



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

July 9, 2013 Meeting Highlights

DVRPC Conference Room, Philadelphia, PA

1. Call to Order - Chairperson's Comments

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

2. Deputy Planning Director's Report

John Ward (DVRPC) began by welcoming the new RTC officers for Fiscal Year 2014.

Mr. Ward announced the Board approved all but one of the Action Items recommended by the committee at the RTC meeting on June 11, 2013. That action item had been pulled from the Board agenda prior to the meeting and will be dealt with separately. He also stated that the Board elected new officers for FY2014.

Mr. Ward thanked the Committee and staff for their valued efforts in preparation of several critical Action Items that have a direct effect on the operations of DVRPC: The Long-Range Plan, TIP for New Jersey, and Air Quality Conformity.

Mr. Ward provided a brief overview of the PA Planning Partners meeting that he attended in Harrisburg during the week of June 24, 2013.

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 June 11, 2013

The highlights from June 11, 2013 meeting of the RTC were presented for adoption.

Motion: by Barbara Holcomb, seconded by Matthew Edmond to adopt the highlights for the June 11, 2013 RTC meeting.

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

5. **Approval of Congestion Management Process (CMP) Supplemental Commitment Table**

One new road capacity-adding project requires RTC action to be added to the FY2013 TIP for Pennsylvania. Jesse Buerk (DVRPC) asked the RTC to approve the supplemental commitment table for the Ellis Town Center project.

Motion: by Tom Shaffer, seconded by Jim Mosca to approve the supplemental commitment table for the Ellis Town Center project.

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

6. **Recommendation for Adoption of Conformity Determination of the FY2013–FY 2016 TIP for Pennsylvania, FY 2014–2017 TIP for New Jersey, and the Connections 2040 Long-Range Plan**

DVRPC has demonstrated Transportation Conformity for the FY 2013 Pennsylvania TIP, FY 2014 New Jersey TIP, and *Connections 2040* Long-Range Plan. This demonstration is necessitated by a new New Jersey TIP and Long-Range Plan, and the addition of regionally significant, non-exempt projects to the FY 2013 Pennsylvania TIP. Sean Greene (DVRPC) presented the results of the Transportation Conformity Determination and requested that the RTC recommend that the DVRPC Board adopt the findings at the July Board meeting.

Motion: by Jessica Lucas, seconded by Jim Mosca to recommend that the Board adopt the conformity finding of the Connections 2040 Long-Range Plan and FY 2013 PA and FY 2014 NJ Transportation Improvement Programs.

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

7. **Recommendation for Adoption of the Connections 2040 Plan for Greater Philadelphia**

The *Connections 2040 Plan* is the four-year update to the regional Long-Range Plan. It has been developed with member governments and agencies, regional stakeholder groups, and the public and outlines a vision for the future growth and development of the region. The Plan also identifies policies and strategies to achieve that vision and prioritizes the transportation investments that the region will be able to move forward by 2040. Mike Boyer (DVRPC) reviewed comments received during the 30-day public comment period and requested a recommendation to the Board for adoption.

Motion: by Andrew Stober, seconded by Aissia Richardson to recommend that the Board adopt the Connections 2040 Plan for Greater Philadelphia, as the official long-range plan for the DVRPC region.

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

8. **Adoption of the DVRPC FY2014-2017 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for New Jersey**

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 and spend federal transportation funds. The creation of the TIP is to be done by the MPO in cooperation with the state(s) 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. DVRPC undertakes a major TIP Update every year for either the Pennsylvania portion of the region, or the New Jersey portion of the region; at this time, the PA and NJ TIPs are updated on alternating years. Elizabeth Schoonmaker (DVRPC) presented the Draft DVRPC FY2014 TIP for New Jersey with Recommended Changes for adoption by the DVRPC Board.

Motion: by Carol Thomas, seconded by Jessica Lucas to recommend that the Board adopt the DVRPC FY2014-FY2017 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for New Jersey with the proposed recommended changes as the region's official selection of transportation projects for federal funding, by passing the appropriate Resolution.

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

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

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

a. **PA13-41: Montgomery County Act 13 Local Bridges, (Various MPMS#s), Montgomery County**

Montgomery County has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2013-2016 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding eight new local bridge projects to the TIP for design, right-of-way, and construction in FY13 in the amount of \$897,825 using the 2012 allocation of Act 13 funds. These are additional funds to the region.

Motion: by Matthew Edmund, seconded by Norm Hetrick, to recommend the Board amend the FY2013-2016 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding eight new local bridge projects to the TIP for design, right-of-way, and construction in FY13 in the amount of \$897,825 using the 2012 allocation of Act 13 funds.

1. Black Rock Road over Mill Creek (MPMS# 98008) in Lower Merion Township in the amount of \$329,904 (\$58,465 final design, \$2,500 right-of-way, and \$268,939 construction);

2. Old Gulph Road over Mill Creek (MPMS# 98009) in Lower Merion Township in the amount of \$65,540 (\$11,525 final design, \$1,000 right-of-way, and \$53,015 construction);

3. *Ashbourne Road over Tookany Creek (MPMS# 98010) in Cheltenham Township in the amount of \$79,400 (\$14,000 final design, \$1,000 right-of-way, and \$64,400 construction);*
4. *Sumneytown Pike over Towamencin Creek (MPMS# 98011) in Upper Gwynedd Township in the amount of \$33,900 (\$5,875 final design, \$1,000 right-of-way and \$27,025 construction);*
5. *Germantown Pike over branch of Stoney Creek (MPMS# 98012) – East Norriton Township in the amount of \$142,600 (\$24,750 final design, \$4,000 right-of-way, and \$113,850 construction);*
6. *Ashmead Road over SEPTA (MPMS# 98013) – Cheltenham Township in the amount of \$161,377 (\$28,103 final design, \$4,000 right-of-way, and \$129,274 construction);*
7. *Green Lane Road over Deep Creek (MPMS# 98014) – Upper Frederick Township in the amount of \$24,800 (\$4,250 final design, \$1,000 right-of-way, and \$19,550 construction);*
8. *Mount Pleasant Avenue over Wissahickon Creek (MPMS# 98015) – Whitpain Township in the amount of \$60,304 (\$10,590 final design, \$1,000 right-of-way, and \$48,714 construction).*

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

b. PA13-42: Ellis Town Center, (MPMS# 96946) Delaware County

PennDOT has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2013 - 2016 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a new project to the TIP, Ellis Town Center, with a \$5,680,000 (\$4,000,000 State 581e/\$1,680,000 local match) construction phase in FY14. These are additional funds to the region, provided by discretionary economic development funds from the Secretary of Transportation. The \$4,000,000 is provided by the Transportation Investment Infrastructure Funds (TIIF) and the local match is provided by the developer, BPG. The overall estimated transportation construction cost of this project, is \$12,000,000, while the private development investment is estimated at \$544,000,000.

Motion: by Tom Shaffer, seconded by Jim Mosca, to recommend the Board amend the FY2013-2016 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a new project to the TIP, Ellis Town Center with a \$5,680,000 (\$4,000,000 State 581e/\$1,680,000 local match) construction phase in FY14. These are additional funds to the region.

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

c. PA13-43: Speakman's Covered Bridge/Frog Hollow Road, (MPMS# 14200) Chester County

PennDOT has requested that DVRPC modify the FY2013 - 2016 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding the construction phase of a project, Speakman's Covered Bridge/Frog Hollow Road, back into the TIP in the amount of \$1,800,000 (FY13 construction phase \$1,442,000 HCB, FY14 construction phase \$358,000 BOO), and also by increasing the final design phase by \$75,000 State 185.

Motion: by Randy Waltermeyer, seconded by Tom Shaffer, to recommend the Board modify the FY2013-2016 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding the construction phase of a project, Speakman's Covered Bridge/Frog Hollow Road, back into the TIP in the amount of \$1,800,000 (FY13 construction phase \$1,442,000 HCB, FY14 \$358,000 BOO), and also by increasing the final design phase by \$75,000 State 185.

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

d. NJ12-75: Sign Structure Replacement Contract 2011-1 (DB# 11427), Statewide

NJDOT has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2012–2015 STIP for New Jersey by adding a \$7,200,000 STP construction phase in FY13 to Sign Structure Replacement Contract 2011-1 (DB# 11427). The project locations and the scope of work were not completely identified FY2012-2021 STIP period until now.

Motion: by Jessica Lucas, seconded by Barbara Holcomb, to recommend the Board amend the FY2012–2021 STIP for New Jersey by adding a \$7,200,000 STP construction (CON) phase in FY13 to Sign Structure Replacement Contract 2011-1 (DB# 11427).

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

e. NJ12-76: Rail Rolling Stock Procurement (DB# T112), NJ TRANSIT

NJDOT has requested that DVRPC modify the FY2012-2015 TIP for New Jersey by increasing funding for NJ TRANSIT's Rail Rolling Stock Procurement (DB# T112), by \$14,000,000 CMAQ funds from \$4,395,000 to \$18,395,000 CMAQ funds for FY13 Capital Acquisition (CAP). Per FHWA direction, \$28 million federal funds were just released in the State of New Jersey by closing out old projects, thus making additional funds available to the state. NJTPA will also program \$14 million CMAQ funds in the NJTPA regional TIP for the purchase of rail cars. Funds will be subsequently flexed to the FTA.

Motion: Barbara Holcomb, seconded by Carol Thomas, to recommend the Board modify the FY2012–2015 TIP for New Jersey by increasing funding for NJ TRANSIT's Rail Rolling Stock Procurement (DB# T112), by \$14,000,000

CMAQ funds from \$4,395,000 to \$18,395,000 CMAQ funds for FY13 Capital Acquisition (CAP). Funds will be subsequently flexed to the FTA.

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

PRESENTATION ITEMS

10. U.S. Open Service Plan: The SEPTA Experience

The 2013 U.S. Open was held at the Merion Golf Club in Ardmore, PA June 10-16, 2013. Mike Liberi (Chief Surface Transportation Officer, SEPTA) provided details of SEPTA's service plan for the major golf event, and also highlighted their coordination efforts with the USGA and effected municipalities.

11. 2011 Annual Crash Data Bulletin - County

Kevin Murphy and Regina Moore (DVRPC) provided an overview of this annual bulletin, which provides a snapshot of road safety at the county and municipal-levels, and is a companion piece to the 2011 Annual Crash Data Bulletin for the Delaware Valley (DVRPC Publication #13010). The county bulletin advances the goals of the 2012 Transportation Safety Action Plan: Improving Transportation Safety in the Delaware Valley (DVRPC Publication #12030) by raising awareness and supplying decision makers with crash trend information.

INFORMATION ITEMS

12. Pennsylvania State Transportation Commission Public Outreach Modernization Project

The Pennsylvania State Transportation Commission is working on a pilot program to modernize their outreach process. John Ward (DVRPC) shared some of the highlights of the Pilot.

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

There were none.

15. Meeting Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 12:15AM.

The next scheduled meeting of the RTC is Tuesday, September 10, 2013.

ATTENDANCE (cont'd)

Other Member Representatives and Guests

Michael Carroll – Mayor’s Office of Transportation and Utilities
Nicholas Baker – Philadelphia Streets Department
Mike Liberi – SEPTA
Asrah Khadr – USEPA Region III
Sue Herman - Residents for Regional Traffic Solutions, Inc.
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