

DELAWARE VALLEY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
PLANNING COORDINATING COMMITTEE/
REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
June 12, 2012 Meeting Highlights
DVRPC Conference Room, Philadelphia, PA

1. Call to Order - Chairperson's Comments

Carol Thomas (Chairperson – Burlington County) welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order.

2. Deputy Executive Director's Report

Don Shanis (DVRPC) updated the members on the May 24, 2012 Board meeting, and announced that DVRPC will be hosting the 2013 NARC Conference. Also, a certificate was given to Chick Dougherty to commemorate his dedication to working with the PCC/RTC during his tenure with the agency.

ACTION ITEMS

3. Highlights of the Meeting of May 8, 2012

The highlights from May 8, 2012 meeting of the PCC/RTC were presented for adoption.

Motion: by James Mosca, seconded by Matthew Lawson to adopt the highlights for the May 8, 2012 PCC/RTC meeting.

Motion passed. All votes were cast in favor of the motion.

4. DVRPC Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Actions

Elizabeth Schoonmaker (DVRPC) presented two TIP amendments for consideration.

a. PA11-72: State of Good Repair (MPMS# 77180), SEPTA - Increase Scope of Project

SEPTA has requested that DVRPC modify the FY2011-2014 TIP for Pennsylvania by increasing the scope of the State of Good Repair Program (MPMS# 77180) by adding five projects to the program: the Doylestown Line Catenary Replacement, Airport Line Tie and Surfacing, Route 10 Lancaster Avenue Track Work, Broad Street Subway Continuous Welded Rail and the Regional Rail Grade Crossing Surface Renewal Projects for \$4,670,000 (\$3,736,000 Section 5307 / \$904,000 State Section 1514B/ \$30,000 Local) in FY12. Also note that this project is

modified by an administrative action that switches \$1,500,000 (\$1,200,000 Section 5309/\$290,000 1514B/\$10,000 Local) for \$1,500,000 State Section 1517. SEPTA's actual allocation of State Section 1517 funding is greater than was anticipated in the financial guidance that was used to program the FY2011 TIP.

Motion: by Thomas Shaffer, seconded by Leo Bagley to recommend the Board modify the FY2011-2014 TIP for Pennsylvania by increasing the scope of the State of Good Repair Program (MPMS# 77180) by adding five projects to the program: the Doylestown Line Catenary Replacement, Airport Line Tie and Surfacing, Route 10 Lancaster Avenue Track Work, Broad Street Subway Continuous Welded Rail and the Regional Rail Grade Crossing Surface Renewal Projects for \$4,670,000 (\$3,736,000 Section 5307 / \$904,000 State Section 1514B/ \$30,000 Local) in FY12

Motion passed. All votes were cast in favor of the motion.

b. NJ12-26: Bridge Painting (DB# X08), Various Counties - Add New Project

NJDOT has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2012-2015 TIP for New Jersey by adding Bridge Painting (DB# X08) to the DVRPC TIP in FY12 with \$4,659,000 Bridge funds. This project provides funding for painting steel on various bridges as an anti-corrosion measure in order to extend the life of these bridges. Bridge painting contracts will be awarded to preserve and extend the useful life of bridges. The bridge painting contracts will be constituted from an approved list of bridges based on the availability and regional breakdown of funding.

Motion: by Matthew Lawson, seconded by Jessica Savidge-Lucas to recommend the Board amend the FY2012-2015 TIP for New Jersey by adding Bridge Painting (DB# X08) to the DVRPC TIP in FY12 with \$4,659,000 Bridge funds.

Motion passed. All votes were cast in favor of the motion.

5. Recommendation for Adoption of Conformity Determination of the FY 2012-2015 TIP for New Jersey, FY 2013 - 2016 TIP for Pennsylvania, and the Connections Long-Range Plan

DVRPC has demonstrated Transportation Conformity for the FY 2012 New Jersey TIP, Draft FY 2013 Pennsylvania TIP, and Connections Long-range Plan. This demonstration is necessitated by a new Pennsylvania TIP and the proposed amendment of a regionally significant, non-exempt project to the Connections Plan. Sean Greene presented the results of the Transportation Conformity Determination

and requested that the RTC recommend that the DVRPC Board adopt the findings at the June 28, 2012, Board meeting.

Motion: by Leo Bagley, seconded by James Mosca, to recommend the Board adopt the conformity finding for the FY 2012 New Jersey and FY 2013 Pennsylvania Transportation Improvement Programs and the Connections Long-Range Plan.

Motion passed. All votes were cast in favor of the motion.

6. Approval of Two Congestion Management Process (CMP) Supplemental Commitment Tables and 2011 Supplemental Projects Status Memorandum

Two road capacity-adding projects require RTC action to be included in the Draft PA 2013 TIP. The first action is to approve the supplemental commitment tables for the Lafayette Street Extension and for the I-95 and Aramingo Avenue, Adams Avenue Connector projects. The second action is to approve the supplemental projects status report. Jesse Buerk (DVRPC) explained that the Board has designated the RTC to approve these reports.

Motion: by Leo Bagley, seconded by Stephen Buckley, to recommend the RTC approve the supplemental commitment tables for the Lafayette Street Extension and I-95 and Aramingo Avenue, Adams Avenue Connector projects; and to approve the 2011 Congestion Management Process Supplemental Projects Status Memorandum report.

Motion passed. All votes were cast in favor of the motion.

7. Adoption of the DVRPC FY2013-2016 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for Pennsylvania

Federal law and planning regulations require the development of a Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) in order for the metropolitan region to be eligible to receive federal transportation funds. The creation of the TIP is 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 30-day comment period must be conducted prior to a formal action to adopt the TIP. Elizabeth Schoonmaker (DVRPC) provided an overview of the DVRPC Draft FY2013 TIP for PA , including comments received during the public comment period, as well as any recommended changes, and asked the PCC/RTC to recommend the Board approve final adoption.

Motion: by Leo Bagley, seconded by Andy Clark, to recommend the Board adopt the FY2013-2016 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for Pennsylvania and the Recommended Changes as the region's official selection of transportation projects for federal funding.

Motion passed. All votes were cast in favor of the motion.

8. Connections - The Regional Plan for a Sustainable Future Plan Amendment: Include South Jersey Bus Rapid Transit System

Mike Boyer (DVRPC) presented the following action item.

New Jersey Transit (NJT) has recently completed an Alternatives Analysis study with regional planning partners that has identified a locally-preferred alternative that will provide new, high-quality transit service to the heavily congested Routes 42 and 55 corridor. Mike Boyer (DVRPC) asked that the RTC recommend that the Board include this project in the fiscally-constrained set of transportation projects in the region's long-range plan.

Motion: by Jessica Savidge-Lucas, seconded by Andrew Levecchia, to recommend the Board approve amending Connections - The Regional Plan for a Sustainable Future to include the South Jersey Bus Rapid Transit System in the fiscally-constrained set of projects.

Motion passed. All votes were cast in favor of the motion.

9. Fiscal Year 2013 Planning Work Program Amendments

To respond to the needs of member governments and agencies, work program changes and additions were brought to the PCC/RTC to permit the timely undertaking of technical activity.

a. Camden City Food Economy Strategy

The Campbell Soup Company has awarded DVRPC \$100,000 in matching funds to create a comprehensive Food Economy Strategy for Camden City. Camden City food system planning work was first identified in the draft FY2013 work program as part of DVRPC's ongoing food system planning activities and technical assistance to municipal/county constituents. With the additional \$100,000, awarded over two fiscal years, DVRPC will take a large leadership role in coordinating partners and identifying recommendations to improve Camden City's overall economy and the food system (including access to fresh/healthy foods). Alison Hastings (DVRPC) asked that the RTC recommend the Board amend the DVRPC FY13 Planning Work Program to include this project

Motion: by Andrew Levecchia, seconded by Matthew Lawson, to recommend the Board amend the DVRPC Fiscal Year 2013 and Fiscal Year 2014 Work Programs to include the "Camden City Food Economy Strategy."

Motion passed. All votes were cast in favor of the motion.

b. Sea Grant Climate Adaptation 2012: City of Chester, PA - Helping a Tidal Riverfront Community Build Capacity to Adapt to Climate Change Camden City Food Economy Strategy

The City of Chester is an economically-distressed coastal community that is uniquely susceptible to climate and weather-related threats. The city is home to a disproportionately large at-risk population that faces threats from flooding, extreme heat, and severe weather events. Like other coastal communities, the built and natural environments are also vulnerable to these climate stressors.

Through this two year project, DVRPC will work with Pennsylvania Sea Grant, the City of Chester, ICF International, the Delaware County Planning Department, the Partnership for the Delaware Estuary, NOAA Coastal Services Center, US EPA, and the Pennsylvania Spatial Data Access (PASDA) system to describe how a changing climate will exacerbate on-going problems and introduce new vulnerabilities in the City of Chester. The plan will then help identify and prioritize actions to increase the City of Chester's resiliency to these threats. The climate resilience plan will establish a stakeholder-based Chester Climate and Hazard Task Force to guide plan development, characterize local assets and populations that may be vulnerable to climate-related threats, and develop a series of planning, modeling and mapping tools using high-resolution LiDAR to identify, communicate and prioritize potential adaptation strategies. This project will serve as a replicable model for how economically-distressed coastal communities can strengthen their long-term economic base while becoming more resilient to climate change and weather-related threats. Chris Linn (DVRPC) asked that the RTC recommend the Board amend the DVRPC FY13 Planning Work Program to include this project

Motion: by Tom Shaffer, seconded by Matthew Lawson, to recommend the Board amend the DVRPC FY 2013 Planning Work Program to include "Sea Grant Climate Adaptation 2012: City of Chester, PA – Helping a Tidal Riverfront Community Become more Resilient to Climate-Related Threats."

Motion passed. All votes were cast in favor of the motion.

c. US 322 Improvement Project, Delaware

This project will update traffic forecasts for US 322 in Delaware County that were prepared by DVRPC in 2000. Forecasts will be provided for a No-Build and Build alternative. The Build Alternative was based on discussions with local municipalities and FHWA and will include a 4-lane cross section between PA 452 (Market Street) and US 1 (Baltimore Pike) along with improvements to several intersections. Daily and AM and PM peak hour traffic forecasts will be made for 2015 and 2035. These traffic forecasts are required to support the final design of the preferred alternative for this section of US 322. Matt Gates (DVRPC) asked

that the RTC recommend the Board amend the DVRPC FY13 Planning Work Program to include this project

Motion: by James Mosca, seconded by Tom Shaffer, to recommend the Board amend the DVRPC FY 2013 Planning Work Program to include the US 322 Traffic Forecast Updates.

Motion passed. All votes were cast in favor of the motion.

10. PennVest Applications

Amy Miller (DVRPC) presented the following two action items:

a. Resolution to Apply to PennVest for Tree Planting Project in Southeastern Pennsylvania

DVRPC will apply to PennVest for a grant to plant thousands of trees in the SEPA region for stormwater management and the many other benefits that trees provide. The project is a partnership with the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society (PHS), who would act as project manager. DVRPC is currently working with the five counties in Southeastern Pennsylvania and numerous municipalities to define the planting locations. A Resolution to Apply is needed from the DVRPC Board for the application to be completed.

Motion: by Leo Bagley, seconded by Richard Brahler, to recommend the Board approve the Resolution to Apply, in order for DVRPC's PennVest application to be completed.

Motion passed. All votes were cast in favor of the motion.

b. PennVest Applications Reviewed for Consistency with Regional and County Plans

Two applications were submitted to PennVest, and PennVest has requested DVRPC to review them for consistency with regional and local plans. One is Bucks County Equestrian Initiative and the second is Chester County Conservation District Dead Animal Recovery Composting Facility.

Motion: by Richard Brahler, seconded by Tom Shaffer, to recommend the Board review the Bucks County Equestrian Initiative and the Chester County Conservation District Dead Animal Recovery Composting Facility PennVest applications for consistency with regional and local plans.

Motion passed. All votes were cast in favor of the motion.

11. DVRPC Regional Trails Grant Program: Phase II Selected Project

In April 2012, DVRPC Board approved 10 Phase II grants totaling \$456,000. Since that time, an additional project has been reviewed by the Selection Committee and nominated for funding: Schuylkill River Trail Phoenixville-Mont Clare Connector. Chris Linn (DVRPC) requested that the RTC recommend the Board approve this additional project.

Motion: by Leo Bagley, seconded by Tom Shaffer, to recommend the Board approve the Greater Valley Forge Transportation Management Association – Schuylkill River Trail Phoenixville – Mont Clare Connector project be added to the DVRPC Regional Trails Grant Program, Phase II.

Motion passed. All votes were cast in favor of the motion.

12. Annual Self-Certification of the Regional Transportation Planning Process

Federal regulations require that the Metropolitan Planning Organization self-certify that the Regional Transportation Planning Process is carried out in conformance with applicable federal regulations. Don Shanis (DVRPC) presented the recommendation for Board adoption.

Motion: by Jessica Savidge-Lucas, seconded by Andy Clark, to recommend the Board adopt Resolution No. B-FY12-007 certifying that the DVRPC Regional Transportation Planning Process is in conformance with federal regulations implementing SAFETEA-LU, the Clean Air Act Amendments, and other federal legislation.

Motion passed. All votes were cast in favor of the motion.

13. Election of Fiscal Year 2013 Officers

The PCC/RTC nominating committee presented a slate of candidates for FY2013. The candidates nominated were Stephen Buckley (City of Philadelphia – Mayor's Office of Transportation & Utilities) for the position of PCC / RTC Chairperson and Andrew Levecchia (Camden County) for the position of Vice – Chairperson.

Motion: by Leo Bagley, seconded by James Mosca, to elect Stephen Buckley to the position of PCC/RTC Chairperson, and Andrew Levecchia to the position of Vice Chairperson..

Motion passed. All votes were cast in favor of the motion.

PRESENTATION ITEM

14. Overview of the DVRPC Report *Ready to Roll?*

Presentation postponed to a later date.

DISCUSSION ITEM

15. Migrating from Hard Copy to Digital Meeting Documents

Discussion postponed to a later date.

INFORMATION ITEMS

16. NJDOT Local Pavement Management

The New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) is studying local pavement management practices in New Jersey. The Department engaged Cambridge Systematics to provide a better understanding of the local pavement management tools and methods currently employed in New Jersey and across the County and to assist in determining the need for and desired capabilities of potential new pavement management tools for New Jersey Counties and municipalities. Mike Russo (NJDOT) and Josh DeFlorio (Cambridge Systematics) presented.

17. One Minute Reports

PCC/RTC Members and guests provided updates on the activities of their agencies.

18. Old Business and New Business

19. Meeting Adjournment

Motion: by Leo Bagley, seconded by Andy Clark to adjourn PCC/RTC Meeting.

Motion passed. All votes were cast in favor of the motion.

The next scheduled meeting of the PCC/RTC is Tuesday, July 10, 2012.

ATTENDANCE**Voting Members**

Bucks County
 Burlington County
 Camden County
 Chester County
 City of Camden
 City of Chester
 City of Trenton
 Delaware County
 Delaware River Port Authority
 Gloucester County
 Mercer County
 Montgomery County
 NJ Department of Transportation
 NJ Department of Environmental Protection
 NJ Department of Community Affairs
 New Jersey Transit Corporation
 PA Department of Environmental Protection
 PA Department of Transportation
 PA Governor's Policy Office
 City of Philadelphia – City Planning Commission
 City of Philadelphia – Department of Streets
 City of Philadelphia – Mayor's Office of Transportation
 Southeastern PA Transportation Authority

Non-Voting Members

Delaware River Joint Toll Bridge Commission
 Delaware Valley Goods Movement Task Force
 Federal Highway Administration - NJ Division
 Federal Highway Administration - PA Division
 Federal Transit Administration - Region III
 Greater Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce
 Transportation Operations Task Force
 NJ Turnpike Authority
 New Jersey TMAs
 Pennsylvania Bus Association
 Pennsylvania TMAs
 Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission
 Philadelphia Regional Port Authority
 Pottstown Urban Transit
 South Jersey Port Corporation
 South Jersey Transportation Authority
 US EPA - Region II
 US EPA - Region III

Representative

Richard Brahler
 Carol Thomas
 Andrew Levecchia
 (not represented)
 (not represented)
 (not represented)
 (not represented)
 Thomas Shaffer
 (not represented)
 Jessica Savidge-Lucas
 Matthew Lawson
 Leo Bagley
 Andy Clark
 (not represented)
 (not represented)
 Lou Millan
 Patrick Patterson
 James Mosca
 Linda Guarini
 Deborah Schaaf
 (not represented)
 Stephen Buckey
 Zoe Robertson

Representative

Glenn F. Reibman
 Kelvin MacKavanagh
 (not represented)
 Camille Otto
 (not represented)
 (not represented)
 (not represented)
 (not represented)
 William Ragozine
 (not represented)
 (not represented)
 Don Steele
 (not represented)
 (not represented)
 (not represented)
 (not represented)
 (not represented)
 Martin Kotsch

ATTENDANCE (cont'd)**Other Member Representatives and Guests**

John Parker - PennDOT Central Office
Matt Long - PennDOT Central Office
Sue Herman - Residents for Regional Traffic Solutions, Inc.
Josh DeFlorio – Cambridge Systematics
Patricia Ellis - City of Philadelphia – Mayor's Office of Transportation and Utilities
Bryan Woods – MOTU
Bill Comer – SEPTA CAC
Martin Hull – IBI Group
Michael Russo – NJ DOT

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