

# Regional and Statewide Competitive Programs

This section contains lists of projects that have been awarded via regional or statewide competitive programs, which are open to a specialized segment of the public. As projects move through the delivery pipeline, they may or may not show up in the active TIP project listings, but are important to the DVRPC region for demonstrating investments in particular types of infrastructure and potential fund sources.

## Regional Competitive Programs

- ▶ **Competitive Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) Program** – DVRPC periodically sets aside a specific amount of CMAQ funds for a DVRPC Competitive CMAQ Program (see MPMS #48201), which seeks transportation-related projects that can help the region reduce emissions from mobile sources and meet the National Clean Air Act Standards. CMAQ-eligible projects will demonstrably reduce air pollution emissions and, in many cases, reduce traffic congestion. Projects may be submitted by a public agency or a public-private partnership. A Subcommittee of the DVRPC Regional Technical Committee (RTC) evaluates the projects and makes recommendations to the DVRPC Board for final selection. In October 2012, the DVRPC Board finalized the most recent round of the DVRPC Competitive CMAQ Program by selecting 16 projects for funding in the DVRPC Pennsylvania counties, for a total CMAQ award of \$7,632,000. For more information, see [www.dvrpc.org/CMAQ/](http://www.dvrpc.org/CMAQ/)
- ▶ **Regional Trails Program (Phases 1-3)** – The Regional Trails Program, administered by the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission, with funding from the William Penn Foundation, aims to capitalize upon opportunities for trail development by providing funding for targeted, priority trail design, construction, and planning projects that will promote a truly connected, regional network of multiuse trails with Philadelphia and Camden as its hub. The program will also provide technical assistance to trail developers, counties, municipalities, and nonprofit organizations. A total of 42 projects have been awarded in the amount of \$6,086,000. For more information, see [www.dvrpc.org/RegionalTrailsProgram/](http://www.dvrpc.org/RegionalTrailsProgram/)
- ▶ **Regional Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP)** – Transportation alternatives projects build pedestrian and bicycle facilities, improve access to public transportation, create safe routes to school, preserve historic transportation structures, provide environmental mitigation, and create trail projects that serve a transportation purpose, while promoting safety and mobility. Annually, \$3,781,850 TAP funds are made available per MAP-21 directly to the DVRPC southeastern Pennsylvania region for use in selecting projects on a competitive basis (see MPMS #64984). A recent competitive round of two years' worth of MPO funding occurred in the spring of 2014, with 11 final project selections in the summer of 2014. For more information, see <http://www.dvrpc.org/TAP/PA.htm>
- ▶ **Municipal Bridge Retro-Reimbursement Program** – \$6,000,000 in state bridge funds will be awarded to selected municipal bridge projects for federal fiscal years (FFY) 2016, 2017, and 2018 (see MPMS #102105). PennDOT will pay 80 percent of the following documented costs: design, engineering, right-of-way, utility, construction (including construction inspection and construction engineering); the local municipality will be responsible for 20 percent of the

project costs. Project selection for the first pilot round will occur in fall 2014. For more information, see [www.dvrpc.org/MBRP/](http://www.dvrpc.org/MBRP/)

- ▶ **Transportation and Community Development Initiative (TCDI)** - grant program of the DVRPC that supports local development and redevelopment efforts in qualifying municipalities of the Delaware Valley (see MPMS #64652). TCDI provides a mechanism for municipalities to undertake locally directed actions to improve their communities, which in turn implement their local and county comprehensive plans and support the goals and vision of the long-range land use and transportation plan. It seeks to support and leverage state and county programs by providing funding in selected areas to undertake planning, analysis, or design initiatives for projects or programs that enhance development or redevelopment and enhance or improve the efficiency of the regional transportation system. Funding for TCDI program comes from a combination of state transportation dollars and federal STP funds. Through fiscal years 2002 to 2012, DVRPC has distributed over \$7,776,000 to the DVRPC Pennsylvania region for TCDI planning grants. For more information, see [www.dvrpc.org/TCDI/](http://www.dvrpc.org/TCDI/)

## Statewide Competitive Programs

- ▶ **Act 89 Multi-Modal Transportation Fund (MTF)** – provides grants to encourage economic development and ensure that a safe and reliable system of transportation is available to the residents of the commonwealth. Eligible projects include: intercity bus and rail service improvement, bus stops, transportation centers, park-and-ride facilities, rail freight sidings, land acquisition for eligible airport development, land interests required for air approach, and clear zone purposes, sidewalk-crosswalk safety improvements, bicycle lanes, route designation, in-fill development by assisting with traffic impact mitigation, local highways development, highway noise and sound barriers, bridges, which will benefit state system and local economic development, and greenways. Projects (to be announced) may be awarded between \$100,000 and \$3,000,000.
  - PennDOT's first deadline for accepting applications was June 30, 2014. \$20,000,000 from the discretionary fund was available statewide, with a 30 percent match required. See Guidance and Application Materials on PennDOT's Multimodal Transportation website: [www.dot.state.pa.us/internet/web.nsf/Multimodal](http://www.dot.state.pa.us/internet/web.nsf/Multimodal)
  - Department of Community and Economic Development's (DCED), on behalf of the Commonwealth Financing Authority (CFA), deadline for accepting applications was July 4, 2014. \$40,000,000 from the MTF was available statewide, with a 30 percent match required. There was also a \$100 application fee. See Guidance and Application Materials on DCED website: [www.newpa.com/find-and-apply-for-funding/funding-and-program-finder/multimodal-transportation-fund](http://www.newpa.com/find-and-apply-for-funding/funding-and-program-finder/multimodal-transportation-fund)
- ▶ **Automated Red-Light Enforcement (ARLE) Rounds 1-4** – The ARLE program is a statewide program that targets high crash intersections within the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania with the implementation of an automated system that records violations by drivers who run red lights and are fined for their violation. Thus far, the program has been implemented within the City of Philadelphia and Abington Township. The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation distributes the funds collected from fines via a grant program

specifically designated for transportation safety improvements. Municipalities may apply, directly to PennDOT, for these grant moneys to pay for eligible roadway enhancement, safety, and congestion projects. As of July 2014, the DVRPC region has been awarded a total of \$24,887,000 out of a statewide distribution of \$33,327,000, or 75 percent of the statewide distribution. For more information, see

[www.dot.state.pa.us/Portal%20Information/Traffic%20Signal%20Portal/FUND.html](http://www.dot.state.pa.us/Portal%20Information/Traffic%20Signal%20Portal/FUND.html)

- ▶ **Annual Rail Freight Assistance Program (RFAP)** – is a statewide program that provides financial assistance for investment in rail freight infrastructure to preserve essential service and stimulate economic development—the maximum state funding for an RFAP project is 70 percent of the total project costs, not to exceed \$700,000. 2013/2014 awards to the DVRPC region totaled \$1,398,040, while the 2014/2015 awards to the DVRPC region total \$1,117,701. For more information, see [www.dot.state.pa.us/Internet/Bureaus/pdBRF.nsf](http://www.dot.state.pa.us/Internet/Bureaus/pdBRF.nsf)
- ▶ **Annual Rail Transportation Assistance Program (Rail TAP)** is available to those having a line item in the current Capital Budget Bill and the project can be funded for up to 70 percent of the total project costs, not to exceed the amount of the line item. 2013/2014 awards to the DVRPC region totaled \$2,366,000, while the 2014/2015 awards to the DVRPC region total \$4,567,982. For more information, see [www.dot.state.pa.us/Internet/Bureaus/pdBRF.nsf](http://www.dot.state.pa.us/Internet/Bureaus/pdBRF.nsf)
- ▶ **Green Light Go** – Act 89 of 2013 created a new grant funding program for designated corridors to reduce congestion and improve efficiency of traffic signals on state highways. Green Light-Go Pennsylvania's Municipal Signal Partnership Program will provide up to \$10 million state funds during State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2014-2015 for the operation and maintenance of traffic signals along critical and designated state highways with a required 50% municipal or private cash match. Applications are accepted from September 27, 2014 to November 14, 2014. For more information, see [www.dot.state.pa.us/signals](http://www.dot.state.pa.us/signals).
- ▶ **Statewide Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP)** – Transportation alternatives projects build pedestrian and bicycle facilities, improve access to public transportation, create safe routes to school, preserve historic transportation structures, provide environmental mitigation, and create trail projects that serve a transportation purpose, while promoting safety and mobility. Annually, \$17,593,000 TAP funds are made available per MAP-21 directly to Pennsylvania for use in selecting projects on a competitive basis. A recent competitive round totaling \$26,000,000 of statewide TAP funding occurred in the spring of 2014, with final project selections expected in the summer/early fall of 2014. For more information, see [www.dot.state.pa.us/Internet/Bureaus/CPDM.nsf/TAPHomepage](http://www.dot.state.pa.us/Internet/Bureaus/CPDM.nsf/TAPHomepage)

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