

DELAWARE VALLEY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
REGIONAL TECHNICAL COMMITTEE
January 8, 2013 Meeting Highlights
DVRPC Conference Room, Philadelphia, PA

1. Call to Order - Chairperson's Comments

Andrew Levecchia (Vice-Chairperson; Camden County) welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order.

2. Deputy Planning Director's Report

John Ward (DVRPC) began by announcing the Board approved all the Action Items that the RTC recommended at the meeting on November 13, 2013.

Mr. Ward welcomed the new Public Participation Task Force (PPTF) member, Ms. Aissia Richardson, to the RTC. He also announced that Mr. James Hopkins, who resides in Bucks County, has been named as the PPTF alternate to the RTC.

Mr. Ward updated the members on the annual DVRPC Board Retreat, which was held in December at the Desmond Hotel in Chester County. As part of the retreat, the Board awarded the DVRPC Annual Excellence Awards.

Mr. Ward congratulated Montgomery County, Bucks County, and PennDOT for the ribbon cutting of US 202 Section 700, which was opened to traffic on December 3rd.

Mr. Ward concluded his report by announcing several upcoming meetings.

At the conclusion of his report, Mr. Ward introduced Sue Herman, a resident of the region who requested time to address the RTC. A copy of her statement is attached.

ACTION ITEMS

3. Election of Chair

The Pennsylvania Sub-committee presented its nomination, Michelle Webb, City of Philadelphia Department of Streets, to fill the vacant RTC Chair position. The RTC also considered nominations from the floor. The elected RTC Chair will serve out the remaining term, set to expire on June 30, 2013.

Motion: by Barbara Holcomb, seconded by Jim Mosca to elect Michelle Webb to the position of RTC Chair.

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

4. **Highlights of the Meeting of November 13, 2012**

The highlights from November 13, 2012 meeting of the PCC/RTC were presented for adoption.

Motion: by Barbara Holcomb, seconded by Jim Mosca to adopt the highlights for the November 13, 2012 PCC/RTC meeting.

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

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

Rick Murphy (DVRPC) presented eight TIP amendments for consideration.

a. **PA13-12: Ardmore Transportation Center – Phase I (MPMS# 73214), SEPTA – Add a Project Back into the TIP**

SEPTA is requesting, on behalf of PennDOT's Bureau of Public Transportation, that DVRPC amend the FY2013-2016 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a project back into the TIP, Ardmore Transportation Center – Phase I (MPMS# 73214), by programming \$12,750,000 (\$6,000,000 Section 5307/\$4,200,000 Section 5309/\$2,550,000 State 1516) in FY13. These funds will be provided from the statewide Keystone Corridor Line Item and are additional to the region.

Motion: by Rich Brahler, seconded by Aissia Richardson, to recommend the Board amend the FY2013-2016 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a project back into the TIP, Ardmore Transportation Center – Phase I (MPMS# 73214), by programming \$12,750,000 (\$6,000,000 Section 5307/\$4,200,000 Section 5309/\$2,550,000 State 1516) in FY13.

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

b. **PA13-13: Gradyville Road (Bridge) (MPMS# 64821), Delaware County – Add a Project back into the TIP**

PennDOT is requesting that DVRPC amend the FY2013-2016 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a project back into the TIP, Gradyville Road (Bridge) (MPMS# 64821), by programming \$292,000 (\$234,000 State 183/\$58,000 Local) in FY13 and \$477,000 (382,000 State 183/\$95,000 Local) in FY15 for construction.

Motion: by Lou Hufnagle, seconded by Linda Guarini, to recommend the Board amend the FY2013-2016 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a project back into the TIP, Gradyville Road (Bridge) (MPMS# 64821), by programming \$292,000 (\$234,000 State 183/\$58,000 Local) in FY13 and \$477,000 (382,000 State 183/\$95,000 Local) in FY15 for construction.

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

c. PA13-14: City ADA Ramps Project (MPMS# 96109), City of Philadelphia – Add New Project to the TIP

PennDOT is requesting, on behalf of the City of Philadelphia, that DVRPC amend the FY2013-2016 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a \$3,750,000 project to the TIP, Philadelphia ADA Ramps Project (MPMS# 96109), by programming \$450,000 (\$360,000 STP/\$90,000 Local) in FY14 for Preliminary Engineering, \$300,000 (\$240,000 STP/\$60,000 Local) in FY14 for Final Design and \$3,000,000 (\$2,400,000 STP/\$600,000 Local) in FY14 for construction.

d. PA13-17: All-Weather Pavement Marking (AWPM) Program – State Fiscal Year 2012-2013 (MPMS# 96190), Various Counties – Add New Project to the TIP

PennDOT has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2013-2015 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a new project to the TIP: All-Weather Pavement Marking (AWPM) Program – State Fiscal Year 2012-2013 (MPMS# 96190). Funding for this project is provided through the Statewide All Weather Pavement Marker Reserve Line Item (MPMS# 59781). These are additional funds to the region. The total amount for this project is \$380,000 STP for construction in FY13.

Motion: by Barbara Holcomb, seconded by Anthony Santaniello, to recommend the Board amend the FY2013-2016 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a \$3,750,000 project to the TIP, Philadelphia ADA Ramps Project (MPMS# 96109), by programming \$450,000 (\$360,000 STP/\$90,000 Local) in FY14 for Preliminary Engineering, \$300,000 (\$240,000 STP/\$60,000 Local) in FY14 for Final Design and \$3,000,000 (\$2,400,000 STP/\$600,000 Local) in FY14 for construction; and amend the FY2013-2015 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a new project to the TIP: All-Weather Pavement Marking (AWPM) Program – State Fiscal Year 2012-2013 (MPMS# 96190). Funding for this project is provided through the Statewide All Weather Pavement Marker Reserve Line Item (MPMS# 59781).

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

e. PA13-15: District 6-0 Bridge Maintenance and Surface Treatment Contracts (Various MPMS#), Various Counties – Add New Projects to the TIP

PennDOT is requesting that DVRPC amend the FY2013-2016 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding \$16,604,000 in Bridge Maintenance and Surface Treatment Contracts to the TIP, by programming \$8,700,000 State Appropriations 916 in FY13 construction phase for Bridge Maintenance

Contracts and \$7,904,000 State Appropriations 916 in FY14 construction phase for Surface Treatment Contracts. State Appropriations 916 was formally known as Act 44.

Motion: by Leo Bagley, seconded by Andrew Levecchia, to recommend the Board amend the FY2013-2016 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding \$16,604,000 in Bridge Maintenance and Surface Treatment Contracts to the TIP, by programming \$8,700,000 State Appropriations 916 in FY13 construction phase for Bridge Maintenance Contracts and \$7,904,000 State Appropriations 916 in FY14 construction phase for Surface Treatment Contracts.

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

f. PA13-16: I-95, Shackamaxon Street to Ann Street (GIR) - Design (MPMS# 17821), City of Philadelphia – Cost increase

PennDOT is requesting that DVRPC modify the FY2013-2016 TIP for Pennsylvania by increasing the I-95, Shackamaxon Street to Ann Street (GIR) – Design project (MPMS# 17821), by shifting \$37,158,000 of SPIKE funding from US 422 Expressway Reconstruction, Chester and Montgomery (MPMS# 64222) to I-95, Shackamaxon Street to Ann Street (GIR) – Design, and program as follows: \$3,344,000 SPK-NHS/\$8,762,000 SPK-FB in FY13, \$5,831,000 SPK-NHS/\$5,831,000 SPK-FB in FY14, \$4,851,000 SPK-NHS/\$4,851,000 SPK-FB in FY15, \$1,844,000 SPK-NHS/\$1,844,000 SPK-FB in FY16 for Final Design.

Motion: by Leo Bagley, seconded by Anthony Santaniello, to recommend the Board modify the FY2013-2016 TIP for Pennsylvania by increasing the I-95, Shackamaxon Street to Ann Street (GIR) – Design project (MPMS# 17821), by shifting \$37,158,000 of SPIKE funding from US 422 Expressway Reconstruction, Chester and Montgomery (MPMS# 64222) to I-95, Shackamaxon Street to Ann Street (GIR) – Design, and program as follows: \$3,344,000 SPK-NHS/\$8,762,000 SPK-FB in FY13, \$5,831,000 SPK-NHS/\$5,831,000 SPK-FB in FY14, \$4,851,000 SPK-NHS/\$4,851,000 SPK-FB in FY15, \$1,844,000 SPK-NHS/\$1,844,000 SPK-FB in FY16 for Final Design.

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

g. NJ12-45: Route 130, Columbus Road/Jones Street (DB# 02397), NJDOT – Add PE Phase

NJDOT has requested that DVRPC modify the FY2012 – 2015 TIP for New Jersey by programming a Preliminary Engineering (PE) phase with \$300,000 National Highway System (NHS) funds in FY2013 and delaying the Construction (CON) phase from FY2014 to FY2015. NHS funds are now known as the National

Highway Performance Program (NHPP) under the recent MAP-21 highway authorization. Concept Development for the project was recently completed, and a PE phase is required for the project to move forward in the capital project delivery process.

Motion: by Andy Clark, seconded by Carol Thomas, to recommend the Board modify the FY2012 – 2015 TIP for New Jersey by programming a Preliminary Engineering (PE) phase with \$300,000 National Highway System (NHS) funds in FY2013 and delaying the Construction (CON) phase from FY2014 to FY2015.

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

h. NJ12-47: Median Cross Over Protection Contract #12 (DB# 12367), Statewide – Add New Project

NJDOT has requested that DVRPC modify the FY2012 – 2015 TIP for New Jersey by adding a new \$9.45 million project to the Statewide section of the TIP, Median Cross Over Protection Contract #12 (DB# 12367), and programming a \$100,000 NHS preliminary design phase in FY13, a \$831,000 NHS design phase in FY13 and a \$8,519,000 NHPP construction phase in FY15.

Motion: by Andy Clark, seconded by Lou Hufnagle, to recommend the Board modify the FY2012 – 2015 TIP for New Jersey by adding a new \$9.45 million project to the Statewide section of the TIP, Median Cross Over Protection Contract #12 (DB# 12367), and programming a \$100,000 NHS preliminary design phase in FY13, a \$831,000 NHS design phase in FY13 and a \$8,519,000 NHPP construction phase in FY15.

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

6. Fiscal Year 2013 Planning Work Program Amendments

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

a. I-76 and I-476 Interchange Operational Improvements

The I-76/I-476 Interchange is chronically congested, with ramp congestion spilling back onto the mainline. Improvements to three ramps have been proposed which will increase queue storage and acceleration distance to improve mobility along the mainline of I-476 southbound and I-76 eastbound. DVRPC will evaluate the effects of the improvements using the I-76 Operational Research Model developed by DVRPC. Performance

measures to be contrasted between scenarios will include volumes, operating speeds, queue lengths, delay, and density. Chris Puchalsky (DVRPC) asked the RTC to recommend that the Board amend the DVRPC FY2013 Planning Work Program to include this project.

b. Alternatives Development for Roosevelt Boulevard Transit Investments

A recent PennDOT funded study stated “There is a disconnect... between the transit services desired and ... offered to residents and commuters using the Roosevelt Boulevard corridor” in the City of Philadelphia. Previous efforts to improve transit service on the corridor have focused on high cost solutions such as heavy rail and have only examined the need in Philadelphia. This scoping study will further define the problem, perform preliminary public outreach, and examine a range of alternatives to address this disconnect from very inexpensive and easily implementable to Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) to Light Rail Transit (LRT). This study will also examine solutions which extend into lower Bucks County. Chris Puchalsky (DVRPC) asked the RTC to recommend that the Board amend the DVRPC FY2013 Planning Work Program to include this project.

Motion: by Leo Bagley, seconded by Jim Mosca, to recommend the Board amend the DVRPC FY 2013 Planning Work Program to include the I-76 and I-476 Interchange Operational Improvements project; and amend the DVRPC FY 2013 Planning Work Program to include the Alternatives Development for Roosevelt Boulevard Transit Investments project.

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

c. Pennsylvania Partnership to Promote Natural Gas Vehicles

The objective of this project is to develop and deploy a comprehensive series of policy, safety and training, and education and outreach initiatives to directly address barriers to adoption of natural gas vehicles (NGVs). This project will focus on garbage trucks, recycling vehicles, and school buses.

Pennsylvania, and the nation as a whole, is experiencing a boom in natural gas production, significantly lowering its wholesale cost. One of the many uses for natural gas is as a vehicle fuel, replacing gasoline and diesel with cleaner burning, domestically-sourced energy, and lowering vehicle operation and maintenance costs. Among the most promising applications for natural gas is in fleets, particularly municipally-owned or contracted garbage trucks and recycling vehicles, and in school buses. Several significant challenges must be overcome to achieve this transition, ranging from education about this unfamiliar technology to the lack of clear municipal ordinances allowing for fueling facilities.

DVRPC—in partnership with the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (PA DEP), Greater Philadelphia Clean Cities (GPCC), Pittsburgh Region Clean Cities (PRCC), and PECO Energy Company—will establish the *Pennsylvania Partnership to Promote Natural Gas Vehicles* (P3NGV), a coordinated effort to

develop and deploy a comprehensive series of policy, safety and training, and education and outreach initiatives to directly address barriers standing in the way of natural gas vehicle (NGV) adoption.

Total project cost is \$319,038 over a two year period commencing upon contract signature. Of this, \$70,559 will go to Greater Philadelphia Clean Cities to help develop and deploy workshops, and \$11,250 to Pittsburgh Regional Clean Cities to deploy workshops in Greater Pittsburgh region. In addition, \$35,700 will be used to hire trainers for maintenance personnel and first responders. Sean Megill Legendre (DVRPC) asked the RTC to recommend that the Board amend the DVRPC FY2013 Planning Work Program to include this project

Motion: by Andrew Levecchia, seconded by Pat Patterson, to recommend the Board amend the DVRPC FY 2013 Planning Work Program to include the Pennsylvania Partnership to Promote Natural Gas Vehicles project.

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

7. DVRPC Fiscal Year (FY) 2014 Planning Work Program

The Draft Planning Work Program for FY 2014 was approved by the Board for distribution and review, with the public comment period closing on January 14, 2013. DVRPC staff are in the process of responding to comments that have been received and are working to resolve any open issues. After Board adoption, relevant revisions will continue to be incorporated into the Work Program and the Final document will be produced. John Griffies (DVRPC) asked the RTC to recommend that the Board adopt the Final FY 2014 Planning Work Program, pending the resolution of any outstanding comments and issues.

Motion: by Barbara Holcomb, seconded by Andy Clark, to recommend the Board approve the FY 2014 DVRPC Unified Planning Work Program, authorize the Executive Director to submit applications and documentation as may be required to fund the program and enter into, negotiate and execute all required contracts and agreements by adopting Resolution No. B-FY13-001. Further, approve the actions to amend or modify the FY 2012 TIP for New Jersey and the FY 2013 TIP for Pennsylvania as required.

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

PRESENTATION ITEMS

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

Ariel Ben-Amos, Senior Planner/Analyst, City of Philadelphia, provided an overview for the City of Philadelphia's Complete Streets Handbook. The presentation included a brief history of the handbook's development, highlights of the features included in it, and details on how the City will use it to move towards implementation.

9. 2010 Land Use and 2011 Protected Open Space Inventory for the Delaware Valley Region

Land use information and analysis is a fundamental tool in the planning process, and DVRPC's land use data is updated based on aerial surveillance gathered every five years. Additionally, DVRPC maintains an inventory of protected public and private open space in the Delaware Valley. The inventory tracks all publicly-owned open space, preserved farmland, and non-profit protected open space. Mary Bell (DVRPC) and Amy Miller (DVRPC) presented a summary and highlights of the region's 2010 land use data, as well as the 2011 protected open space inventory.

INFORMATION ITEMS

10. CHSTP (JARC and New Freedom) Policy Changes and Timetable Update

Greg Krykewycz (DVRPC) presented a brief update on recent CHSTP policy changes, as well as a preview of MAP-21 implications and selection cycle timetables for New Jersey and Pennsylvania.

11. One Minute Reports

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

12. Old Business and New Business

13. Meeting Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 12:05PM.

The next scheduled meeting of the RTC is Tuesday, February 5, 2013.

ATTENDANCE

Voting Members

NJ Department of Transportation
 NJ Department of Environmental Protection
 NJ Department of Community Affairs
 NJ Governor’s Appointee
 NJ Office for Planning Advocacy
 PA Department of Community and Economic Development
 PA Department of Environmental Protection
 PA Department of Transportation
 PA Governor’s Appointee
 PA Governor’s Policy Office
 Bucks County
 Burlington County
 Camden County
 Chester County
 Delaware County
 Gloucester County
 Mercer County
 Montgomery County
 City of Philadelphia – City Planning Commission
 City of Philadelphia – Department of Streets
 City of Philadelphia – Mayor’s Office of Transportation
 City of Camden
 City of Chester
 City of Trenton
 Delaware River Port Authority
 New Jersey Transit Corporation
 Port Authority Transit Corporation
 Southeastern PA Transportation Authority
 Public Participation Task Force (NJ)
 Public Participation Task Force (PA)

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
 NJ Turnpike Authority
 New Jersey TMAs
 Pennsylvania TMAs
 Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission
 Philadelphia Regional Port Authority
 Pottstown Urban Transit
 Select Greater Philadelphia
 South Jersey Port Corporation
 South Jersey Transportation Authority
 Transportation Operations Task Force
 US EPA - Region II
 US EPA - Region III
 US Department of Housing and Urban Development

Representative

Andy Clark
 John Gray
 (not represented)
 (not represented)
 Katherine Meade
 Lisa Worden
 Patrick Patterson
 James Mosca
 (not represented)
 Linda Guarini
 Rich Brahler
 Carol Thomas
 Andrew Levecchia
 Randy Waltermeyer
 Lou Hufnagle
 Jessica Savidge-Lucas
 Matthew Lawson
 Leo Bagley
 Anthony Santaniello
 Michelle Webb
 Patricia Ellis
 (not represented)
 (not represented)
 (not represented)
 Barbara Holcomb
 Lou Millan
 (not represented)
 Zoe Robertson
 Harry Fox
 Aissia Richardson

Representative

(not represented)
 Kelvin MacKavanagh
 (not represented)
 Camille Otto
 Tony Cho
 (not represented)
 (not represented)
 William Ragozine
 (not represented)
 Don Steele
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 (not represented)
 Martin Kotsch
 Brandon Porinchak

ATTENDANCE (cont'd)

Other Member Representatives and Guests

Ariel Ben-Amos - City of Philadelphia – Mayor’s Office of Transportation and Utilities

Sue Herman - Residents for Regional Traffic Solutions, Inc.

Andrew Stober - City of Philadelphia – Mayor’s Office of Transportation and Utilities

Brian Styche – Chester County Planning Commission

Angela Murray – Lower Merion Township

Eddie Battle – ERBA

Dennis Winters – Sierra Club/Clean Air Council

Norm Hetrick – Governor’s Action Team

DVRPC Staff

John Ward

Patty Elkis

Chris Puchalsky

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Greg Krykewycz

Mary Bell

Amy Miller

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January 8, 2013

RE: Critical Part of April 2012 Public Participation Plan Is Not Workable

Dear Mr. Seymour, Regional Technical Committee Members, and DVRPC Members,

I am president of Residents for Regional Traffic Solutions, Inc. (RRTS), a regional citizens group with members from Lower Makefield, Upper Makefield, Newtown, Wrightstown, and Northampton Townships. Our organization represents well in excess of 9,000 residents. We are concerned that a critically important part of the recently implemented Public Participation Plan (Plan) is not workable.

With the current Plan, it is NOT possible for the Public Participation Task Force (PPTF) members who sit on the Regional Technical Committee (previously the Regional Transportation Committee) to cast their votes by taking a "regional perspective", as they have been asked to do. The September 11, 2012 Regional Transportation Committee Meeting Highlights state, "John Ward began by welcoming one of the new Public Participation Task Force (PPTF) members, Harry Fox. Mr. Fox is from Burlington County, and is a civil engineer who has been involved in numerous Boards and Commissions in Burlington County and Gloucester Counties, including chairing the Delran, NJ Zoning Board. Mr. Ward explained that the PPTF members represent a county or community but have been asked, in their role at the RTC, to take a regional perspective in their thoughts and their votes. He anticipates that they will eventually be voting members. Because the PPTF will not be taking action on RTC or Board items, their views will be as 'citizens of the region', and not representing a consensus of the PPTF. They will provide their feedback regarding the PCC/RTC meetings to the PPTF."

It is a fallacy to think that a PPTF member can vote with a "regional perspective" when he/she has no prior opportunity to discuss RTC action items in an open forum with other informed citizens in the region. At the November 15, 2012 inaugural PPTF meeting, Candace Snyder (Director, DVRPC Office of Public Affairs and Communications) confirmed that PPTF members who sit on the Regional Technical Committee (RTC) would be receiving their packet of information for preparation for the RTC meeting just prior to the meeting. This process does not enable the voting PPTF representatives on the RTC to gather formalized public input regarding action items that they will vote on, thus the process is flawed.

We respectfully request that PPTF representatives on the RTC abstain from voting on action items unless they have followed a formalized process of obtaining public input on the proposed action. Without this, the Public Participation Task Force must rethink its approach or it will fail in its effort to have genuine regional public input.

We appreciate the opportunity to read this letter into the public record at today's RTC meeting. We ask that this letter be referenced and included in its entirety in the minutes of today's meeting. We respectfully ask that the RTC and DVRPC Board respond to our request.

Sincerely,



Susan Herman
President

CC: Candace Snyder; Director – Office of Public Affairs & Communications
Brigid Hynes-Cherin; Regional Administrator, Federal Transit Administration Region III
Ernest Blais; Division Administrator, Federal Highway Administration N.J. Division
Renee Sigel; Division Administrator, Federal Highway Administration PA Division
Tony Cho; Community Planner, U.S. Dept. of Transportation, FTA, Region III
Jim Mosca, PennDOT
David Kuhn, NJDOT
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Regional Citizens