

NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT AND PUBLIC MEETING

DRAFT SOUTHWESTERN PENNSYLVANIA COMMISSION PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PLAN

The Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission is the designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the ten-county region and is responsible for regional transportation planning activities. SPC offers the public an active role in the development of regional transportation plans and programs. The Public Participation Plan identifies the strategies and tools used by SPC in the public involvement process.

SPC currently seeks to update the regional Public Participation Plan to reflect the enhanced use of technology in the public involvement processes and to adopt other minor administrative changes.

The revised Public Participation Plan is available for public review and comment from February 28, 2011 through April 15, 2011. Interested parties may view the draft Public Participation Plan online at www.spcregion.org. Copies of the draft document are also available for review at the offices of the Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission; at the Pittsburgh Department of City Planning; at County Planning Department Offices in all Counties of the SPC region; and at many public libraries in Southwestern Pennsylvania.

A public meeting will be held to present the contents of the updated Public Participation Plan. Members of the public are welcome to attend to learn more about how they can become more involved in the transportation planning process in Southwestern Pennsylvania.

The meeting will be held:

**Thursday, March 24, 2011
5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Xplorion Lobby
Regional Enterprise Tower
425 Sixth Avenue
Pittsburgh, PA 15219**

Comments on the draft Public Participation Plan will be accepted by SPC representatives at this meeting. Written comments may also be submitted to comments@spcregion.org, by mail to SPC Comments at 425 Sixth Avenue, Suite 2500, Pittsburgh, PA 15219 or by fax to (412) 391-9160 through April 15, 2011.

Upon consideration of public comments received, the Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission will consider adoption of this updated Public Participation Plan at their regularly scheduled meeting at 4:30 p.m, on April 25, 2011. This meeting will be held on the 31st Floor of the Regional Enterprise Tower.

SPC is committed to compliance with the non-discrimination requirements of applicable civil rights statute, Executive Orders, regulations and policies. The Regional Enterprise Tower is accessible by persons with disabilities. Accommodations may be provided for those with special needs related to language, sight or hearing with 72 hours advance notice. If you have a request for special accommodations or desire additional information, please contact Matt Pavlosky at (412) 391-5590, Ext. 361, or mpavlosky@spcregion.org.

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