



September 17, 2015

## Meeting Highlights

**Attendees:** Michael DiVietro, Bradley Flamm, Lindsey Graham, James Hopkins, Patrick McDevitt, Peter Meyer, Joyce Smith, Brian Traylor (PPTF Members); Alison Hastings, Barry Seymour, Fang Yuan (Staff); Straso Jovapvski (Guests)

### Welcome and Meeting Overview

Bradly Flamm, PPTF Vice Chair, welcomed members to the meeting, and introduced the presentations.

### Presentations

#### **Overview of DVRPC's Unified Planning Work Program...** *Barry Seymour, Executive Director, DVRPC*

Barry Seymour, Executive Director of DVRPC presented an overview of DVRPC's Work Program and the iterative process of introducing new planning projects or programs areas.

PPTM members asked many questions. One member shared that a TCDI project in Quakertown has led to the creation of a Transportation Committee at the Upper Bucks Chamber of Commerce. Another member asked about DVRPC evaluating municipal or county shared services.

Vice Chair Flamm suggested that DVRPC staff poll the PPTF membership to determine a top priority for DVRPC's FY2017 Work Program in time for DVRPC's October Board meeting. DVRPC staff will follow-up with an email and online survey to gather feedback.

#### **Sampling of FY2016 Projects of Interest...** *Alison Hastings, Manager, Office of Communications and Engagement, DVRPC*

Alison Hastings discussed several current projects in the FY2016 Work Program that may be of interest to the PPTF. She also discussed that DVRPC will start an intensive public outreach effort in calendar year 2016 for the 2045 Long-Range Plan. Ms. Hastings asked PPTF members how they would like to be involved and what DVRPC should do.

PPTF members generated a lot of ideas, such as using already-known engagement tools and surveying populations or areas that are traditionally under-surveyed. Another member asked how PPTF members can collect information and bring it back to DVRPC. The group brainstormed different groups or organizations that are actively engaging the public in planning, such as South Jersey Urbanists, City of Philadelphia's Citizen Planning Institute, and Code for Philly. Staff may follow-up by hosting a PPTF meeting that brings several citizen planning/civic engagement groups together.

**Overview of DVRPC's Travel Simulation Model: Data, Tools and Applications...** *Fang Yuan, Principal Transportation Engineer, Office of Travel Monitoring & Modeling, DVRPC*

Dr. Fang Yuan, a Principal Transportation Engineer at DVRPC presented the development of the Commission's Transportation Improvement Model (TIM). Each reiteration has improved the Commission's ability to model transportation usage. The most recent version, which is not yet finished, will be based on individual behaviors deduced from the 2012 Household Travel Survey. Dr. Yuan spoke about practical uses of the TIM, such as modeling evacuation routes.

One Minute Reports from PPTF Members

Task Force members were invited to provide updates on the activities of their organizations/ municipalities/ neighborhoods.

Public Comments and Questions

There were no formal public comments.

Next Meeting:

Wednesday, October 28, 2015 at 6pm

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