

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS
RELATED TO DVRPC BOARD ACTION ITEMS

May 25, 2017

Agenda Item:

2c. Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Action
PA17-39: River Road at Golden Pheasant over Delaware Canal, (MPMS
#86244), Bucks County

From: Ed Rogers

County: Mercer

Zip Code: 08648

Date Received: 05/23/2017

Comment/Question: See attached for comment from the Delaware Riverkeeper Network.

Response: Thank you for your comment. Your original comment was forwarded to the DVRPC Board, the Capital Programs managers at DVRPC, Bucks County, and PennDOT.

PennDOT will follow all applicable processes for municipal and county planning collaboration, conducting environmental analysis and evaluations, design development of options including rehabilitation and replacement of the existing crossing, using established standards and guidelines, providing a safe crossing, investment of transportation funding, and public coordination.

It is the opinion of Bucks County that the proposed TIP description for the bridge repair adequately describes the importance of the location in the state park and that it is adjacent to the scenic Golden Pheasant Inn. We are well-aware of the current condition of this bridge, and that it is constrained by the geography and topography of the area. We are hopeful that repairs can be made that would respect the current alignment and configuration while ensuring that the bridge is structurally safe for all users.

Thank you for your continued involvement in the region's planning, we appreciate your time and effort.

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**2e. Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Action
NJ16-127: Berlin Road (CR 702), Linden Avenue to Gibbsboro Road, (DB
#D1712), Camden County (Lindenwold Borough)**

From: Wendy Walters

County: Camden

Zip Code: 08009

Date Received: 05/16/2017

Comment/Question: Please consider the path improvements!

Response: Thank you for your comment. Your original comment was forwarded to the DVRPC Board, the Capital Programs managers at DVRPC, and the Borough of Lindenwold.

Thank you for the suggestions. Please note that this project will complete the remaining limits of a previous FY2014 S/TIP project that did not have adequate funding to complete and did not incorporate bike paths in the scope of work. Also, this project already has an approved environmental document, and the Borough is now ready to submit the final Plans, Specifications, and Estimate (PS&E) to NJDOT Local Aid before July 1, 2017, which did not include bike paths in the design. To change the scope of work in order to include bike paths would require the Borough and multiple agencies involved to redo the entire pre-construction process and risk the project losing this immediate funding opportunity. Further, it may be infeasible to widen the existing bike path due to restrictions in right of way (railroad embankment), inadequate separation between travel lanes and bike path, and required clearing of trees. Although there are no bike path improvements included in this particular project, the scope does include the upgrade of sidewalks and curb ramps and to provide lighting. The Borough will also consider your suggestions for future opportunities to include bike path improvements, where appropriate.

Thank you for your continued involvement in the region's planning, we appreciate your time and effort.

From: Tom McAleer

County: Camden

Zip Code: 08021

Date Received: 05/17/2017

Comment/Question: The bike path on the north side of this stretch that acts as a

sidewalk needs improved signage and widening at points. Please include this in your plans.

Response: Thank you for your comment. Your original comment was forwarded to the DVRPC Board, the Capital Programs managers at DVRPC, and the Borough of Lindenwold.

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2f. Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Action
NJ16-128: Arney's Mount Trail, Phase 1, (DB #D1713), Burlington County

From: William Horan

County: Burlington

Zip Code: 08055

Date Received: 05/16/2017

Comment/Question: I support this project.

Response: Thank you for your comment. Your original comment was forwarded to the DVRPC Board, the Capital Programs managers at DVRPC, and the Burlington County.

Your support and interest in Burlington County trails is much appreciated.

From: Dana Dobson

County: Camden

Zip Code: 08102

Date Received: 05/17/2017

Comment/Question: Tri-State Transportation Campaign strongly favors funding Arney's Mount Trail, Phase 1, DB #D1713, to the TIP for FY17 construction. This segment will serve as an important regional Circuit Trail connection in Burlington County. We would like to thank NJDOT and DVRPC for dedicating funding to this project and hope that additional Circuit Trail segments are also added to the NJ TIP in the future.

Response: Thank you for your comment. Your original comment was forwarded to the DVRPC Board, the Capital Programs managers at DVRPC, and the Burlington County.

On behalf of the Burlington County Board of Chosen Freeholders, thank you Tri-State Transportation Campaign for your support of the county's regional trail efforts to complete Burlington County's portion of Greater Philadelphia's Circuit Trail network. These funds are critically important in helping us make progress to those ends.

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