

SCATS POLICY COMMITTEE MINUTES
February 23, 2026

POLICY COMMITTEE MEMBERS/ALTERNATES

John Highman, Chairman
Nick Loukas, City of Canton
Chris Barnes, City of Canton
Keith Bennett, SCEO
Mark Cozy, City of Canal Fulton
Dan Moeglin, Stark Parks
Rob Graham, North Canton
Jason Segedy, North Canton
Vincent Mueser, City of Alliance
Ralph Lee, SARTA
Gery Noiro, ODOT
Alex Pitts, City of Massillon

STAFF

Dan Slicker
Malia Burgasser
Spencer Gibbs
Bob Nau
Athena Aslanes
Jonelle Melnichenko

OTHER

Brian Cole, SCEO
Shane Locke, Patrick Engineering

1. Opening Remarks

John Highman opened the meeting at 1:30 p.m.

2. Consideration of Minutes of January 26, 2026 meeting

Bennett moved, Moeglin seconded, and the motion carried to approve the minutes from January 26, 2026 meeting.

3. TIP Financial Status

Slicker gave an update to the TIP financial status. He stated the funding numbers are the same as last month and there was an update with last month's TIP amendment.

4. Resolution 2026-13 PID 122272 TIP Amendment

Slicker stated a few changes were made to the project including an environmental and design phase and the addition of safety funds for ROW. Cozy moved, Mueser seconded, and the motion carried to approve the Resolution 2026-13 TIP Amendment.

5. Safe Streets & Roads for All Safety Action Plan – Presentation, Spencer Gibbs

The presentation outlined a **Safe Streets for All (SS4A)** safety action plan based on the Safe System approach, which recognizes that people make mistakes and roadways must be designed to reduce the severity of crashes. The county averages 28 roadway deaths per year, with vulnerable users, bicyclists, pedestrians, and motorcyclists, accounting for 35% of fatal and serious injuries, and 42% occurring in dark conditions. Using crash data from 2020–2024, planners developed both a High Injury Network (based on crash history) and a High Risk Network (based on future risk factors such as proximity to schools, transit, population density, and community feedback). Public engagement included meetings with local leaders, advocacy groups, and residents, whose input helped shape project priorities. The plan identifies key corridors for safety improvements and provides an infrastructure toolkit—such as roundabouts, crosswalk upgrades, speed bumps, and shared-use paths—along with non-infrastructure strategies like education, pilot projects, and annual performance tracking. The goal is to eliminate fatal and serious injury crashes by 2050, and adoption of the plan makes the county eligible for federal safety funding.

6. Resolution 2026-14 – Adopt Safety Action Plan

Moeglin moved, Loukas seconded, and the motion carried to approve the Resolution 2026-14.

7. Other Business

- a. A TAC meeting was scheduled for March 11, 2026 at 1:30 p.m.
- b. Moeglin asked when the next round of applications will be starting. Slicker stated they will open in May or June and will be due at the end of summer.

With no other business, the meeting was adjourned.

Next scheduled meeting, Monday, March 30, 2026.