Meeting Minutes for November 16, 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
- Dan Colville, Beaver County Liquid Fuels
- 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
- Doniele Russell, Lawrence County Department of Planning and Community Development
- Jeff Skalican, City of Pittsburgh Department of Mobility & Infrastructure
- Mike Behun, 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
- Jeffery Leithauser, Washington County Planning Commission
- Ed Typanski, Port Authority of Allegheny County
- Kevin McCullough, PennDOT Central Office
  - Matt Smoker, Federal Highway Administration *
  - 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
  - Matt Pavlosky, Port of Pittsburgh Commission
  - Lynn Manion, Airport Corridor Transportation Association
  - Lucinda Beattie, Pittsburgh Downtown Partnership
  - Jina O’Neil, Oakland Transportation Management Association
  - Daniel Laird, CDR Maguire
  - Darryl Phillips, WSP
  - 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
  - Abby Stark, SPC Staff
  - Sara Walfoort, SPC Staff

- Indicates voting member
- * Participated via phone
1. **Call to Order**
   
   Doug Smith called the meeting to order at 10 am.

2. **Action on the October 19th TTC Meeting Minutes (Handout 1)**
   
   A motion was made by Jeff Leithauser and seconded by Jeremy Kelly to accept the October 19th TTC meeting minutes as presented. The TTC approved.

3. **Public Comment**
   
   There was no public comment.

4. **FHWA/PennDOT Central Office Reports**
   
   A. **Federal Performance Measures**
   
   Matt Smoker gave a presentation on Performance Based Planning and Programming (PBPP). The presentation covered the following items:
   
   - Federal Performance Measures Implementation Timeline

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<td>Safety Performance Measures (PM1)</td>
<td>April 14, 2016</td>
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<td>System Performance Measures (PM3)</td>
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   - **Target Setting Coordination**
     
     - An MPO may establish its own quantifiable performance targets, or
     - An MPO may adopt a State’s performance targets and support the State’s efforts at achieving those targets

   - **Planning Agreements**
     
     MPO(s), State DOTs and Public Transit Agencies shall establish written agreements for a metropolitan area describing roles and responsibilities for PBPP.

   - **Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP)**
     
     The MPO LRTP and StateDOT LRTP shall include:
     
     - Performance measures and targets
     - A description of progress made toward target achievement since the plan’s last update
• **Transportation Improvement Program (STIP, TIP)**
  - The TIP shall be designed to promote achievement of the performance targets in the plan
  - The STIP and TIP shall, to the maximum extent practicable, describe how the investments in the STIP and the TIP make progress toward achievement of the targets in the plan.

**B. Other**

Kevin McCullough stated that PennDOT’s Financial and Contract Services Division has calculated allocations for payment of County Liquid Fuels, Act 44, Act 89 and $5 fee for local use (for counties that have implemented the fee). If any counties are interested in obtaining those numbers they can speak with Kevin after the meeting.

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

**A. PennDOT District 10-0**

Dave Cook of PennDOT District 10-0 reviewed the requested TIP modifications. There were four administrative actions requiring TTC approval (as highlighted in Handout 2). Tom Swisher made a motion to approve, which was seconded by Art Cappella, and the TTC approved the administrative actions as presented.

**B. PennDOT District 11-0**

Rob Miskanic of PennDOT District 11-0 reviewed the requested TIP modifications. There were two administrative actions requiring TTC approval (as highlighted in Handout 2). Ann Ogoreuc made a motion to approve, which was seconded by Donielle Russell, and the TTC approved the administrative actions as presented.

**C. PennDOT District 12-0**

Angela Saunders of PennDOT District 12-0 reviewed the requested TIP modifications. There were two administrative actions requiring TTC approval (as highlighted in Handout 2). Jeff Leithauser made a motion to approve, which was seconded by Art Cappella, and the TTC approved the administrative actions as presented.

**6. 2019 TIP Development**

**A. Highway TIP Work Groups Schedule**

- TBD – District 10-0
- November 27th – District 12-0
- November 29th – District 11-0

Ryan Gordon noted the start times for the work group meetings in District 12 and District 11: District 12- 10 am; District 11- 8 am.

**B. Highway TIP Work Group Meeting Recaps & Previews**

Ryan Gordon reviewed what was discussed at the October TIP work group meetings. The overall goal of these meetings was to review carryover project status and review
candidate projects, which resulted in a list of new candidate projects that are pre-qualified for the 2019 TIP and associated PennDOT Connects coordination. TIP work group meeting #4 will focus on reconciliation of carry-over projects and programming of new candidate projects resulting in a pre-draft TIP.

C. **TA Program**

Andy Waple presented a detailed overview of all candidate TAP projects submitted. There were 21 candidate projects submitted requesting a total of $16.8M. It was noted that the Four Corners Trailhead project in Buffalo Township, Butler County was withdrawn from consideration by the sponsor, Buffalo Twp., due to right-of-way issues. Andy notified TTC members that they will be receiving instructions tomorrow via email on how to login to Decision Lens to complete the project readiness and deliverability evaluation. At their December meeting, the TTC will review the overall ranking of candidate projects based on weighted scoring consisting of technical analysis, ancillary factors, and project deliverability/readiness. SPC staff will be requesting and endorsed list by the TTC of projects to advance through the TA program for federal fiscal years 2019 and 2020.

D. **CMAQ Program**

Andy Waple provided a brief overview of the CMAQ program. There were 27 candidate projects submitted requesting a total of $135M. A meeting of the CMAQ Evaluation Committee (CEC) will follow the TTC meeting. The CEC will review the overall ranking of candidate projects based on weighted scoring consisting of air quality/congestion management factors, ancillary factors, and project deliverability/readiness factors. SPC staff will be asking for a recommended list of projects from the CEC which will be presented to the TTC for endorsement to be included in the 2019-2022 TIP at their December meeting.

E. **Public Participation**

Abby Stark provided a quick recap of the recently completed Public Participation Panel meetings. She thanked all partners for their participation. Abby will be providing a summary of key items from the meetings to the City and counties, as well as to the Public Participation Panels.

7. **HSIP Target Setting**

Dom D’Andrea presented on the Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) Safety Performance measures. MAP-21 established a system of national goals and performance management measures designed to ensure the effective use of Federal transportation funds. 23 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Subpart B establishes five performance measures for the Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP):

- Number of Fatalities
• Rate of Fatalities
• Number of serious injuries
• Rate of serious injuries
• Number of non-motorized fatalities and serious injuries

Metropolitan Planning Organizations must establish targets for each performance measure for the same calendar year within 180 days of PennDOT establishing targets either by agreeing to plan and program projects in support of PennDOT targets, or by committing to their own quantifiable targets. In the future, Metropolitan Long-Range Transportation Plans and Transportation Improvement Programs must include a description of how the plans support and contribute to achieving the established performance targets. The PennDOT safety targets, established August 31, 2017, reflect the 2017 Strategic Highway Safety Plan goal of reducing fatalities and serious injuries by 2% annually.

Historical data was presented which showed that the region was experiencing annual decreases of less than 2%. PennDOT acknowledges that the 2% target is high achieving, but attainable based on advancing technologies and current and future safety funding investments.

There was some discussion with regard to the 2% target maybe being too aggressive for the number of non-motorized (ped/bike) fatalities/serious injuries, given the regional increase in pedestrian and bicycle activity and the potential for more distracted pedestrians and drivers. There was also a discussion regarding the challenges of collecting data on pedestrians and bicycles.

SPC staff requested that the TTC recommend to the Commission, adoption of the PennDOT targets for the SPC region. Ann Ogoreuc made a motion to recommend adoption by the Commission of PennDOT’s safety targets. Jeff Leithauser seconded the motion and the TTC approved.

8. I-376 Parkway East Study Results

Victor DeFazio shared the results from the I-376 Parkway East Study. PennDOT Engineering District 11, in cooperation with the FHWA, initiated the I-376 Parkway East Corridor Transportation Network Project to evaluate the I-376 Parkway East Corridor Transportation Network, extending from the City of Pittsburgh to Monroeville. The goal of the project was to identify and develop design concepts to improve safety and mobility along the corridor. To do so, the project team implemented a unique project approach to include a number of technical studies and public outreach activities. Information on the project and study results can be found at the following link: http://www.i376parkwayeast.com/.
9. **Member Updates**
   No member updates provided.

10. **Other Business / Status Reports**
    A. November 16\(^{th}\) – CMAQ Evaluation Committee
    B. December 6\(^{th}\) – Transit Operators Committee
    C. December 7\(^{th}\) – Transportation Technical Committee
    D. December 11\(^{th}\) – Southwestern PA Commission Executive Committee
    E. December 11\(^{th}\) – Southwestern PA Commission

11. **Adjourn**