



**DELAWARE VALLEY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
REGIONAL TECHNICAL COMMITTEE**

June 11, 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.

2. Deputy Planning Director's Report

John Ward (DVRPC) began by thanking Michelle Webb for serving as Chair of the RTC for the past half year.

Mr. Ward announced the Board approved all the Action Items recommended by the committee at the RTC meeting on May 7, 2013.

Mr. Ward thanked those who participated in the RTC Briefing Session that was held after the RTC meeting on May 7, 2013. He stated Matt West (DVRPC) put together an RTC Member Handbook that was distributed at the meeting as well as via email. Members should contact Mr. West if additional copies are needed.

Mr. Ward provided an update on the Transportation Funding package for Pennsylvania. The PA Senate passed Senate Bill 1 on June 5, 2013 with the PA House yet to take up the issue.

Mr. Ward announced several recently published DVRPC reports, and also provided dates for a number of upcoming meetings.

3. Public Comment on Any Agenda Item

There were none.

ACTION ITEMS

4. Highlights of the Meeting of May 7, 2013

The highlights from May 7, 2013 meeting of the RTC were presented for adoption.

Motion: by Jim Mosca, seconded by Matthew Lawson to adopt the highlights for the May 7, 2013 RTC meeting.

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

5. DVRPC Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Actions

Richard Murphy (DVRPC) presented six TIP amendments for consideration.

a. PA13-38: Delaware County Act 13 Local Bridges, (Various MPMS#s), Delaware County

Delaware County has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2013 - 2016 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding four new local bridge projects to the TIP for design and construction in FY13 in the amount of \$420,000 using the 2012 allocation of Act 13 funds. These are additional funds to the region.

The four bridges that have been requested are:

1. 2nd Avenue Bridge over Stony Creek (MPMS# 97864) in Ridley Township in the amount of \$100,000 (\$10,000 final design and \$90,000 construction). The scope includes the placement of rock protection at the abutments, the deck will be scarified and have a latex modified concrete overlay installed and safety features will be upgraded.
2. Clyde Road Bridge over Ithan Creek (MPMS# 97866) in Radnor Township in the amount of \$100,000 (\$10,000 final design and \$90,000 construction). The scope includes the placement of rock protection at the abutments, the deck will be scarified and have a latex modified concrete overlay installed, and safety features will be repaired.
3. Forge Road over Chester Creek (MPMS# 97872) in Thornbury and Middletown Townships in the amount of \$160,000 (\$15,000 final design and \$145,000 construction). The scope includes the placement of rock protection at the west abutment, the bituminous wearing surface will be removed, the deck will be scarified and have a latex modified concrete overlay installed, and safety features will be upgraded.
4. Glenolden Avenue Bridge over Muckinipattis Creek (MPMS# 97873) in Glenolden Borough in the amount of \$60,000 (\$7,500 final design and \$52,500 construction). The scope includes the placement of rock protection at the abutments, repairs will be made to the stone masonry substructure and the safety features will be upgraded.

Performing repairs on these structures will remove these bridges from deficient status.

Motion: by Tom Shaffer, seconded by Randy Waltermeyer, to recommend the Board amend the FY2013 - 2016 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding four new local bridge projects to the TIP for design and construction in FY13 in the amount of \$420,000 using the 2012 allocation of Act 13 funds.

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

b. PA13-39: Wall and Pavement Repair, SR 0032 - LG1(River Road), (MPMS# 87744), Bucks County

PennDOT has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2013 - 2016 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a new \$3,720,000 project to the TIP, and program as follows: FY13 utility phase \$20,000 STU, FY13 construction phase \$500,000 STU, and FY14 construction phase \$3,200,000 STU.

This project, located in Solebury Township, involves the construction of a retaining wall, widening and repair of the bituminous roadway, drainage improvements to help prevent future deterioration of the new wall and roadway, and construction of a guide rail on State Route 0032-LG1(River Road). The location is approximately 200 feet north of Paxon Road to approximately 1,100 feet south of Paxon Road.

c. PA13-40: 30th Street Station Bridges, (MPMS# 64844), City of Philadelphia

PennDOT has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2013 - 2016 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a previously obligated construction phase back into the TIP by increasing the 30th Street Station Bridges project by \$10,200,000 (FY13 construction phase \$7,154,000 BOO/\$1,789,000 State 185, FY14 \$1,006,000 BOO/\$251,000 State 185). The overall estimated construction cost of this project, is \$63,850,000, not including the request action.

Motion: by Richard Brahler, seconded by Lisa Worden, to recommend the Board amend the FY2013 - 2016 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a new \$3,720,000 project to the TIP, and program as follows: FY13 utility phase \$20,000 STU, FY13 construction phase \$500,000 STU, and FY14 construction phase \$3,200,000 STU; and to amend the FY2013 - 2016 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a previously obligated construction phase back into the TIP by increasing the 30th Street Station Bridges project by \$10,200,000 (FY13 construction phase \$7,154,000 BOO/\$1,789,000 State 185, FY14 \$1,006,000 BOO/\$251,000 State 185).

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

d. NJ12-68: South Jersey Bus Rapid Transit (SJ BRT)/Avandale Park and Ride (Bus Livability) (DB# T630), NJ TRANSIT

NJ TRANSIT has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2012–2015 TIP for New Jersey by adding a new project, South Jersey Bus Rapid Transit (SJ BRT)/Avandale Park and Ride (Bus Livability) (DB# T630), with \$3,000,000

Section 5339 for Engineering/ Right-of-Way/ Construction in FY13. Funds are made available as a result of MAP-21, which has increased federal formula funding levels for NJ TRANSIT in FY13 and FY14.

Motion: by Barbara Holcomb, seconded by Jessica Savidge-Lucas, to recommend the Board amend the FY2012–2015 TIP for New Jersey by adding a new project, South Jersey Bus Rapid Transit (SJ BRT)/Avandale Park and Ride (Bus Livability) (DB# T630), with \$3,000,000 Section 5339 for Engineering/ Right-of-Way/ Construction in FY13.

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

e. NJ12-70: Preventive Maintenance - Bus (DB# T135), NJ TRANSIT

NJ TRANSIT has requested that DVRPC modify the FY2012–2015 TIP for New Jersey by increasing funding for Preventive Maintenance – Bus (DB# T135), by \$10,343,000 from \$18,442,000 to \$28,785,000 Section 5307 funds for FY13 Capital Acquisition (CAP).

This action is associated with increases in NJ TRANSIT's overall federal formula funding levels by approximately \$22,000,000 per year for the DVRPC region, as a result of the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) programs and changes that were authorized by Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century (MAP-21).

Funding will provide for preventive maintenance costs and overhaul of buses under federal funding guidelines.

Motion: Edward Williams, seconded by Matthew Lawson, to recommend the Board modify the FY2012–2015 TIP for New Jersey by increasing funding for Preventive Maintenance – Bus (DB# T135), by \$10,343,000 from \$18,442,000 to \$28,785,000 Section 5307 funds for FY13 Capital Acquisition (CAP).

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

f. NJ12-71: Route 70, Route 38 to Cropwell Road (DB# 11338), Camden and Burlington Counties

NJDOT has requested that DVRPC modify the FY2012–2015 TIP for New Jersey by adding a \$2,800,000 NHPP funded Preliminary Engineering (PE) phase in FY13 and a \$3,000,000 NHPP funded Final Design (DES) phase in FY14 to Route 70, Route 38 to Cropwell Road (DB# 11338). The project

requires both Preliminary Engineering and Final Design phases to move forward in the capital project delivery process.

Motion: by Harry Fox, seconded by Edward Williams, to recommend the Board modify the FY2012–2015 TIP for New Jersey by adding a \$2,800,000 NHPP funded Preliminary Engineering (PE) phase in FY13 and a \$3,000,000 NHPP funded Final Design (DES) phase in FY14 to Route 70, Route 38 to Cropwell Road (DB# 11338).

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

6. Federal Functional Classification Review and Update

Recently, DVRPC adopted new Adjusted Urbanized Area boundaries based on the 2010 Census. Changes to the Urbanized Area require updates to the Federal Functional Classification of roadways in the affected area. This update provides a good opportunity for DOTs and County Planning Commissions to re-assess the functional classification of all roadways according to the character of service they are intended to provide and changes to the roadway system since 2000. Matt Gates (DVRPC) presented the updates and asked the RTC to recommend Board approval.

Motion: by Carol Ann Thomas, seconded by Matthew Lawson, to recommend the Board approves the updated Federal Functional Classification for roadways in the DVRPC region.

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

7. FFY 2012 New Jersey Job Access / Reverse Commute (JARC) and New Freedoms Projects

DVRPC's CHSTP Selection Committee has developed a recommended list of New Jersey JARC and New Freedom projects proposed for one-year of funding. Greg Krykewycz (DVRPC) provided an overview and asked the RTC to recommend the Board approve the recommended projects.

Motion: by Barbara Holcomb, seconded by Jessica Savidge-Lucas, to recommend the Board approves the project recommendations for JARC and New Freedom funding applications; and a modification of the FY2012 TIP for New Jersey (TIP Action: NJ12-74) in FFY13 to adjust funding to actual SAFETEA-LU levels for the JARC (DB# T199) and New Freedom (DB# T552) programs.

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

8. 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. Rich Bickel (DVRPC) presented its recommendation for Board adoption.

Motion: by Jim Mosca, seconded by Matthew Edmond, to recommend the Board adopt Resolution No. B-FY13-002 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.

9. RTC Meeting Dates for Fiscal Year 2014

John Ward (DVRPC) submitted a list of proposed meeting dates for the RTC for fiscal year 2014.

Motion: by Jessica Savidge-Lucas, seconded by Edward Williams, to adopt the list of proposed meeting dates for the RTC for Fiscal Year 2014.

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

10. Election of Fiscal Year 2014 Officers

On behalf of the nominating committee, John Ward (DVRPC) presented a slate of candidates for FY2014 RTC Officers. The committee recommended the election of Andrew Levecchia (Camden County) to the position of Chair, and Leo Bagley (Montgomery County) to the position of Vice-Chair. Mr. Ward also provided an opportunity for nominations from the floor, and none were received.

Motion: by Barbara Holcomb, seconded by Tom Shaffer, to elect Andrew Levecchia to the position of RTC Chair and Leo Bagley to the position of RTC Vice-Chair.

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

PRESENTATION ITEMS

11. Haverford Road: Commercial Corridor Analysis Report

Andrew Svekla (DVRPC) presented a recently completed report, *Haverford Road: Commercial Corridor Analysis*, a study designed to evaluate potential improvements to a portion of Haverford Road in Haverford Township, Delaware County. The study

focuses on the Haverford Road commercial area between Hathaway Lane, near the Ardmore Junction Station of the Norristown High Speed Line (NHSL), and Eagle Road/Wynnewood, near the Wynnewood Road Station of the NHSL. DVRPC's work builds on recent municipal efforts to improve the township's business districts, and includes strategies to enhance the pedestrian environment, promote revitalization of commercial properties, and improve access to transit.

12. Implementing Shared Services

Because the use of shared services by municipal governments has been shown to reduce costs and increase efficiency in service delivery, DVRPC researched shared services to learn what is already occurring in the region and how to better support interested municipalities. To this end, the Smart Growth unit authored MIT #25, Implementing Shared Services, and is hosting a forum, Implementing Shared Services: Best Practices and Case Studies for municipal leaders on Friday, June 7th. Emily Costello (DVRPC) presented some of the main points from MIT #25 and gave an overview of the forum.

INFORMATION ITEMS

13. One Minute Reports

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

14. Old Business, New Business, Public Comment on Any Non-Agenda Item

Sue Herman (RRTS) inquired about the dates of several announced public comment meetings for DVRPC's Long Range Plan.

15. Meeting Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 11:35AM.

The next scheduled meeting of the RTC is Tuesday, July 9, 2013.

ATTENDANCE (cont'd)

Other Member Representatives and Guests

Nicholas Baker – Philadelphia Streets Department
Thomas Marchwinski – NJTransit
Danielle Cicero – Bucks County Planning Commission
Sue Herman - Residents for Regional Traffic Solutions, Inc.
Dennis Winters – Clean Air Council
Bill Comer – Resident

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