



DELAWARE VALLEY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
REGIONAL TECHNICAL COMMITTEE
OCTOBER 8, 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 following discussion at the Board meeting, the RTC has decided to return to the previous format for public commenting. The RTC will now hear public comment on Agenda and Non-Agenda items at the start of the meeting.

2. Deputy Planning Director's Report

John Ward (DVRPC) began by welcoming Leo Bagley, Vice Chair of the RTC, and all other RTC members.

Mr. Ward announced that the Board approved all of the Action Items recommended by the committee at the RTC meeting on September 10, 2013. Additionally it was agreed that Staff should not bring any PennVest applications forward unless they are recommending water or sewer service capacity changes or if the application is coming directly from DVRPC.

Mr. Ward called the RTC's attention to the fact that the Public Participation Task Force Membership Application Round is now open. DVRPC is opening a new selection round in order to add up to eight new members who will be chosen through an application process. Applicants must reside within DVRPC's nine-county planning area and it is preferred that they have an interest in planning, as well as knowledge of regional issues, civic engagement, diversity of experience, and effective communication skills. More information and an application are available on DVRPC's website under "Get Involved."

Mr. Ward announced that DVRPC is continuing to work with the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation and the New Jersey Department of Transportation to determine available funding levels for the FY15 Work Program. According to preliminary discussions on the Pennsylvania side, it looks like there will be decreases in both the Federal planning funds available to DVRPC and the State's match of those funds. The New Jersey Department of Transportation is scheduling a meeting to discuss state-wide funding allocation of the Federal planning funds, therefore the Commission is currently in a wait and see phase in New Jersey.

Mr. Ward stated that October 8th is the deadline for the FY15 Unified Planning Work Program project submittals. There is a Work Program Committee meeting next Tuesday (October 15) to select projects.

Mr. Ward announced that October 25th is the deadline for FY15 SRHPP and TSP Special Studies project submittals.

Mr. Ward called the RTC's attention to the Connections 2040 Long Range Plan which is now in its final, completed form and will be available soon. Brochures about the Plan are currently available while printing is being completed on the entire document.

Mr. Ward stated that there will be a Delaware Valley Goods Movement Task Force meeting on October 16th and he encouraged everyone to attend.

Lastly, Mr. Ward announced that the next RTC meeting will be taking place on November 12th.

3. Public Comment on Any Agenda and Non-Agenda Item

Bridget Chadwick, citizen of Cheltenham Township, asked a question regarding design phases not showing up in the TIP document tables. She asked if it can be assumed that design phases for projects are completed if they do not show up in the TIP tables. Rick Murphy (DVRPC) and Jim Mosca (PennDOT) answered jointly that the tables in the TIP document are financial tables, and if a final design phase has been obligated and authorized and no longer shows up on the TIP, it does not necessarily mean that the design phase has been completed – only that the phase is fully funded according to current estimates. Also, if a design phase is potentially added back into the TIP, most of the time, it is due to PennDOT having to pay Accrued Unbilled Costs, in order to close out the phase financially.

ACTION ITEMS

4. Highlights of the Meeting of September 10, 2013

The highlights from September 10, 2013 meeting of the RTC were presented for adoption.

Motion: by Randy Waltermeyer, seconded by Matthew Lawson to adopt the highlights for the September 10, 2013 RTC meeting.

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

5. DVRPC Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Actions

Rick Murphy (DVRPC) presented one TIP amendment for consideration.

a. NJ41-01: Berlin Road Streetscape Improvements, Camden County, (DB# D1009), Camden County

The Borough of Lindenwold has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2014 - 2017 TIP for New Jersey by adding the Berlin Road Streetscape Improvements, Camden County (DB# D1009) project back in to the TIP in the amount of \$552,200 DEMO

for construction in FY14.

Motion: by Barbara Holcomb, seconded by Jessica Lucas, to recommend the Board approve TIP Action NJ14-01, the Borough of Lindenwold's request that DVRPC amend the FY2014-2017 TIP for New Jersey by adding the Berlin Road Streetscape Improvements, Camden County (DB# D1009) project back in to the TIP in the amount of \$552,200 DEMO for construction in FY14.

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

DISCUSSION ITEM

6. PennDOT Update on Local Asset Data Collection and PennShare

Matthew Long (PennDOT) provided an update on the status of the Local Asset Data Collection effort. He also introduced PennShare in which they will be setting up a location to post information for sharing with partners and customers.

PRESENTATION ITEMS

7. Pennsauken Transit Center study

Andrew Svekla (DVRPC) presented the results of a recently completed a study of the Pennsauken Transit Center, a new rail transit facility being constructed by NJ Transit at the crossing of the Atlantic City Rail Line (ACRL) and the RiverLINE in Pennsauken, NJ. The study outlines several strategies designed to facilitate better access to the transit center and identifies economic development opportunities created within the station area.

8. Update on DVRPC's Aviation System Planning

Kale Driemeier (DVRPC) presented on DVRPC's aviation planning efforts to address trends and needs at the airports and heliports in a twelve county/four state region. An overview was provided regarding the current planning activities including development of a 2040 Regional Aviation System Plan, and the annual aircraft operations counting program.

9. Managing Access in the Delaware Valley: Ridge Pike, Lower Providence, Montgomery County

Amy Bernknopf (DVRPC) presented on the Office of Transit, Bicycle, and Pedestrian Planning's access management corridor case studies. She explained that potential case study corridors are assessed by their inclusion in the regional CMP, in addition to other qualitative factors to determine a study's benefit locally and regionally. The access management case study presented, addresses an emerging corridor on Ridge Pike in Lower Providence Township, Montgomery County.

INFORMATION ITEMS

10. FY15 UPWP Transit Support Program and Supportive Regional Highway Planning Program Work Program Submission Schedule

Sarah Oaks (DVRPC) called the RTC's attention to the FY15 UPWP Transit Support Program and Supportive Regional Highway Planning Program Work Program Submission Schedule and asked that all RTC members send their Special Studies Work Programs by October 25 at noon.

11. One Minute Reports

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

12. Old Business and New Business

10. Meeting Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 11:50 AM.

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

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

Matthew D. Long – PennDOT

Greg Vallette - PennDOT

Nicholas Baker – Philadelphia Department of Streets

Elizabeth Smith - SEPTA

Bridget Chadwick – Cheltenham Citizen

Jeannette Brugger – Philadelphia City Planning

Sue Herman – Citizen of Bucks County

Dennis Winters – Clean Air Council

Patricia Ellis – Mayor's Office of Transportation and Utilities

Christina Moran - Gloucester County Planning Department

DVRPC Staff

John Ward

Patty Elkis

Chris Puchalsy

Rick Murphy

Kwan Hui

Greg Krykewycz

Andrew Svekla

Amy Bernknopf

Candy Snyder

Jane Meconi

Kale Driemeier

Will Stevens

Dave Anderson

Sarah Oaks

Julia Strapp

Ken Thompson

John Coscia, Jr.

Renee Wise

