



SOUTHWESTERN PENNSYLVANIA COMMISSION

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MINUTES TRANSIT OPERATORS COMMITTEE MEETING

Date: September 18, 2019
Location: Two Chatham Center
112 Washington Place
Pittsburgh, PA

Attendance:

Members: Sheila Gombita, WASH (Chairperson)
Alan Blahovec, WCTA
David Wohlwill, PAAC
Anthony Hickton, CommuteInfo
John Paul, BTA (phone)
Lynn Manion, ACTA

Guests: Ann Ogoreuc, ACED
Cathy Williams, ACCESS
Chris Smallidge, Michael Baker, Int'l

SPC Staff: Tom Klevan (phone)
David Totten
Andy Waple
Chuck Imbrogno
Erika Eagan
Kathy Stefani
Dom D'Andrea
Josh Spano
Steph Kambic
Chris Jaros

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

1. Welcome and Introductions

2. Public Comment –

- a. *There was no public comment.*

3. Approval of Meeting Minutes for previous Transit Operators Committee meetings

- *The Committee did not approve the minutes by lack of quorum..*

4. FTA/PennDOT Updates

- PennDOT Multimodal Transportation Fund availability is open until November 8, 2019. Details were provided to the TOC in an attachment.
- PennDOT Statewide Safety Plan
 - The PennDOT Bureau of Public Transportation is working on a statewide transit safety plan that will work for small urban transit operators. SPC will need to provide safety targets to be incorporated into the plan. SPC and PennDOT will give further updates at the next TOC meeting.
- FTA has issued a notice of funding availability for the Transit Oriented Development Pilot Program.

5. Meeting Participant Updates

- PAAC—Port Authority staff recently conducted a tour of the Downtown-Uptown-Oakland Bus Rapid Transit corridor for key FTA staff. PAAC completed the next step in the project by submitting the required updated application for Capital Investment Grant (Small Starts) funding.
- PAAC—Port Authority also reported that the RFP for the agency’s upcoming long range plan project has been released. This project is expected to begin in the spring.
- Pittsburgh/PDP—Staff noted that several other major plans are also underway in the region, including the Pittsburgh Downtown Partnership’s Downtown Mobility Plan and the City of Pittsburgh 2070 long range plan.

There were no other meeting participant updates.

6. SPC Staff Updates

- SmartMoves Connections: A Regional Vision for Public Transit—Staff updated the TOC on the recent kick-off of the regional transit planning project called *SmartMoves Connections*. This is a major effort from the multimodal planning staff at SPC, funded by PennDOT’s federal transit funding source as well as state transit planning and local funding. The planning team includes SPC staff and consultants from Delta Development Group, Evolve Environmental Architecture, CivicMapper and Tran Systems. The team will take a two-part approach: a land-use analysis will identify candidate multimodal hubs and multimodal corridors for future planning studies; meanwhile, the team will hold a Transit Operations Workshop in early 2020 to plan how transit agencies can implement coordinated service at the region’s future hubs and corridors. Staff will provide a more detailed presentation at the December TOC meeting, which will be after the planned stakeholders’ workshop event. This project will be completed by June 30, 2020.
- CMAQ/TAP Update—SPC staff noted that 23 applications were received for the next round of CMAQ and TAP funding. Three committee meetings are planned, with the first in October and the second in November.
- Public Participation Panel Schedule—Staff is putting together the schedule for public participation panel meetings in each county. These will take place in October and November.

- SPC GIS Update—SPC staff introduced the newest GIS analyst, Steph Kambic, who will be responsible for managing the GTFS transit service data at SPC.
- Obligations Report—Staff noted that the federally-required Annual Report of Transit Obligations for federal fiscal year 2019 had been published on the SPC website.
- Active Transportation Update—SPC staff reported that the process is now underway to update

There were no other staff updates.

7. Amendments and Administrative Actions to the FFY2019-2022 TIP

- *No TIP adjustments were approved due to lack of quorum.*

8. Regional Operations Plan

Action: The TOC approved a resolution recommending that SPC adopt the Regional Operations Plan via an e-mail vote.

9. Coordinated Transportation Plan

Action: The TOC approved a resolution recommending that SPC adopt the Coordinated Transportation Plan via an e-mail vote.

10. Other Business

- *The next meeting of the TOC is scheduled for 10 a.m. Wednesday, December 11th, 2019 at the Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission, in Pittsburgh, PA.*