



## SOUTHWESTERN PENNSYLVANIA COMMISSION

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### SPC

#### Transit Operators Committee

February 18, 2015, 10:00 A.M.

Two Chatham Center

112 Washington Place

Pittsburgh, PA

### MEETING AGENDA

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1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Public Comment
3. Approval of the Minutes from the December 10<sup>th</sup> TOC Meeting
4. FTA/PennDOT Updates
  - PennDOT Bureau of Public Transportation – Statewide Transit Projects Capital Planning Tool Presentation
  - The Keystone West High Speed Rail Feasibility Report and Preliminary Service Development Plan – (*Public feedback will be accepted through Tuesday, March 31, by emailing [KeystoneWest@planthekeystone.com](mailto:KeystoneWest@planthekeystone.com).*)
5. Member Updates

*Those members present are encouraged to share news, upcoming event schedules, etc.*
6. Staff Updates
  - SPC Staff Reorganization
  - ATWIC/Coordinated Plan Update
  - Alternative Fueling Expo & Conference (*Attachment A*)
  - Intelligent Transportation Society of America (ITSA) 2015 Annual Meeting and Expo – June 1-3, 2015 - Pittsburgh
7. Amendments & Administrative Actions to the FFY2015-2018 TIP
  - Town and Country Transit has requested the TOC take action to adjust the current TIP (*Attachment B*)
  - Lawrence County Community Action Partnership (Allied Coordinated Transportation Services) has requested the TOC take action to adjust the current TIP (*Attachment C*)
8. Pitt Student Presentation—Peer Review of Long Range Transportation Plans

*Students from the University of Pittsburgh's graduate-level Urban & Regional Planning class will present the results of their review of how selected metropolitan regions address climate change in their Long Range Transportation Plans*
9. SPC – Long Range Transportation and Development Plan Update
  - Performance Measures Survey - Update
  - Investment Strategies Survey <http://www.southwesternpplan.org/>
  - Next Steps (*Attachment D*)

10. AASHTO Report “Commuting in America 2013”

*Staff will present a summary of the recently released AASHTO Report*

11. Other Business

- *The next meeting of the Transit Operators Committee is scheduled for Wednesday, April 15, 2015.*



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## MINUTES TRANSIT OPERATORS COMMITTEE MEETING

Date: February 18, 2015  
Location: Two Chatham Center  
112 Washington Place  
Pittsburgh, PA

### Attendance:

Members: Mary Jo Morandini, Vice-Chairwoman, BCTA  
Ashley Altmemare, MMVTA  
Len Lastoria, NCATA  
Patti Lynn Baker, TACT  
David Wohlwill, PAAC  
Alan Blahovec, WCTA  
Mavis Rainey, OTMA  
Joe Thomas, City of Washington

Guests: David Richards, NCATA  
Gerry Miller, TACT  
Lucy Gillespie  
Jim Sutter  
Rachel Boss  
Ann Ogoreuc, ACED  
Angela Schon, ACTS  
Steve Panko, PennDOT

SPC Staff: David Totten  
Lisa Kay Schweyer  
Chuck Imbrogno  
Kathy Stefani  
Tom Klevan

This meeting of the TOC was called to order at 10:00 A.M.

### 1. Welcome and Introductions

### 2. Public Comment

*There was no public comment.*

### 3. Approval of December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2015 Meeting Minutes

**Action:** Minutes of the December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2015 meeting of SPC's Transit Operators Committee was unanimously approved on a motion by Joe Thomas and a second by Patti Lynn Baker.

#### 4. FTA/PennDOT Update

- *PennDOT Bureau of Public Transportation Statewide Transit Projects Capital Planning Tool Presentation.* Steve Panko from the PennDOT Bureau of Public Transportation updated the TOC on the project to install a statewide database to manage transit capital plans. Mr. Panko demonstrated the features of the project, including its potential to help transit operators plan for future capital needs and to prepare for state capital grant applications.
- *Keystone West High Speed Rail Feasibility Report and Preliminary Service Development Plan.* SPC Staff discussed the release of the draft study of higher speed inter-city passenger rail options. Public feedback on this report from PennDOT will be accepted through Tuesday, March 31<sup>st</sup>.

#### 5. Member Updates

- *WASH*—Mr. Thomas thanked the TOC for action at the December meeting on a TIP amendment request that has allowed City of Washington Transit to proceed with bids to complete the second floor of the new transit center. WASH hopes to have the transit center, which will jointly house WASH and Washington Rides, completed by early summer of next year. The center will also include passenger services, including sale of ConnectCards. Mr. Thomas also reported that City of Washington Transit and the Washington County Transportation Authority—Washington Rides—have reached a preliminary agreement to consolidate into a single agency. The merger is scheduled to take effect July 1<sup>st</sup>. The two agencies are continuing discussions with Mid Mon Valley Transit Authority about the potential for further consolidation.
- *CommuteInfo*—Lisa Kay Schweyer reported on the recent CommuteInfo Partners meeting, held at SPC. She reminded TOC members that there are upcoming outreach meetings planned around the region and that transit operators will be invited to participate. Ms. Schweyer also noted that ICTA has included a page in the IndiGo ride guide on the topic of commuting options, including a resource page with contact info for CommuteInfo.

*There were no other member updates.*

#### 6. Staff Updates

- *SPC Staff Reorganization*—SPC staff discussed the recent internal changes at the organization. Transportation Director Doug Smith said the new Transportation Department has been realigned into four work groups. The new Multi-Modal group will be headed-up by Tom Klevan. This group will manage transit, freight, active transportation and other multi-modal activities. A new planner will be hired to work full-time on bike-ped planning. The second group will focus on operations and safety, as well as traffic issues. A new planner will be hired for this group, as well. The Program Development group will manage the TIP and work on project delivery. This group will also include sustainability planning. Chuck Imbrogno will manage the Data and Modeling group, which will explore new opportunities to exploit “big data.” Mr. Smith also noted that the public involvement and outreach planner, Matt Pavlosky, was being shifted out of the Transportation Department and into SPC’s Communications Department.
- *ATWIC Update*—SPC Staff updated the Committee on the progress on the Human Services Coordinated Transportation Plan. Kathy Stefani noted that she had met with over 200 human service representatives from around the region to gather input on the plan. The plan will be completed by the end of April and presented to the SPC in June for adoption and incorporation into the Long Range Plan. One major accomplishment of the plan so far has been agreement on a definition for coordinated transportation, which will be the foundation of the plan: “Coordinated Transportation is an integrated network of transportation services that provides, through successful collaboration and resource sharing of affordable, reliable, accessible mobility for everyone.” In addition, the project has led to several categories of barriers to accessible transportation: Funding, Access, System Design, Cross-County Travel, Trip-length

Logistics, Cost (to providers or consumers) and Education & Information. The next ATWIC meeting is set for March 18<sup>th</sup>.

- Alternative Fueling Expo & Conference: Staff distributed information on the upcoming event promoting Compressed Natural Gas and other alternative transit fuels.
- Intelligent Transportation Society of America 2015 Annual Meeting & Expo: Staff distributed information on the planning for the upcoming ITSA event, scheduled for June 1-3, 2015 in Pittsburgh. SPC staff will share more details as they become available.
- Intelligent Transportation Systems Architecture Update: Staff noted that they had recently performed a site visit with BCTA to demonstrate the new ITS planning software tools and gather input for SPC's ITS Architecture update.

## 7. Amendments and Administrative Actions to the FFY2013-2016 TIP

- *Mid-County Transit Authority (MDCO) requested that the TOC perform an administrative action on the FFY2013-2016 TIP project "SR Vehicle Replacement" (MPMS #102343) to change the funding source from "other" to state 341, reducing state funding to \$100,816 and adding \$283,184 in federal 5310 funding for FFY2015. TOTAL CHANGE: \$232,000*  
*Action: This action was unanimously approved and the appropriate changes were made to the region's FFY2013-2016 TIP by the TOC on a motion by Mr. Thomas and a second by Alan Blahovec. Staff will transmit this project information to the PennDOT Program Center within one week of this action.*
- *Allied Coordinated Transportation Services (ACTS) requested that the TOC amend the FFY2013-2016 TIP to add the new project "Four Small Transit Vehicles" to replace 5 wheelchair accessible small-transit vehicles which have met their useful life, using \$276,000 in federal 5310 funding and \$69,000 in state 341 funding in FFY2015. TOTAL CHANGE: \$345,000*  
*Action: This action was unanimously approved and the appropriate changes were made to the region's FFY2013-2016 TIP by the TOC on a motion by Mr. Blahovec and a second by Mr. Thomas. Staff will transmit this project information to the PennDOT Program Center within one week of this action.*

## 8. Pitt Student Presentation: Peer Review of Long Range Transportation Plans

*University of Pittsburgh Graduate School of Public and International Affairs students Lucy Gillespie, Jim Sutter and Rachel Boss presented information they compiled comparing how various metropolitan regions address climate change in their long range transportation plans. A copy of the group's presentation was made available to TOC members.*

## 9. SPC - Long Range Transportation and Development Plan Update

*SPC staff reviewed the results of the first "Performance Measures" survey. This Internet survey asked users to rank potential measures for the region. The second survey was launched recently. The TOC took a portion of the survey as a sample. This survey focuses on transportation investment priorities. Staff also demonstrated the use of the Federal Highway Administration's new INVEST tool, which rates Long Range Plans for sustainability.*

## 10. Other Business

- *The next meeting of the TOC is scheduled for Wednesday, April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at the Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission, in Pittsburgh, PA.*

## 11. Adjournment

*Action: The meeting was adjourned on a unanimous vote of a motion by Ms. Baker and a second by David Wohlwill.*