



DELAWARE VALLEY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
REGIONAL TECHNICAL COMMITTEE
SEPTEMBER 10, 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.

Mr. Levecchia stated that during the recess, he met with DVRPC staff to look over the agenda and make changes to better serve the public. In the past, Public Comment on Agenda items was located at the beginning of the RTC meeting. This will now be moved to the end of the meeting; allowing for the public to see the presentations of all of the agenda items and then make comments.

Mr. Levecchia continued by explaining that one of the purposes of the RTC is to promote action items to the DVRPC Board Agenda. As such, this change will allow for the public to provide comment after hearing the presentations of the items and during the time between the RTC and DVRPC Board meeting. Members of the public attending the RTC meeting who have questions about specific items or presentations are encouraged to speak to Candy Snyder or the respective staff member giving the presentation after the meeting.

Additionally, Mr. Levecchia stated that members of the public wishing to make comments on RTC Agenda items have the option to respond in person at the end of the RTC meeting during the public comment portion of the meeting or through email, fax, or regular US mail and through the online commenting application that can be accessed on the DVRPC website.

Lastly, Mr. Levecchia explained that as a result of this change, the RTC will hear Public Comment on Non-Agenda items at the start of the meeting.

2. Deputy Planning Director's Report

John Ward (DVRPC) began by welcoming everyone back from summer break.

Mr. Ward announced the Board approved all of the Action Items recommended by the committee at the RTC meeting on July 9, 2013.

Mr. Ward announced that PennDOT is in the process of posting weight restrictions on 1,000 bridges throughout the Commonwealth, 134 of which are within the DVRPC region.

Mr. Ward stated that PennDOT has released a new website to enhance the public input

process for the State Transportation Commission on the Twelve Year Transportation Program. The website is: www.talkpatransportation.com. He announced an upcoming online public meeting scheduled for Thursday, September 26, 2013 from 6PM to 7PM. During the webcast, Pennsylvania Department of Transportation Secretary Schoch will provide an update on state transportation issues and answer questions from participants. Anyone interested in participating can register via the website, and questions may be submitted in advance to: ra-penndotstc@pa.gov. The website also offers an opportunity to take a survey where users can prioritize their transportation concerns and identify transportation needs/locations using a web mapping application. Input can be provided through October 7, 2013.

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

Lastly, Mr. Ward announced that Matt West (DVRPC) will no longer be handling the administration of the RTC, and thanked him for his years working on making the monthly meetings run smoothly. He announced that the RTC administration will now be handled by Renee Wise (DVRPC).

3. Public Comment on Any Non-Agenda Item

None given.

ACTION ITEMS

4. Highlights of the Meeting of July 9, 2013

The highlights from July 9, 2013 meeting of the RTC were presented for adoption.

Motion: by Barb Holcomb, seconded by Jim Mosca to adopt the highlights for the July 9, 2013 RTC meeting.

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

5. Congestion Management Process (CMP) Supplemental Commitment Table

One road capacity-adding project requires RTC action for the construction phase to be added back into the FY2013 TIP for Pennsylvania. Jesse Buerk (DVRPC) asked the RTC to approve the supplemental commitment table for the Galloway Road project.

Motion: by Rich Brahler, seconded by Matthew Edmond, to approve the supplemental commitment table for the Galloway Road project.

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

6. DVRPC Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Actions

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

a. PA13-47: Local Bridge Line Item, (MPMS# 95447), Various Counties

DVRPC has requested that the DVRPC Board approve the list of projects recommended for funding as part of the DVRPC Local Bridge Program and amend the FY2013 - 2016 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding 16 new local bridge projects to the TIP to fund design and retro-reimbursements of local bridges in the amount of \$10,007,000 (\$8,006,000 State 183/\$2,001,000 Local) between FY14-FY16. Acknowledge \$29,316,000 will be identified in Later Fiscal Years (LFY) for remaining phases accordingly: shift \$4,980,000 State 185 (FY18-20) and /\$18,474,000 State 185 (FY21-24) in the Later Fiscal Years from the Bridge Reserve Line Item MPMS #79929 to the Local Bridge Line Item MPMS #95447, and add Local matching funds totaling \$1,245,000 in FY18-20 LFY, and \$4,619,000 in FY21-24 LFY in order to maintain fiscal constraint. \$8,765,000 in state bridge funds were made available in the Local Bridge Line Item in order to address the repair of locally owned structurally deficient bridges. This action will initiate a combination of preliminary engineering, final design or retro-reimbursements for projects. The total estimated cost for all phases (design through construction of the 16 projects) is \$39,323,000 which spans across the 12 year planning horizon of the TIP.

b. PA13-48: Chester County Act 13 Local Bridges, (Various MPMS#s), Chester County - Add Proposed New Projects to the TIP

Chester County has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2013 - 2016 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding two new local bridge projects to the TIP for preliminary engineering, design, and construction in FY14 in the amount of \$1,070,000 using the 2012 allocation of Act 13 funds. These are additional funds to the region.

c. PA13-49: Montgomery County Act 13 Local Bridges, (Various MPMS#s), Montgomery County – Add Proposed New Projects to the TIP

Montgomery County has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2013 - 2016 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding four new local bridge projects to the TIP for design, right-of-way, and construction in FY14 in the amount of \$1,157,149 using the 2012 allocation of Act 13 funds. These are additional funds to the region.

Motion: by Aissia Richardson, seconded by Jim Mosca, to recommend the Board approve the list of projects recommended for funding as part of the DVRPC Local Bridge Program and amend the FY2013 - 2016 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding 16 new local bridge projects to the TIP to fund design and retro-reimbursements of local bridges in the amount of \$10,007,000 (\$8,006,000 State 183/\$2,001,000 Local) between FY14-FY16; amend the FY2013 - 2016 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding two new local bridge projects to the TIP for preliminary engineering, design, and construction in FY14 in the amount of \$1,070,000 using the 2012 allocation of Act 13 funds; and amend the FY2013 - 2016 TIP for Pennsylvania by

adding four new local bridge projects to the TIP for design, right-of-way, and construction in FY14 in the amount of \$1,157,149 using the 2012 allocation of Act 13 funds.

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

d. PA13-50: Approval of Automated Red-Light Enforcement (ARLE) Round 2 (2012 funding) Projects (Various MPMS#'s), Various Counties

PennDOT has requested that DVRPC approve the list of projects selected as part of PennDOT's Automated Red-Light Enforcement (ARLE) Program Round 3 and amend the FY2013-2016 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding the projects to the PA TIP for construction in FY14. The DVRPC region was awarded a total of \$3,227,397 of State Appropriation 244 funding, for 19 projects. \$488,500 is for projects in Bucks County, \$329,925 is for projects in Chester County, \$250,000 is for projects in Delaware County, and \$658,972 is for projects in Montgomery County, and \$1,500,000 is for projects in the City of Philadelphia.

Motion: by Andrew Stober, seconded by Michelle Webb, to recommend the Board amend the FY2013-2016 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding the projects to the PA TIP for construction in FY14. The DVRPC region was awarded a total of \$3,227,397 of State Appropriation 244 funding, for 19 projects.

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

e. PA13-51: Galloway Road, (MPMS# 57617) Bucks County

PennDOT has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2013 - 2016 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding the construction phase of a project, Galloway Road, back into the TIP in the amount of \$4,510,000 (FY14 construction phase \$1,697,000 STU/\$424,000 State 581; FY15 construction phase \$1,911,000 STP/\$478,000 State 581).

Motion: by Rich Brahler, seconded by Norm Hetrick, to recommend the Board amend the FY2013-2016 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding the construction phase of a project, Galloway Road, back into the TIP in the amount of \$4,510,000 (FY14 construction phase \$1,697,000 STU/\$424,000 State 581; FY15 construction phase \$1,911,000 STP/\$478,000 State 581).

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

f. PA13-52: State of Good Repair, (MPMS# 77180) SEPTA – Add New Project to Program

SEPTA requests that DVRPC amend the FY2013-2016 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding the Fern Rock Car House Roof Replacement, to the State of Good repair Program, to the

TIP in the amount of \$4,521,605 (\$3,617,284 Section 5337/\$753,601 State Section 1514 Bond/\$150,720 Local) to the Capital Asset Construction (CAP) phase in FY14.

Motion: by Barb Holcomb, seconded by Aissia Richardson, to recommend the Board amend the FY2013-2016 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding the Fern Rock Car House Roof Replacement, as requested.

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

7. Addendum Changes to the Draft DVRPC FY2014 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for New Jersey

DVRPC adopted the Draft FY2014 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for New Jersey with Recommended Changes on July 25, 2013. Additional changes to the program have been identified and should be incorporated into the final document. Elizabeth Schoonmaker (DVRPC) presented additional changes to the program and asked that the RTC recommend the Board approve the Addendum Changes to the Draft DVRPC FY2014 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for New Jersey.

Motion: by Carol Thomas, seconded by Jessica Lucas, to recommend the Board approve the Addendum Changes to the Draft DVRPC FY2014 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for New Jersey.

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

8. Adoption of New Memorandum of Understanding Among New Jersey Transit Corporation, The New Jersey Department of Transportation, The North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority, the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission and the South Jersey Transportation Planning Organization for Exchange of Program Funds for Federal Fiscal Years 2014 Through 2018

Elizabeth Schoonmaker presented a recommendation for adoption: a new Memorandum of Understanding among New Jersey Transit, NJDOT, North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority, DVRPC, and the South Jersey Transportation Planning Organization which provides the general parameters of the exchange of program funds among agencies. The Program Exchange for DVRPC entails exchanging State TTF funds for an equal portion of DVRPC's STP-STU federal funds and will be in effect for federal and state fiscal years 2014 through 2018

Motion: by Carol Thomas, seconded by Andy Clark, to recommend the Board adopt the Memorandum of Understanding Among New Jersey Transit Corporation, The New Jersey Department of Transportation, The North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority, the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission and the South Jersey Transportation Planning Organization for Exchange of Program Funds Federal Fiscal Years 2014 through 2018.

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

9. Fiscal Year 2014 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. Montgomery County – Traffic Counts

John Ward (DVRPC) presented Montgomery County's request that DVRPC collect vehicle classification data on 73 county owned bridges. This information will be included in the county asset management database. This database will be used by county staff for transportation infrastructure needs assessment. DVRPC will provide vehicle classification information at locations determined by the county. All data will be collected in 15-minute intervals and average annual daily traffic (AADT) volumes will be provided. Truck percentages will be developed for all locations if possible. All data will be compiled in a GIS format for inclusion in the county's asset management database and GIS map.

Motion: by Matthew Edmond, seconded by Jim Mosca, to recommend the Board amend the FY2014 Planning Work Program to add the Montgomery County Traffic Counting Project.

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

b. Regional Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) Update

Mary Bell (DVRPC) explained that in September 2009 the U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA) adopted the *Greater Philadelphia Economic Development Framework*, co-authored by DVRPC, as the region's Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS). EDA requires that the CEDS be evaluated and updated annually and substantially revised or re-written at least once every five years. DVRPC has applied to the EDA for a grant that will enable staff to continue to facilitate coordinated regional economic development planning in the Greater Philadelphia region and complete the required 5-year revision of the Greater Philadelphia regional CEDS. Comprehensive planning funds already programmed in the FY 2014 Planning Work Program under project #14-44-020 (Economic Analysis and Coordination) and project #14-44-200 (PA/NJ Local Planning Initiatives) will be used as matching funds for this grant.

Motion: by Aissia Richardson, seconded by Matthew Lawson, to recommend the Board amend the FY2014 Planning Work Program to add the Regional Comprehensive Economic Development Update.

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

c. FY2014 Work Program Amendment: Rooftop Solar Challenge: Solar Ready Partnership

Liz Compitello (DVRPC) explained that the U.S. Department of Energy issued a Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) in December 2012 for the "The Rooftop Solar

Challenge II.” The Rooftop Solar Challenge II is a program intended to deploy—at regional and national scales—innovative, local-government-level solutions for eliminating market barriers and lowering the non-hardware balance of system costs (“soft costs”) of grid-tied photovoltaics (PV), including (1) customer acquisition; (2) permitting, inspection, and interconnection; (3) installation labor; and (4) installer labor for arranging third-party financing. These soft costs can account for up to 40 percent of the installed cost of a solar PV system.

Motion: by Aissia Richardson, seconded by Andrew Stober, to recommend the Board amend the DVRPC FY 2014 Planning Work Program to add the Solar Ready Partnership.

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

10. FY2015 Pennsylvania New Freedom Project Recommendations

Greg Krykewycz (DVRPC) presented the recommended slate of five recommended New Freedom projects for the FY2015 Pennsylvania selection round.

Motion: by Andrew Stober, seconded by Randy Waltermeyer, to recommend the Board approve the recommendations for FY 2015 PA New Freedom Funding.

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

11. DVRPC Regional Trails Program: Phase III Projects

Chris Linn (DVRPC) explained that in 2011, the William Penn Foundation provided DVRPC with \$10 million to promote trail development in Greater Philadelphia through direct grants and technical assistance. Two grant rounds have been completed, awarding a total of \$5,778,000 to 30 trail planning, design, and construction projects throughout the region. Staff will recommend additional projects for funding through a third grant round that will expend remaining program funds and request a recommendation to the DVRPC Board for funding approval. asked that the RTC recommend the Board approve the 13 Phase III projects recommended for funding.

Motion: by Barb Holcomb, seconded by Jessica Lucas, to recommend the Board approve the 13 Phase III projects recommended for funding.

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

12. Pennsylvania Infrastructure Investment Authority (PENNVEST) Funding Request in Philadelphia

Patty Elkis (DVRPC) explained that PennVest is an independent agency of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania which provides funding for drinking water, wastewater treatment, stormwater management and brownfield assessments and remediation projects. The Program provides grants and long-term loans through a revolving loan fund

to eligible entities. DVRPC reviews PennVest applications for consistency with our long-range plan.

Motion: by Aissia Richardson, seconded by Andrew Stober, to recommend the Board to authorize the Executive Director to send a letter notifying PENNVEST of project's consistency with county and regional plans.

Motion passed. 22 votes were cast in favor. 1 vote was cast against. No abstentions.

DISCUSSION ITEM

13. Fiscal Year 2015 Work Program Development.

Barry Seymour (DVRPC) and John Ward (DVRPC) led a discussion on Fiscal Year 2015 Work Program Development.

PRESENTATION ITEMS

14. Pennsauken Transit Center study

Presentation was postponed to a later date

INFORMATION ITEMS

15. One Minute Reports

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

16. Old Business, New Business, Public Comment on Any Agenda Item

Dennis Winters stated his objection to changing the public comment on agenda items to the end of the meeting. He also asked for clarification on several projects.

17. Meeting Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 11:53AM.

The next scheduled meeting of the RTC is Tuesday, OCTOBER 8, 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
 (not represented)
 (not represented)
 (not represented)
 (not represented)
 Norm Hetrick
 Patrick Patterson
 James Mosca
 (not represented)
 Linda Guarini
 Rich Brahler
 Carol Thomas
 Andrew Levecchia
 Randy Waltermeyer
 Thomas Shaffer
 Jessica Lucas
 Matthew Lawson
 Matthew Edmond
 Alan Urek
 Michelle Webb
 Andrew Stober
 Edward Williams
 (not represented)
 (not represented)
 Barbara Holcomb
 Lou Millan
 (not represented)
 Zoe Robertson
 Harry Fox
 Aissia Richardson

Representative

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

Angela Murray – lower Merion Township
Nicholas Baker – Philadelphia Department of Streets
W.A. Finnen – Penn Township, Chester County
Sandy Martin – McCormick Taylor, Inc.
Sue Herman – RRTS
Ruth Foster – NJDEP
Bill Comer – Resident
Jeannette Brugger – Philadelphia City Planning Commission
Dennis Winters – Clean Air Council

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