

SOUTHWESTERN PENNSYLVANIA COMMISSION

RESOLUTION NO. 6-15

A RESOLUTION OF THE SOUTHWESTERN PENNSYLVANIA COMMISSION to amend *Mapping the Future: The Southwestern Pennsylvania Plan*, adding the I-579 Cap project to the fiscally-constrained project list and authorizing submission of the Plan amendment to the appropriate agencies.

WHEREAS, Section 134 and Section 135 of Title 23 U.S.C., and Section 5323(l) of Title 49 require that Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) conduct a comprehensive transportation planning process, develop and maintain a Long-Range Transportation Plan that conforms with various Federal requirements, integrates with a State Transportation Plan, and also requires a federal review of the MPO plans; and

WHEREAS, SPC adopted *Mapping the Future: The Southwestern Pennsylvania Plan* on June 29, 2015, in accordance with applicable planning requirements; and

WHEREAS, the I-579 Cap project is a high-quality connection between the Lower Hill District, a disadvantaged urban community, and downtown Pittsburgh, a center for employment, education and services and the project creates non-motorized transportation connections and a new public open space tying these neighborhoods together; and

WHEREAS, the I-579 Cap project is air quality neutral and does not impact the Air Quality Conformity Determination of the long-range plan; and

WHEREAS, Allegheny County and the City of Pittsburgh have submitted a project financial plan identifying proposed local, private and discretionary funding sources to cover the \$39,250,000 estimated construction cost for the I-579 Cap project, with municipal access to the Pennsylvania Infrastructure Bank as a contingency documented in the project financial plan; and

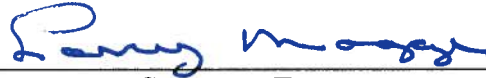
WHEREAS, SPC distributed the proposed amendment for public review following the adopted SPC public involvement policy from July 29, 2015, to August 28, 2015, including a public meeting on August 12, 2015, with no adverse comments having been received.

WHEREAS, the SPC Transportation Technical Committee has reviewed the I-579 Cap project and recommends to the Commission its addition to the Long Range Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission adopts this amendment to *Mapping the Future: The Southwestern Pennsylvania Plan* and approves its submission to the appropriate authorities for review including the Commonwealth's Secretary of Transportation for inclusion in the State Transportation Plan and referral to the U.S. Department of Transportation.

I, Larry Maggi, HEREBY CERTIFY that I am Secretary-Treasurer of the SOUTHWESTERN PENNSYLVANIA COMMISSION; that the foregoing resolution was adopted, in accordance with the By-Laws, by the Members of said Commission at a meeting duly called and held on the 28th day of September 2015, a quorum being present; and that said resolution is now in full force and effect.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF I hereto subscribe my name as Secretary-Treasurer.



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Secretary-Treasurer