

SCATS POLICY COMMITTEE MINUTES

April 27, 2026

POLICY COMMITTEE MEMBERS/ALTERNATES

John Highman, City of Canton

Nick Loukas, City of Canton

Chris Barnes, City of Canton

Keith Bennett, SCEO

Mark Cozy, City of Canal Fulton

Vincent Mueser, City of Alliance

Chris Tyson, SARTA

Jim Bruner, ODOT

Alex Pitts, City of Massillon

Brant Luther, Stark County Commissioners

Brian Cole, SCEO

STAFF

Dan Slicker

Malia Burgasser

Spencer Gibbs

Nicole Blunk

OTHER

Greg McCue, City of Massillon

Tony Urankar, ms consultants

1. Opening Remarks

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

2. Consideration of Minutes of March 30, 2026 meeting

Bennett moved, Mueser seconded, and the motion carried to approve the minutes from March 30, 2026 meeting.

3. TIP Financial Status

Slicker gave an update to the TIP financial status. He stated the Sippo Valley bridge project sold. There were some other updates regarding the 12th St Bridge project, E State St project and the Massillon Roundabout.

4. Resolution 2026-17 – Transit TIP Amendments

Spencer Gibbs presented the TIP Amendment. He stated the amendment is to revise funding for acquisition of surveillance/security equipment and to add PID 126348 Rolling Bus Stock.

Cozy moved, Mueser seconded, and the motion carried to approve the Resolution 2026-17 Transit TIP Amendment.

5. Unified Work Program

Slicker stated that the draft Work Program is online and ready for review and comment. ODOT comments have been addressed. Carryover estimates are being calculated. Next month, the Work Program will need to be approved.

6. Other Business

- a. Statewide CMAQ Program

Slicker reviewed a memo from the Ohio Statewide Urban CMAQ Committee which proposed that the statewide project scoring and selection process be discontinued in favor of each of the eight OSUCC MPOs conducting their own scoring and selection process for CMAQ funding.

- b. 5310 Program (Specialized Transportation) Meeting – May 7th at 1:30 – Stark County Library Cardinal Room

With no other business, the meeting was adjourned.

Next scheduled meeting, Monday, May 26, 2026.