



**DELAWARE VALLEY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION**  
**REGIONAL TECHNICAL COMMITTEE**  
**February 5, 2013 Meeting Highlights**  
**DVRPC Conference Room, Philadelphia, PA**

**1. Call to Order - Chairperson's Comments**

Michelle Webb (Chairperson, City of Philadelphia Department of Streets) welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order.

Ms. Webb asked if there were any comments on any agenda item. There were none.

**2. Deputy Planning Director's Report**

John Ward (DVRPC) began by announcing the Board approved all the Action Items that the RTC recommended at its meeting on January 8, 2013.

Mr. Ward mentioned that Governor Corbett's budget announcement was scheduled for later that morning, and a proposal for transportation funding is expected to be included.

Mr. Ward updated members on DVRPC's participation in TRB, including his presentation on DVRPC's Incident Management Program. He stated that DVRPC is one of only a few MPOs in the country actively involved to such a degree in regional traffic incident management.

Lastly, Mr. Ward announced the availability of two recent DVRPC reports.

**ACTION ITEMS**

**3. Highlights of the Meeting of January 8, 2013**

The highlights from January 8, 2013 meeting of the RTC were presented for adoption.

*Motion: by Barbara Holcomb, seconded by Jim Mosca to adopt the highlights for the January 8, 2013 RTC meeting.*

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

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

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

##### a. PA13-21: Additional Design Start Funding Provided to the DVRPC Region, (Various MPMS#s) Various Pennsylvania Counties

- 1) Vine Street Expressway Bridges over I-676 Expressway (PAB) – Part 3 (MPMS# 80054), City of Philadelphia
- 2) Vine Street Expressway Bridges over I-676 Expressway (PAC) – Part 2 (MPMS# 88768), City of Philadelphia
- 3) Roosevelt Boulevard Over Wayne Junction (WAV) Viaduct (MPMS# 83736), City of Philadelphia
- 4) I-95 Overhead Bridges (MPMS# 88407), Delaware County
- 5) US202: Dekalb Pike, Section 610 Johnson Highway to Morris Road (Design Only) (MPMS# 50364), Montgomery County

PennDOT has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2013-2016 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding \$10,100,000 (\$2,800,000 State 185/\$2,500,000 State 581/\$4,800,000 State 183) design funds in FY13 to five TIP projects. This action advances three with construction programmed in Later Fiscal Years, one project that was on the Illustrative Unfunded List, and another new bridge project that is advancing. This action reflects an effort to make sure projects are in the design pipeline should there be a new revenue source, and a statewide initiative has made FY13 state funds available to PennDOT Districts throughout the state. These state funds are additional funds to the DVRPC region.

*Motion: by Leo Bagley, seconded by Linda Guarini, to recommend the Board amend the FY2013-2016 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding \$10,100,000 (\$2,800,000 State 185/\$2,500,000 State 581/\$4,800,000 State 183) design funds in FY13 to five TIP projects.*

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

##### b. NJ12-51: CR 553 Buck Road, Section 2, Resurfacing (DB# D1301), Gloucester County – Add Proposed New Project to the TIP

Gloucester County has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2012 – 2015 TIP for New Jersey by adding a new \$2,500,000 project, CR 553 Buck Road, Section 2, Resurfacing (DB# D1301), for construction in FY13. Funds will be made available by other projects that have schedules that have slipped to next year or later, or additional obligation authority made available to DVRPC by NJDOT.

c. **NJ12-52: CR 678, Harrison Street (Mantua or Berkley Road), Resurfacing (DB# D1302), Gloucester County - Add Proposed New Project**

Gloucester County has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2012 – 2015 TIP for New Jersey by adding a new \$1,500,000 project, CR 678, Harrison Street (Mantua or Berkley Road), Resurfacing (DB# D1302), for construction in FY13. Funds will be made available by other projects that have schedules that have slipped to next year or later, or additional obligation authority made available to DVRPC by NJDOT.

d. **NJ12-53: Pearl Street Bulkhead Replacement (DB# TBD), Camden County – Add Proposed New Project to the TIP**

Camden County has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2012 – 2015 TIP for New Jersey by adding a new \$500,000 project, Pearl Street Bulkhead Replacement (DB# D1007A), for construction in FY13. Funds will be made available by other projects that have schedules that have slipped to next year or later, or additional obligation authority made available to DVRPC by NJDOT.

*Motion: by Ed Williams, seconded by Jessica Savidge-Lucas, to recommend the Board amend the FY2012 – 2015 TIP for New Jersey by adding a new \$2,500,000 project, CR 553 Buck Road, Section 2, Resurfacing (DB# D1301), for construction in FY13; amend the FY2012 – 2015 TIP for New Jersey by adding a new \$1,500,000 project, CR 678, Harrison Street (Mantua or Berkley Road), Resurfacing (DB# D1302), for construction in FY13; and amend the FY2012 – 2015 TIP for New Jersey by adding a new \$500,000 project, Pearl Street Bulkhead Replacement (DB# D1007A), for construction in FY13.*

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

5. **Fiscal Year 2013 Planning Work Program Amendment**

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. **Online Business and Technology Training Program (OBTT)**

The Online Business and Technology Training Program (OBTT) is a new initiative of the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development's (DCED's) Broadband Outreach & Aggregation Fund (BOAF). In a global economy increasingly reliant on technology and online communication, it is vital for Pennsylvania municipalities, businesses, schools, nonprofit organizations, libraries, and other stakeholders to have knowledge of and access to computer programs to enhance organizational

efficiency. Frequently, individuals with limited knowledge of computers and online applications may be uncertain of investing in technology or seeking out a training program to learn more. At the same time, individuals may be interested in using these types of programs but may have limited financial resources to seek training. Jane Meconi (DVRPC) asked the RTC to recommend that the Board amend the DVRPC FY2013 Planning Work Program to include this project.

*Motion: by Lisa Worden, seconded by Jim Mosca, to recommend the Board amend the DVRPC FY 2013 Planning Work Program to include the Online Business and Technology Training Program (OBTT) project.*

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

#### **6. Review of Recommended FY14 Pennsylvania New Freedom Project Slate**

The RTC was briefed on the Selection Committee's recommended list of five Pennsylvania New Freedom projects, which were originally approved last fiscal year for two years of funding—the second of these two years must now be reviewed and re-approved. Greg Krykewycz (DVRPC) asked the RTC to recommend to the Board the approval of the five Pennsylvania New Freedom projects.

*Motion: by Leo Bagley, seconded by Anthony Santaniello, to recommend the Board approve the five Pennsylvania New Freedom projects.*

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

#### **7. Adjustments to 2040 Demographic Forecasts for Upper Merion Township**

A better estimate of future growth in Upper Merion Township is available due to updated information on development. Mary Bell (DVRPC) presented the adjustments and asked the RTC to recommend that the Board amend the adopted 2040 Population Forecasts in five-year increments for Upper Merion Township, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania, as presented, and revise the regional, county, and TAZ-level forecasts as appropriate.

*Motion: by Leo Bagley, seconded by Randy Waltermeyer, to recommend the Board amend the adopted 2040 Population Forecasts in five-year increments for Upper Merion Township, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania, as presented, and revise the regional, county, and TAZ-level forecasts as appropriate.*

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

## **PRESENTATION ITEMS**

### **8. I-95/I-476 Interchange Improvement Feasibility Study – Phase 2**

In the initial I-95/I-476 Interchange Study the consultant identified 10 potential improvements, four of which were studied in more detailed in the Phase 2 effort. The four interchange improvements studied were: from southbound I-476 to southbound I-95; from northbound I-95 to northbound I-476; and northbound and southbound peak period shoulder use on I-476. Stan Platt (DVRPC) and Mahmood Shehata (RK&K) presented the results of the study including feasibility, traffic benefits, and planning level cost estimates.

### **9. Norristown Transportation Center Intermodal Study and Concept Plan**

This project (publication pending), conducted by DVRPC on behalf of SEPTA and Montgomery County, developed strategies to enhance operations at Norristown Transportation Center as well as its connectivity with the Norristown community. Greg Krykewycz (DVRPC) and Amy Bernknopf (DVRPC) presented an overview of this study's process and outcomes.

## **INFORMATION ITEMS**

### **10. FY 14 Draft Transportation Management Association Assistance Grant Program and Mobility Alternatives Program Work Program Review Period Open**

Each January, the Transportation Management Associations and Mobility Alternatives Program contractors are asked to provide staff and member government stakeholders with draft work scopes for the upcoming fiscal year. FY 14 work scopes have been received. Sarah Oaks (DVRPC) announced the review period opens February 5, 2013 and concludes February 15, 2013.

### **11. Classic Towns Update**

Allison Hastings (DVRPC) provided a brief update on DVRPC's Classic Towns program.

### **12. One Minute Reports**

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

### **13. Old Business and New Business**

Public comment was opened on any non-agenda items. There were none.

### **14. Meeting Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 11:35PM.

**The next scheduled meeting of the RTC is Tuesday, March 12, 2013.**



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

Sue Herman - Residents for Regional Traffic Solutions, Inc.  
Patricia Ellis - City of Philadelphia – Mayor's Office of Transportation and Utilities  
Nick Rogers – Clean Air Council  
Bridget Chadwick – Citizen  
Mahmood Shehata – RK&K  
Christina Dimichele – DRPA  
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