

DELAWARE VALLEY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

BOARD COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting of January 22, 2015

Location: Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission
190 N. Independence Mall West
Philadelphia, PA 19106

Membership Present

New Jersey Department of Community Affairs
New Jersey Department of Transportation
Pennsylvania Department of Transportation
New Jersey Governor's Appointee
Pennsylvania Governor's Appointee
Pennsylvania Governor's Policy & Planning Office
Bucks County
Chester County
Delaware County

Montgomery County
Burlington County
Camden County

Gloucester County
Mercer County
City of Chester
City of Philadelphia
City of Camden
City of Trenton

Non-Voting Members

Federal Highway Administration
New Jersey Division

Pennsylvania Division

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development,
Region III
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region II

Representative

Joyce Paul
Dave Kuhn
James Ritzman
Chris Howard
(not represented)
James Mosca
Diane Ellis-Marseglia
Michelle Kichline
John McBlain
Linda Hill
Jody Holton
(not represented)
Louis Cappelli
Andrew Levecchia
Richard Westergaard
Donna Lewis
(not represented)
Rina Cutler
Edward Williams
(not represented)

Calvin Edghill

Jonathan Crum

(not represented)

(not represented)

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region III	(not represented)
Federal Transit Administration, Region III	(not represented)
Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority	Byron Comati
New Jersey Transit Corporation	Lou Millan
New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection	(not represented)
Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection	Cosmo Servidio
Delaware River Port Authority	Barbara Holcomb
Port Authority Transit Corporation	Ben Cornelius
New Jersey Office of Planning Advocacy	Alan Miller
Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development	(not represented)

DVRPC Co-Counsel

Pennsylvania Co-Counsel	Andrew Bockis
New Jersey Co-Counsel	Thomas Coleman

DVRPC Staff: Barry J. Seymour, John Ward, Patty Elkis, Chris Puchalsky, Elizabeth Schoonmaker, Candy Snyder, Rick Murphy, Kwan Hui, Taghi Ozbeki, Tom McGovern, Van Doan, Sandy Clark, John Griffies, Matt Gates, Ted Dahlburg, Jane Meconi, Elise Turner, Chris Pollard, Zoe Neaderland, Will Stevens, Karin Morris, Robert Graff, and Renee Wise.

Guests

Monica Etz	NJDOT
PlanPhilly	Jim Saksa
CCCTMA	William Ragozine
PIDC	William Agate
PIDC	Carmen Zappile
Chester County	Randy Waltermeyer
Bucks County	Rich Brahler
Pennoni Associates	Donald Shanis
Residents for Regional Traffic Solutions, Inc.	Sue Herman

Call to Order - Chair's Comments

Vice Chair Dave Kuhn called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m. and noted that Chair Leslie Richards (Montgomery County) has resigned to become PennDOT's Secretary. The new Montgomery County Commissioner has not yet been selected, but Jody Holton will continue to serve as the alternate on DVRPC's Board. Vice Chair Kuhn introduced Michelle Kichline, the new Commissioner from Chester County, and the new DVRPC Board representative, to replace Terence Farrell.

Public Comments on Agenda and Non-Agenda Items

No public comments were stated.

Action Items

Executive Director Barry Seymour explained that the DVRPC Board is required to replace Leslie Richards as Board Chair. Mr. Seymour reviewed DVRPC's bylaws and noted that the new Chair would need to be a representative of a local Pennsylvania county. The Chair will also assume this role on the Executive Committee.

Nominations were taken from the floor for a new Board Chair. A **motion** was made by Rina Cutler, seconded by Jody Holton, to nominate Diane Ellis-Marseglia, Bucks County Commissioner, as the new Board Chair. The Board unanimously approved Ms. Marseglia as the new DVRPC Board Chair.

Mr. Seymour noted that Jim Mosca, PennDOT, would be representing the Pennsylvania Governor's Office for today's Board meeting.

1. Minutes of Meeting of December 11, 2014

A **motion** was made by Ms. Cutler, seconded by Mr. Kuhn, to approve the minutes of December 11, 2014.

2. Transportation Improvement Program (TIP Actions)

Elizabeth Schoonmaker, DVRPC Capital Program Manager, presented the following TIP action to the Board.

2a. NJ14:53: Route 47, Grove St. to Route 130, Pavement, (DB# 12305), Gloucester County

NJDOT has requested that DVRPC modify the FY2014 - 2017 TIP for New Jersey by delaying all phases and increasing costs that will result in an overall project cost increase of \$5,050,000 from \$26,200,000 STP to \$31,250,000 STP for the project, Route 47, Grove St. to Route 130, Pavement, (DB# 12305), accordingly: delay Preliminary Engineering (PE) from FY14 to FY15 and increase the PE cost by \$1,650,000 from \$1,000,000 STP to \$2,650,000 STP; delay Final Design (DES) from FY15 to FY17 and increase the DES cost by \$800,000 from \$1,700,000 STP to \$2,500,000 STP; delay Right-of-Way (ROW) from FY15 to FY17 and increase the ROW cost by \$100,000 from \$2,400,000 STP to \$2,500,000 STP; and delay Construction (CON) from FY17 and FY18 to FY20 and increase the overall CON cost by \$2,500,000 from \$21,100,000 STP to \$23,600,000 STP.

Funds will provide for the restoration of 13 miles of deteriorated pavements and correct deficiencies warranted by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) on Route 47 (Delsea Drive) from Grove St. (M.P. 62.3) in Glassboro Borough continuing through Washington and Deptford Townships to the Broadway Ave. (M.P. 74.8) intersection in Westville Borough near the Brooklawn Circle. Route 47 is a north-south NJ State Highway that critically links U.S. Routes 130 and 322. Work will include intersection improvements, such as redesigning signals by adding features like pedestrian heads with countdown timers and image detection, and sidewalk construction to fill in gaps to ensure curb ramps and transit stops are part of a sidewalk network, and the replacement of substandard curb ramps with ADA compliant curb ramps or addition of ADA compliant curb ramps to locations that have an existing sidewalk or crosswalk but do not currently have a ramp.

This project was initiated by the NJDOT Division of Project Management as part of the Pavement Evaluation and Design Study conducted in May 2012, in which existing pavement conditions ranged from very poor to good within the project limits, and cracking, rutting, debonding, potholes, and degradation were all observed along the corridor.

Financial constraint will be maintained by making adjustments to other existing TIP projects whose schedules or costs have changed. All projects listed contribute to fiscal constraint.

Favorable recommendation was received from the Regional Technical Committee.

The Board unanimously adopted the following **motion**:

MOTION by Mr. Kuhn, seconded by Mr. Williams, that the Board approve the following TIP action:

NJ14-53, NJDOT's request that DVRPC modify the FY2014 - 2017 TIP for New Jersey by delaying all phases and increasing costs that will result in an overall project cost increase of \$5,050,000 from \$26,200,000 STP to \$31,250,000 STP for the project, Route 47, Grove St. to Route 130, Pavement, (DB# 12305), accordingly: delay Preliminary Engineering (PE) from FY14 to FY15 and increase the PE cost by \$1,650,000 from \$1,000,000 STP to \$2,650,000 STP; delay Final Design (DES) from FY15 to FY17 and increase the DES cost by \$800,000 from \$1,700,000 STP to \$2,500,000 STP; delay Right-of-Way (ROW) from FY15 to FY17 and increase the ROW cost by \$100,000 from \$2,400,000 STP to \$2,500,000 STP; and delay Construction (CON) from FY17 and FY18 to FY20 and increase the overall CON cost by \$2,500,000 from \$21,100,000 STP to \$23,600,000 STP.

2b. PA15-16: Chalfont Pedestrian Facilities (SRTSF) - Round 1, (MPMS# 87088), Bucks County

PennDOT has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2015 - 2018 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a project back in to the TIP, Chalfont Pedestrian Facilities (SRTSF) - Round 1, (MPMS# 87088), for \$579,734 SRTSF funds in FY16 for Construction. This project was inadvertently omitted from the TIP. It was awarded with \$719,734 federal Safe Routes to School (SRTSF) funding in May of 2009, and \$140,000 has been obligated for Preliminary Engineering in the previous TIP. These are additional funds to the region.

Funds will provide for the installation of crosswalks, curbing, and sidewalks along Route 202, spanning two municipalities and benefiting one elementary school and one middle school, in Chalfont and New Britain Boroughs. The National Safe Routes to School program was signed into law in August 2005 and dedicated a total of \$612 million towards SRTS infrastructure projects and non-infrastructure activities from years 2005 to 2009. The program aims to improve students' health and well-being by enabling and encouraging them to walk and bicycle to/from school.

Financial constraint will be maintained as these funds are additional to the region.

Favorable recommendation was received from the Regional Technical Committee.

The Board unanimously adopted the following **motion**:

MOTION by Mr. Mosca, seconded by Ms. Marseglia, that the Board approve the following TIP action:

PA15-16, PennDOT's request that DVRPC amend the FY2015 - 2018 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a project back in to the TIP, Chalfont Pedestrian Facilities (SRTSF) - Round 1, (MPMS# 87088), for \$579,734 SRTSF funds in FY16 for Construction. This project was inadvertently omitted from the TIP. It was awarded with \$719,734 federal Safe Routes to School (SRTSF) funding in May of 2009, and \$140,000 has been obligated for Preliminary Engineering in the previous TIP. These are additional funds to the region.

2c. PA15-17: Approval of Automated Red-Light Enforcement (ARLE) Round 5 (2014 Funding) Projects, (Various MPMS #s), Various Counties

PennDOT has requested that DVRPC approve the list of projects selected as part of PennDOT's Automated Red-Light Enforcement (ARLE) Round 5 program and amend the FY2015 - 2018 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding the projects to the PA TIP in FY15.

The DVRPC region was awarded a total of \$4,541,427 of State Appropriation 244 funding, for 14 projects. \$3,500,000 is for projects in the City of Philadelphia; \$205,520 is for projects in Bucks County; \$483,757 is for projects in Chester County; \$33,150 is for a project in Delaware County; and \$319,000 is for projects in Montgomery County. These are additional funds to the region.

The Automated Red Light Enforcement (ARLE) program 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. The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation distributes the funds via a grant program specifically designated for transportation safety improvements. Municipalities may apply for these grant moneys to pay for eligible roadway-enhancement, safety, and congestion projects.

Round 5 of ARLE awarded a total of \$6.6 million statewide for 41 applications out of 226 applications worth approximately \$36 million. The DVRPC region was awarded a total of \$4,541,427 to advance the following 14 projects:

Bucks County:

1) Video Traffic Signal Detection Upgrade (MPMS# 104162) - \$48,500

Existing vehicular and volume density loop detectors with video and digital wave radar detectors will be replaced at the Upper State Road/Shady Retreat Road and Almshouse Road (SR 2089)/Tanamend Road intersection in Doylestown Township.

2) Pedestrian Signal Upgrades (MPMS# 104163) - \$157,020

Traffic signal timings for the AM, mid-day and PM peak hours will be optimized, and the existing vehicular loop detectors with video cameras and radar dilemma zone detectors will be replaced. All existing signage associated with the traffic signal operation will also be upgraded at the following four intersections in Wrightstown Township:

1. Durham Road (SR 0413) and Second St Pike/Windy Bush Road (SR 0232) and Park Avenue
2. Durham Road (SR 0413) and Township Line Road (SR 2115)
3. Second Street Pike (SR 0232) and Swamp Road (SR 2036)
4. Durham Road (SR 0413) and Wrightstown Road/Worthington Mill Road (SR 2081)

Chester County:

3) Traffic Signal Head Upgrade (MPMS# 104164) - \$8,500

LED Upgrade (signals or flash signs) will be provided to the South Third and Hodgson Street intersection in Oxford Borough.

4) Incident Management Upgrade (MPMS# 104165) - \$341,507

The current closed loop system will be extended to Reeceville Road and US 322 corridors within Caln Township. For the Reeceville Road corridor, fiber would be extended from Lincoln Highway to Reeceville Road via Barley Sheaf Road. For the US 322 corridor, a new traffic signal at the US 322 WB ramps will be installed. Closed circuit television cameras would be installed on both corridors to allow PennDOT remote

monitoring.

5) Traffic Signal Equipment Upgrade (MPMS# 104170) - \$72,500

Equipment for the township to properly monitor, test, and repair 35 traffic control signals in East Whiteland Township will be provided, which includes connection/equipment needed for the tactics backup server that will be located at East Whiteland Township's computer room.

6) LED Traffic Signal Upgrade (MPMS# 104171) - \$61,250

LED vehicular and pedestrian signal lenses will be procured and installed at eight (8) signalized intersections throughout Easttown Township.

Delaware County:

7) Pedestrian Facilities Improvement (MPMS# 104172) - \$33,150

The existing pedestrian facilities at the intersection of Baltimore Pike (SR 0001) and Evergreen Drive in Concord Township will be improved, such as by crosswalk striping, ADA Ramps, push buttons and all appurtenant work.

Montgomery County:

8) Traffic Signal Safety Upgrade (MPMS# 104173) - \$35,000

Hand/Man pedestrian LED with countdown LED, LEDs, push buttons with latching LED and indicator tone will be replaced; and the construction of a 1-way video detection system and ADA ramps will be provided for the traffic signal at the three-way intersection of Main Street/State Route 29/Gravel Pike and Perkiomen Avenue in Schwenksville Borough.

9) Traffic Signal Improvement (MPMS# 104174) - \$82,000

Also in Schwenksville Borough, this project will provide traffic signal improvements that include push buttons with latching LED and Indicator Tone, replacing LED's in eleven 8" 3-section signals, three 12" 3-section signals, and three 12" 5-section signals, installing a 4-way Video Detection System, installing eight Hand/Man pedestrian signals with a countdown timer, two 12' Pedestal Poles for Hand/Man signals, and constructing ADA ramps, for the complicated/off-set 4-way intersection of Main Street, State Route 29, Gravel Pike and E. Park Avenue/Gamefarm Road.

10) Signal System Upgrade (MPMS# 104175) - \$202,000

Nine (9) signalized intersections in West Conshohocken Borough that are currently tied into the Siemens I2 traffic signal system will be upgraded to Centracs. In order to complete this transition, eight of the intersections will have updated timer units and five controller cabinets would be replaced.

City of Philadelphia:

11) Philadelphia Fiber Optic Network Expansion (MPMS# 104176) - \$500,000

Project will expand and upgrade a number of arterials with state-of-the-art technology by incorporating them into an automated traffic management system (ATMS).

12) Philadelphia Intersection Upgrades (MPMS# 104177) - \$1,000,000

The project will entail the design and construction of intersection modifications for

approximately two to three locations citywide, depending on the complexity of the selected intersections, in order to significantly diminish severe and fatal pedestrian crashes.

13) Philadelphia Modern Roundabouts (MPMS# 104178) - \$1,000,000

This project will entail the design and construction of a modern roundabout for approximately two to three locations citywide, depending on the complexity of the selected intersections.

14) Philadelphia Traffic Calming (MPMS #104179) - \$1,000,000

A toolbox of traffic calming measures will be employed together with clear warrants for their use for 10 to 15 locations citywide.

Financial constraint will be maintained as State Appropriation 244 funds are additional to the region.

Favorable recommendation was received from the Regional Technical Committee.

The Board unanimously adopted the following **motion**:

MOTION by Ms. Cutler, seconded by Ms. Holton, that the Board approve the following TIP action:

PA15-17, PennDOT's request that DVRPC approve the list of projects selected as part of PennDOT's Automated Red-Light Enforcement (ARLE) Round 5 program and amend the FY2015 - 2018 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding the projects to the PA TIP in FY15. The DVRPC region was awarded a total of \$4,541,427 of State Appropriation 244 funding, for 14 projects.

2d. PA15-18: Rock Hill Road Advance ROW, (MPMS# 104153), Montgomery County

PennDOT has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2015 - 2018 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a new break-out project to the TIP, Rock Hill Road Advance ROW, (MPMS# 104153), for \$248,000 State 581 funds in FY15 for Right-of-Way (ROW).

Funds will provide for the advancement of right-of-way acquisition for the Belmont Rd/Rock Hill Rd Widening: I-76 Ramps to Rock Hill Road project (MPMS# 64795) in Lower Merion Township, Montgomery County. A property owner is willing to sell property to the township at this time, and advancing ROW acquisition now under MPMS# 104153 will result in project cost savings. Its companion project (MPMS# 64795) will reconstruct and widen Belmont Avenue (SR 3045) from the interchange with I-76 Schuylkill Expressway to west of Rock Hill Road (SR 3052) in order to provide additional lanes, intersection improvements, drainage improvements, new curbs/sidewalks, streetscape improvements, and replace a railroad overpass from I-76

to Rock Hill Road that currently carries the Norfolk Southern Railway's Philadelphia to Harrisburg Main Line.

Financial constraint will be maintained by making adjustments to other existing TIP projects whose schedules or costs have changed. All projects listed contribute to fiscal constraint.

2e. PA15-19: Culvert Replacement Group K, (MPMS# 92310), Bucks County

PennDOT has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2015 - 2018 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a project back in to the TIP, Culvert Replacement Group K, (MPMS# 92310), for \$4,000,000 State 581 funds in FY15 for Construction. The project was programmed on the previous FY2013-2016 TIP with state funds, but funds were never encumbered. Funds will provide for the replacement of 10 bridges that are in critical condition with minimal roadway improvement, which is estimated to extend their service life by 100 years. The bridges are as follows:

1. Dublin Pike over Morris Run (Bridge Key 6990) in Hilltown Township
 2. Easton Road over Branch Neshaminy Creek (Bridge Key 7061) in Doylestown Township
 3. Aquetong Road over Branch Aquetong Creek (Bridge Key 7100) in Solebury Township
 4. Hulmeville Road over Chubb Run (Bridge Key 7222) in Middletown Township
 5. Old Lincoln Highway over Branch Neshaminy Creek (Bridge Key 7256) in Bensalem Township
 6. Almshouse Road over Branch Neshaminy Creek (Bridge Key 7335) in Warwick Township
 7. Main Street and Bethlehem Pike over Wertz Creek (Bridge Key 7384) in Sellersville Borough
 8. Rocky Ridge Road over Branch Tohickon Creek (Bridge Key 7415) in Richland Township
 9. Richlandtown Pike over Cooks Creek (Bridge Key 7419) in Springfield Township
 10. State Road over Branch Cooks Creek (Bridge Key 7442) in Springfield Township
- Work to be performed will additionally include stream restoration and District-wide "On Demand" bridge repairs. The scope of work will not change the typical section of the roadways or increase their capacities.

Financial constraint will be maintained by making adjustments to other existing TIP projects whose schedules or costs have changed. All projects listed contribute to fiscal constraint.

2f. PA15-20: Culvert Replacement Group L, (MPMS# 92311), Various Counties

PennDOT has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2015 - 2018 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a project back in to the TIP, Culvert Replacement Group L, (MPMS# 92311), for \$200,000 State 581 funds for Utility in FY15 and \$5,000,000 State 581 funds for Construction in FY15 (\$487,000), FY16 (\$300,000), FY17 (\$3,960,000) and FY18 (\$253,000). The project was programmed on the previous FY2013-2016 TIP with Act 89 funds, but funds were never encumbered.

Funds will provide for the replacement of seven (7) culverts in Chester, Delaware, and Montgomery counties that are structurally deficient with minimal roadway improvement, which is estimated to extend their service life by 100 years. The bridges are as follows:

Chester County:

1. Doe Run Road over Branch Sucker Run (Bridge Key 10044) in East Fallowfield Township
2. Creek Road over Branch Brandywine Creek (Bridge Key 10174) in East Brandywine Township
3. Bondsville Road over Branch Beaver Creek (Bridge Key 10215) in Caln Township
4. Whitehorse Road over Branch Pickering Creek (Bridge Key 10303) in Schuylkill Township
5. Clay Creek Road over Tributary East Branch White Clay Creek (Bridge Key 39994) in Franklin Township

Delaware County

6. Macdade Boulevard over Branch Muckinipattis Creek (Bridge Key 15231) in Glenolden Borough

Montgomery County

7. Second Avenue over Branch of Mingo Creek (Bridge Key 27805) in Upper Providence Township

Work to be performed will additionally include the superstructure replacement of the SR 4012 (Graterford Road) Bridge over Perkiomen Creek in Montgomery County; substructure repairs for the SR 3023 (Pocopson Road) Bridge in Chester County; and District-wide "On-Demand" bridge repairs. The scope of work will not change the typical section of the roadways or increase their capacities.

Financial constraint will be maintained by making adjustments to other existing TIP projects whose schedules or costs have changed. All projects listed contribute to fiscal constraint.

2g. PA15-21: Main Street Grade Crossing, (MPMS# 103217), Delaware County

PennDOT has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2015 - 2018 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a Preliminary Engineering (PE) phase to the Main Street Grade Crossing project (MPMS# 103217) for \$750,000 State 581 funds in FY15. This project has

already been awarded \$337,653 RRX funds for Construction in FY18 from the 2015 Statewide Rail-Highway Grade Crossing Program.

Funds will provide for improvements to the Main Street-CSX rail line grade crossing (US DOT #140641S) in Darby Borough. Improvements may include new gates, lights, traffic signals (if warranted), drainage, and improvements to the crossing surface and roadway for all users at and around the grade crossing. This grade crossing currently poses significant safety concerns as it accommodates train traffic from a major interstate freight line throughout the day, vehicular traffic from two roads (Main St. and Sixth St.), and pedestrian traffic from nearby schools and retail establishments. Adding to the crossing's complexity is SEPTA's trolley route 11 that operates within the Main St. cartway and bisects the freight rail line (with trolley stops located on both sides of the grade crossing). Recently, a pedestrian was struck by a CSX freight train at the grade crossing on December 17, 2014. The grade crossing was the subject of a two phase study conducted by DVRPC and overseen by a broad-based steering committee (see DVRPC publication #11012 and #12014).

Financial constraint will be maintained by making adjustments to other existing TIP projects whose schedules or costs have changed. All projects listed contribute to fiscal constraint.

2h. PA15-22: North Broad Streetscape Improvements, (MPMS #74807), Montgomery County

PennDOT has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2015 - 2018 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a project, North Broad Streetscape Improvements, MPMS# 74807, back in to the TIP in the amount of \$142,148 (\$100,148 SXF/\$42,000 Local) for Construction in FY15. These are additional funds to the region.

This project will include streetscape improvements such as concrete sidewalks, curbs and street plantings. The construction phase was not able to be obligated under the previous FY2013-2016 TIP.

Financial constraint will be maintained as these funds are additional to the region.

2i. PA15-23: American Cities/Safe Routes to School - Phase 3, (MPMS# 74828), City of Philadelphia

The City of Philadelphia has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2015 - 2018 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a Final Design phase back in to the TIP in the amount of \$400,000 (\$320,000 SXF/ \$80,000 Local) in FY15. These are additional funds to the region.

This project will provide for the installation of school flashers, pedestrian bumpouts, and crosswalks at various locations throughout the city. Final Design was not able to be

obligated under the previous FY2013-2016 TIP due to delays in obtaining environmental clearances.

Financial constraint will be maintained as these funds are additional to the region.

Favorable recommendation was received from the Regional Technical Committee.

Byron Comati, SEPTA, expressed support for TIP Action PA15-21, Main Street Grade Crossing, (MPMS# 103217), in Delaware County.

The Board unanimously adopted the following **motion**:

MOTION by Mr. McBlain, seconded by Mr. Ritzman, that the Board approve the following TIP actions:

PA15-18, PennDOT's request that DVRPC amend the FY2015 - 2018 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a new break-out project to the TIP, Rock Hill Road Advance ROW, (MPMS# 104153), for \$248,000 State 581 funds in FY15 for Right-of-Way (ROW).

PA15-19, PennDOT's request that DVRPC amend the FY2015 - 2018 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a project back in to the TIP, Culvert Replacement Group K, (MPMS# 92310), for \$4,000,000 State 581 funds in FY15 for Construction.

PA15-20, PennDOT's request that DVRPC amend the FY2015 - 2018 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a project back in to the TIP, Culvert Replacement Group L, (MPMS# 92311), for \$200,000 State 581 funds for Utility in FY15 and \$5,000,000 State 581 funds for construction in FY15 (\$487,000), FY16 (\$300,000), FY17 (\$3,960,000) and FY18 (\$253,000).

PA15-21, PennDOT's request that DVRPC amend the FY2015 - 2018 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a Preliminary Engineering (PE) phase to the Main Street Grade Crossing project (MPMS# 103217) for \$750,000 State 581 funds in FY15. This project has already been awarded \$337,653 RRX funds for Construction in FY18 from the 2015 Statewide Rail-Highway Grade Crossing Program.

PA15-22, PennDOT's request that DVRPC amend the FY2015 - 2018 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a project, North Broad Streetscape Improvements, MPMS# 74807, back in to the TIP in the amount of \$142,148 (\$100,148 SXF/\$42,000 Local) for Construction in FY15. These are additional funds to the region.

PA15-23, City of Philadelphia's request that DVRPC amend the FY2015 - 2018 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a Final Design phase back in to the TIP in the amount of

\$400,000 (\$320,000 SXF/ \$80,000 Local) in FY15. These are additional funds to the region.

2j. PA15-24: Bridge Bundling 2015, (MPMS# 104369), Various Counties

PennDOT has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2015 – 2018 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a new program to the TIP, Bridge Bundling 2015, (MPMS# 104369), for \$4,700,000 Spike STP (sSTP) funds in FY15 and FY16, accordingly: \$250,000 for Preliminary Engineering in FY15, \$450,000 for Final Design in FY15, \$25,000 for Utility in FY15, \$25,000 for ROW in FY15, and \$3,950,000 for Construction in FY16. These are additional Spike (discretionary) funds to the region.

The PennDOT Local Bridge Bundling program is a state program for bridge projects, in which the purpose is to select and repair bridges that have the same structure type with the same design requirements and are located geographically close to each other in order to induce cost and time savings. For this round, PennDOT has made a total of \$4,700,000 federal sSTP funds for 15 bridges in the DVRPC region that are expected to be let for construction in October of 2015 and are listed as follows:

Bucks County:

1. Willow Road Bridge (Bridge Key 7629) in Northampton Township
2. Moyer Road Bridge (Bridge Key 7613) in Hilltown Township
3. Fredericks Bridge 14J08 (Bridge Key 7516) in East Rockhill Township
4. Warrington Township 33J02 (Bridge Key 7531) in Warrington Township
5. Alden Avenue 38H05 (Bridge Key 7606) in Falls Township
6. Springfield Street (Bridge Key 7643) in Springfield Township
7. Snowball Gate 42H02 (Bridge Key 7490) in Middletown Township
8. Perkasio Boro 20H02 (Bridge Key 7482) in Perkasio Borough

Delaware County:

9. Paper Mill Road (Bridge Key 15434) in Springfield Township

Montgomery County:

10. Easton Road (Bridge Key 27989) in Cheltenham Township
11. Orelan Mill Bridge 31B09 (Bridge Key 28042) in Springfield Township
12. Trewigtown Road 17A06 (Bridge Key 28018) in Hatfield Township
13. Keebler Road Bridge (Bridge Key 28125) in Upper Merion Township
14. Violet Lane Bridge (Bridge Key 47474) in Lower Merion Township
15. Remington Road Bridge (Bridge Key 28022) in Lower Merion Township

All projects listed contribute to fiscal constraint as these funds are additional to the region.

Jim Ritzman, PennDOT, explained that PennDOT did a pilot program in three counties and bundled locally owned bridges in an effort to save money. There was a lot of

savings on the design side and more modest savings on the construction side. This program is different from the P3 program largely because this program is looking to capitalize on cost savings on locally owned bridges, not state bridges.

Favorable recommendation was received from the Regional Technical Committee.

The Board unanimously adopted the following **motion**:

MOTION by Ms. Holton, seconded by Ms. Cutler, that the Board approve the following TIP action:

PA15-24, PennDOTs request that DVRPC amend the FY2015 - 2018 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a new program in to the TIP, Bridge Bundling 2015, (MPMS# 104369), for \$4,700,000 Spike STP (sSTP) funds in FY15 and FY16, accordingly: \$250,000 for Preliminary Engineering in FY15, \$450,000 for Final Design in FY15, \$25,000 for Utility in FY15, \$25,000 for ROW in FY15, and \$3,950,000 for Construction in FY16. These are additional Spike (discretionary) funds to the region.

3a. DVRPC FY 2015 Work Program Amendment:

DVRPC FY 2015 Work Program Amendment: Broad Street Subway Extension Ridership Forecasts

William Agate, Vice President and the Navy Yard Manager for the PIDC, gave an overview on the Navy Yard and the activities taking place. Matt Gates, DVRPC's Manager, Office of Modeling and Analysis, explained that this project will provide ridership forecasts that will be used to examine the potential for high quality transit service to the Philadelphia Navy Yard. A 2013 Base Year model and a 2040 Future Year model will be developed, so that the analysis will be compliant with the Federal Transit Administration "New Starts" program. Ridership forecasts will be prepared for a No-Build and three Build alternatives. In addition, daily and peak period automobile volumes entering and exiting the Navy Yard will be produced for each alternative.

Byron Comati, asked about flight plan and floodplain issues. Mr. Agate responded that they plan to reinforce the residential projects with sound attenuation techniques. With regard to flood plain issues there are plans to deal with rising waters and they may work with the Army Corps of Engineers to deal with this.

Favorable recommendation was received from the Regional Technical Committee.

The Board unanimously adopted the following **motion**:

MOTION by Ms. Cutler, seconded by Mr. Ritzman, that the Board amend:

The DVRPC FY15 Work Program to include the Broad Street Subway Extension Ridership Forecasts.

4. Adoption of DVRPC Fiscal Year 2016 Unified Planning Work Program

Executive Director Barry Seymour, introduced the DVRPC FY16 Work Program. DVRPC is able to accommodate 28 new project ideas that were submitted by partners. A couple of the significant new projects include a feasibility study for trolley service along Delaware Avenue in Philadelphia, the possibility of establishing a Regional Rail Station by the Philadelphia Zoo, a Burlington County Highway Master Plan, Transit Oriented Development in a variety of locations in the region, and a new study on changing demographics. For FY16 there are a few projects that will be funded through the TIP and those projects are listed in your Board packets. The pass-through program will continue as well.

John Griffies DVRPC’s Contracts Manager, explained that the Fiscal Year 2016 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) consists of: (1) DVRPC’s Regular Work Program, (2) Supportive Regional Highway Planning Program (SRHPP), and (3) Transit Support Program (TSP). The Planning Work Program reflects the policy direction provided by the Board’s Planning Work Program Committee and the input from member governments, operating agencies and other regional organizations. To support certain projects the Board has selected for the DVRPC FY2016 UPWP, some TIP Actions will need to be made to the FY2014 TIP for New Jersey and the FY2015 TIP for Pennsylvania. The source of funds for projects in New Jersey and Pennsylvania will be obtained by making adjustments to other existing TIP projects whose schedules or costs have changed.

TIP Action NJ14-71: FY2016 UPWP Projects Funded by NJ FY2014 TIP Funds

- New Jersey Local Concept Development Administration (Increase) (X30A) (\$100,000 Federal)	\$30,000
-NJ RideECO Marketing (Increase) (D0406) (\$50,000 Federal)	\$10,000
-RIMIS (Decrease) (01300) (\$233,375 Federal)	(\$12,625)
-Update Travel Simulation Model (Increase) (X30A) (\$185,600 Federal)	\$14,500
- New Jersey Pavement Management System	

(Add New Project to the TIP) (# D1503)(\$2,000,000 Federal)	\$2,000,000
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Total	\$2,041,875
Federal	\$2,041,875
State	\$0
Local	\$0

TIP Action PA15-26: FY2016 UPWP Projects Funded by PA FY2015 TIP Funds

-PA RideECO Marketing (Increase) (17891) (\$200,000 Federal)	\$40,000
- RIMIS (Increase) (72738) (\$560,100 Federal)	\$100
- Chester County Local Bridge and Road Data (Add New Project to the TIP) (#TBD) (\$100,000 Federal)	\$100,000
- Hard Shoulder Running on I-76, Phase I (Add New Project to the TIP) (# TBD)(\$140,000 Federal)	\$140,000
- Travel Monitoring-Equipment & Supplies (Add New Project to the TIP) (# TBD)(\$120,000 Federal)	\$120,000
- Update Travel Simulation Model (Decrease) (# 86077)(\$454,400 Federal)	(\$600)
Total	\$399,500
Federal	\$399,500

Note that "TBD" is a DOT Project ID that is "To Be Determined."

Favorable recommendation was received from the Regional Technical Committee.

The Board unanimously adopted the following **motion**:

MOTION by Ms. Cutler, seconded by Mr. Williams, that the Board approve:

The FY 2016 DVRPC Unified Planning Work Program, authorize the Executive Director to submit applications and documentation as may be required to fund the

program and enter into, negotiate and execute all required contracts and agreements by adopting Resolution No. B-FY15-006. Further, approve the actions to amend or modify the FY 2014 TIP for New Jersey and the FY 2015 TIP for Pennsylvania as required.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

5. One Minute Reports

Bennett Cornelius, PATCO, reported that Eugene DePasquale has taken over as the new DRPA Board Chair. The Ben Franklin Bridge Track Rehabilitation Project is going well and there is extensive signal and electrical work still to do. There will be a new schedule released in February and that will go for six weeks. The first of the newly refurbished rail cars will enter service by the end of February.

Byron Comati, SEPTA, reported that SEPTA is in the marketplace for electrical locomotives which is part of a replacement program which is also focused on adding capacity.

Calvin Edghill, FHWA, NJ, reported that the Strategic Highway Research Program, Round 5, SHRP 2, was released last week and there are two categories. One category is renewal and the other is capacity. Applications are due February 13.

Jim Ritzman, PennDOT, reported that there are a lot of programs available and opportunities, including ARLE, Green Light Go, Bridge Bundling Programs, the Multimodal Fund, and more.

Dave Kuhn, NJDOT, reported that the renewal of the State Transportation Trust Fund has been under discussion and getting a lot of press.

Diane Ellis-Marseglia, Bucks County, reported that the county preserved its 175th farm and 14,000 acres yesterday. SEPTA will be having a conference with Bucks County staff regarding the suicide hotline signs in Bucks County.

Jody Holton, Montgomery County, reported that the Turnpike Commission and the county are working through a \$45 million agreement on an interchange at LaFayette Street and the turnpike. Design will be managed by the county and construction managed by the turnpike. In the last two weeks the county held a public hearing and the county commissioners adopted Montco 2040 Plan, the comprehensive plan for Montgomery County. Ms. Holton thanked DVRPC staff and partners for their assistance.

Louis Cappelli, Camden County, reported that Camden County recently updated its Master Plan. The county also recently completed an assessment of its bridges and

many of them are in deplorable condition. Without the money from the Transportation Trust Fund it will be very difficult to improve conditions.

Rick Westergaard, Gloucester County, reported that Gloucester County has just initiated a new Master Plan. Mr. Westergaard thanked DVRPC staff for all of their assistance with the Plan.

9. Executive Director's Report

a. PA TAP Projects

Mr. Seymour noted that a few months prior the Board approved projects under the PA TAP program. On the regional list there is one project that is not able to proceed as proposed; this project is in Chalfont Borough. This funding will be pulled from the project and will come back into DVRPC's line item and staff will coordinate with partners determine how to use it going forward.

b. 2014 Board Retreat

Mr. Seymour reported that the 2014 Board retreat took place on December 11. This full-day event, which included the Board meeting, annual awards ceremony, and workshops, took place at Valley Forge Sheraton in King of Prussia. The focus for this year was economic development and what we can do as a Board and individually to advance economic development goals. Through our annual awards, there was a chance to honor the regional leader of the year, Mayor Nutter, as well as projects/initiatives around land use, the economy, the environment, and transportation. For this year's Board Retreat we will include 50th anniversary events in consideration of the Commission's 50th anniversary. Former Board Chairs may be invited to the Retreat and the awards may include the last 50 years.

c. SOS Roundtable Series: The Pop-up Economy

Mr. Seymour called the Board's attention to an SOS Roundtable Series Event on the Pop-up Economy that DVRPC held on January 9. The session included themes such as pop-up retail stores, events, and night markets. DVRPC provided information and assistance for towns that are trying to figure out how to allow for pop-ups and handle zoning issues.

d. Regional Economic Forecasts

Mr. Seymour reported that on January 14 the Regional Chamber of Commerce held an event looking at economic forecasting. Charles Plosser, the Head of the Federal Reserve Bank, spoke about inflation and Philadelphia's economy.

e. New Jersey CMAQ funding

Mr. Seymour announced that DVRPC is opening a round of funding for the CMAQ funding on April 9. There is a mandatory information session on January 28 at 4:00 p.m.

f. Future City competition

Mr. Seymour noted that as part of DVRPC's 50th Anniversary the Commission is sponsoring two design competitions and one is the Future City Competition. For this competition middle school students are asked to design a city of the future and each year they are given a theme. This year's theme is how to feed a city of the future. Executive Director Seymour will be judging finalists.

g. Better Philadelphia Challenge

Mr. Seymour reported that DVRPC is involved with the Better Philadelphia Challenge design competition. This competition picks an issue, location or problem in the Philadelphia area and invites college and graduate students (mostly planning or architecture students) to come up with a design solution. This year's selected location was Petty's Island in Pennsauken New Jersey. Winners were picked and will be announced on February 18.

h. Breaking Ground conference

Mr. Seymour announced that DVRPC's Breaking Ground Conference is taking place on March 12. Speakers include Harriet Tregoning, Director of HUD's Office of Economic Resilience, and planning and retail specialist, Robert Gibbs. There will be eight breakout sessions that will focus on programs and initiatives that are building livable communities in Greater Philadelphia now and for the future. Mr. Seymour encouraged Board members and their staffs to attend.

i. National Conference of Regions

Mr. Seymour noted that he will be attending the National Conference of Regions in Washington, D.C. from February 8 through 10 to learn about what colleagues in Washington plan to do in the coming year.

10. **Committee Reports**

The following committee reports were distributed to the Board for review:

- (1) Regional Technical Committee

- (2) Delaware Valley Goods Movement Task Force
- (3) Regional Aviation Committee
- (4) Information Resources Exchange Group
- (5) Regional Safety Task Force
- (6) Public Participation Task Force

OLD BUSINESS

No old business was stated.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business was stated.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:29 a.m. on a **MOTION** by Mr. Kuhn, seconded by Ms. Cutler.

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I certify that this is a true and correct copy.

Renee Wise, Recording Secretary