

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS
RELATED TO DVRPC BOARD ACTION ITEMS

July 23, 2020

2a. Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Action

NJ20-034: CR 615 (Union Avenue), CR 621 (Park Avenue) to CR 537 (Maple Avenue) (DB #D2011), Camden County

From: Kevin Husta

County: Camden

Zip Code: 08081

Date Received: 07/13/2020

Comment/Question: I think it is important that we keep and add shoulders for bike and pedestrian usage in the state of NJ. For parts of the state that lack extensive private bike and hike trail systems, it is of utmost importance to separate the vehicle traffic. In an era of distracted drivers in the hustle and bustle of NJ, having some kind of separate right of way on some roads is the least we can do to keep the non-motorized traffic safe.

Response: Thank you for your comment. Your original comment was forwarded to the DVRPC Board, DVRPC's Capital Programs, and Camden County Planning Department.

Camden County shares the passion for bike riding and non-motorized travel in our region. The County Bicycling and Multi Use Trails Plan is reviewed and considered for all roadway projects. We perform our required Complete Streets Investigation, using the NJDOT Complete Streets Checklist and install the necessary and feasible pedestrian and bike improvements for every reconstruction project. Thank you for your inquiry.

From: John Boyle

County: Philadelphia

Zip Code: 19102

Date Received: 07/13/2020

Comment/Question: The Bicycle Coalition of Greater Philadelphia recommends the inclusion of bike lanes for this project. All three roads 615,621 and 537 are recommended for bicycle facility improvements in the CAMDEN COUNTY BICYCLING & MULTI-USE TRAILS PLAN adopted in January 2015.

Response: Thank you for your comment. Your original comment was forwarded to the DVRPC Board, DVRPC's Capital Programs, and Camden County Planning Department.

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2b. Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Action

NJ20-035: CR 689/CR 654 Resurfacing (DB #D2010), Gloucester County

From: Leonard Fritz

County: Gloucester

Zip Code: N/A

Date Received: 07/15/2020

Comment/Question: Will this project take into account those sections of road that have been paved and/or repaved recently due to developments along these stretches?

Response: Thank you for your comment. Your original comment was forwarded to the DVRPC Board, DVRPC's Capital Programs, and Gloucester County Planning Division.

The work for this project will abut but not overlap some of the newly improved sections that are in good condition. Where poor work and deterioration is encountered from a prior project (which only exists at spot locations), the new road section will encompass the area. Thank you for your comment.

2e. Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Action

PA19-129: Market Street Bridges (2) Over Schuylkill River and CSX Railroad (MSB) (MPMS #69828), City of Philadelphia

From: Benjamin She

County: Philadelphia

Zip Code: 19103

Date Received: 07/13/2020

Comment/Question: I support the cost increase to the Market Street Bridges project, as the City and PennDOT are long overdue in adding proper bike facilities on Market Street. Protected bike lanes on either side of the roadway, and a fully protected bike-signalized intersection at Market & Schuylkill Ave are mandatory to ensure safe travelling between Center City and West Philadelphia.

Response: Thank you for your comment. Your original comment was forwarded to the DVRPC Board, DVRPC's Capital Programs, City of Philadelphia, and PennDOT. Your engagement in the region's planning and development is much appreciated.

At the request of the city, PennDOT is studying protected bicycle facilities along Market Street from 20th Street to the 30th Street Station area. Thank you for your comment.