

**Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission
Transportation Technical Committee (TTC)
Meeting Minutes via Webex
August 17th, 2023, 10:00 a.m.**

Attendees:

- Ann Ogoreuc, Allegheny County Department of Economic Development
 - Dan Distler, Beaver County Planning Commission
 - Joel MacKay, Butler County Planning Commission
 - Arthur Cappella, Fayette County Zoning, Planning, and Community Development
 - 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
 - Stephen Shanley, Allegheny County Department of Public Works
 - Jeff Skalican, City of Pittsburgh
 - Mavis Rainey, Oakland Transportation Management Association
 - Brendan Coticchia, City of Pittsburgh
 - Amy Mathieson, ACTA
 - Tammy Frank, Beaver County Planning Commission
 - Tyler Zeh, Greene County Planning and Community Development
 - Austin McDaniel, Washington County Planning
 - Craig Toocheck, Pittsburgh Regional Transit
 - Aaron Sukenik, Pittsburgh Downtown Partnership
 - Vanessa Shamberg, FHWA
 - Brandon Leach, PennDOT Central Office
 - Julia Cornell, PennDOT Central Office
 - Harold Swan, PennDOT District 10-0
 - Domenic DeFazio, PennDOT District 10-0
 - Jordan Bergamasco, PennDOT District 11-0
 - Dave Hollahan, PennDOT District 11-0
 - John Quatman, PennDOT District 11-0
 - Rachel Duda, PennDOT District 11-0
 - Doug Seeley, PennDOT District 11-0
 - Chase Weaver, PennDOT District 11-0
 - Bill Kovach, PennDOT District 12-0
 - Angela Saunders, PennDOT District 12-0
 - Jessica Setmire, PennDOT District 12-0
 - Clayton VanVerth, Gibson-Thomas
 - Matthew Kelley, CDR Maguire
 - Domenic D'Andrea, SPC Transportation Director
 - Chuck Imbrogno, SPC Staff
 - Ryan Gordon, SPC Staff
 - Anthony Hickton, SPC Staff/CommuteInfo
 - Tom Klevan, SPC Staff
 - Josh Spano, SPC Staff
 - Belachew Ayele, SPC Staff
 - Dan Bernazzoli, SPC Staff
- **Indicates TTC voting member**

Attendees Continued:

Ronda Craig, SPC Staff
 Erika Eagan, SPC Staff
 Greg Shermeto, SPC Staff
 Dave Totten, 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 July 13th TOC/TTC Meeting Minutes**

A motion was made by Ann Ogoreuc and seconded by Jason Theakston to approve the minutes of the July 15th joint TOC/TTC meeting. The motion was approved unanimously.

4. **FHWA/PennDOT Central Office, Program Center Report from Brandon Leach, PennDOT Central Office and Vanessa Shamberg, FHWA**

Brandon Leach began the program center report with an update on the National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (NEVI) funding, of which the first round of conditional awards was released on August 14th. 54 projects in 35 counties were selected for funding, in order to expand access for electric vehicle charging in Pennsylvania. A NEPA public involvement process will begin for each project, and once successful and the completion legal agreements are completed, the projects can begin construction. There were a handful of successful projects selected across the SPC region, and Brandon shared a link to a list of these projects to the group, as well as a map to the locations of the winning projects. Brandon mentioned that these projects help to fill gaps in the alternative fuel corridor in Pennsylvania, and once these gaps are filled, additional rounds of funding for NEVI will be used to fund other areas in the State. Next, Brandon mentioned the PennDOT transportation alternatives set-aside program (TASA), which the pre-application period has now passed. There were 159 draft applications across Pennsylvania, including 48 Safe Routes to Schools projects. Final applications for these projects are due on September 15th, and you can reach out to Justin Cambric at Central Office with any questions about that process. Next, on the statewide managed program update, Brandon spoke on the interstate program update, of which there are interstate program steering committee presentations lined up for each district in the State in the first two weeks of September. District 10-0s meeting will be held September 6th from 1-2pm, District 11-0s meeting will be September 14th from 9-10am, and District 12-0s meeting will be on September 12th from 9-10am, all virtually.

Brandon next discussed the PROTECT program, which this year will be allocated at the statewide level, with the program going to a Formula program starting on the 2027 TIP. Currently, there is work going on in Central Office to roll out a strategy for that program, with more information coming later. Lastly, Brandon went over the upcoming STC meeting, which are held quarterly with two of the four meetings held

somewhere outside of Harrisburg. The next meeting will be held in Indiana County, at the Kovalchick Convention and Athletic Complex, on September 13th at 10am. It will also be accessible via Teams, as well as able to be attended in person. Harold Swan mentioned that this meeting can be sent to anyone to listen virtually, however the in-person portion of the meetings should just be for county commissioners and local legislators.

Next, Vanessa Shamberg went over upcoming grant programs, beginning with two grants that are open with deadlines coming in August. First, the PROTECT funds, which is for resilience related projects on the discretionary grant side, which closes at the end of the week, and also the multimodal discretionary grant program, which closes on August 21st. The multimodal discretionary grant program covers the MEGA, INFRA, and rural grant programs, which are some of the larger grant programs in the county. Domenic D'Andrea made a note that SPC will be resubmitting our project for the Parkway East/Martin Luther King Jr. corridor for this program. Vanessa also highlighted three grants with deadlines in September, starting with the rural and tribal assistance pilot program, which is a program helping rural townships with preliminary engineering or environmental review on projects, and has a deadline of September 28th. Also due on September 28th is the reconnecting communities in neighborhoods pilot program, which is a combined application for two programs which are focused on reconnecting communities that have been divided or segregated from transportation investments over the past couple of decades. Lastly, the SMART program, which is for demonstration projects for advanced community technologies and systems related to transportation, efficiency, and safety, has a deadline of October 10th.

5. Action on Modifications to the 2021-2024 TIP

A. PennDOT District 10-0

Harold Swan went over the three amendments and four administrative actions for PennDOT District 10-0. The first amendment was for a slide project, located along SR 4023, approximately 1.1 and 1.6 miles north of the intersection of Business Route 422 with Butler Road in East Franklin Township, Armstrong County. The district requests to add this project and its preliminary engineering phase in FFY 2023 and program \$250,000 (100% Federal utilizing toll credits) in that phase. The source will be surplus utility funds from PA 286: US 422 Interchange East. The second amendment was for a safety improvement project, which includes high friction surface treatment along various routes in various municipalities in Armstrong, Butler, and Indiana Counties. The district requests to add this project and its construction phase in FFYs 2023 and 2024 and program \$1,200,000 (100% Federal utilizing toll credits) in that phase. The source will be the SPC Regional Safety Line Item. The third amendment was for a bridge replacement project, located on SR 3007 (Meridian Road) over Connoquenessing Creek in Butler Township, Butler County. The district requests to change the funding type for final design, right-of-way, and utilities from 100% State to 100% Federal utilizing toll credits. The source will be the SPC District 10 Highway/Bridge Line Item.

The first administrative action was for the widening of the PA 286 (Oakland Avenue) corridor from two to four through lanes, the addition of five-foot bike lanes and five-foot sidewalks in both the northbound and southbound directions from the US 422 Interchange to Rustic Lodge Road, and improvements (which will include traffic signal upgrades, additional turning lanes, ADA curb ramps, and crosswalks at traffic signals) to eight intersections along PA 286 in White Township, Indiana County. The district requests to remove \$20,000 (100% Federal utilizing toll credits) of surplus utility funds in FFY 2023. The funds will be placed into

the SPC District 10 Highway/Bridge Line Item. The second administrative action was for a bridge replacement project, located on SR 2027 (Girty Road) over Fagley Run in South Bend Township, Armstrong County. The district requests to remove the utility funds in FFY 2023, which will be placed into the SPC District 10 Highway/Bridge Line Item. The district also requests to advance a portion of construction funds from FFY 2024 to FFY 2023 and to change the Federal funding type on this portion from BOF to BRIP, with the source coming from the SPC District 10 Highway/Bridge Line Item. The third administrative action was for a bridge replacement project, located on SR 1021 (Conerty Road) over Buffalo Run in Donegal Township, Butler County. The district requests to remove the utility funds in FFY 2023, which will be placed into the SPC District 10 Highway/Bridge Line Item. The fourth administrative action was for a bridge replacement project, located on SR 1045 (Locust Lane) over Broadhead Run in Canoe Township, Indiana County. The district requests to defer final design from FFY 2023 to FFY 2024, with the sources being the Rattigan Bridge #1 project and the SPC District 10 Highway/Bridge Line Item.

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

B. PennDOT District 11-0

John Quatman went over the four amendments and five administrative actions for PennDOT District 11-0. The first amendment was for a bridge deck replacement, located on SR 79 North Bound Ramp to PA 65 North Bound in Glenfield Borough, Allegheny County. The district requests to decrease the construction phase by \$800,000 (BRIP) in FFY 2027 to remove project from SPC TYP to make available to add to Interstate TYP. The funding will be placed into the Bridge Allegheny County line item. The second amendment was for the maintenance contract for a suspension bridge main cable dehumidification system, located on the S 10th Street Bridge over I-376 and CSX railroad from 2nd Avenue and Armstrong Tunnel to near Muriel Street on the South Side in the city of Pittsburgh, Allegheny County. The district requests the addition of a construction phase by \$1,000,000 (STP), \$187,500 (183), and \$62,500 (LOC) to TIP in FFY 2023 to continue dehumidification contract for the project, with the source of funds coming from the Slide and Allegheny County Local Bridge line items. The third amendment was for pavement reconstruction and rehabilitation, located on SR 3009 (Baptist Road) from Hamilton Road to Brownsville Rd. in Whitehall Borough, Allegheny County. The district requests the addition of a planning and engineering phase by \$300,000 (STP) in FFY 2023 to initiate design., with the source of funds coming from the Guiderail Upgrades line item. The fourth amendment was for a bridge replacement project, located on SR 3052 over the Ohio River in Ambridge and Aliquippa Boroughs, Beaver County. The district requests to increase the study phase by \$300,000 (BOF) in FFY 2024 to determine alternatives for scope of work, with the source of funding coming from the Bridge-Allegheny County line item.

The first administrative action was for a slide remediation project, located on PA 837, North State Street in West Mifflin Borough, Allegheny County. The district requests to decrease the construction phase by \$7,000,000 (NHPP) in FFY 2024 and increase the construction phase by \$7,000,000 (NHPP) in FFY 2027 due to current project schedule, with the funding being placed in and will come from Betterment Reserve Allegheny line item. The second administrative action was for a mill and overlay project, located on SR 18 in the City of New Castle, Lawrence County. The district requests to increase the construction phase by \$4,475,000 (NHPP) in FFY 2024 due to current construction estimate, with the source of funding coming from the Betterment Reserve line item. The third administrative action was for a mill and overlay project,

located on Campbell's Run Road from McMichael Road to Keiner's Lane in Robinson and Collier Townships, Allegheny County. The district requests to defer the construction phase by \$5,250,000 (STU) and \$1,312,500 (LOC) in FFY 2024 and increase the construction phase by \$5,250,000 (STU) and \$1,312,500 (LOC) in FFY 2027 due to current project schedule. The source of funding will come from the Betterment Reserve line item. The fourth administrative action was for a bridge restoration project, located on Smithfield Street Bridge in City of Pittsburgh, Allegheny County. The district requests to increase the construction phase by \$300,000 (185) in FFY 2024 to cover overruns and additional steel repairs, with the source of funding coming from the Bridge-Allegheny County line item. The fifth administrative action was for a superstructure replacement, located on SR 4070, Wildwood Road over CSX Railroad in Hampton Township, Allegheny County. The district requests to increase the construction phase by \$600,000 (185) in FFY 2023 to cover additional construction work, with the source of funds coming from the Bridge-Allegheny County line item.

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

C. PennDOT District 12-0

Angela Saunders went over the twelve administrative actions for PennDOT District 12-0. The first administrative action was for the replacement and/or removal of four traffic signals at various intersections along US 119 (Memorial Boulevard) and upgrading existing ADA and pedestrian facilities at the signalized intersections, and replacement of signing and pavement markings, located in the City of Connellsville and Connellsville Township, Fayette County. The district requests to adjust the cashflow for the construction phase to correspond with project schedule. The CMAQ funds will move from FFY 2023 to FFY 2024, and the CRP funds will move from FFY 2023 to FFY 2025. The funding will be drawn from the SPC CMAQ Line Item (MPMS# 84078) and the D12 Carbon Reduction Line Item (MPMS# 119279). The second administrative action was for the replacement and/or removal of 15 traffic signals at various intersections along PA 88 NB (McKean Avenue) and PA 88 SB (Fallowfield Ave), along with other miscellaneous improvements, located in Charleroi Borough, Washington County. The district requests to adjust the cashflow for the construction phase to advance a portion of the CMAQ funds to FFY 2023, and to increase the CRP funds in FFY 2023 to advance 2024 funds, with the funding drawn from the D12 Carbon Reduction Line Item (MPMS# 119279). The third administrative action was for a Two-Way Left Turn Lane in Waynesburg Borough, Greene County. The district is requesting to move a portion of the Utility funds in FFY 2023 to the planning and engineering phase and the remainder to the Federal HSIP funds line item to correspond with the project schedule. The fourth administrative action was for the improvements to the structure carrying Chess Road over Mountain Creek, located in Georges Township, Fayette County. The district requests to remove all project phases from the program, as the county is utilizing other funding sources to complete the project. Funds currently programmed will be returned to the D12 BOF Local Bridge Reserve Line Item (MPMS# 114268).

The fifth administrative action was for the rehabilitation of the structure carrying State Route 3044 (Bobcock Lane) over Little Sewickley Creek, located in Hempfield Township, Westmoreland County. The district requests to add the planning and engineering phase to the FFY 2023 TIP in FFY 2023, with the source of funding coming from the D12 BOF Local Bridge Reserve Line Item (MPMS# 114268). The sixth administrative action was for the rehabilitation of the structure carrying SR 2011 (Dinner Bell Five Forks Road) over Little Sandy Creek, located in Wharton Township, Fayette County. The district requests to add the planning and engineering phase to the FFY 2023 TIP in FFY 2023 and FFY 2024, with the source of funding coming from

the D12 BOF Local Bridge Reserve Line Item (MPMS# 114268). The seventh administrative action was for conversion of a portion of St. Vincent Lake into an advanced compensation wetland and stream bank site which is anticipated to provide up to 10 acres of new wetland. The project will also include approximately 1,700 feet of stream restoration along Four Mile Run, located in Unity Township, Westmoreland County. The district requests to add the construction phase of this project to the program in FFY 2025 and FFY 2026, with the source of funding coming from the District 12 Highway/Bridge Line Item (MPMS# 76508). The eighth administrative action was for betterment improvements to US Route 19 (Greene Street) and PA Route 21 (High Street), located in the City of Waynesburg, Greene County. The district requests to advance construction phase funding from FFY 2024 to FFY 2023, with the source of funding coming from the District 12 Highway/Bridge Line Item (MPMS# 76508) and the SPC Smart Line Item (MPMS# 94698).

The ninth administrative action was for improvements to the intersection of State Route 1053 (Georges Station Road) and State Route 1026 (Donohoe Road), located in Hempfield Township, Westmoreland County. The district is requesting the addition of a final design phase of the project to the FFY 2023 TIP in FFY 2023, and to adjust the cash flow of the utilities, right-of-way, and construction phases to correspond with the project schedule, with the source of funding being drawn from the District 12 Highway/Bridge Line Item (MPMS# 76508) and Federal STU funds. The tenth administrative action was for betterment improvements to PA 88 from I-70 to the Charleroi-Monessen Bridge, located in Speers, Charleroi, and North Charleroi Boroughs, and Fallowfield Township, Washington County. The district requests to adjust the cash flow of the construction phase to correspond with the project schedule, with the source of funding coming from the District 12 Highway/Bridge Line Item (MPMS# 76508). The eleventh administrative action was for the resurfacing of SR 0066 from SEG 0210/1375 to SEG 0380/1185 (Story Road to North of PA 366 to Muffley Drive), located in Delmont Borough, Salem Township, and Washington Township, Westmoreland County. The district requests to swap construction phase funding in FFY 2024 and FFY 2025 from STU/STP funds to NHPP funds, with the funds both returning to and coming from the District 12 Highway/Bridge Line Item (MPMS# 76508). The twelfth administrative action was for the pre-work required for the next Tunnel Ridge Mining operation under Interstate 70, located in Donegal Township, Washington County. The district requests to add the planning and engineering phase of this project to the FFY 2023 TIP in FFY 2023 and FFY 2024, with the source of funding coming from the D12 Slide Design Line Item (MPMS# 117530).

Arthur Cappella made a motion to approve the administrative actions from PennDOT District 12-0, which was seconded by Daniel Carpenter. The motion was approved unanimously.

D. Transit TIP Amendment Summary

Tom Klevan went over the one emergency procedure for the Transit TIP, which added funding to an existing project on the TIP. This was an addition of \$3.5 million of FTA 5339 bus facilities funding to MPMS #102353, which is the Washington County Transit Authority's maintenance facility. With an addition of other local and state funds match, the total change added \$4.375 million to the project in the hopes of advancing the project.

6. 2025 TIP Update

Ryan Gordon gave an update to the 2025 TIP, beginning with a quick status update that SPC is continuing candidate project development and mapping. Highway and Bridge candidate projects have been identified, and these projects are in the process of being mapped. SPC has coordinated with each of the District TIP work groups and have held two rounds of meetings. Follow up files containing the comments in each district will be sent out in the upcoming days. Ryan will also be reaching out to set up pre-meeting coordination with members from each of the Districts regarding content for the third work group meetings in September. SPC transit planners will also be having a series of meetings with PRT to develop the PRT portion of the transit TIP. The next TIP work group meeting for District 10-0 will be held on September 18th from 1-3pm, for District 11-0 on September 14th from 1030am-1230pm, and for District 12-0 on September 3rd from 1-3pm.

Ryan then updated the group on the SPC competitive programs, mentioning that the pre-application deadline for projects closed on July 21st. SPC staff has responded to each pre-application contact and sent them the detailed application forms needed for the final application. The deadline for the final applications will be on September 15th, and final applications should be sent to the same SharePoint that the pre-applications were sent to. Ryan mentioned that the selection committees will meet to evaluate the final applications with three separate meetings. The selection committee will be made up of planners from all ten SPC counties and the City of Pittsburgh, a PennDOT District representative from all three PennDOT jurisdictions, 3 transit operators, PennDOT central office, the TMAs, Air Quality Agencies, Active Transportation, Freight, and other resource agencies. Ryan also sent around a proposed selection committee membership in the final agenda packet, which he asked the TTC to review and send any revisions needed to Ryan or Lillian Gabreski. Meetings will be scheduled for the applications once the members have been confirmed.

7. Other Business/Status Reports

Ryan Gordon made a note that the next TTC meeting will be changed to the 21st of September after conflicts with the interstate program meetings, and Tom Klevan noted that the next TOC meeting will be changed to the 20th of September at the request of the Transit Operators Committee. Domenic D'Andrea noted that SPC has been coordinating with PennDOT central office on a vulnerable road user safety assessment, and coordination meetings are being held in each MPO/RPO area. These meetings are to review high risk areas for walking and bicycling. This meeting has been scheduled for August 24th, from noon to 4pm at the Carnegie Library in East Liberty.

8. Adjourn

A motion to adjourn was made by Jeff Skalican and seconded by Arthur Cappella. The motion was passed unanimously and Domenic D'Andrea called for the adjournment of the meeting at 11:01 AM.