

SCATS POLICY COMMITTEE MINUTES
May 26, 2026

POLICY COMMITTEE MEMBERS/ALTERNATES

John Highman, City of Canton
Nick Loukas, City of Canton
Keith Bennett, SCEO
Mark Cozy, City of Canal Fulton
Vincent Mueser, City of Alliance
Rob Graham, City of North Canton
Doug Harris, City of Canton
Lauren Phillis, ODOT
Sarah Buell, Stark Parks

STAFF

Dan Slicker
Malia Burgasser
Spencer Gibbs
Corine Valentine
David Spielman
Jonelle Melnichenko
Chloe Garner
Lauren Durr

OTHER

Shane Locke, RINA

1. Opening Remarks

John Highman, Chairman, opened the meeting at 1:30 p.m.
Dan Slicker introduced returning intern David Spielman and new interns Lauren Durr and Chloe Garner.

2. Consideration of Minutes of April 27, 2026 meeting

Bennett moved, Loukas seconded, and the motion carried to approve the minutes from April 27, 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. All of the projects have sold except for two, as of last week. Mueser stated the Alliance project had a bid opening on Wednesday of last week.

Slicker stated the right of way for Cleveland got authorized last week.

4. Resolution 2026-18 – PID 122280 12th & Perry TIP Amendment

Slicker stated this amendment is to move money for right of way services from FY28 into FY27. Bennett requested that in the future they be notified of the amendment before going on the agenda.

Cozy moved, Graham seconded, and the motion carried to approve the Resolution 2026-18 12th & Perry TIP Amendment.

5. Resolution 2026-19 – SARTA TIP Amendments

Slicker stated the amendment is to correct some mistakes. In October 2025, a resolution was passed to change the fuel source for two SARTA bus purchases from hydrogen to compressed natural gas. In that resolution, the wrong PID numbers were entered which inadvertently created two new projects - 118-595 and 118-596. Therefore those projects are being removed and PID 122557 will change the fuel source from hydrogen to CNG.

Mueser moved, Loukas seconded, and the motion carried to approve the Resolution 2026-19 – SARTA TIP Amendments.

6. Resolution 2026-20 – Adopt SCATS FY 2027 Unified Work Program

The draft FY27 Work Program has been available on the website for approximately two months. During the review period, comments were received from ODOT, and those revisions have since been addressed and incorporated into the second draft posted online. No additional comments were received. Staff requested approval of the FY27 Work Program as presented.

Bennett moved, Cozy seconded, and the motion carried to approve the Resolution 2026-20 – Adopt SCATS FY 2027 Unified Work Program.

7. Other Business

- a. Accepting STBG, TA and CRP applications until August 28.

Slicker stated the applications are for a FY 28 to FY 31 TIP but if there is a project for FY 32, it would be accepted also.

- b. 5310 Program (Specialized Transportation) – Applications are open until June 24th
- c. Gibbs stated Lake Township sent in their community planning studies application, which will be on the agenda to approve next month. The township wants to develop a comprehensive plan to look at active transportation as well as economic development for Lake Township.

With no other business, the meeting was adjourned.

Next scheduled meeting, Monday, June 29, 2026.