

Meeting Summary for March 16, 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
- Tammy Frank, Beaver County, Department of Liquid Fuels
Dan Colville, Beaver County Department of Public Works
- Joel McKay, Butler County Planning Commission
- Arthur Capella, , 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
Karina Ricks, City of Pittsburgh Office of Mobility & Infrastructure
- Daniel Carpenter, Westmoreland County Department of Planning and Development
- Jeffrey Leithauser, Washington County Planning Commission
Jason Theakston, Washington County Planning Commission
- *Kevin McCullough, PennDOT Central Office
Matt Smoker, Federal Highway Administration
Dave Cook, PennDOT District 10-0
Robert Miskanic, PennDOT District 11-0
Stephanie Spang, PennDOT District 11-0
Justin McNeish, PennDOT District 11-0
Angela Saunders, PennDOT District 12-0
Josh Theakston, PennDOT District 12-0
Dan Laird, CD Maguire
Chris Bova, Gibson-Thomas Engineering
Sara Hansel, Fischer Associates
Vico Innocenti, Fischer Associates
Doug Smith, SPC Transportation Director
Andy Waple, SPC Staff
Dom D'Andrea, 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
Cody Nolen, SPC Staff
Sara Walfoort, SPC Staff
David Totten, 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 January 19th Meeting Minutes (Handout 1)

A motion was made by Jeff Leithauser and seconded by Amy McKinney to accept the January 19th meeting minutes as presented. The TTC approved.

3. TTC Meeting Summary from February 16th (Handout 2)

Due to a lack of a quorum present at the February meeting the TTC could not conduct official business. SPC staff did however provide a summary of the meeting to TTC members.

Dom D’Andrea highlighted the TSM&O Workshop that immediately followed the TTC meeting. Agenda items included: TSM&O Strategic Framework; TSM&O Program Plan Development; Capability Maturity Model progress; Implementation Plan

4. Public Comment

There was no public comment

5. FHWA/PennDOT Central Office Reports

A. PennDOT Road Maintenance and Preservation (Road MAP) Initiative (Handout 3)

Kevin McCullough stated that PennDOT will invest more than \$2 billion in roadway maintenance and highway and bridge capital projects over the next 10 years through its new Road Maintenance and Preservation (Road MAP) program. The investments are being made possible due to legislative action in 2016 that caps the expenditures from the Motor License Fund going toward the State Police budget beginning with the 2018-19 budget and concluding with the 2027-28 budget.

Of the capital-project investments, \$500 million will be allocated to Interstate preservation and reconstruction and another \$600 million will go toward rehabilitation and reconstruction needs identified through the department's District and regional planning efforts. PennDOT county maintenance will receive \$1 billion to support basic system preservation needs.

In addition, PennDOT will work with county governments to establish a program making opportunities available for counties who have taken steps to enhance their transportation networks by passing resolutions to collect the \$5 Vehicle Registration Fee enabled by Act 89. Initially, \$2 million will be reserved for each county that has passed a resolution, with a 50% local match commitment required to secure the program funding.

B. 2017 Transportation Performance Report

<http://www.penndot.gov/Pages/all-news-details.aspx?newsid=303>

Kevin McCullough stated that the public can view the progress efforts in transportation safety, mobility, system preservation and accountability by way of PennDOT's Transportation Performance Report. The biennial report is a combined effort of the STC, the State Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) and PennDOT. The report is the first step in the state's transportation program planning process and helps to evaluate the system's performance and opportunities for progress.

6. Action on Modifications to 2017-2020 TIP (Handout 4)

A. PennDOT District 10-0

Dave Cook of PennDOT District 10-0 reviewed the requested TIP modifications. There was one amendment and three administrative modifications requiring TTC approval (as highlighted in handout 4). The amendment involved the removal of the SR 3031 Lions Road Bridge in Butler County from the TIP. The District had made repairs to the collision damage done to the beams, which extended the service life of the bridge, and TIP funds are no longer needed. Jeff Raykes made a motion to approve, which was seconded by Amy McKinney, and the TTC approved the four modifications as presented.

B. PennDOT District 11-0

Rob Miskanic of PennDOT District 11-0 reviewed the requested TIP modifications. There was one amendment and eight administrative modifications requiring TTC action (as highlighted in handout 4).

The amendment request was for a cost increase to the TIP of \$23M and a scope change for the PA 28 Russelton to Butler County Line project in Allegheny County. It was noted that because of the increased project cost, the additional work be added to the scope, and on the regional significance of the corridor that the request should be considered 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 June meeting.

Ann Ogoreuc made a motion to approve the three administrative action requests, which was seconded by Art Capella, and the TTC approved.

C. PennDOT District 12-0 (no modification requests)

Angela Saunders noted that District 12-0 had no TIP modification requests for this month.

7. I-79 Widening and Mon/Fayette Expressway – Response to Public Comment, Q&A (developed based on questions from the January TTC and Commission meeting) (Handout 5)

Doug Smith reviewed the public comments received for the I-79 Widening and Mon/Fayette Expressway projects. SPC received twenty comments, all pertaining to the PA Turnpike's Mon/Fayette Expressway project. Doug highlighted a Q&A sheet provided by the Turnpike Commission as follow-up to the questions that were generated by the TTC and Commission in January. Doug opened the floor for additional discussion related to these projects in order to answer any outstanding questions.

The request to add both projects to the TIP and LRP will be acted upon by the Commission at their March 20th meeting.

8. 2019 TIP Development

A. TIP Timeline (Handout 6)

Ryan Gordon discussed the milestones portion of the 2019 TIP Timeline in detail, noting relevant deadlines along the way related to new candidate project development, level 2 screening forms, preliminary TIP submittal, and draft TIP development.

B. 12-Year Program STC Public Outreach/Public Input – www.TalkPATransportation.com

Doug Smith noted that the STC public comment period is now open with an online survey and mapping tool. There is a statewide public meeting scheduled for the 21st of this month; it is available via webcast. This piece of public input and engagement feeds information to PennDOT and all the MPOs and RPOs across the state. This is the first step of the overall TIP development process. For the 2017 TIP, we received over 2,000 comments within our 10-county region.

C. SPC Public Participation Panel Outreach Meetings

Doug Smith reviewed the approach to public engagement for the 2019 TIP, which falls into three periods:

- Pre-TIP Development input and comments
- In-progress TIP Development status meetings
- Draft TIP Public Comment Period

Doug noted that SPC will once again be utilizing the STC comments as one component of the public input process to be considered in the development of the 2019-2022 TIP.

D. Candidate Project Identification

Ryan Gordon explained the early coordination and TIP Work Group meetings in the

first half of TIP development. SPC will be providing work group members with several resources for developing candidate projects in April, including Local Bridge Asset Management Information consisting of:

- PennDOT Asset Management Report Cards
- District Bridge Risk Assessments
- 2017 TIP Candidates List and Map
- PennDOT Twelve Year Program and SPC Long Range Plan Project Lists

In addition Ryan cited several other resources that should be helpful to TIP work group members with their candidate project development

- MPMS IQ (IRI, OPI, SD bridges, posted bridges, etc)
- County and municipal comp plans/mobility plans
- SPC LRP, Safety data/RSAs, ROP, Freight Plan, etc.

Ryan concluded by stating that work group members should begin their candidate project development efforts and that in early April a more detailed e-mail will go out to the TIP work group members detailing candidate project submittal procedures.

E. PennDOT Connects Initiative

Andy Waple reviewed the PennDOT Connects initiative, which will involve new local collaboration activities for the 2019 TIP development. Andy noted some of the major themes of PennDOT Connects including:

- Local government outreach that will involve consideration of local planning objectives and community mobility needs,
- The need to include community mobility, environmental, freight considerations and related objectives in project scopes.

Andy noted that PennDOT Connects meetings will be starting in May for projects in the second two years of the current TIP.

9. Next Long Range Plan Update

Doug Smith discussed the next regional long range planning update. The next Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) will be adopted by the Commission in June 2019. Doug mentioned that SPC is researching the state of the practice in long-range planning and scenario planning. SPC completed a scenario planning exercise in 2007 for *Project Region*. At that time scenario planning was deterministic, outlining three or more different futures and then picking one. Today scenario planning looks at a wide range of potential outcomes and recognizes that there are a lot of different things going on that are difficult to predict. Regions and agencies must make investments that have utility to meet today's needs but that are flexible and

adaptable for the future and positioned to take advantage of opportunities when they arise.

Doug gave a preview of potential activities for the next long range planning cycle:

- Scenario Planning State of the Practice & Background Research
- Outreach & Engagement Round 1
- Defining Scenarios
- Outreach & Engagement Round 2
- Policy Development
- LRTP Development

10. Other Business / Status Reports

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

- A. *February 23rd – Transportation Operations & Safety Committee*
- B. *March 1st – Active Transportation Forum*
- C. *March 16th – Natural Heritage Inventory Update, Kick-off Meeting
(Following TTC at 12:30)*
- D. *March 20th – Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission Executive Committee*
- E. *March 20th – Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission*
- F. *April 19th – Transit Operators Committee*
- G. *April 20th – Transportation Technical Committee*
- H. *May 11th – Regional Transportation Freight Conference*
- I. *June 13th-16th – US DOT Certification Review*