

Meeting Minutes for August 18, 2017
Transportation Technical Committee
SPC Conference Center
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
- Mark Gordon, Butler County Planning Commission
- Joel MacKay, Butler County Planning Commission
- Arthur Cappella, Fayette County Zoning, Planning and Community Development
- Jeremy Kelly, Greene County Planning Commission
- Josh Krug, Indiana County Office of Planning and Development
- Amy McKinney, Lawrence County Department of Planning and Community Development
- Patrick Hassett, City of Pittsburgh Department of Mobility & Infrastructure
- Alex Pazuchanics, City of Pittsburgh Department of Mobility & Infrastructure
- Daniel Carpenter, Westmoreland County Department of Planning and Development
- Seth Koons, 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
- Dave Cook, PennDOT District 10-0
- Victor DeFazio, PennDOT District 11-0
- Rob Miskanic, PennDOT District 11-0
- John Quatman, PennDOT District 11-0
- Angela Saunders, PennDOT District 12-0
- Josh Theakston, PennDOT District 12-0
- Lynn Manion, Airport Corridor Transportation Association
- Lucinda Beattie, Pittsburgh Downtown Partnership
- Mavis Rainey, Oakland Transportation Management Association
- Jim Price, Sustainable Pittsburgh
- Steve Shadle, CDR Maguire
- Daniel Moore, CDR Maguire
- 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
- Ryan Gordon, SPC Staff
- Dom D'Andrea, SPC Staff
- Dan Alwine, SPC Staff
- Chuck Imbrogno, SPC Staff

- Indicates voting member

1. Call to Order

Doug Smith called the meeting to order at 10am.

2. Action on the July 13th TTC/TOC Meeting Minutes (Handout 1)

A motion was made by Mark Gordon and second by Ann Ogoreuc to accept the July 13th TTC/TOC 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 State Transportation Commission (STC) will hold a public meeting in Cranberry Twp. on September 14th. The STC meets quarterly. Two meetings are held in Harrisburg and two are conducted in various locations around the state to allow STC members the opportunity to view the varying transportation needs from region to region. All meetings are open to the public and a time is set aside on the agenda for residents to offer comments.

Kevin also mentioned that the State’s Planning Partners Fall conference will be held October 16th through the 18th.

Lastly, Kevin indicated that Act 13 payments were recently made to the counties. Kevin reminded counties that these funds will need to be programmed on the TIP when projects are indentified. Act 13 funds are exclusively for at risk bridges and are considered Local funds and can be used as match.

Doug Smith noted that FASTLANE grants were recently announced. Only awards from small projects were made through the program. Awards for large projects were not made. Funds that were set-aside for large projects were rolled into the new Infrastructure for Rebuilding America (INFRA) program, which has replaced FASTLANE. The INFRA program application period is now open through December 7th. Large projects applications submitted through FASTLANE can be resubmitted to INFRA. The program will also be accepting new large and small project applications. \$1.5B will be made available through the program.

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

A. PennDOT District 10-0

There were no modification requests requiring TTC approval.

B. PennDOT District 11-0

Rob Miskanic reviewed the requested TIP modifications. There were two amendments and five administrative actions requiring TTC action (as highlighted in Handout 2).

The first amendment request was to add to the TIP the City of Pittsburgh's "Smart Spines" project for construction in the amount of \$29.9M. It was noted that because of the project cost the modification is a major amendment requiring approval by the Commission. A 30-day public review and comment period and a public meeting will be conducted before the major amendment request will be presented to the Commission at their September meeting.

The second amendment request involved an \$8.9M cost increase for construction to the "PA 168- Gailee Rd. to Moravia St." project located in Lawrence County. The cost increase was a result of additional work being added to the scope.

Amy McKinney made a motion to approve the "PA 168- Gailee Rd. to Moravia St." amendment request along with the five administrative actions. Ann Ogoreuc seconded the motion and TTC unanimously approved.

C. PennDOT District 12-0

Angela Saunders reviewed the requested TIP modification. There was one administrative action requiring TTC action (as highlighted in Handout 2). Jeff Leithauser made a motion to approve which was seconded by Art Cappella and the TTC unanimously approved.

6. Amendment Requests to LRP and TIP (Handout 3)

Doug Smith stated that the Downtown-Uptown-Oakland-East End Bus Rapid Transit and the Smart Spines project are currently out for public comment. The public comment period opened on August 16th and will conclude on September 15th. Upon consideration of public comments received, the Commission will consider action on the Air Quality Conformity Determination and adoption of the proposed 2017-2020 TIP and Mapping the Future amendments at their September 25th meeting.

Alex Pazuchanics detailed the City's Smart Spines project. The project involves improvements to 126 intersections along eight corridors (Bigelow Boulevard Corridor, Forbes Avenue Corridor, Second Avenue Corridor, Fifth Avenue Corridor, Centre Avenue Corridor, Penn Avenue Corridor, Route 51 Corridor, and West Liberty Corridor). Improvements include new signals, addition of vehicular and pedestrian detection, audible pedestrian signals, countdown pedestrian signals and accessible ramps, and upgraded communications technology. The project also includes

Downtown IT improvements (establishment of a traffic management center, addition of cameras to actively monitor and control signals, and addition of technology to monitor and report incidents), installation of an Ethernet radio system on the USX Tower to connect signals that are not currently connected by fiber (or within line of sight to other intersections that are connected by fiber), installation of a Vehicle Dedicated Short Range Communication (DSRC) system, and integration with Port Authority Vehicles.

7. 2019 TIP Development

A. Highway TIP Work Groups Schedule

- October 5th – District 10-0
- October 12th – District 12-0
- October 27th – District 11-0

B. Highway TIP Work Group Meeting Recaps & Preview

Ryan Gordon provided a recap of the TIP work group meetings held to date.

The main objectives of the second round of TIP Work Group meetings were:

- Work group review/screening of submitted public input (STC & SPC input) and assigning a status to each of the submitted public input forms and selected STC comments, determining if any will be advanced as 2019 TIP candidates to Level 2 screening
- Work group review of new candidate list, which shows the candidates that have proceeded to Level 2 screening, coming out of Work Group meeting 1
- Sharing a link and providing a quick demo of 2019 TIP candidate interactive mapping
- Work Group review of latest carryover analysis (Districts 10 & 12)
- Discuss approach and schedule for the 2019 CMAQ and TAP programs

Ryan also reviewed key milestones for this TIP update, public involvement activities, and public participation panel activities. A demonstration of the interactive 2019 TIP Candidates map was provided.

C. Local Project Delivery Workshops (Handout 4)

Andy Waple informed everyone of the scheduled Local Transportation Project Delivery Workshops.

The meetings are scheduled as follows:

- August 17th @ SPC (following TTC)
- August 22nd @ West Kittanning Volunteer Fire Department
- August 25th @ North Belle Vernon Fire Department
- August 29th @ Vanport Volunteer Fire Department

Workshop Topics Include:

- Project Sponsor Responsibilities
- Project Application Elements: Scope, Schedule, and Budget
- Tips for Navigating a Competitive Funding Environment
- State and Federal Program Application Periods; Procedures; Local Match Requirements; Sponsor Eligibility; and Project Eligibility

8. GAP to the Point Project – City of Pittsburgh

Pat Hassett provided an update on the City's "GAP to the Point" project, which is funded through SPC's SMART program. The City was asked to give an update to the TTC since the original scope of work has changed significantly; ultimately though the intent of the project still establishes a bicycle connection from Fort Pitt Boulevard to the Point.

The new scope includes a bike facility from Fort Pitt Boulevard at Smithfield Street to 3rd Avenue and then connects to Stanwix Street, and on to Penn Avenue leading to the Point. The original scope that was presented to the SMART program project evaluation committee included a bike facility along Fort Pitt Boulevard from Smithfield St. to Stanwix Street, then to Penn Avenue. leading to the Point.

9. Member Updates

Ann Ogoreuc provided an update on Allegheny County's progress on the Three Rivers Heritage Trail (TRHT) starting at the Point in the City of Pittsburgh traveling northwest through local municipalities along the Ohio River. The County was awarded funding through SPC's SMART program to construct bike facilities across the length of Neville Island connecting to downtown Coraopolis, which is now completed. The County was also awarded funding through the same SPC program for a study to look at a TRHT connector. The study reevaluated trail alignment based on new development of the surrounding land from West Carson Street to Fleming Park Bridge, and on and off-road trail types in McKees Rocks Borough and Stowe Township.

Steve Shanley provided an overview of Allegheny County's Department of Public Works. Steve discussed organizational structure and responsibilities, as well as ongoing and successfully completed projects.

10. Municipal Traffic Signals Funding Opportunities Workshop (Handout 5)

Domenic D'Andrea informed everyone of an upcoming workshop at SPC on August 24th pertaining to municipal traffic signal funding opportunities. The workshop will include information on:

- PennDOT's Green-Light-Go funding program
- PennDOT's ARLE funding program
- SPC's Regional Traffic Signal program

11. Other Business / Status Reports

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

- A. August 2nd – Alliance for Transportation Working in Communities
- B. August 10th – CommuteInfo Partners
- C. August 24th – Transportation Operations and Safety Committee
- D. September 20th – Transit Operators Committee
- E. September 21st – Transportation Technical Committee
- F. September 25th – Southwestern PA Commission Executive Committee
- G. September 25th – Southwestern PA Commission

12. Networking Opportunities