

SOUTHWESTERN PENNSYLVANIA COMMISSION

RESOLUTION NO. 8-07

A RESOLUTION OF THE SOUTHWESTERN PENNSYLVANIA COMMISSION to adopt the 2035 Transportation and Development Plan for Southwestern Pennsylvania.

WHEREAS, the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, and Efficient Transportation Equity Act – A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU) continues the requirements established in earlier federal legislation that Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) conduct a comprehensive transportation planning process that includes developing and maintaining a Long Range Transportation Plan consistent with federal metropolitan and statewide transportation planning regulations promulgated by the United States Department of Transportation (USDOT) and published in the February 14, 2007 Federal Register; and

WHEREAS, the Economic Development Administration Reform Act of 1998 requires economic development districts to develop a Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) to qualify for assistance under most Economic Development Administration (EDA) programs; and

WHEREAS, EDA will continue to direct its investments based on strategies resulting from locally controlled participatory planning processes established to develop and maintain the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS); and

WHEREAS, SPC is the Metropolitan Planning Organization and the Economic Development District for the region; and

WHEREAS, SPC developed the 2035 Transportation and Development Plan for Southwestern Pennsylvania satisfying the requirements of federal law and the regulations promulgated by USDOT and EDA; and

WHEREAS, updated population and employment forecasts were prepared by SPC during the Plan development process and are included as part of the Plan; and

WHEREAS, SPC's *Environmental Justice Benefits and Burdens Assessment for the 2035 Plan* report summarizes multiple analyses, outcomes, and activities that have been conducted as part of the region's planning process in accordance with environmental justice; and

WHEREAS, SPC released the ten-county 2035 Transportation and Development Plan for Southwestern Pennsylvania for public review and comment in May consistent with SPC's established public review procedures; the public review period has passed, and public comments on the Plan and responses to them have been presented to the Commission and final revisions to the Plan have been recommended; and

WHEREAS, SPC's Transit Operators Committee and SPC's Transportation Technical Committee recommend Commission adoption of the 2035 Transportation and Development Plan for Southwestern Pennsylvania.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission adopts the ten-county "2035 Transportation and Development Plan for Southwestern Pennsylvania" as the Long Range Transportation Plan required by USDOT and as the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy required by EDA.

I, Charles A. Camp, HEREBY CERTIFY that I am Secretary-Treasurer of the SOUTHWESTERN PENNSYLVANIA COMMISSION; that the foregoing resolution was adopted, in accordance with the By-Laws, by the Members of said Commission at a meeting duly called and held on the 28th day of June 2007, a quorum being present; and that said resolution is now in full force and effect.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF I hereto subscribe my name as Secretary-Treasurer.

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Secretary-Treasurer