



DELAWARE VALLEY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

REGIONAL TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

June 10, 2014 Meeting Highlights

DVRPC Conference Room, Philadelphia, PA

1. Call to Order - Chairperson's Comments

Andrew Levecchia (Chairperson, Camden County) welcomed RTC members 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 May 6, 2014 except the CMP supplemental tables which did not require Board approval.

Mr. Ward reported that the public comment period has been opened for the Draft FY 2015-2018 TIP for PA and closes at 5:00 pm on June 30, 2014. The public comment period for the amendments to the Connections 2040 Long-Range Plan and the draft conformity documents will begin on June 16, 2014. A public meeting for the TIP, Long-Range Plan Amendments, and Conformity will be held at DVRPC on June 26, 2014 from 4:00 pm-6:00 pm.

Mr. Ward noted that the deadline for submitting NJ TAP applications is June 30. Information on the program is available on DVRPC's website.

Mr. Ward reminded RTC members that the application deadline for DCED's Multimodal Transportation Fund is June 20 and for PennDOT's Multimodal Transportation Fund the deadline is June 30.

Mr. Ward reported that the Pennsylvania Safety Symposium is being held today in Harrisburg and that among others Governor Corbett and Transportation Secretary Barry Schoch are speaking. RTC members can follow the event on twitter at #pasafety.

Mr. Ward announced that the RTC member handbook would be updated with new RTC member and officer information. He encouraged RTC members to contact him with any additional comments or suggestions for the handbook.

Mr. Ward called RTC members' attention to new DVRPC products; RIMIS newsletter; DVRPC's Public Participation Plan; DVRPC's Municipal Implementation Tool #023: Land Preservation through Noncontiguous Parcel Clustering in New Jersey.

Mr. Ward reminded RTC members that there is a Transportation Operations Task Force meeting on June 16, a Regional Aviation Committee meeting on June 19, and a Public Participation Task Force meeting on June 24.

Mr. Ward noted that the next RTC meeting will be taking place on July 8.

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

There were no public comments.

ACTION ITEMS

4. Highlights of the Meeting of May 6, 2014

The highlights from May 6, 2014 meeting of the RTC were presented for adoption.

Motion: by Matthew Lawson, seconded by Thomas Shaffer to adopt the highlights for the May 6, 2014 RTC meeting.

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

5. DVRPC Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Actions

Rick Murphy (DVRPC) presented four TIP amendments for consideration.

a. PA13-80: High Friction Surfaces, (MPMS #102572), Various Counties – Add Proposed Project to the TIP

PennDOT has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2013 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a new \$2,445,000 HSIP funded project, High Friction Surfaces (MPMS #102572), for construction in FY14. Funds from the federal Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) aim to achieve a significant reduction in traffic fatalities and serious injuries on all public roads, including non-state-owned public roads, and require a data-driven, strategic approach to improving highway safety on all public roads. This project is required to be let this FFY 2014 in order to maximize use of current year obligation authority, which has increased as a result of MAP-21, and as there has been a push to implement HSIP improvements statewide.

b. PA13-81: I-476, Mid County Expressway Roadway Reconstruction, (MPMS 80479), Montgomery County – Increase Cost

PennDOT has requested that DVRPC modify the FY2013 TIP for Pennsylvania by increasing the construction phase in FY14 from \$1,342,000 to \$7,842,000 NHPP funds by adding \$6,500,000 NHPP funds from the NHPP Reserve Line Item (MPMS #82216) to FY14 construction. Additional construction funding is requested to cover additional approved and pending work orders, contract adjustments, costs due to approved extended contract time, and potential claims for extra work completed for the project.

Motion: *by Leo Bagley, seconded by Andrew Stober* to recommend the Board approve the following TIP Actions:

PA13-80, PennDOT's request that DVRPC amend the FY2013 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a new \$2,445,000 HSIP funded project, High Friction Surfaces (MPMS #102572), for construction in FY14.

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

c. PA13-82: Approval of Six Resurfacing Projects, (Various MPMS#s), Various Counties – Add Proposed Projects to the TIP

PennDOT has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2013 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding six new resurfacing projects totaling \$27,120,000 SPIKE-581 (s581) funds for construction in FY14. Three projects are in Bucks County totaling \$13,900,000; one project is in Delaware County totaling \$3,520,000; and two projects are in Montgomery County totaling \$9,700,000. These are additional Act 89 funds to the region as projects were selected by Round 2 of PennDOT's statewide Surface Treatment Program.

Motion: *by Rich Braehler, seconded by Thomas Shaffer* to recommend the Board approve the following TIP Action:

PA13-82, PennDOT's request that DVRPC amend the FY2013 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding six new resurfacing projects totaling \$27,120,000 SPIKE-581 (s581) funds for construction in FY14. Three projects are in Bucks County totaling \$13,900,000; one project is in Delaware County totaling \$3,520,000; and two projects are in Montgomery County totaling \$9,700,000. These six projects are listed as follows:

- 1) SR 232 Resurfacing BucksCo (MPMS #102373), Bucks County - \$1,800,000
- 2) SR 132 Resurfacing BucksCo (MPMS #102374), Bucks County - \$7,600,000
- 3) SR611/SR1001 Pave/Reconst (MPMS #102375), Bucks County - \$4,500,000
- 4) SR0003 Resurfacing DelCo (MPMS #102835), Delaware County - \$3,520,000
- 5) SR 0611 Resurfacing MontCo (MPMS #102376), Montgomery County \$7,500,000
- 6) SR0232 Resurfacing MontCo (MPMS #102377), Montgomery County - \$2,200,000

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

d. PA13-83: Bucks County Act 13 Local Bridges, (Various MPMS#s), Bucks County – Add Proposed New Projects to the TIP

Bucks County has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2013 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding three (3) new local bridge projects for preliminary engineering in FY14, final design in FY14, and construction in FY14 (and in FY15 for two bridges) in the amount of \$1,758,577 using the 2012 and 2013 allocation of Act 13 funds. These are additional funds to the region.

The three bridges that have been requested are as follows:

1) Bridge Street over Cooks Creek (MPMS #98220) - \$750,000 (\$5,000 for preliminary engineering in FY14; \$20,000 for final design in FY14; and \$725,000 for construction in FY14) – This project was previously programmed to draw from the Local Bridge Line Item (MPMS #95447) for preliminary engineering in FY16, but it will now advance to FY14 due to Act 13 funds.

Work to be performed on this structurally deficient county bridge #198 in Springfield Township includes the replacement of steel stringers, grid deck and abutment and backwalls to correct the superstructure problems as well as other maintenance and safety improvements at the approaches.

2) Red Lion Road over Poquessing Creek (MPMS #102710) - \$405,000 (\$10,000 for preliminary engineering in FY14; \$20,000 for final design in FY14; \$375,000 overall for construction in FY14 (\$188,000) and FY15 (\$187,000))

Work to be performed on this structurally deficient county bridge #286 in Bensalem Township includes rehabilitation of the stone masonry spandrel walls and arches, as well as replacement of the parging along the inside of the arch rings to correct the superstructure problems. In addition, substructure maintenance and safety improvements at the approaches will be completed as there are currently no safety features on the bridge or at the bridge approaches.

3) Bucks Road over East Branch Perkiomen Creek, (MPMS #102711) - \$660,000 (\$25,000 for preliminary engineering in FY14; \$75,000 for final design in FY14; \$504,000 overall for construction in FY14 (\$252,000) and FY15 (\$252,000))

Work to be performed on this structurally deficient county bridge #339 in Bedminster Township includes the replacement of steel truss members, stringer to floor beams connections, steel stringers, grid deck, abutment seat and backwalls to correct the superstructure problems as well as other substructure maintenance and safety improvements at the approaches.

Motion: by Rich Brahler, seconded by Leo Bagley to recommend the Board approve the following TIP Action:

PA13-83, PennDOT's request that DVRPC amend the FY2013 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding three (3) new local bridge projects for preliminary engineering in FY14, final design in FY14, and construction in FY14 (and in FY15 for two bridges) in the amount of \$1,758,577 using the 2012 and 2013 allocation of Act 13 funds. These are additional funds to the region. The three projects are listed as follows:

1. Bridge Street over Cooks Creek (MPMS #98220) - \$750,000
2. Red Lion Road over Poquessing Creek (MPMS #102710) - \$405,000
3. Bucks Road over East Branch Perkiomen Creek, (MPMS #102711) - \$660,000

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

6. Adoption of 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 2015 Through 2018

Elizabeth Schoonmaker (DVRPC) explained that a new MOU (Memorandum of Understanding) was adopted last summer among New Jersey Transit, NJDOT, North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority, DVRPC, and the South Jersey Transportation Planning Organization which provided the general parameters of the exchange of program funds among those agencies for implementing capital projects in the NJ Transportation Improvement Programs (TIPs) for all three New Jersey MPO's and the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). A revised document with updated numbers has not been provided yet, so the attachment for reference is the current existing MOU.

Motion: by Lou Millan, seconded by Carol Thomas, that the RTC 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 2015 Through 2018.

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

7. Fiscal Year 2015 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. Pennsylvania Coastal Zone Management Implementation Program and City of Philadelphia Municipal Parking Lot Green Stormwater Infrastructure Study

Amy Miller (DVRPC) explained that DVRPC will collect and analyze data to guide potential green stormwater infrastructure improvements on Philadelphia municipal parking lots. It was proposed to amend to the FY2015 Planning Work Program by transferring this project and its budget of \$50,000 in Comprehensive Planning funds already programmed under Environmental Planning (#15-44-070) to the PA Coastal Zone Management Implementation Program (#15-44-180).

Motion: by Jim Mosca, seconded by Andrew Stober, that the RTC amend the FY 2015 Planning Work Program by transferring the City of Philadelphia Municipal Parking Lot Green Stormwater Infrastructure Study and its budget of \$50,000 in Comprehensive Planning funds already programmed under Environmental Planning (#15-44-070) to an enhanced PA Coastal Zone Management Implementation Program (#15-44-180).

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

b. Center City Bridges Reconstruction Analysis

Matt Gates (DVRPC) explained that starting in December 2014 and extending through 2018, PennDOT will be reconstructing or rehabilitating the Vine Street expressway bridges from 18th Street to 22nd Street and Schuylkill River bridges from Spring Garden to Chestnut Street. The reconstruction work will involve considerable lane closures and traffic detours. It will also impact bus operations and pedestrian movements across the bridges to/from Center City.

Motion: by Leo Bagley, seconded by Andrew Stober, that the RTC recommend the Board amend the FY 2015 Planning Work Program to include the Center City Bridge Model (MPMS #102328). Further, amend the FY 2013 TIP for Pennsylvania by reducing \$64,000 STU and \$16,000 State 581 funds from MPMS #79980 (STU Reserve line item) in FY 2014 as the source of funding (TIP Action PA13-79).

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

c. New Jersey Local Concept Development

John Coscia, Jr. (DVRPC) explained that the purpose of this program is to provide federal funds directly to member subregions for the advancement of projects through the Concept Development (CD) phase. The CD Phase involves drafting a well-defined and well-justified Purpose and Need Statement focusing on the primary transportation need to be addressed. CD Phase elements include, but are not limited to, data collection, coordination with New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) Subject Matter Experts/local stakeholders, risk identification, development of a reasonable number of sensible and practical conceptual alternatives and investigation of all aspects of a project. These aspects may include environmental, right of way, access, utilities, design, community involvement, and constructability.

Motion: by Alan Miller, seconded by Jessica Lucas, that the RTC recommend the Board amend the FY 2015 Planning Work Program to increase the amount of funds for this program.

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

8. Regional Project Selections and Statewide Project Recommendations for the Pennsylvania Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP)

Ryan Gallagher (DVRPC) explained that the PA TAP subcommittee developed selection criteria and used Decision Lens software to guide the selection process for regional and statewide projects. The committee reviewed 48 applications and selected regional projects using \$7.5 M in available funds. The committee also selected projects to recommend to PennDOT Central Office for statewide funding as part of PennDOT's statewide competition for TAP.

Motion: *by Andrew Stober, seconded by Richard Brahler*, that the RTC recommend the Board approve the recommended list of regional project selections for the Pennsylvania Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP).

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

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

Jesse Buerk (DVRPC) explained that one road capacity-adding project requires RTC action for its final design phase to advance as proposed in the draft FY2015-2018 TIP for Pennsylvania. The action is to approve the supplemental commitment table for the US 1 Bridges project.

Motion: *by Rich Brahler, seconded by Leo Bagley*, that the RTC recommend the Board approve the supplemental commitment table for the US 1 Bridges project.

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

10. Annual Self-Certification of the Regional Transportation Planning Process

John Ward (DVRPC) explained that federal regulations require that Metropolitan Planning Organizations self-certify that the Regional Transportation Planning Process is carried out in conformance with applicable federal regulations. Staff requested an RTC recommendation for Board approval.

Motion: *by Lisa Worden, seconded by Matthew Lawson*, that the RTC recommend the Board approve DVRPC's annual self-certification of the Regional Transportation Planning Process.

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

11. Appointment of Officers for FY2015 DVRPC Regional Technical Committee

John Ward (DVRPC) explained that the RTC Chairman for FY15 must be a voting member from Pennsylvania, and the Vice Chairman must be a voting member from New Jersey. On behalf of the nominating committee Mr. Ward recommended the election of Leo Bagley (Montgomery County) as Chair and Edward Williams (Camden City) as Vice Chair. Mr. Ward requested a vote to open nominations from the floor.

Motion *by Linda Guarini, seconded by Alan Miller*, to open nominations from the floor for the DVRPC RTC Chair and Vice Chair positions.

No nominations were taken from the floor.

Motion: *by Thomas Shaffer, seconded by Alan Miller*, to approve Leo Bagley (Montgomery County) as Chair of the RTC and Edward Williams (Camden City) as the FY15 RTC Vice Chairman.

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

PRESENTATION ITEMS

12. Mapping of Municipal Adoption of Smart Growth Tools

Karin Morris (DVRPC) presented on a recent effort to map which municipalities in our region have adopted specific smart growth tools. By providing useful local examples, DVRPC hopes to enable more municipalities to investigate their applicability. DVRPC will also be better able to track the progress of smart growth in the region.

13. SEPTA Strategic Business Plan (Fiscal Years 2015 through 2019)

SEPTA is in the midst of an update to its five-year Strategic Business Plan, which represents a framework for corporate planning across the organization. The plan for Fiscal Years 2010 through 2014 established a vision, mission, core values, and strategic objectives. The new plan for Fiscal Years 2015 through 2019 will add a balanced scorecard of key performance indicators for measuring and reporting plan outcomes. Erik Johanson (SEPTA) presented on the new five-year plan's overarching themes, performance indicators, and implementation strategies.

14. The Future of Scenario Planning

Brett Fusco (DVRPC) explained that staff recently completed a white paper that reviews past DVRPC scenario planning exercises, and identifies best practices. This paper advises to create and collaborate with a Futures Working Group consisting of regional stakeholder experts in the private, public, non-profit, and academic realms, which will identify future global drivers of change, and potential regional game changing projects. The working group's findings, analysis, and recommendations will be summarized in a short, graphic publication, incorporated into the Choices & Voices online scenario application, and will help to shape the next update to the Long-Range Plan.

INFORMATION ITEMS

12. One Minute Reports

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

13. Old Business

14. New Business

15. Meeting Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 12:06 PM.

The next scheduled meeting of the RTC is Tuesday, July 8, 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

Monica Etz
 (not represented)
 (not represented)
 (not represented)
 Alan Miller
 Lisa Worden
 (not represented)
 James Mosca
 Kate Schramm
 Linda Guarini
 Rich Brahler
 Carol Thomas
 Andrew Levecchia
 Randy Waltermeyer
 Thomas Shaffer
 Jessica Lucas
 Matthew Lawson
 Leo Bagley
 Jeannette Brugger
 Michelle Webb
 Andrew Stober
 Edward Williams
 (not represented)
 Diana Rogers
 Brian McFadden
 Lou Millan
 (not represented)
 Zoe Robertson
 (not represented)
 (not represented)

Representative

(not represented)
 (not represented)
 (not represented)
 Jonathan Crum
 (not represented)
 (not represented)
 (not represented)
 (not represented)
 William Ragozine
 (not represented)
 (not represented)
 Jacqueline Mandly
 (not represented)
 (not represented)
 (not represented)
 (not represented)

ATTENDANCE (cont'd)

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)

Other Member Representatives and Guests

Erik Johanson - SEPTA
Patricia Ellis – City of Philadelphia – Mayor’s Office of Transportation
Nicholas Baker – Philadelphia Streets Department
Marvin Nichols – SHARE Food Program
Bill Comer – Resident
Sue Herman – Citizen of Bucks County

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