



## SOUTHWESTERN PENNSYLVANIA COMMISSION

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### MINUTES TRANSIT OPERATORS COMMITTEE MEETING

Date: August 17, 2022  
Location: **Meeting was held by online video/teleconference**

Attendance:

Members: Lynn Manion, ACTA  
Mary Jo Morandini, BCTA  
John Paul, BTA  
Anthony Hickton, CommuteInfo  
Rudy Dutko, FACT  
Ashley Seman, MMVTA  
Mavis Rainey, OTMA  
David Wohlwill, PAAC  
Kathryn Schlesinger, PDP  
Patti Lynn Johnston, TACT  
Sheila Gombita, WASH (Chairperson)  
Alan Blahovec, WCTA

Guests/Staff: Amy Mathieson, ACTA  
Ann Ogoreuc, Allegheny County  
Cody Slater, ANR  
Lynda Conway, CCS Pro (rep. Heritage Transp.)  
Brandon Leach, PennDOT  
Sam Plocinski, PennDOT  
Kevin McCullough, PennDOT  
David White, Pittsburgh Bikeshare  
Tiffany Chaffee, TACT  
Jason Theakston, Washington County  
Ashley Cooper, WCTA  
Lucinda Beattie, WPPR  
Breen Masciotra, WSP

SPC Staff: Caleb Knudsen  
Chuck Imbrogno  
Dan Alwine  
Dan Bernazzoli  
David Totten  
Dom D'Andrea  
Joshua Spano  
Sara Wolfoort  
Tom Klevan

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

1. Welcome and Introductions

2. Public Comment
  - No public comments.
  
3. Approval of Minutes (Attachment A)
  - **Committee Action:** The minutes of the July 14, 2022 joint TOC/TTC meeting, as amended, were **approved** on a motion by John Paul and a second by Ashley Cooper.
  
4. Amendments & Administrative Actions to the FFY2021-2024 TIP (Attachment B)
  - Pittsburgh Regional Transit (PAAC) requested administrative actions to the FFY2021-24 Title III (transit) TIP. A set of administrative actions were requested to existing projects in FFY2022 to accommodate utilization of additional funding through the federal Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act:
    - *Electric Bus Purchase* (MPMS# 110551). **Add** \$8,568,000 federal 5307; **add** \$2,072,920 state CB; **add** \$69,080 local.
    - *Bus Procurement* (MPMS# 71148). **Add** \$26,024,292 federal 5307, \$15,993,269 federal 5337 and \$173,572 federal 5339; **add** \$8,033,567 state 339; **add** \$267,716 local.
    - *Preventive Maint. Bus* (MPMS# 65535). **Subtract** \$11,608,350 federal 5307 and \$6,499,085 federal 5337; **subtract** \$6,326,859 local.
    - *Preventive Maint. Rail* (MPMS# 95006). **Subtract** \$1,210,503 federal 5337; and **add** \$302,626 local.
    - *Cap. Cost Cntrct - ACCESS* (MPMS# 65465). **Subtract** \$2,047,421 federal 5307; **subtract** \$495,348 state 339; **subtract** \$16,507 local
    - (TOTAL CHANGE: **add \$33,300,969**)
    - The Motion was **approved** on a motion by John Paul and a second by Mary Jo Morandini.
    - The requested action will be forwarded to the PennDOT Program Center within one week.
  - No other actions were requested by the TOC.
  
5. Transit Participant Updates
  - **Butler Transit Authority:** John Pual invited the TOC to attend the dedication ceremonies for BTA's new facility in Butler, scheduled for September 13<sup>th</sup>.
  - **New Castle Area Transit Authority:** SPC staff reported that the NCATA Transit Development Plan project was nearly complete. This project includes three related documents: a transit strategic plan, a transit marketing plan, and a microtransit service option. Mary Jo Morandini asked that the plan elements be presented at a future TOC meeting.
  - **Pittsburgh Regional Transit:** David Wohlwill reported that PRT had recently hosted a national conference through APTA covering sustainability and scheduling. Over 250 people attended. Events included mobile tours and worksessions on topics such as conversion to electric bus fleets. Pittsburgh will also host the upcoming APTA rail conference in June.
  - **Pittsburgh Bikeshare:** David White reported that PoGoH had recently integrated its bikeshare system with PRT using the Transit app. The app can now offer routing information from PRT and sell transit and bikeshare tickets.

Mary Jo Morandini asked about future options for discounted fares and White said they were considering that for a future phase.

6. PennDOT Fixed Route ITS Update

- Sam Plocinski from the PennDOT Bureau of Public Transportation reported to the TOC on the current status of the statewide project to upgrade intelligent transportation systems (ITS) at of Pennsylvania’s fixed-route transit agencies. The project includes installation of equipment through the vender, Avail. In Southwestern Pennsylvania, BCTA, IndiGo and MMVTA have completed the upgrades. BTA is in-progress and nearly finished. WCTA is scheduled for early 2023 with NCATA in the summer. Later in 2023 will be FACT, WASH, and TACT. FRITS includes software to assist with operations, scheduling, business intelligence, real-time passenger information and transit planning. It also includes considerable hardware upgrades, including APC units, onboard computers, mobile data terminals, and video surveillance. Fareboxes/mobile ticketing technology is not included in the project, however integration is possible, depending on the system. Additional technology, such as enterprise software, “bus in a box” training systems, or message signs, may be purchased separately from Avail. PennDOT does include maintenance and support in the Avail contract. SPC staff will send the BPT Power Point slides to the TOC after the meeting.

7. Staff Updates

- TIP Update
  - SPC completed the process to adopt the FFY2023-26 TIP. It is scheduled to go into effect on October 1, 2022.
- LRTP & HS-PT CTP Updates
  - SPC is now preparing to launch projects to update the Long Range Transportation Plan and the Human Services-Public Transit Coordinated Transportation Plan. The goal is to set up individual meetings with each transit operator as well as the PennDOT BPT. SPC Staff will provide more details about the LRTP at the September 14<sup>th</sup> TOC meeting. While the CTP is often aligned with the LRTP, the project schedule may need to be adjusted to allow for a deeper dive into those issues. In both cases, staff are starting with the intention to focus on project development with the plans.
- Regional Mobile Ticketing
  - SPC staff continue to research options for a regional project to implement a mobile transit ticketing platform. Staff will present more to the TOC on September 14<sup>th</sup>.

8. Other Business

- Next meeting: September 14, 2022.

9. Adjournment

- The meeting was **adjourned** on a motion by David Wohlwill and a second by Patti Lynn Johnston.