

**DELAWARE VALLEY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
PLANNING COORDINATING COMMITTEE/
REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
November 13, 2012 Meeting Highlights
DVRPC Conference Room, Philadelphia, PA**

1. Call to Order - Chairperson's Comments

Stephen Buckley (Chairperson; City of Philadelphia – Mayor's Office of Transportation) welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order.

2. Deputy Planning Director's Report

John Ward (DVRPC) began by welcoming Mr. Toby Fauver, PennDOT Deputy Secretary for Local and Area Transportation.

Mr. Ward stated that the Board approved all the Action Items that the RTC recommended at its October 2012 meeting.

Mr. Ward provided an update on the FY2014 Work Program development.

Mr. Ward announced that the Board voted to make amendments to DVRPC's By-laws relating to Board officer selection process and RTC administration. He informed members that the name of the committee has been changed to "Regional Technical Committee", and outlined the names of both voting and non-voting member agencies.

Mr. Ward then announced the dates and times of several upcoming meetings.

ACTION ITEMS

3. Highlights of the Meeting of October 2, 2012

The highlights from October 2, 2012 meeting of the PCC/RTC were presented for adoption.

Motion: by Barbara Holcomb, seconded by Jim Mosca to adopt the highlights for the October 2, 2012 PCC/RTC meeting.

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

4. **DVRPC Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Actions**

Toby Fauver, PennDOT Deputy Secretary for Local and Area Transportation, delivered a presentation on current planning efforts along the Keystone Corridor. At the conclusion of Mr. Fauver's presentation, Elizabeth Schoonmaker (DVRPC) presented five TIP amendments for consideration.

a. **PA13-05: FTA Section 5310 Program (MPMS# 82860), PennDOT - Add a Program Back into the TIP**

PennDOT's Bureau of Public Transportation has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2013-2016 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a program back into the TIP, FTA Section 5310 Program (MPMS #82860), by programming \$1,705,600 (\$1,364,480 FTA -5310/\$341,120 Local Match) in FY13 for the purchase of 28 vehicles for four agencies in the DVRPC region.

b. **PA13-06: Coatesville Train Station (MPMS# 87534), PennDOT – Add a Project Back into the TIP**

PennDOT's Bureau of Public Transportation has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2013-2016 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a project back into the TIP, Coatesville Train Station (MPMS# 87534), by programming a \$20,000,000 project in FY14 (\$4,000,000 Section 5309/\$1,000,000 State 1516) and FY15 (\$6,000,000 Section 5309/\$6,000,000 Section 5307/\$3,000,000 State 1516) for the design and construction of a new train station.

Motion: by Anthony Santaniello, seconded by Jim Mosca, to recommend the Board amend the FY2013-2016 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a program back into the TIP, FTA Section 5310 Program (MPMS #82860), by programming \$1,705,600 (\$1,364,480 FTA -5310/\$341,120 Local Match) in FY13 for the purchase of 28 vehicles for four agencies in the DVRPC region; and to amend the FY2013-2016 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a project back into the TIP, Coatesville Train Station (MPMS# 87534), by programming a \$20,000,000 project in FY14 (\$4,000,000 Section 5309/\$1,000,000 State 1516) and FY15 (\$6,000,000 Section 5309/\$6,000,000 Section 5307/\$3,000,000 State 1516) for the design and construction of a new train station.

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

c. PA13-07: Traffic Signal Priority Upgrades on SEPTA Routes (Routes 52, 60 and 66 MPMS# TBD, and Route 6 MPMS# TBD), City of Philadelphia – Add New Projects to the TIP

The City of Philadelphia has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2013-2016 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding two new projects to the TIP, Traffic Signal Priority Upgrades on SEPTA Routes 52, 60 and 66 (MPMS# 96248), by programming \$2,076,250 (\$1,661,000 TCSP/\$415,250 State Match) in FY13 for construction and by adding the Traffic Signal Priority Upgrades on SEPTA Route 6 (MPMS# 96249), by programming \$2,000,000 (\$1,600,000 TCSP/\$400,000 State Match) in FY13 for construction. These are additional funds to the region made available by a federal Transportation, Community, and System Preservation Program (TCSP) award (11PA006) and PennDOT's Bureau of Public Transit State Match, denoted in the Before/After Sheet as 'OTH'.

d. PA13-08: North Delaware Avenue Extension Phase 2 Study (MPMS# TBD), City of Philadelphia – Add a New Project to the TIP

The City of Philadelphia has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2013-2016 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a new project to the TIP, North Delaware Avenue Extension Phase 2 Study (MPMS# TBD), by programming \$500,000 (\$400,000 SXF/\$100,000 Local) in FY13. Funding is provided by a \$1,002,341 SAFETEA-LU earmark, PA ID# 667.

Motion: by Michelle Webb, seconded by Matthew Edmond, to recommend the Board amend the FY2013-2016 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding two new projects to the TIP, Traffic Signal Priority Upgrades on SEPTA Routes 52, 60 and 66 (MPMS# 96248), by programming \$2,076,250 (\$1,661,000 TCSP/\$415,250 State Match) in FY13 for construction and by adding the Traffic Signal Priority Upgrades on SEPTA Route 6 (MPMS# 96249), by programming \$2,000,000 (\$1,600,000 TCSP/\$400,000 State Match) in FY13 for construction; and amend the FY2013-2016 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a new project to the TIP, North Delaware Avenue Extension Phase 2 Study (MPMS# TBD), by programming \$500,000 (\$400,000 SXF/\$100,000 Local) in FY13

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

e. NJ12-39: Redistribution of Unobligated Earmark Balances, Various DB#s, Various Counties in New Jersey

NJDOT has requested that DVRPC modify the FY2012 – 2015 TIP for New Jersey by redistributing unobligated balances of FY2003 – 2006 Appropriation Act Earmarks in the amount of \$2,968,786 to the Route 295/42/I-76, Direct Connection, Contract 1 project (DB# 355B) for FY13 Construction (CON); and reduce FY13 Interstate Maintenance funds by \$2,969,000 and place in DVRPC region's Fiscal Constraint Bank. In DVRPC's New Jersey region, there has been a total of \$2,968,786 in earmark funds that have been targeted for redistribution. NJDOT has

proposed to use \$2,968,786 funds for the Route 295/42/I-76, Direct Connection, Contract 1 project (DB# 355B), as this project can be obligated quickly and in time to meet the federal deadline so that funds are not lost to the region.

Motion: by Barbara Holcomb, seconded by Andy Clark, to recommend the Board modify the FY2012 – 2015 TIP for New Jersey by redistributing unobligated balances of FY2003 – 2006 Appropriation Act Earmarks in the amount of \$2,968,786 to the Route 295/42/I-76, Direct Connection, Contract 1 project (DB# 355B) for FY13 Construction (CON); and reduce FY13 Interstate Maintenance funds by \$2,969,000 and place in DVRPC region's Fiscal Constraint Bank.

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

5. FY 14 Transit Support Program and Supportive Regional Highway Planning Program Special Studies

Candidate special studies were received from member governments and forwarded to the Pennsylvania and New Jersey Subcommittees for review and approval. John Ward (DVRPC) presented the final slate of proposed projects for full RTC approval.

Motion: by Jessica Savidge-Lucas, seconded by Rich Brahler, to recommend the Board approve the final slate of projects for the FY 14 TSP and SRHPP Special Studies.

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

PRESENTATION ITEMS

6. Rebranding of TransitChek

DVRPC no longer holds the license to use the TransitChek trademark; Wageworks Inc. purchased TransitCenter which owns the trademark. Therefore, DVRPC will maintain their transit benefit program under a new name. Owen Franklin, Portfolio Associates, presented focus group results regarding new names and program options for the former TransitChek program. Additionally, Stacey Bartels (DVRPC) presented the new program name, logo and release schedule.

7. PennDOT's Local Road and Bridge Data Collection Effort

In August 2012, PennDOT developed and implemented the Local Road and Bridge Mobile Application for the purpose of inventorying all locally-owned bridges that are between 8 to 20 feet in length, and all non-liquid fuel roads. The result of this project will establish a local road network inventory for Pennsylvania, as well as a

website of Local Bridges to be accessible by municipalities and the public. John Parker, Transportation Planning Manager - Bridge Program, PennDOT, provided an update and timetable of completion for the first mobile application to be developed by PennDOT.

8. Overview of City of Philadelphia's Complete Streets Handbook

Presentation postponed to a future date.

INFORMATION ITEMS

9. One Minute Reports

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

10. Old Business and New Business

Steve Buckley (Chairperson; City of Philadelphia – Mayor's Office of Transportation) announced that he was leaving his position with the City of Philadelphia and would be stepping down as RTC Chair at the conclusion of the meeting. John Ward (DVRPC) stated that a selection committee comprised of the Pennsylvania Subcommittee of the RTC would convene to identify a candidate from one of the Pennsylvania members to fulfil the remaining term of Chair. The selection committee will bring forth their recommendation at the January 2013 RTC meeting for action, at which time nominations from the floor will also be considered.

11. Meeting Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 12:15PM.

The next scheduled meeting of the PCC/RTC is Tuesday, January 8, 2013.

ATTENDANCE (cont'd)

Other Member Representatives and Guests

Toby Fauver - PennDOT
Sue Herman - Residents for Regional Traffic Solutions, Inc.
Patricia Ellis - City of Philadelphia – Mayor’s Office of Transportation and Utilities
John Parker – PennDOT
Owen Frankiln – Portfolio Associates
Angela Murray – Lower Merion Township

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