures; Developing a Methodology to Incorporate Transit, Pedestrian and Bicycle Design Features into Highway and Bridge Projects during the Planning and Design Phases of Project Development in Pennsylvania.

e. August 19 & 20 - Northern Transportation & Air Quality Summit at SPC

f. September 18 - next TTC Meeting

g. October 15 - Joint Oh/WV/PA TIM Conference in Wintersville Ohio

h. Other - Lynn Manion announced to members that there will be a ribbon cutting grand opening ceremony on July 29th for the PCTI funded ACTA Super Bus Stop that is in front of IKEA in Robinson Township. IKEA contributed private funds towards the project. All are invited to attend.