



## SOUTHWESTERN PENNSYLVANIA COMMISSION

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### MINUTES TRANSIT OPERATORS COMMITTEE MEETING

Date: November 9, 2022  
Location: **Meeting was held by online video/teleconference**

Attendance:

Members: Lynn Manion, ACTA  
Mary Jo Morandini, BCTA  
John Paul, BTA  
Anthony Hickton, CommuteInfo  
Nancy Basile, MMVTA  
Mavis Rainey, OTMA  
David Wohlwill, PRT  
Sheila Gombita, WASH (Chairperson)  
Alan Blahovec, WCTA

Guests/Staff: Karen Hoesch, ACCESS  
Vanessa Lovlie, ACTS  
Lynda Conway, CCS Pro (rep. Heritage Transp.)  
Lisa Kay Schweyer, CMU  
Paula McWilliams, Heritage Community Transp.  
Jeff Nullmeyer, Masabi  
Betsy Zang, McCormick Taylor  
Carrie Machuga, McCormick Taylor  
Collin Hodges, McCormick Taylor  
Sam Plocinski, PennDOT  
Kevin McCullough, PennDOT  
David White, Pittsburgh Bikeshare  
Ed Typanski, PRT  
Seth Davis, PRT  
Toby Fauver, Rockland Consulting  
Jason Theakston, Washington County

SPC Staff: Caleb Knudsen  
Chuck Imbrogno  
Catherine Tulley  
Dan Bernazzoli  
David Totten  
Dom D'Andrea  
Joshua Spano  
Leann Chaney  
Lillie Gabreski  
Ronda Craig  
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 September 14, 2022 TOC meeting were **approved** on a motion by Alan Blahovec and a second by Mavis Rainey.
4. Amendments & Administrative Actions to the FFY2023-2026 TIP (Attachment B)
  - **ACTS: Allied Coordinated Transportation Services, Inc.** requested four administrative adjustments to the 2023-26 TIP:
    - i. **Add project** “Bus Parking Lot-Drainage” (MPMS# 119321) with \$54,000 in state 341 funding in FFY2023;
    - ii. **Adjust project** “Replace Ecolane Tablets and Mounts” (MPMS# 114611) too add \$15,000 in state 341 funding in FFY2023;
    - iii. **Add project** “Replacement – Shop Laptop” (MPMS# 119322) with \$5,000 in state 341 funding in FFY2023;
    - iv. **Add project** “Purchase TSI Camera Hard Drives” (MPMS# 119323) with \$20,000 in state 341 funding in FFY2023.
    - v. These changes were **approved** on a motion by Mary Jo Morandini and a second by Alan Blahovec.
  - **ICTA: Indiana County Transit Authority** requested one administrative adjustment to the FFY2023-26 TIP:
    - i. **Add project** “Support Equipment” (MPMS# 111101) to FFY2023 with \$45,000 in state 339 funding. This action was **approved** on a motion by John Paul and a second by Nancy Basile.
  - **MMVTA: The Mid Mon Valley Transit Authority** requested an administrative adjustment to the FFY2023-26 TIP:
    - i. **Adjust Project** “Replacement Buses” (MPMS# 118166) to add \$560,000 in federal 5307 funding and remove \$817,369 in state 339 and \$42,631 in local funding from FFY2023 and to remove \$604,844 in state 339 and \$20,156 in local funding from FFY2025. This action was **approved** on a motion by Alan Blahovec and a second by Dave Wohlwill.
  - **PRT: Pittsburgh Regional Transit** requested two administrative adjustments and six amendments to the FFY2023-26 TIP:
    - i. **Adjust project** “Bus Procurement” (MPMS# 71148) to add additional CMAQ funding (flexed to 5307) for bus purchase, with: \$6,172,200 in federal 5307, \$1,493,287 in state capital bond, and \$49,763 in local funding to each year (FFY2023, 2024, 2025, 2026);
    - ii. **Adjust project** “Bus Rapid Transit” (MPMS# 110895) to move the project to FFY2023 and add additional federal discretionary funding, with \$149,999,999 in federal 5309, \$59,807504 in state capital bond, and \$40,793,068 in local funding in FFY2023;
    - iii. **Add project** “Bus Network Study” (MPMS# 119324) to FFY2023 with \$780,100 in federal 5307, \$754,942 in state capital bond and \$25,158 in local funding;
    - iv. **Add project** “Bus Stop Extension Pads” (MPMS# 119325) to FFY2023 with \$280,000 in federal 5307, \$116,130 in state capital bond and \$3,870 in local funding;
    - v. **Add project** “East-Central Pittsburgh Connection” (MPMS# 119326) to FFY2023 with \$594,000 in federal 5307, \$143,711 in state capital bond, and \$4,789 in local funding to study new transit service;

- vi. **Add project** “Upper Mon Valley TOD” (MPMS# 119327) to FFY2023 with \$556,500 in federal 5338, \$230,808 in state capital bond, and \$7,692 in local funding to study Transit Oriented Development and transit service in the Braddock region;
  - vii. **Add project** “SR 837 Transit Improvements” (MPMS# 119328) to FFY2023 with \$960,000 in federal 5307, \$23260 in state capital bond, and \$7,740 in local funding to add transit signal priority and other improvements to SR 837 from Homestead to McKeesport; and,
  - viii. **Add project** “Homestead 8<sup>th</sup> Ave Transit and Ped Improvements” (MPMS# 119329) to FFY2023 with \$420,000 in federal 5307, \$174,195 in state capital bond and \$5,805 in local funding for transit and pedestrian improvements in Homestead.
  - ix. These adjustments and amendments were **approved** on a motion by John Paul and a second by Alan Blahovec.
- **SPC:** The Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission requested one administrative adjustment and one amendment:
    - i. **Adjust project** “RideACTA Shuttle” (MPMS# 117531) to add funding for the F/LM service in FFY2023 with \$301,336 in federal 5307, \$42,784 in state 338, and \$7,550 in local funding; and
    - ii. **Add project** “Travel Demand Management” (MPMS#119317) for TDM activities in FFY2023 with \$600,000 in federal 5307 and \$150,000 in local funding
    - iii. The adjustment and amendment were **approved** on a motion by Alan Blahovec and a second by Mary Jo Morandini.
  - **WASH:** The Washington County Transportation Authority requested one administrative adjustment to the FFY2023-26 TIP:
    - i. **Adjust project** “Maintenance Facility Construction” (MPMS# 102353) to add funding in FFY2023 to construct the facility adding \$3,200,000 in federal 5307, \$2,232,250 in state 339 and \$74,389 in local funding (TOTAL FUNDING: \$5,506,639).
    - ii. This adjustment was **approved** on a motion by John Paul and a second by Nancy Basile.
  - There were no other amendments or adjustments requested.
5. PennDOT Update
- PennDOT’s Sam Plocinski reported on the Bureau of Public Transportation’s new Shared Ride Public Transit Sustainability Study, currently under way. Plocinski also updated the TOC on the Find My Ride program, including that SPC’s region shoed a large portion of utilization of the FMR program.
6. Transit Participant Updates
- **No updates**
7. Regional Mobile Ticketing Project
- SPC staff updated the TOC on the upcoming study to determine the feasibility of a regional mobile transit ticketing system. SPC introduced members of the selected—including planners from McCormick Taylor and Rockland Consulting. The proposed scope encompasses: state of the practice/national look; public & TOC feedback; analysis of alternatives; evaluation and recommendation for governance, procurement, funding, technology, etc.; and a final report. The intent is to look at all options for mobile ticketing and set a regional standard. The project is currently waiting for FTA approval to proceed.

8. Heritage Community Transportation Update
  - Paula McWilliams from Heritage Community Transportation gave an overview and update on this Mon Valley-centered microtransit service. Heritage has served 40 communities in the Mon Valley for 40 years. The transportation program has five vans running fixed routes to 75 stops five days per week, charging riders \$0.25. Funding is through PennDOT and Allegheny County. McWilliams said the annual economic impact (pre-pandemic) was \$14 million. Current HCT ridership is down 43% from 2019—while mobility patterns have returned, ridership on the system has not. Heritage has an upcoming meeting with public officials from the region to plan the future of the service.
  
9. Long Range Transportation Plan Update
  - SPC Staff reported that a series of 1-on-1 meetings are underway with transit agency managers to gather information about future transit projects for inclusion in the Long Range Plan. Staff also plan to hold a series of Public Participation Panel meetings.
  
10. Staff Updates
  - Award for a Plan: SPC recently received the prestigious “Award for a Plan” from the Pennsylvania Chapter of the American Planning Association for *SmartMoves Connections: A Regional Vision for Public Transit*.
  
11. Other Business
  - Next meeting: December 7, 2022. (Note: this meeting was cancelled. The next meeting will be held January 18, 2023.)
  
12. Adjournment
  - The meeting was **adjourned** on a motion by Mary Jo Morandini and a second by Alan Blahovec.