

DELAWARE VALLEY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

BOARD COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting of April 28, 2016

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

Membership Present

Representative

New Jersey Department of Community Affairs	Sean Thompson
New Jersey Department of Transportation	Dave Kuhn
Pennsylvania Department of Transportation	James Mosca
New Jersey Governor's Appointee	Chris Howard
Pennsylvania Governor's Appointee	(not represented)
Pennsylvania Governor's Policy & Planning Office	Nedia Ralston
Bucks County	Lynn Bush
Chester County	Brian O'Leary
Delaware County	John McBlain
Montgomery County	Linda Hill
	Valerie Arkoosh
	Jody Holton
Burlington County	Carol Thomas
Camden County	Andrew Levecchia
Gloucester County	(not represented)
Mercer County	Matthew Lawson
City of Chester	Latifah Griffin
City of Philadelphia	Mark Squilla
	Clarena Tolson
	Denise Goren
City of Camden	Dana Redd
	Edward Williams
City of Trenton	Jeffrey Wilkerson

Non-Voting Members

Federal Highway Administration New Jersey Division	(not represented)
Pennsylvania Division	(not represented)
U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Region III	Richard Ott
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region II	(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	Jennifer Adam
New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection	(not represented)
Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection	(not represented)
Delaware River Port Authority	(not represented)
Port Authority Transit Corporation	Phil Spinelli
New Jersey Office of Planning Advocacy	Gerard Scharfenberger
Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development	Aliyah Furman

<u>DVRPC Co-Counsel</u>	
Pennsylvania Co-Counsel	Andrew Bockis
New Jersey Co-Counsel	Thomas Coleman

DVRPC Staff: Barry Seymour, John Ward, Chris Puchalsky, Elizabeth Schoonmaker, Alison Hastings, Paul Smith, Kwan Hui, Rick Murphy, Greg Krykewycz, Taghi Ozbeki, Tom McGovern, Van Doan, Zoe Neaderland, Elise Turner, Shoshana Akins, Brett Fusco, Sean Greene, Andrew Svekla, Karin Morris, Betsy Mastaglio, Chris Pollard, Liz Compitello, Ted Dahlburg, Bill Laidlaw, Mike Boyer, Christina Arlt, Sandy Clark, Ken Peters, and Renee Wise.

<u>Guests</u>	
Montgomery County	Anne Levitt-Guberger
PennDOT 6-0	Jonathan Korus
Pennoni Associates	Donald Shanis
Dewberry	Lisa Peterson
Residents for Regional Traffic Solutions	Sue Herman

Call to Order - Chair’s Comments

Chair Dana Redd called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m. and asked if there was any press in the room.

Lisa Peterson of Dewberry identified herself.

Public Comments on Agenda and Non-Agenda Items

No public comments were stated.

Action Items

1. Minutes of Meeting of March 24, 2016

The Board adopted the following **motion**:

MOTION by Mr. Kuhn, seconded by Ms. Ralston, to approve the minutes of March 24, 2016.

2. Transportation Improvement Program (TIP Actions)

Kwan Hui, DVRPC Transportation Planner, Office of Capital Programs, presented the following TIP actions to the Board:

2a. PA15-82: Chestnut Street Bridges, Ramps, (8) at 30th Street, (MPMS #17816), City of Philadelphia

PennDOT has requested that DVRPC modify the FY2015 – 2018 TIP for Pennsylvania by increasing the overall cost of Chestnut Street Bridges, Ramps, (8) at 30th Street (MPMS #17816) by \$15,500,000 and by adding pre-construction phases in FY16 and FY18, accordingly: add a Preliminary Engineering phase for \$600,000 in FY16 (\$164,351 (\$131,481 STU/\$32,870 State 185)) and in FY18 (\$435,649 (\$348,519 STU/\$87,130 State 185)); add a FY16 Final Design phase for \$2,100,000 (\$1,680,200 NHPP/\$419,800 State 185); increase the FY16 Right-of-Way phase by \$8,800,000 State 581 funds from \$1,202,000 (\$962,000 NHPP/\$240,000 State 185) to \$10,002,000 (\$962,000 NHPP/\$240,000 State 185/\$8,800,000 State 581); and increase the FY18 Construction phase by \$4,000,000 STU funds from \$38,914,000 (\$28,918,000 NHPP/\$9,996,000 STU) to \$42,914,000 (\$28,918,000 NHPP/\$13,996,000 STU). This action will result in a total estimated project cost of \$94,051,000, up from \$78,551,000. The project description will also be updated.

The cost increases and additional pre-construction phases are due to several factors. First, the relocation of an existing bike lane from the right side of Chestnut Street to the left will extend the current project limits from 23rd and 31st Streets to 22nd and 34th Streets. The bike lane relocation is necessary in order to prevent conflicts with an existing bus route. Second, repairs to an existing steel sheeted bulkhead that supports the Schuylkill River Trail will be needed. Third, additional repairs to the steel of deteriorated bridge structures were found necessary by PennDOT District 6 Bridge Unit inspections. Fourth, the actual right-of-way parcel appraisals were found significantly higher than estimated due to the site's complexities (e.g. bridge is situated directly adjacent to several building walls). Finally, easements, environmental documents and survey work, public involvement activities, final structure plan activities, railroad coordination, plus a lighting design for a subway emergency egress platform, and a re-submission of roadway/safety review plans will be included to support the above activities. This project will rehabilitate eight structurally deficient bridges: (1) Chestnut Street over 30th Street/Amtrak/Schuylkill Expressway; (2) Chestnut Street over Schuylkill River; (3) Chestnut Street over CSX Railroad; (4) Chestnut Street over 24th Street; (5) Schuylkill Expressway Ramp A (off-ramp); (6) Schuylkill Expressway Ramp B (on-ramp); (7) Schuylkill Avenue West between Chestnut and Walnut Streets; and (8) Schuylkill Avenue West between Market and Chestnut Streets. It is currently in Final Design. Construction is on schedule for an estimated let (open for bid proposals) in early June 2016.

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. Mosca, seconded by Ms. Arkoosh, that the Board approve the following TIP action:

PA15-82, PennDOT's request that DVRPC modify the FY2015 – 2018 TIP for Pennsylvania by increasing the overall cost of Chestnut Street Bridges, Ramps, (8) at 30th Street (MPMS #17816) by \$15,500,000 and by adding preconstruction phases in FY16 and FY18, accordingly: add a Preliminary Engineering phase for \$600,000 in FY16 (\$164,351 (\$131,481 STU/\$32,870 State 185)) and in FY18 (\$435,649 (\$348,519 STU/\$87,130 State 185)); add a FY16 Final Design phase for \$2,100,000 (\$1,680,200 NHPP/\$419,800 State 185); increase the FY16 Right-of-Way phase by \$8,800,000 State 581 funds from \$1,202,000 (\$962,000 NHPP/\$240,000 State 185) to \$10,002,000 (\$962,000 NHPP/\$240,000 State 185/\$8,800,000 State 581); and increase the FY18 Construction phase by \$4,000,000 STU funds from \$38,914,000 (\$28,918,000 NHPP/\$9,996,000 STU) to \$42,914,000 (\$28,918,000 NHPP/\$13,996,000 STU). This action will result in a total estimated project cost of \$94,051,000, up from \$78,551,000. The project description will also be updated.

2b. PA15-83: Portzer Road at Old Bethlehem Roundabout, (MPMS #49315), Bucks County

PennDOT has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2015 – 2018 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for Pennsylvania by adding a \$1,625,000 earmark funded project, Portzer Road at Old Bethlehem Roundabout, (MPMS #49315), back into the TIP, for FY16 Preliminary Engineering (\$100,000 SXF), FY18 Final Design (\$50,000 SXF), FY18 Utility (\$100,000 SXF), FY18 Right-of-Way (\$75,000 SXF), and FY19 Construction (\$1,300,000 SXF). This project was on previous TIPs (FY2001 to FY2009) titled "Portzer Road Connector" but was dropped in later TIPs due to public opposition to construct a connector road from PA 663 to PA 309. Earmark funds will now construct a roundabout at the four-way stop intersection of Portzer Road and Old Bethlehem Pike (SR 4063) in Milford and Richland Townships. The roundabout will be able to accommodate tractor-trailers that head towards the Richland Marketplace Quakertown's premier retail shopping center) and other shopping centers along Route 309. Safety will improve as it is an FHWA proven safety countermeasure, which is effective at eliminating crossing conflicts that are common among conventional intersections. It will also reduce traffic congestion. The intersection currently draws traffic from Routes 309 and 663.

Financial constraint will be maintained as these are additional funds to the region. All projects listed contribute to fiscal constraint.

Favorable recommendation was received from the Regional Technical Committee.

The Board adopted the following **motion**:

MOTION by Ms. Bush, seconded by Ms. Arkoosh, that the Board approve the following TIP action:

PA15-83, PennDOT's request that DVRPC amend the FY2015 – 2018 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for Pennsylvania by adding a \$1,625,000 earmark funded project, Portzer Road at Old Bethlehem Roundabout, (MPMS #49315), back into the TIP, for FY16 Preliminary Engineering (\$100,000 SXF), FY18 Final Design (\$50,000 SXF), FY18 Utility (\$100,000 SXF), FY18 Right-of-Way (\$75,000 SXF), and FY19 Construction (\$1,300,000 SXF).

2c. NJ16-019: Route 130, Van Sciver Parkway to Crafts Creek, (DB #12415), Burlington County

NJDOT has requested that DVRPC modify the FY2016 - 2019 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for New Jersey by adding an \$888,000 NHPP funded Right-of-Way phase in FY17 and by delaying the \$12,960,000 NHPP funded Construction phase from FY16 to FY18 (\$6,480,000) and FY19 (\$6,480,000) for the project, Route 130, Van Sciver Parkway to Crafts Creek (DB #12415). The project description will be updated, and title will change to "Route 130, Charleston Road/Cooper Street (CR 630) to Crafts Creek."

This is a resurfacing project along US 130 northbound. Due to poor pavement conditions, NJDOT's Pavement & Drainage Management and Technology Unit recommended that resurfacing be extended by another mile from Van Sciver Parkway to Charleston Road/Cooper Street. In addition, the project will now include intersection improvements at US 130 and Charleston Road/Cooper Street, such as new traffic signals, some sidewalks, and other improvements in conformance to current ADA and design criteria. As a result, almost nine miles of this US 130 roadway section that traverses Willingboro Township, Burlington Township, Burlington City, and Florence Township will achieve a 10-year service life, improve rideability, and enhance the safety of the travelling public.

Financial constraint will be maintained by making adjustments to other existing TIP projects whose schedules or costs have changed and/or additional funds made available by the FAST Act. All projects listed contribute to fiscal constraint.

Favorable recommendation was received by the Regional Technical Committee.

A public comment was received from Dana Dobson of the Tri-State Transportation Campaign regarding the need for more specific language to make crossings safe for pedestrians. A preliminary response from NJDOT and Burlington County followed and a more detailed response is being formulated.

The Board adopted the following **motion**:

MOTION by Ms. Thomas, seconded by Mr. Levecchia, that the Board approve the following TIP action:

NJ16-019, NJDOT's request that DVRPC modify the FY2016 - 2019 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) by adding an \$888,000 NHPP funded Right-of-Way phase in FY17 and by delaying the \$12,960,000 NHPP funded Construction phase from FY16 to FY18 (\$6,480,000) and FY19 (\$6,480,000) for the project, Route 130, Van Sciver Parkway to Crafts Creek (DB #12415). The project description will be updated, and title will change to "Route 130, Charleston Road/Cooper Street (CR 630) to Crafts Creek."

2d. NJ16-020: Route 295/42, Missing Moves, Bellmawr, (DB #355A), Camden County

NJDOT has requested that DVRPC modify the FY2016 - 2019 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for New Jersey by increasing the FY16 Final Design (DES) cost by \$4,459,000 earmark (DEMO) funds from \$5,500,000 to \$9,959,000 DEMO funds for the project, Route 295/42, Missing Moves, Bellmawr (DB #355A). The DES cost has increased due to updated cost estimates and NJDOT's decision to build the project away from the landfill by shifting the entire alignment on the western side of Route 42 to the east. As a result, the project description will be updated. The funding source for \$4,459,000 in FY17 Construction will switch from DEMO to NHPP funds, but the total estimated construction cost of \$149,890,000 and schedule will not change at this time.

This Missing Moves project in Bellmawr and Mount Ephraim Boroughs will provide two new connector ramps, one from Route 42 northbound (NB) to I-295 southbound (SB) and the other from I-295 NB to Route 42 SB, that do not currently exist, to enable motorists to make movements between I-295 and Route 42. The new ramps will now merge to north of Creek Road (instead of south), thus changing the entrance and exit on I-295 from Route 42. Additional improvements will include the widening of Route 42 NB to accommodate five traffic lanes from Route 55 in Gloucester County to the exit for I-295 southbound that will interface with the proposed roadway improvements from the I-295/I-76/Route 42 Direct Connection project; re-striping of Route 55 NB from one lane to two lanes; and the redesign and relocation of the existing Leaf Avenue access ramps off Route 42 NB to Route 42 SB by approximately 750 feet to the south that will intersect Benigno Boulevard at a signalized T-intersection. At this intersection, Benigno Boulevard will be realigned to meet Edgewood Avenue, and Wellwood Avenue will be extended. The Creek Road Bridge over I-295 will now be replaced (not raised). Due to this new alignment, new soil borings and verification of design features will be required as the location of structural elements will change.

I-295/I-76/Route 42 is the busiest interchange in the DVRPC NJ region. It serves as a major artery for Philadelphia commuter traffic and a connection to the southern New Jersey shore. Missing Moves and a related multi-year, multi-phased TIP project, I-295/I-76/Route 42 Direct Connection, will eliminate the dangerous merging and weaving movements on I-295 caused by the vehicles entering from Route 42 and I-76. Both projects constitute the largest highway project in NJDOT's history, after the Pulaski Skyway rehabilitation.

Financial constraint will be maintained by making adjustments to other existing TIP projects whose schedules or costs have changed and/or additional funds made available by the FAST Act. All projects listed contribute to fiscal constraint.

Favorable recommendation was received from the Regional Technical Committee.

The Board adopted the following **motion**:

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

NJ16-021, NJDOT's request that DVRPC modify the FY2016 - 2019 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for New Jersey by increasing the FY16 Final Design (DES) cost by \$4,459,000 earmark (DEMO) funds from \$5,500,000 to \$9,959,000 DEMO funds for the project, Route 295/42, Missing Moves, Bellmawr (DB #355A). The project description will be updated, and the funding source for \$4,459,000 in FY17 Construction will switch from DEMO to NHPP funds.

2e. NJ16-021: Route 70, Route 38 to Cropwell Road, (DB #11338), Burlington and Camden Counties

NJDOT has requested that DVRPC modify the FY2016 - 2019 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for New Jersey by increasing the FY16 Final Design cost by \$4,100,000 from \$4,000,000 to \$8,100,000 NHPP funds, and by advancing the Right-of-Way (ROW) phase and increasing the ROW cost of the project, Route 70, Route 38 to Cropwell Road (DB #11338), by \$4,900,000 from \$2,000,000 in FY18 to \$6,900,000 NHPP funds in FY17. The project description will also be updated. Cost increases are due to an increase in scope that will require additional ROW acquisition. The total estimated construction cost of \$36,707,000 and schedule will not change at this time.

This is a roadway reconstruction and rehabilitation project along both directions of Route 70 from Route 38 to Cropwell Road in Cherry Hill, Evesham, and Pennsauken Townships. Some sections with poor roadway condition will have full depth pavement reconstruction. Ramps and cross roads within project limits will be included. The existing structurally deficient culvert at Cropwell's Brook will also be replaced to accommodate a 25-year storm.

The scope will be expanded to include the following activities: (1) add nine existing NJDOT jurisdictional jughandles and Cuthbert Boulevard (located between Route 70 and Route 38) for pavement improvements and upgrades to comply with ADA requirements; (2) add sidewalks throughout the project area (hence the additional ROW acquisition and access modifications); and (3) replace Corrugated Metal Piping (CMP) and two additional CMP culverts at Chandlers Run and Pennsauken Creek with concrete alternatives to prevent future CMP failures or collapses. As a result, this project will extend the Route 70 roadway design life, as well as improve connectivity

and access to residential and businesses along Route 70 and the numerous bus stops for regional travel.

Financial constraint will be maintained by making adjustments to other existing TIP projects whose schedules or costs have changed and/or additional funds made available by the FAST Act. All projects listed contribute to fiscal constraint.

Favorable recommendation was received from the Regional Technical Committee.

The Board adopted the following **motion**:

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

NJ16-021, NJDOT's request that DVRPC modify the FY2016 - 2019 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for New Jersey by increasing the FY16 Final Design cost by \$4,100,000 from \$4,000,000 to \$8,100,000 NHPP funds, and by advancing the Right-of-Way (ROW) phase and increasing the ROW cost of the project, Route 70, Route 38 to Cropwell Road (DB #11338), by \$4,900,000 from \$2,000,000 in FY18 to \$6,900,000 NHPP funds in FY17. The project description will also be updated.

3. Authorization to Open a Public Comment Period for the Proposed Amendment to the Connections 2040 Long-Range Plan and Draft FY 2017 TIP for Pennsylvania; and the Draft Conformity Finding of the Connections 2040 Long-Range Plan and Draft FY 2017 TIP for Pennsylvania

Sean Greene, DVRPC Manager, Air Quality Programs, explained that Federal law and planning regulations require the development of a Long-Range Plan (LRP) and Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) in order for the metropolitan region to be eligible to receive federal transportation funds. The creation of the LRP and TIP are to be done by the MPO in cooperation with the state and transit operators, and must provide opportunity for input and comment by the public. A minimum 30-day public comment period must be conducted prior to a formal action to adopt the LRP and TIP. The final conformity rule promulgated by US EPA (40 CFR 51 and 93) requires that the LRP or TIP must not cause new air quality violations, worsen existing violations, or delay timely attainment of federal standards; that Transportation Plans and Programs conform to the applicable State Implementation Plans (SIP) for air quality. Staff requests to open a 30-day public comment period on these three processes with proper public notification, to publish an amendment to Connections 2040 Long-Range Plan, the Draft FY2017 TIP for Pennsylvania, and Draft Conformity Finding documents, to post them on the Internet, to make copies available at certain public libraries, and to hold public meetings.

DVRPC periodically amends the LRP to incorporate changes to regionally significant projects, reflect changes to the financial plan, and to maintain fiscal constraint of the LRP. In 2016, DVRPC anticipates amending the LRP by adding the I-76 Integrated Corridor Management Program project to the LRP.

DVRPC undertakes a major TIP Update every year for either the Pennsylvania portion of the region, or the New Jersey portion of the region; the PA and NJ TIPs are updated on alternating years. Work began in September 2015 on the development of the FY 2017-2020 TIP for Pennsylvania. The Pennsylvania Subcommittee of the RTC, under the direction of the DVRPC staff, has been working on a draft TIP that meets the requirements of the federal laws and regulations, including those concerning financial constraint, air quality, plan consistency and environmental justice. DVRPC plans to adopt the FY 2017 TIP no later than the July Board meeting so that the state can submit their 2017 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) to the federal agencies for review and approval.

DVRPC has worked closely with the Transportation Conformity Interagency Consultation Group (TCICG) to insure that the region has addressed the set of regulations issued by US DOT and US EPA concerning the impact of the TIP and LRP on air quality. The regulations prescribe specific emissions analyses and procedures to be performed, which DVRPC has employed under the guidance of the TCICG. The final conformity rule promulgated by US EPA (40 CFR 51 and 93) requires that the LRP or TIP must not cause new air quality violations, worsen existing violations, or delay timely attainment of federal standards. Unless it is determined that the LRP and TIP “conform” to the Clean Air Act requirements and other applicable state air quality goals as embodied in each of the state implementation plans, US DOT cannot fund, authorize, or otherwise approve transportation programs or projects.

The Amendment to the Connections 2040 LRP, Draft FY 2017 TIP for Pennsylvania and the Draft Conformity Finding documents will be available for public review during June, 2016. Staff will review and respond to the comments received, and the RTC will provide recommendations to the Board for adoption of the final amendment to the Connections 2040 LRP, FY 2017 TIP for Pennsylvania and the Conformity Findings for the Connections 2040 Long-Range Plan and Draft FY 2017 TIP for Pennsylvania in July, 2016.

Favorable recommendation was received from the Regional Technical Committee.

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

MOTION by Ms. Arkoosh, seconded by Ms. Ralston, that the Board:

Authorize staff to open a minimum 30-day public comment period for the purpose of gathering public and agency comments on a proposed amendment to the Connections 2040 Long-Range Plan, the Draft FY 2017 TIP for Pennsylvania and the Draft Conformity Determination of the Connections 2040 Long-Range Plan and Draft FY 2017 TIP for Pennsylvania; to issue proper public notifications; to publish the draft documents on the Internet; to make copies available at certain public libraries; and to hold public meetings.

4. Appointment of Nominating Committee for Fiscal Year 2017 DVRPC Board Officers

DVRPC Executive Director Barry Seymour explained that a Nominating Committee was selected to appoint candidates for Board Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer for Fiscal Year 2017 (July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017). The Chair for FY 2017 must be from Pennsylvania. The committee will report these candidates at the May Board Meeting and elections will take place at the June Board Meeting. The recommended Committee is as follows:

Chris Howard, New Jersey Governor's Authorities Unit
Sean Thompson, New Jersey Department of Community Affairs
Leslie Floyd, Mercer County

James Ritzman, Pennsylvania Department of Transportation
Nedia Ralston, Pennsylvania Governor's Policy and Planning Office
Valerie Arkoosh, Montgomery County

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

MOTION by Mr. Levecchia, seconded by Ms. Tolson, that the Board:

Approve the Nominating Committee for fiscal year 2017 Board Officers.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

5. One Minute Reports

Byron Comati, SEPTA, reported that SEPTA will be conducting a soft launch of its key system. The soft launch will begin on June 13 and 10,000 transit riders will be eligible to test the system. These riders will get passes on a first come first served basis at the 13 participating stations and once they have the passes they can use them for all SEPTA modes except regional rail. SEPTA is looking for feedback on the new key system and will be making any necessary tweaks before it is launched to the general public.

Matthew Lawson, Mercer County, reported that County Executive Brian Hughes recently announced Mercer County's property information portal which contains deeds, tax records, and more.

Clarena Tolson, City of Philadelphia, reported that the City of Philadelphia held a series of public meetings about the Roosevelt Boulevard route change. Indego bikeshare celebrated its one year anniversary last week and will be expanding to 1,000 bikes.

Brian O'Leary, Chester County, reported that the county is hosting a Long Range Plan event with DVRPC next week.

Lynn Bush, Bucks County, reported that the Bucks County Planning Commission is celebrating its 65th year and will be acknowledging it with some special events during the year.

Valerie Arkoosh, Montgomery County, reported that the county held a solar power awareness event last week. The goal is to try to help municipalities take a look at their zoning regulations related to solar panels and help make the uptake easier. The county is in the second year of its bikeshare pilot program and will be adding a third location.

Presentation Items

6. Walk Montco and Montgomery County's Walkability Initiative

Valerie Arkoosh, Jody Holton, and Anne Levitt-Gruberger of Montgomery County explained that walking is the most basic form of transportation. It's cheaper than using a car, it's good for our health and emotional well-being, and it's good for the environment. Yet trying to make daily errands and trips by walking – safely and easily – can be close to impossible much of the time. Walk Montco is Montgomery County's first walkability study to focus solely on addressing the inadequacy that exists in many of our communities and make walking easy and safe. This plan takes a close look at four types of areas: a traditional downtown, a neighborhood around an elementary school, a commercial corridor, and a train station. County planning staff with assistance from health department staff and numerous stakeholders did a walkability audit in each of these areas to come up with a comprehensive set of recommendations that communities can use to make physical improvements that we hope will ultimately encourage people to set out on foot. This presentation described policies in the Walk Montco plan and ways that the county is stepping forward with its walkability initiative.

INFORMATION ITEM

7. Long Range Plan Input

DVRPC Executive Director Barry Seymour called the Board's attention to the fact that DVRPC is now undertaking public outreach and holding meetings to gather feedback on issues and priorities for the Long Range Plan update. Mr. Seymour directed the Board's attention to a Long Range Plan exercise in their Board packets and asked Board members to provide input about what they find most valuable in the region, what concerns them most about the future, and what is their vision for the future. The exercise was collected and the input will be coordinated into the Long Range Plan outreach efforts.

10. Executive Director's Report

- a. DVRPC Shared Values

Mr. Seymour reported that DVRPC has finalized its shared values and noted that the values can be found in the Board folders.

b. FASTLANE and TIGER grant applications

Mr. Seymour called the Board's attention to the fact that the Fastlane and Tiger grant applications have been received. A total of 12 projects were submitted (8 Tiger and 4 Fastlane). Applications were submitted in Bucks, Philadelphia, Gloucester, Camden, and Delaware Counties. DVRPC has sent support letters for all 12 projects.

c. CMAQ and TCDI applications

Mr. Seymour announced that the application period has closed for TCDI programs and 55 applications were received. Submittals were received across all the counties for a wide range of projects. For the TCDI program in Pennsylvania 40 applications were received totaling \$3.6 million with \$1.2 million available. For the TCDI program in New Jersey 15 applications were received totaling \$1.5 million, with \$600,000 available. Committees will meet in May and June to discuss and recommend projects. For the CMAQ program in Pennsylvania 28 applications were received seeking over \$60 million, with \$20 million available.

d. Long Range Plan public workshops

Mr. Seymour called the Board's attention to DVRPC's Long-Range Plan Outreach efforts which include workshops at: the Camden County Boathouse which took place on April 26 from 6 to 8 pm, the Chester County Historical Society which will take place on May 2 from 6 pm to 8 pm, and WHYY's Public Media Commons which will take place on May 24 from 6 pm to 8 pm.

e. New Jersey TransAction conference

Mr. Seymour noted that he attended the Transaction Conference in Atlantic City last week and over 1,000 people were in attendance, including many DVRPC staff members who presented at a number of sessions.

f. TRB Research Needs meeting

Mr. Seymour reported that he recently participated in a TRB Research Needs meeting where the U.S. DOT's Beyond Traffic Study was discussed. Topics like goods movement, equity and opportunity, safety, environmental protection, and infrastructure renewal were discussed.

g. FEMA Workshop

Mr. Seymour noted that DVRPC recently hosted a FEMA workshop on how to integrate hazard mitigation and comprehensive planning in emergency management and long and short term needs.

h. DVSGA event with Don Shoup

Mr. Seymour called the Board's attention to the fact that the DVSGA is sponsoring an event on May 5 to discuss Don Shoup's book *The High Cost of Free Parking*. Mr. Shoup has written extensively on parking policy and at this event discussion will include topics like parking structures and design.

i. HUD Regional Convening event

Mr. Seymour reported that DVRPC is helping to organize and will participate at an event on May 17 sponsored by the Philadelphia regional HUD office and the University of Pennsylvania called "The City We Want and Need: a Mid-Atlantic Regional Convening on Habitat III."

j. New Releases

Mr. Seymour noted that DVRPC has some new releases including: Future Forces Summary Report, Municipal Energy Audits on 11 communities in Southeastern Pennsylvania and a Best Practices Report, CMP Supplemental Projects Status Memorandum, and US30 Bypass Congestion Management Strategy Analysis.

k. Press Release – Ozone Season

Mr. Seymour called the Board's attention to the fact that it is Air Quality awareness week and that alerts will be coming.

9. Committee Reports

The following committee reports were provided for the Board's review:

(1) Regional Technical Committee

John Ward, DVRPC Deputy Executive Director, reported that at the April meeting the RTC heard three presentations including those on trail access to Wawa Station, the regional cyclical bike counting program, and new tools and initiatives for bike planning and design.

(2) Transportation Operations Task Force

Chris King, DVRPC Principal Transportation Planner, Office of Transportation Operations Management, reported that the Task Force met in March to discuss construction and coordination procedures.

(3) Delaware Valley Goods Movement Task Force

Ted Dahlburg, DVRPC Manager, Office of Freight and Aviation, reported that at the recent Task Force meeting FHWA PA and FHWA NJ presented on the new freight provisions. Presentations were also given on work that DVRPC is doing with Villanova University on freight facilities, as well as presentations on the Philadelphia Regional Port Authority's new port facility, and on Conrail which will be celebrating its 40 year anniversary.

OLD BUSINESS

No old business was stated.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business was stated.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m. on a **MOTION** by Mr. Levecchia, seconded by Ms. Tolson.

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Renee Wise, Recording Secretary