

Meeting Minutes for April 20, 2017
Transportation Technical Committee
SPC Offices
Two Chatham Center, Pittsburgh PA 15219

Attendees:

- Ann Ogoreuc, Allegheny County Department of Economic Development
- Stephen Shanley, Allegheny County Department of Public Works
- Tom Swisher, Armstrong County Department of Planning and Development
- Dan Colville, Beaver County Department of Public Works
- Joel McKay, Butler County Planning Commission
- Arthur Cappella, Fayette County Zoning, Planning and Community Development
- Jeremy Kelly, Greene County Planning Commission
- Jeff Raykes, Indiana County Office of Planning and Development
- Amy McKinney, Lawrence County Department of Planning and Development
- Jeff Skalican, City of Pittsburgh Office of Public Works
- Patrick Hassett, City of Pittsburgh Office of Public Works
- Daniel Carpenter, Westmoreland County Department of Planning and Development
- Jeffrey Leithauser, Washington County Planning Commission
- Ed Typanski, Port Authority of Allegheny County
- Kevin McCullough, PennDOT Central Office
- Matt Smoker, Federal Highway Administration
- Michael Sherman, Federal Highway Administration
- *Doug Dupnock, PennDOT District 10-0
- H.D. Cessna, PennDOT District 11-0
- Robert Miskanic, PennDOT District 11-0
- John Grove, PennDOT District 11-0
- Angela Saunders, PennDOT District 12-0
- Josh Theakston, PennDOT District 12-0
- Mavis Rainey, Oakland Transportation Management Association
- Lucinda Beatty, Pittsburgh Downtown Partnership
- Lynn Manion, Airport Corridor Transportation Association
- Justin Miller, City of Pittsburgh Department of Planning
- Matt Pavlosky, Port of Pittsburgh Commission
- Virginia Bailey, McCormick Taylor Associates
- Jennifer Provenza, CDR Maguire
- Chris Bova, Gibson-Thomas Engineering
- Sara Hansel, Fischer Associates
- Vico Innocenti, Fischer Associates
- Doug Smith, SPC Transportation Director
- Andy Waple, SPC Staff
- Darin Alviano, SPC Staff
- Tom Klevan, SPC Staff
- Chuck Imbrogno, SPC Staff
- Ryan Gordon, SPC Staff
- Leann Chaney, SPC Staff
- Dan Alwine, SPC Staff
- Kathy Stefani, SPC Staff
- Sara Walfoort, SPC Staff

- Indicates voting member
- * Participated by telephone

1. Call to Order

Doug Smith called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

2. Action on the March 16th Meeting Minutes (Attachment A)

A motion was made by Jeff Leithauser and seconded by Ann Ogoreuc to accept the March 16th meeting minutes as presented. The TTC approved.

3. Public Comment

There was no public comment

4. FHWA/PennDOT Central Office Reports

Kevin McCullough stated that the PennDOT Connects Planning & Engineering 360 training has started. The first module, “The Value of Planning”, for this part of the state was recently held in Indiana on April 18th. Kevin also noted that the STC public comment period for PennDOT’s Twelve Year Program is now open through April 28th with an online survey and mapping tool.

Matt Smoker mentioned that key administrative posts within US DOT still need to be filled by the new Administration. Also, Congress needs to pass a budget to continue funding the government before April 28th to avert a government shutdown.

5. Historic Metal Truss Bridge Management Plan

Virginia Bailey of McCormick Taylor gave a presentation on the development of PennDOT’s Historic Metal Truss Bridge Management Plan. The goal of this plan is to take sensible measures to extend the useful life of historic truss bridges: to “manage assets” through routine maintenance and repair. PennDOT seeks to maximize the chances that historic bridges can be rehabilitated to meet transportation needs and are preserved. In addition, in cases where important bridges cannot be rehabilitated to meet a transportation need, but can be moved, PennDOT seeks to encourage their adaptive reuse at another location for alternative uses such as pedestrian or bike traffic. As a planning tool, PennDOT proposes to evaluate these historic metal truss bridges, on an individual bridge basis, prior to their being programmed on the State Transportation Improvement Program to assess their potential for successful rehabilitation and establish a level of priority based upon a thoughtful understanding of the significance of the bridge. Lastly, PennDOT seeks to treat historic metal truss bridges as a population and strategically plan for their collective futures, rather than address their potential for rehabilitation without reference to the entire population, one at a time, during preliminary engineering. This plan is being developed in consultation with partners at the Pennsylvania State Historic Preservation Office (PaSHPO) and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). Owners of the structures should anticipate further coordination with PennDot Central Office and SPC regarding details of the management plan with respect to individual bridges. Pat Hassett requested that consideration be given in the overall management plan to other existing truss bridges in the City of Pittsburgh that may have not been identified.

6. Action on Modifications to 2017-2020 TIP (Handout 2)

A. PennDOT District 10-0

Doug Dupnock of PennDOT District 10-0 reviewed the requested TIP modifications. There was one administrative modification requiring TTC approval (as highlighted in handout 2). Tom Swisher made a motion to approve, which was seconded by Jeff Raykes, and the TTC approved the modification as presented.

B. PennDOT District 11-0

Rob Miskanic of PennDOT District 11-0 reviewed the requested TIP modifications. There were four amendments and five administrative modifications requiring TTC action (as highlighted in handout 2). The first amendment involved an increase of construction funds to the Elizabeth Bridge in the amount of \$6.85M. The second amendment involved an increase of construction funds to the Liberty Tunnel Phase 5 in the amount of \$6.84M. The third amendment, at the request of the project sponsor, is the removal of the University Boulevard Sidewalk Enhancement in Moon Township from the TIP. The project sponsor will move forward with completing the project using local funds. Lastly, at the request of the project sponsor, is the removal of the Pittsburgh Route and Sign project from the TIP. The project is not advancing. Ann Ogoreuc made a motion to approve, which was seconded by Art Cappella, and the TTC approved the modifications as presented.

C. PennDOT District 12-0

Angela Saunders of PennDOT District 12-0 reviewed the requested TIP modifications. There were two administrative modifications requiring TTC action (as highlighted in handout 2). Daniel Carpenter made a motion to approve, which was seconded by Art Cappella, and the TTC approved the modifications as presented.

7. 2019 TIP Development

A. TIP Work Groups Schedule

- June 9th – District 10-0
- June 12th – District 12-0
- June 19th – District 11-0

B. Candidate Projects (Handout 3)

Ryan Gordon mentioned that during the upcoming TIP work group meetings planning partners will be discussing candidate projects to determine if they merit further consideration for the 2019 TIP via the PennDOT level 2 screening form.

To assist in the TIP candidate project development and submittal Ryan provided the following files for planning partners on SharePoint:

- **2017Cands_not_on_current_TIP.xls** – This is a file showing all the projects that were on the 2017 TIP Candidate List that have yet to be programmed on the TIP. In most cases these projects already have purpose & need

statements, MPMS numbers, and Level 2 screening forms. Please review this list and provide a revised version back to SPC noting any changes to projects attributed to your organization in the originator column. Indicate if the project is a priority candidate for the 2019 TIP and check the estimated cost. Please note that cost estimates on this list are the ones provided in June of 2015 so they may need to be updated.

- ***Candidate_Project_Template_2019_TIP.xls*** – This file is a blank template that is to be used to submit any new candidate projects that are not already known to SPC (previous list). The template requests a purpose and a need for each project, basic project information, and documentation on the linkage to select plan performance measures. More detail on the performance measure portion of the template is contained on the “performance measure detail” sheet of the workbook.
- ***2015_LRTP.xls*** – A listing of projects on the Region’s LRTP. This file also contains a worksheet with the 2017 TYP filtered to show stage 2 & 3.
- ***Current TIP.pdf*** – The current TIP
- ***2019 TIP Development Timeline***

C. SharePoint Demonstration

Ryan Gordon demonstrated how to access and utilize SPC’s TIP SharePoint site.

D. Local Bridge Resources (Handout 4)

Dan Alwine highlighted the “State of the Region – Locally Owned Bridges” handout. He noted that 30% of the region’s local bridges (20 ft or greater) are structurally deficient. Dan stated that SPC staff is available to assist partners with prioritizing their local bridges utilizing evaluation criterion.

E. Public Participation Panel Outreach Meetings (Handout 5)

Doug noted the upcoming PPP meetings scheduled for May. The meetings will provide the public an opportunity to provide input into the development of the 2019 TIP and the regional Active Transportation Plan. Also at the meetings, SPC staff will be seeking public comment on the proposed TIP amendments for the SR 28 Betterment project in Allegheny County and the I-79 Widening project in Allegheny and Washington Counties.

8. Regional Population Trends

Chuck Imbrogno presented information on population trends in the region. He reminded the group that the Census Bureau had recently released its annual data file of population changes by county due to natural growth (births vs. deaths) and migration (international vs. domestic). He noted that there had been several news articles over the past couple weeks since the Census data release.

Chuck presented a summary of the new Census data for the region by county, highlighting discernible trends. He then provided decennial Census data for the region from 1930 through the 2010 Census, noting that the region's population peaked in the mid-1960s. Next, the latest data was added to the graph, extending the trend to 2016. Finally, projections of the regional population through 2040 were shown from three sources. He noted that each projection was produced with different assumptions and methods and show a wide range for the region's 2040 population.

Following responses to audience questions, Chuck introduced Analisa Rusnack, from the Census Bureau's Philadelphia Regional Office for a presentation on the Census Bureau's Local Update of Census Addresses (LUCA) program.

9. Introduction to LUCA - Local Update of Census Addresses (LUCA)

Analisa Rusnack, Geographic Coordinator from the Philadelphia Regional Office of the U.S. Census Bureau, presented information about the Local Update of Census Addresses (LUCA) program for the 2020 Census. The LUCA Program is the only opportunity offered to tribal, state, and local governments to review and comment on the U.S. Census Bureau's residential address list for their jurisdiction prior to the 2020 Census. The Census Bureau relies on a complete and accurate address list to reach every living quarters and associated population for inclusion in the census. Meeting participants were encouraged to participate in the LUCA program to help ensure an accurate decennial census count for their communities.

10. Other Business / Status Reports

Doug Smith provided a quick review/preview for previous and upcoming meetings.

- A. *March 16th – Natural Heritage Inventory Update, Kick-off Meeting*
- B. *March 20th – Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission*
- C. *April 19th – Transit Operators Committee*
- D. *May 11th – Regional Transportation Freight Conference (Handout 6)*
- E. *May 18th – Transportation Technical Committee*
- F. *June 13th-16th – US DOT Certification Review*
- G. *June 26th – Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission Executive Committee*
- H. *June 26th – Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission*
- I. *June 29th – Transportation Operations & Safety Committee*