

Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission
Minutes of the Meeting of
February 28, 2011 – 4:30 p.m.
31st Floor • Regional Enterprise Tower • 425 Sixth Avenue • Pittsburgh, PA 15219

The eighty-eighth meeting of the Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission was called to order by Chairman Charles Camp.

Commission members present were: Tom Balya, Andrew Boni, Bracken Burns, Charles Camp, Daniel Cessna, Terry Daughenbaugh, Jim Gagliano, Jr., Joe Grata, Kevin Gray, Lynn Heckman, Frank Horrigan, Robert Johnson, Jim Kennedy, Patricia Kirkpatrick, Ted Kopas, Robert Macey, Robbie Matesic, Kevin McCullough, Mary Jo Morandini, Dan Onorato, Luke Ravenstahl, Carmen Rozzi, Rod Ruddock, Jim Scahill, Dan Shimshock, Kelly Shroads, Michael Silvestri, Pam Snyder, Rob Stephany, Wendy Stern, Archie Trader, Gealy Wallwork, Norma Wintermyer, and Yarone Zober.

Commission members via conference call: Byron Stauffer, Jr., and Dana Henry.

Commission members absent were: Tony Amadio, Shirl Barnhart, Stephen Bland, Tom Ceraso, Jack Cohen, Steve Craig, Rick DeBlasio, Joseph Dubovi, Karl Eisaman, Patricia Evanko, Richard Fink, David Frick, Jessica Greathouse, Dana Henry, Dave Johnston, James Lokhaiser, Larry Maggi, David Miller, William Peduto, A. Dale Pinkerton, James Ritzman, Mark Schneider, Richard Shaw, Renee Sigel, Mark Snyder, Joe Spanik, Anthony Spossey, Joe Szczur, Letitia Thompson, Vincent Vicites, Daniel Vogler, Jake Wheatley, Jr., and Vincent Zapotosky.

Staff: Jim Hassinger, Kim Beaver, Kirk Brethauer, Chuck DiPietro, Chuck Imbrogno, Vince Massaro, Marge Nalesnick, Shannon O'Connell, Dee Pamplin, Kay Tomko, Debbie Tritsch, and Lew Villotti.

Others: Jon Smith, Allegheny County Transit Council; and Jon Schmitz, Post Gazette.

1. Action on Minutes of the December 13th Meeting

A motion was made to approve the minutes of the December 13, 2010 meeting of the Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission by Bob Macey, which was seconded by Kevin Gray. The affirmative vote to approve the minutes was unanimous.

2. Public Comment None

3. County Project – Pam Snyder

Pam Snyder reported on Greene County's covered bridges transportation project. The Rehabilitation of the White Covered Bridge No. 18 in Garards Fort, PA was completed in September 2008.

White Bridge

- Constructed 1900
- Queenpost truss
- 66', 6" L
- 15' W

Work Set to Start

- 5th of 7 county covered bridges
- Carmen Paliotta Contracting
- Fall 2007

Bats!

- Colony living in bridge
- Bat house needed to be constructed
- Work delayed to February 2008

- Work Begins
- Bridge dismantled
- Wood replaced
- Steel support beams installed
- Hand work

Trout!

- Trout season
- March-June
- Work delayed again until summer

Work is Complete!

- Restoration completed
- Mid-September 2008
- Bridge Rededication
- White Covered Bridge Festival
- Sept. 20, 2008
- Rededication ceremony
- \$850,000
- Historical landmark

4. Staff Profile – Vince Massaro/Kim Beaver

Vince Massaro introduced Kim Beaver, Grants Manager for SPC responsible for fiscal reporting and county aspects of all FDA administration grants. Prior to joining SPC, Kim was a Research County Analyst at Duquesne University. Prior to that Kim worked at the Port Authority of Allegheny County for 13 years holding the position of Manager of Grants Accounting for 8 years.

Kim Beaver described his responsibilities at SPC, which include analysis, administration, and monitoring of SPC's various federal formula transportation funds and state assisted grants to make sure that we comply with all of the applicable federal and state regulations.

My primary focus at SPC has been the FTA JARC and NFI formula grant programs. There are currently 8 JARC projects and 4 NFI projects. JARC's primary goal is to improve the access to transportation services, employment, employment related activities for eligible recipients and lower income individuals. Goals of the New Freedom Formula Grant Program are to provide additional

tools to overcome existing barriers facing American's With Disabilities seeking integration to the workforce and full participation in society.

5. Financial Report – Vince Massaro

Mr. Massaro reported that the financial report reflects the fiscal period July 1, 2010 to January 31, 2011, 58% of the fiscal year completed. This report reflects the operations of the Corporation, the Commission, and the Regional Enterprise Tower. Today, the Corporation Board of Directors and the Commission Executive Committee approved and adopted the revised budget.

Total project revenues to date are 59.64% recognized compared to a revised budget of \$14.7M. Current project revenues include UPWP projects and any carryover projects from prior fiscal year, and the operations of the Regional Enterprise Tower. It also includes projects for the Enterprise Development Program.

All federal and state grant agreements have been executed and are in place. Revenues relating to the operations of the building are budgeted at \$3.8M through the end of June. The current tenant occupancy is at 65%.

At the end of December, the Alcoa Endowment at the Pittsburgh Foundation remained below \$5M and unavailable to the building for any purpose. RET operation expenditures including depreciation and amortization expense are \$3.4M versus the revised budget of \$5.4M or 63% of the budget expended through the reporting period. Total project expenditures reported and encumbered to date are \$8.7M versus a revised annual budget of \$14M or 59.67% of the budget expended and encumbered to date.

6. Action on Resolution 2-11 to Approve Submission of the 2011-2012 Unified Planning Work Program to the Funding Agencies

Mr. DiPietro gave a brief update of an annual action to approve submission of the 2011-2012 Unified Planning Work Program (July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012) to the appropriate funding agencies.

UPWP Background

- The Draft UPWP document outlines the major transportation planning tasks we anticipate performing in the upcoming state fiscal year:
 - July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012
- Provides a central source of information about major transportation planning priorities.

2011-2012 DRAFT UPWP

- Core Projects – Ongoing/Continuing Highlights
- Core Projects – New Statewide Initiatives
- Supplemental Land Use Initiative Candidates

Core Projects: Ongoing/Continuing Highlights

- Process/Analyze/Distribute 2010 Census Data Reports
- Delineate UZA Boundaries & MSA Areas
- Respond to Impact of New MOVES Air Quality Model
- Year round staff support to individual SPC members/partner agencies – data, GIS, study technical support, etc.

- Staff response on multiple fronts to various federal and state regulations
- 2013-2016 TIP Update – Commission action by July 2012
 - Statewide Financial Guidance Work Group
 - Statewide General & Procedural Guidance Work Group
 - Particular Attention to Transit, CMAQ & STP Urban
 - Regional Smart Transportation Initiative
 - Regional Signal Program
- Advance 3 Road Safety Audits
- ATWIC Initiatives/Oversight Committee
- Advance Long Range Plan Implementation on Multiple Fronts
- Respond to High Visibility CommuteInfo Program Year
- Monitor/Track Changing Policy/Funding Direction at Federal, State & Local Levels

Core Projects: New Statewide Initiatives

- Local Asset Management
 - Develop Local Asset Management Tools, Processes & Data Sets for
 - Locally-owned Roads, Bridges, Traffic Signals, & Other Transportation Assets
 - Collect Local Bridge Data & Develop Local Bridge Asset Management System
 - Continue Expansion of Traffic Signal Asset Management Database
 - Integrate Data into Regional GIS & Share with SPC Members & PennDOT
 - Incorporate Local Asset Management Data into TIP/LRP Processes

Core Projects: New Statewide Initiatives

- Linking Planning & NEPA
 - Incorporate New Statewide Processes into Region’s Project Development Processes
 - Incorporate PennDOT Project Development Screening Forms into 2013-2016 TIP Update
 - Screening Form 1 – Problem Definition
 - Screening Form 2 – Recommend Level 3 Screening, More Study, LRP Inclusion, or Defer/Dismiss
 - Screening Form 3 – More Fully Define Scope, Budget, & Schedule (anticipated that very few projects will advance to Level 3 screening)
 - Provide More Complete Project Needs/Constraints Inputs as Early Input to Programming Decisions
 - Continue to Develop & Improve GIS-based Planning Tools for Conducting Preliminary Project NEPA Screenings & Creating Preliminary Constraint Maps
 - Continue to Maintain Coordination with Individual PennDOT District Environmental Units
 - Maintain Individual District Project Development Work Groups to Oversee LPN Process
 - SPC Member Planning Departments, PennDOT Districts & Central Office, & SPC staff
 - Periodically Meet to Review/Maintain Screening Forms Database
 - Make Decisions on Advancing/Deferring/Dismissing Individual Project Proposals as Part of TIP & LRP Maintenance

- Participate in Level 3 Screening Form & Programming Advisory Committee Activities
 - MPO Executive Director, PennDOT District Executive, FHWA, & PennDOT Deputy Secretaries for Planning & for Highway Administration
 - Convened for Only the Most Complex & High Visibility Major Projects which have a High Implementation Cost
- Maintain/Update/Improve GIS Tools for Conducting Project Environmental Screenings
- Participate in Project Needs Studies as Identified

Supplemental Land Use Initiative Candidates

- Encouraging Future Investment in Transit Oriented Development
 - Market/Establish SPC’s “Future Investments in TOD Workbook” as a Viable Tool to Assist Local land Use Planning Decisions
 - Create Training Modules for use by
 - PennDOT’s Local Transportation Assistance Program
 - PA Local Government Training Partnership of PA Governor’s Center for Local Government Services
 - Develop Model Municipal Planning Ordinances and Guidelines to Facilitate TOD, Transit Project, and Transit Service Planning
 - Encourage Greater Public & Private Investment in TOD Solutions
- Linking Housing & Urban Development, & Sustainable Communities, & Alternative Transportation Planning
 - Expand SPC’s HUD Database and Planning Interface with HUD Pittsburgh Office
 - Incorporate Data from the HUD Pittsburgh Office
 - Incorporate Housing Data and Subsidized Housing Planning Processes into Region’s Public Transportation Human Services Coordinated Transportation Plan Process & Activities
 - Advance Linkage between Region’s Long Range Vision Scenario and Municipal Land-use, Housing Development, and Transit Planning Processes Region wide.

Commissioner Balya moved to approve submission of the 2011-2012 Unified Planning Work Program (July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012) to the appropriate funding agencies.

WHEREAS, the 2011-2012 Unified Planning Work Program documents all transportation and transportation-related planning activities to be undertaken within the SPC region from July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012; and

WHEREAS, the 2011-2012 Unified Planning Work Program identifies planning tasks to be performed by SPC staff and the staffs of the member Counties, the City of Pittsburgh, and the Port Authority of Allegheny County using planning assistance funding from the Federal Highway Administration, the Federal Transit Administration, and the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission approves submission of the 2011-2012 Unified Planning Work Program; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Executive Director, on behalf of SPC, is hereby authorized to enter into Agreements and/or Supplements with the Federal Transit Administration of the U. S. Department of Transportation, and the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation relating to the 2011-2012 Unified Planning Work Program and pursuant to application requests.

Dan Onorato seconded. The affirmative vote to approve Resolution 2-11 was unanimous.

7. Report of Nominating Committee and Action on Resolutions 3-11 and 4-11 to Elect an Executive Committee and Officers of the Commission for 2011

Dr. Hassinger reported on the Nominating Committees recommendations on behalf of committee chairman Dick Shaw for the Executive Committee of the Commission and officers of the Commission. There is also a new Governor Appointee, Mary Ann Eisenreich. That appointment is not an official action of the Commission, but rather the Governor and we should be receiving a letter from the governor's office on her appointment to that vacancy soon. Another appointment that is not an action of the Commission is the appointment by the PA Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED), which is now occupied by Frank Horrigan until we are notified otherwise by DCED. We thank Frank for his service.

Commissioner Scahill motioned to approve Resolution 3-11 to elect the following members to the Executive Committee for calendar year 2011.

Allegheny County, Dan Onorato
Armstrong County, Patricia Kirkpatrick
Beaver County, Joseph Spanik
Butler County, James Kennedy
Fayette County, Vincent Vicites
Greene County, Pam Snyder
Indiana County, Rodney Ruddock
Lawrence County, Steve Craig
Washington County, Bracken Burns
Westmoreland County, Tom Balya
City of Pittsburgh, Luke Ravenstahl
At-Large, Jake Wheatley
At-Large, Charles Camp
At-Large, Tom Ceraso
PennDOT, Jim Ritzman
Governor's Appointee, Vacant
Department of Community and Economic Development,
Vacant
SPC Executive Director, James Hassinger, ex officio

Lynn Heckman seconded with an additional second by Commissioner Macey. The affirmative vote to approve Resolution 3-11 was unanimous.

Commissioner Snyder moved to approve Resolution 4-11 election of Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission officers for calendar year 2011.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the following persons be and the same hereby are elected to serve as Officers of the Commission in the capacity set forth opposite their name below, from the date hereof until their successors are elected and qualified by the Commission:

Charles Camp, Chairman
Rodney Ruddock, Vice Chairman
Steve Craig, Secretary-Treasurer

Dan Onorato seconded. The affirmative vote to approve Resolution 4-11 election of Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission officers for calendar year 2011 was unanimous.

8. Appoint 2012 Nominating Committee

Chairman Camp asked for a motion to appoint the Nominating Committee for 2012. Commissioner Scahill motioned to appoint the committee:

2012 Nominating Committee

- Byron Stauffer, Committee Chair, Indiana County,
- Lynn Heckman, Allegheny County
- Rich Fink, Armstrong County
- Dick Shaw, Beaver County
- David Johnston, Butler County
- A. J. Boni, Fayette County
- Robbie Matesic, Greene County
- James Gagliano, Lawrence County
- Michael Silvestri, Washington County
- Ted Kopas, Westmoreland County
- Yarone Zober, City of Pittsburgh

Jim Gagliano seconded and the affirmative vote to approve this recommendation was unanimous.

9. Staff Report/Other Business/Announcements - None

10. Adjourn

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 5:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Craig
Secretary-Treasurer