

NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT AND PUBLIC MEETINGS

Proposed Amendments to *Mapping the Future: The Southwestern PA Plan and 2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)* I-79 Widening – Route 28 Betterment – TIP & Active Transportation Plan Development

The Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission (SPC) is seeking your input and will open a public comment period for Air Quality Conformity Determination and proposed amendments to *Mapping the Future: The Southwestern PA Plan and the 2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Program (2017-2020 TIP)*.

This public comment period will begin Monday, May 8, 2017 and conclude Wednesday, June 7, 2017.

State Route 28 Betterment: The project consists primarily of resurfacing, reconstruction and bridge preservation, beginning at the Butler County line and continuing south approximately 7 miles to the dual structures over Bailey's Run. The project is located in Tarentum Borough and the Townships of Deer, Fawn and Harrison in Allegheny County. The total cost of the project is \$39.95 million.

I-79 Widening: This project will widen I-79 Northbound from two to three lanes, beginning just north of the Southpointe Interchange in Cecil Township, Washington County to just north of the Safety Rest Areas near the Alpine Road overpass in South Fayette Township, Allegheny County. The project consists of approximately 3.01 miles of widening; approximately 1.85 miles are in Washington County and 1.16 miles are in Allegheny County. The estimated project cost is \$23.1 million.

Additional information on the Air Quality Determination and the proposed amendments to the 2017-2020 TIP and *Mapping the Future* is available for public review online beginning May 8th, at www.spcregion.org, at SPC's offices, the Pittsburgh Department of City Planning, County Planning Departments, and many public libraries in Southwestern Pennsylvania.

SPC's Public Participation Panels encourage you to attend a public meeting to learn more about the proposed amendments. These meetings will also provide the opportunity to learn more about and provide input to the development of the next regional TIP and the regional Active Transportation Plan, which focuses on pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure. Meetings will be workshop in format beginning with an informational presentation. There will be opportunities to look at maps, talk to representatives from SPC, PennDOT, transit operators, and planning departments, ask questions, and submit your comments.

Please note the time and location of your county meeting. Individuals wishing to offer testimony should sign in upon arrival.

- **May 9, 2:00 p.m., Butler County** Government Center, 1st Floor, Public Meeting Room, 124 West Diamond Street, Butler
- **May 10, 3:00 p.m., Beaver County** Courthouse, Commissioners Meeting Room, 810 Third Street, Beaver
- **May 15, 3:00 p.m., Washington County**, Courthouse Square Building, Room 103, 100 West Beau Street, Washington
- **May 16, 3:30 p.m., Fayette County** Chamber of Commerce, 65 West Main Street, Uniontown
- **May 17, 2:00 p.m., Allegheny County/City of Pittsburgh**, SPC Conference Center, Two Chatham Center, 112 Washington Place, 4th floor, Pittsburgh
- **May 18, 3:00 p.m., Greene County**, Greene County Office Building, 93 East High Street, Waynesburg
- **May 22, 5:00 p.m., Westmoreland County** Courthouse, Commissioners Meeting Room, 2 North Main Street, Greensburg
- **May 23, 3:30 p.m., Indiana County**, Indiana CareerLink, 300 Indian Springs Road, Indiana
- **May 24, 9:00 a.m., Lawrence County** Courthouse, Commissioners Meeting Room, 430 Court Street, New Castle
- **May 31, 3:00 p.m., Armstrong County** Commissioners Conference Room, 450 Market Street, Kittanning

Comments on the proposed amendments and Air Quality Conformity Determination will be accepted by SPC representatives at these meetings. Written comments may also be submitted to comments@spcregion.org, by mail to SPC Comments at Two Chatham Center, Suite 500, 112 Washington Place, Pittsburgh, PA 15219 or by fax to (412) 391-9160.

All comments must be received by 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 7, 2017.

Upon consideration of public comments received, the Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission will consider action on the Air Quality Conformity Determination and adoption of the proposed TIP and Mapping the Future amendments at their meeting at 4:30 p.m., on June 26, 2017. This meeting will be held at Two Chatham Center, 112 Washington Place, 4th Floor, Pittsburgh, PA 15219.

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