



## DELAWARE VALLEY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

### REGIONAL TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

January 7, 2014 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) announced that the Board approved all of the Action Items recommended by the committee at the RTC meeting on November 12, 2013.

Mr. Ward called the RTC's attention to DVRPC's Board Retreat, held on December 12. The theme of the Board Retreat was *Changing Technology: Changing Transportation*. Regional Excellence Awards were presented to Governor Chris Christie as Regional Leader of the Year, Pennsauken Transit Center as Regional Transportation Project of the Year, Paseo Verde in Philadelphia as Land use Project of the Year, Bucks County Municipal Economic Development Initiative as Regional Economic Development Program of the Year, and Cooper River park in Camden County as Regional Environmental Program of the Year.

Mr. Ward commented that he is pleased that the Pennsylvania Transportation funding Legislation was passed. Additionally, PennDOT's Transportation Alternatives Program C.O., is working with the Planning Partners on the final guidance for the program and is expected to release applications in late January or early February.

Mr. Ward noted that DVRPC has some new reports that have just been published. One new report, called *Environmental Justice at DVRPC* is an annual update that catalogues DVRPC's fiscal year 2013 programs and plans that contain Environmental Justice (EJ) elements. Descriptions for each project or program that utilize DVRPC's EJ methodology, now known as the indicators of Potential Disadvantage (IPD), are discussed. Additional reports are: *Revitalizing Suburban Downtown Retail Districts: Strategies and Best Practices*, and *G Street and Kensington Avenue Road Safety Audits*.

Mr. Ward called the RTC's attention to DVRPC's FY13 Annual Report which is now available.

Mr. Ward announced that the joint Goods Movement Task Force and Transportation Operations Task Force meeting will be taking place on January 17.

Mr. Ward noted that the next RTC meeting will be taking place on February 11.

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

There were no public comments.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

### **4. Highlights of the Meeting of November 12, 2013**

The highlights from November 12, 2013 meeting of the RTC were presented for adoption.

*Motion: by Matthew Lawson, seconded by Barbara Holcomb to adopt the highlights for the November 12, 2013 RTC meeting.*

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

### **5. DVRPC Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Actions**

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

#### **a. NJ14-09: Mercer County Signal Project, CR 533, (DB# D0702) Mercer County -Add Project Back into TIP**

Mercer County has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2014 - 2017 TIP for New Jersey by adding the Mercer County Signal Project, CR 533, (DB# D0702) project back into the TIP by programming a \$155,000 STP-STU Design phase in FY14 and by adding construction in FY20 in the amount of \$3,500,000 STP-STU.

*Motion: by Jessica Lucas, seconded by Matthew Lawson, to recommend the Board approve TIP Action NJ14-09, Mercer County's request that DVRPC amend the FY2014-2017 TIP for New Jersey by adding the Mercer County Signal Project, CR 533, (DB# D0702) project back into the TIP by programming a \$155,000 STP-STU Design phase in FY14 and by adding construction in FY20 in the amount of \$3,500,000 STP-STU.*

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

#### **b. PA13-62: I-95/Turnpike Interchange Section D10, (MPMS# 95439) Bucks County – Add Breakout Project to TIP**

PennDOT has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2013 - 2016 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a breakout project, I-95/Turnpike Interchange Section D10, (MPMS# 95439), to the TIP in the amount of \$135,189,135 (FY14: \$30,000,000 SPIKE-NHPP/, \$1,189,135 SXF (earmark)/\$54,000,000 Turnpike for construction/ FY15: \$30,000,000 SPIKE-NHPP for construction/ FY16: \$20,000,000 SPIKENHPP for construction). There is also an addition of \$20,000,000 SPIKE-NHPP in FY17 for construction, which is in Later Fiscal Years.

*Motion: by Richard Brahler, seconded by Linda Guarini, to recommend the Board approve TIP Action PA13-62, PennDOT's request that DVRPC amend the FY2013*

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

## **6. 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. I-95 Planning Assistance**

Jesse Buerk (DVRPC) presented a new project that would provide technical and planning assistance to PennDOT District 6 for support in implementation of the I-95 Reconstruction Projects.

*Motion: by Barbara Holcomb, seconded by Linda Guarini, to recommend the Board amend the FY2014 Planning Work Program to add the I-95 Planning Assistance Program.*

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

## **7. DVRPC Fiscal Year (FY) 2015 Planning Work Program**

The Draft Planning Work Program for FY 2015 was approved by the Board for distribution and review, with the public comment period closing on January 13, 2014. DVRPC staff are in the process of responding to comments that have been received and are working to resolve any open issues. After Board adoption, relevant revisions will continue to be incorporated into the Work Program and the Final document will be produced. John Griffies (DVRPC) asked the RTC to recommend that the Board adopt the Final FY 2015 Planning Work Program, pending the resolution of any outstanding comments and issues.

*Motion: by Tom Shaffer, seconded by Jim Mosca, to recommend the Board approve the FY 2015 DVRPC Unified Planning Work Program, authorize the Executive Director to submit applications and documentation as may be required to fund the program and enter into, negotiate and execute all required contracts and agreements by adopting Resolution No. B-FY14-004. Further, approve the actions to amend or modify the FY 2014 TIP for New Jersey and the FY 2013 TIP for Pennsylvania as required.*

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

## **PRESENTATION ITEMS**

### **8. 2005-2010 Travel Trends**

Brad lane, Senior Transportation Engineer in DVRPC's Office of Modeling and Analysis, provided an overview of the most recent travel count data, collected in 2010, and a brief discussion of the changes in travel patterns throughout the region between 2005 and 2010; in particular, the recent Recession's (December 2007 – June 2009) impact on travel. Data was presented for auto, public transit, bicycle, and pedestrian trips.

### **9. DVRPC Bicycle and Pedestrian Counting Programs**

Scott Brady, Manager of the Office of Travel Monitoring, presented on the current status of bicycle and pedestrian counting activity at DVRPC. This included a discussion of initiatives to establish permanent counting sites as well as a cyclical counting program.

### **10. One Minute Reports**

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

### **11. Old Business and New Business**

### **12. Meeting Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 11:55 AM.

**The next scheduled meeting of the RTC is Tuesday, February 11, 2014.**

**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

**Representative**

Andrew Clark  
 (not represented)  
 (not represented)  
 (not represented)  
 (not represented)  
 Lisa Worden  
 (not represented)  
 James Mosca  
 Joshua Novotney  
 Linda Guarini  
 Rich Brahler  
 Carol Thomas  
 Andrew Levecchia  
 Randy Waltermeyer  
 Thomas Shaffer  
 Jessica Lucas  
 Matthew Lawson  
 Leo Bagley  
 Alan Urek  
 Michelle Webb  
 Andrew Stober  
 Edward Williams  
 (not represented)  
 (not represented)  
 Barbara Holcomb  
 Lou Millan  
 (not represented)  
 Brendan Cotter  
 (not represented)  
 (not represented)  
**Representative**  
 (not represented)  
 Kelvin MacKavanagh  
 (not represented)  
 Jonathan Crum  
 (not represented)  
 (not represented)  
 (not represented)  
 William Ragozine  
 (not represented)  
 Don Steele  
 (not represented)  
 (not represented)  
 (not represented)  
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Transportation Operations Task Force	(not represented)
US EPA - Region II	(not represented)
US EPA - Region III	(not represented)
US Department of Housing and Urban Development	(not represented)

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

Nicholas Baker – Philadelphia Streets Department  
Patricia Ellis – Mayor’s Office of Transportation and Utilities  
Sue Herman - Resident  
Bill Comer – Resident  
Rich Avicolti – Gilmore & Associates

**DVRPC Staff**

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