

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS
RELATED TO DVRPC BOARD ACTION ITEMS

February 26, 2015

Agenda Item:

2a. Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Action

PA15-27: Roosevelt Boulevard Multimodal Study -TIGER, (MPMS# 103469), City of Philadelphia

From: Mike Gross

County: Bucks

Zip Code: 18976

Date Received: February 13, 2015

Comment/Question: In San Diego, CA, they have an HOV lane in the center of highway that has center lane overhead exits and entrances. That worked very well.

Response: Thank you for your comment, which was forwarded to the project manager, and for your interest in the Roosevelt Boulevard Multimodal Study. Roosevelt Boulevard is a complex corridor that is tasked with serving many competing transportation and development interests, such as maintaining auto mobility while ensuring pedestrian and driver safety; and accommodating long-distance road and transit trips while ensuring access to local corridor destinations and “crossability” for pedestrians. It has been said that the Boulevard does not serve any transportation mode particularly well; this study seeks to develop a comprehensive program of improvements to make it work better for all of them. During the course of this work, the study team will draw on the state-of-the-practice from other cities, like your San Diego suggestion, to see which strategies may be appropriate to bring to Roosevelt Boulevard—bearing in mind the complex accessibility, mobility, and safety tradeoffs among modes.

From: Dennis Winters

County: Philadelphia

Zip Code: 19103

Date Received: February 23, 2015

Comment/Question: Commenting on behalf of Feet First Philly: Given the several multimodal studies for Roosevelt Blvd done over the years (one of which I had the privilege of serving on the citizens review committee), we hope this won't simply be a waste of a \$2.5MM TIGER grant. Feet First PHilly hopes that any new study will emphasize greater safety for pedestrians crossing the Blvd. Perhaps adopting a Vision Zero standard in the beginning would produce the best possible future for all Blvd users.

Response: The sponsors of the Roosevelt Boulevard Multimodal Study share your commitment to a future Roosevelt Boulevard where safety by design improves access and mobility for pedestrians, as well as all modes of transportation. There is clear consensus that today no transportation mode is served well along or across the Boulevard. To that end, unlike predecessor study efforts we hope that the outcomes of the Tiger funding is a program of interim and long term improvements prioritizing moving people more safely and effectively to better opportunities on and off the corridor by foot, on bicycle, by transit, and by vehicle. As the effort kicks off we will collectively use our "heads first" interacting with Boulevard stakeholders

and neighbors to refine the effort's purpose and goals. With safety a guiding principle, moving toward a Vision Zero Standard will be on the table.

2b. Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Action

NJ14-60: Springdale Road (CR 673) Roadway Improvements, Phase II (DB #D1504), Camden County

From: Joseph Russell

County: Camden

Zip Code: 08108

Date Received: February 16, 2015

Comment/Question: I would like to voice my support for this action item. I have used Springdale Road in this area many times, and I know that it is a very auto-centric, fast-moving road unsafe for those not in a car. This is a wonderful project that would bring safety and consideration to pedestrian and bicycle users of this road.

Response: Thank you for your comment, which was forwarded to the project manager.

2g. Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Action

NJ14-65: ADA Improvements, (DB #D1505), City of Camden

From: Joseph Russell

County: Camden

Zip Code: 08108

Date Received: February 16, 2015

Comment/Question: I would like to voice my support for this action item. Conditions in Camden's basic urban fabric have been left to deteriorate for many decades, and it's great to see the city's basic pedestrian infrastructure once again being invested in.

Response: Thank you for your comment, which was forwarded to the project manager.

3. Acceptance of the 2015 Transportation Safety Action Plan

From: Cheryl Graff Tumola

County: Delaware

Zip Code: 19087

Date Received: February 14, 2015

Comment/Question: Traffic signals should be placed on the same side of the intersection as where drivers must stopthey would be less likely to speed through the intersection if the signal were not luring them through the intersection.

Response: Thank you for your comment, which was forwarded to the project manager. Intersection safety will be the featured emphasis area at the September 2016 meeting of the Regional Safety Task Force. You are encouraged to join the Task Force on that day to take part in the discussion and introduce your idea for improving intersection safety.

4. New Jersey Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) & Safe Routes to School Program (SRTS) selected projects

From: Joseph Russell

County: Camden

Zip Code: 08108

Date Received: February 16, 2015

Comment/Question: I would like to voice my support for both the Transportation Alternatives and the Safe Routes to School programs. There are many areas of New Jersey in which auto transportation is the only safe method of moving about, which is an unfortunate consequence of decades of car-dependent growth. Now that the state is in a new phase of development, having largely built out its suburbs, we need to provide those without a car with safe ways to navigate our towns, and children safe ways to get to schools. To that end, I strongly support these programs.

Response: Thank you for your comment, which was forwarded to the project manager.

From: Loretta Kelly

County: Burlington

Zip Code: 08065

Date Received: February 14, 2015

Comment/Question: I support the \$750,000 Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) award to design and construct the Bordentown to Roebling section of the DRHT.

Response: Thank you for your comment, which was forwarded to the project manager.