

**Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission
Transportation Technical Committee (TTC)
Meeting Minutes via Webex
December 8, 2022, 10:00 a.m.**

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Attendees:

- Ann Ogoreuc, Allegheny County Department of Economic Development
- Darin Alviano, Armstrong County Planning Commission
- Joe West, Beaver County Planning Commission
- Joel MacKay, Butler County Planning Commission
- Jeremy L. Kelly, Greene County Planning and Community Development
- Josh Krug, Indiana County Office of Planning and Development
- Jason Theakston, Washington County Planning
- Daniel Carpenter, Westmoreland County Planning
- Kevin McCullough, PennDOT Central Office
- Jeff Skalican, City of Pittsburgh
- Emily Ciganik, Allegheny County Department of Economic Development
- Steven Shanley, Allegheny County Department of Public Works
- Brendan Coticchia, City of Pittsburgh
- Kyle Lamb, Greene County Planning and Community Development
- Lisa Cessna, Washington County Planning
- Austin McDaniel, Washington County Planning
- Amy Silbermann, Pittsburgh Regional Transit
- Matt Pavlosky, Port of Pittsburgh
- Kathryn Schlesinger, Downtown Pittsburgh Partnership
- Mavis Rainey, Oakland Transportation Management Association
- Lynn Manion, Airport Corridor Transportation Association
- Brandon Leach, PennDOT Central Office
- Harold Swan, PennDOT District 10-0
- Domenic DeFazio, PennDOT District 10-0
- Jordan Bergamasco, PennDOT District 11-0
- Taylor Dadig, PennDOT District 11-0
- Dave Hollahan, PennDOT District 11-0
- John Quatman, PennDOT District 11-0
- Dina Salemi, PennDOT District 11-0
- Doug Seeley, PennDOT District 11-0
- Stephanie Spang, PennDOT District 11-0
- Angela Saunders, PennDOT District 12-0
- Rachel Duda, PennDOT District 12-0
- Bill Kovach, PennDOT District 12-0
- Jessica Setmire, PennDOT District 12-0
- Matthew Kelley, CDR Maguire
- Lucina Beattie, Western Pennsylvanians for Passenger Rail
- Andy Waple, SPC Deputy Executive Director, Programs
- Domenic D'Andrea, SPC Transportation Director
- Chuck Imbrogno, SPC Staff
- Ryan Gordon, SPC Staff
- Dan Bernazzoli, SPC Staff
- Leann Chaney, SPC Staff
- Ronda Craig, SPC Staff

- **Indicates TTC voting member**

Attendees Cont'd:

Erika Eagan, SPC Staff
 Lillian Gabreski, SPC Staff
 Greg Shermeto, SPC Staff
 John Weber, SPC Staff

1. **Call to Order**

Domenic D'Andrea called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. with a roll call for the TTC members.

2. **Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

3. **Action on November 17th TTC Meeting Minutes**

A motion was made by Joe West and seconded by Jason Theakston to approve the minutes of the November 17th TTC meeting. The motion was approved unanimously.

4. **FHWA/PennDOT Central Office, Program Center Report from Kevin McCullough, PennDOT Central Office**

Kevin McCullough began with an update on the Pennsylvania State Implementation Plan, mentioning that PennDOT is in a holding pattern right now until the deadline comes up. To give background, Kevin mentioned that this is about the potential of Highway Federal funding impacts from emissions regulations, which back in March 2022 the PADP approved a final form rulemaking in order to control volatile organic compounds emissions, which was required under the EPA clean air act. The sanctions will impact Pennsylvania 2008 8-hour non-attainment areas and counties, which includes Allegheny, Armstrong, Beaver, Butler, Washington, and Westmoreland counties, and also the DVRPC, the Lehigh Valley, Lancaster, and Reading MPOs. While the regulations are out of our hands, we have been reviewing projects and impacts to SPC projects, as well as looking at different scenarios, which could include obligating projects to be approved before the December 16th deadline. After the deadline and the sanctions go into place, we will not be able to obligate any financial requests with federal highway funds, including 4232 projects. However, as long as projects are approved by December 16th, they are available to be obligated and advanced. Also, under consideration is creating amendments, or some sort of federal action, in order to add projects with air quality conformity issues, or which have impacts within them. Kevin mentioned that programs under his staff have been working with the districts and with federal highways, and have held weekly meetings with the federal staff. On November 30th, the environmental quality board passed an emergency rule making, which is a major step that could help avoid the imposition of highway sanctions on December 16th. However, it is just one step in this process, and much work is still needed before the deadline. The board is working through the administrative and technical procedure, and publishing the rule making in the Pennsylvania bulletin, and submitting to EPA. Kevin mentioned that he hopes to have some sort of briefing that will be available shortly after the deadline on the 16th, as they are currently still in a wait and see if the sanctions actually go into place, but PennDOT is putting in steps for the projects which could be impacted.

Kevin also mentioned the Multimodal projects application period, which closed on November 14th and is now under central office administrative review. Early in January the districts will start their application reviews, and MPOs and RPOs will have the ability to review other applications until early March. Central Office will review applications until early March, and then depending on the new governor and administration there will also be an announcement of the approved applications. The timeframe for that is up in the air, however it will take place after March 3rd and hopefully in the April to May timeframe.

5. Action on Modifications to the 2021-2024 TIP

A. PennDOT District 10-0

Harold Swan went over the one amendment and two administrative actions for PennDOT District 10-0. The first amendment was for upgrades/improvements to the flow of traffic with the addition of turning and through lanes, signal retiming, and signal coordination along PA 356 from Harbison Road to Younkens Road in Buffalo Township, Butler County. The district is requesting to defer construction from FFYs 2025 and 2026 to FFYs 2027 through 2029 to address other regionally significant projects experiencing cost increases over the coming months. The sources will be \$6,214,385 in Federal funds from the construction phase of the US 422 Shawood Pipe project in FFYs 2027 through 2029, \$860,574 Federal from the preliminary engineering phase in FFY 2028 and \$750,000 from the final design phase in FFY 2029 of the PA 528 over Big Run project, \$1,563,100 Federal from the right-of-way phase in FFY 2029 of the PA 528 over Lake Arthur project, \$1,844,900 Federal from the construction phase in FFY 2029 of the Parker Bridge #1 project, : \$811,964 Federal from the construction phase in FFY 2029 of the Lernerville North PM project, and \$3,011,231 State from the construction phase in FFY 2029 of the SR 22 Penn View PM project, with these phases all being removed from the TYP.

The first administrative action was for a bridge rehabilitation project which carries PA 403 over US 22 eastbound and westbound in East Wheatfield Township, Indiana County. The district is requesting to add construction and program \$450,000 (100% State) in FFY 2023. The source will be the SPC District 10-0 Highway/Bridge Line Item. The second administrative action was for a bridge replacement project carries PA 8 over the south branch of Glade Run in Middlesex Township, Butler County. The district is requesting to increase construction and add \$42,754 (80% Federal and 20% State) in FFY 2023 for additional E&S controls and paving quantities. The source will be the SPC District 10-0 Highway/Bridge Line Item.

Josh Krug made a motion to approve the amendments and administrative actions from PennDOT District 10-0, which was seconded by Joe West. The motion was approved unanimously.

B. PennDOT District 11-0

John Quatman went over the two amendments and seven administrative action for PennDOT District 11-0. The first amendment was for a highway reconstruction project, located on 5th Avenue (Wilmerding Road and East McKeesport Road) from the Lincoln Highway (US30) to Station Street in Wall Borough, Wilmerding Borough, East McKeesport Borough and North Versailles Township, Allegheny County. The district is requesting the addition of a planning and engineering phase by \$560,000 (NHPP) and \$140,000 (LOC) in FY 2023 to initiate design, with the source of funding coming from the Betterment Reserve-Allegheny County line item. The second amendment was for a highway reconstruction project, located on US 22, from Imperial Interchange to McKee Road in North Fayette Township, Allegheny County. The district is requesting the addition of a planning and engineering phase by \$950,000 (NHPP) in FY 2023 to initiate design, with the source of funding coming from the Betterment Reserve-Allegheny County line item.

The first administrative action was for a bridge replacement project, located on SR 2070, Indiana Drive over Small Stream in Penn Hills Township, Allegheny County. The district is requesting to add a planning and engineering phase by \$250,000 (185) in FY 2023 to initiate design, with a source of funding coming from the

Bridge-Allegheny County line item. The second administrative action was for a highway restoration project, located on SR 2040 (Lebanon Church) from Ceco Drive to Brownsville Road, including SR 885, from Clairton Road to Lebanon Road, in Baldwin, West Mifflin, Pleasant Hills Borough in Allegheny County. The district is requesting to decrease the construction phase by \$2,511,289 (STU) in FY 2023, \$2,917,213 (STU) in 2024, and \$4,571,498 in FY 2025, and will place the funding into the newly created Beaver Avenue line item as suggested by FHWA. The third administrative action was for a transportation study, located on Beaver Avenue in the Chateau Neighborhood along the Ohio River near Pittsburgh's Manchester section, just north of the West End Bridge in the City of Pittsburgh, Allegheny County. The district is requesting to add the study to TIP by \$250,000 (STU) in FY 2023 in order to help determine the scope of work, with the source of funding coming from the Beaver Avenue line item.

The fourth administrative action was for a highway restoration, mill and overlay project, located on SR 208 in Pulaski and Wilmington Townships, Lawrence County. The district requests to increase the construction phase in FFY 2023 (STP) for updated consultant estimate, with the source of funding coming from the SR 3007-B06, SR 3007/Frankfort Road - Allegheny County Line project. The fifth administrative action was for a drainage improvement project, located on SR 2043, Camp Hollow Road between New England Road and Camden Road in West Mifflin Borough, Allegheny County. The district is requesting the addition of a planning and engineering phase to TIP by \$250K (581) to initiate design, with the source of funding coming from the Betterment Reserve-Allegheny County line item. The sixth administrative action was for a highway restoration, mill and overlay project, located on SR 51 (Clairton Boulevard) in Pleasant Hills Borough, Allegheny County. The district is requesting the increase of the planning and engineering phase by \$250,000 (185) for updated consultant estimate, with the source of funding coming from the Betterment Reserve line item. The seventh administrative action was also for the same highway restoration, mill and overlay project, located on SR 51 (Clairton Boulevard) in Pleasant Hills Borough, Allegheny County. The district is requesting the addition of a utility phase in FFY 2023 (NHPP) to cover relocation of water line and ROW phase to TIP in FFY 2023 (NHPP) to cover 32 parcels with small takes and several TCEs, with the source of funding coming from the same project's Construction phase.

Ann Ogoreuc made a motion to approve the amendments and administrative actions from PennDOT District 11-0, which was seconded by Jeff Skalican. The motion was approved unanimously.

C. PennDOT District 12-0

Angela Saunders went over the four deobligations and three administrative actions for PennDOT District 12-0. The four deobligations were for Derry Borough Bridge (\$98,761) PA 356 Truck Climbing Lane, (\$60,000 for utilities and \$800,000 for right of way phases), and Chartiers Creek Bridge #12 (\$123,847), which will be returned to the District 12 Hwy/Bridge Line item for reallocation. The first administrative action was for the rehabilitation/replacement of the structure carrying State Route 2037 (Four Mile Run Road) over Branch of Four Mile Run, located in Cook Township, Westmoreland County. The district is requesting to add the construction phase to the 2023 TIP in FFY 2025, with the source of funds being drawn from the D12 Highway/Bridge Line Item (MPMS# 76508). The second administrative action was for the replacement of the structure carrying State Route 7421 (Fourth Street) over Conrail Railroad, located in North Irwin Borough, Westmoreland County. The district is requesting to add the final design phase to the 2023 TIP in FFY 2025; approved on previous program but not obligated. The funds will be drawn from the D12 Highway/Bridge Line Item (MPMS# 76508). The third administrative action was for the replacement of the structure carrying

SR 4012 (Brush Creek Road) over Brush Creek, located in Manor Borough, Westmoreland County. The district is requesting to add the PE phase to the 2023 TIP in FFY 2023 to remove AUC, with the source of funding being drawn from the D12 Highway/Bridge Line Item (MPMS# 76508).

Joe West made a motion to approve the amendments and administrative actions from PennDOT District 12-0, which was seconded by Jason Theakston. The motion was approved unanimously.

6. **Long Range Transportation Plan Update**

Ryan Gordon gave an update to the Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP), noting that in December SPC finished the first round of public participation, or PPP, meetings in each county. Ryan also mentioned that the first work group meetings for the LRTP have been completed for each district, which had good participation and covered extensively each districts candidate projects, as well as a lot of process talk and where we stand on needs and performance measures. The next round of work group meetings will take place in December and January, with District 12-0s work group meeting being held on December 13th at 10 AM, District 11-0s work group meeting being held on December 15th at 10 AM, and District 10-0s work group meeting being held on January 17th at 10 AM. Preliminary agendas have been sent out for Districts 11-0 and 12-0, with final agendas forthcoming. The main focus of the second meetings will be specific revenue projections, and reviewing a first cut of the fiscally constrained project list, looking at investments in detail and some of the candidate projects as well. Comments on these projects during the meeting will be reviewed and discussed further, as well as discussion points from the PPP meetings that were just held in each county. Ryan recapped the PPP meetings, mentioning they held the last one in Butler County yesterday, and either a virtual or in-person meeting was held for each of the SPC counties in the past month. Ryan thanked everyone who was involved in the PPP meetings, and mentioned that they were very well attended and there was good discussion on many of the projects. The next public involvement will be in May with the draft LRTP document. Domenic D'Andrea also thanked all who attended and helped with the PPP meetings, and quickly mentioned that there has been some internal discussion on speaking to the commissioners about updating the public participation panelists for each county, hopefully before the second round of meetings in April/May. Josh Krug also quickly thanked SPC for coming to Indiana County for the in-person PPP meeting.

7. **Other Business/Status Reports**

There was no other business or status reports to update.

8. **Adjourn**

A motion to adjourn was made by Jeff Skalican and seconded by Josh Krug. The motion was passed unanimously and Domenic D'Andrea called for the adjournment of the meeting at 10:37 AM.