

**DELAWARE VALLEY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION**  
**REGIONAL TECHNICAL COMMITTEE**  
**September 9, 2014 Meeting Highlights**  
**DVRPC Conference Room, Philadelphia, PA**

**1. Call to Order - Chairperson's Comments**

Leo Bagley (Chairperson, Montgomery 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 July 8, 2014, including the three most important requirements that DVRPC has: the Long-Range Plan, PA TIP, and Conformity Determination.

Mr. Ward called the RTC's attention to Final Guidance issued by the US DOT on a MAP-21 requirement to include Transit Agency representation on MPO Boards. DVRPC staff recommendation to the Board will be: 1) Take the exemption provision 2) Continue with 3 transit agencies as participating non-voting members of the Board 3) Continue with 3 transit agencies as voting members of the RTC and RTAC and 4) Update the Metropolitan Planning agreement to document the roles and responsibilities of transit providers, DOTs, and DVRPC in the Regional Transportation Planning Process.

Mr. Ward reminded RTC members that DVRPC would be going through the Federal Certification process November 5 and 6.

Mr. Ward noted that the next RTC meeting will be taking place on October 7.

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

There were no public comments.

**ACTION ITEMS**

**4. Highlights of the Meeting of July 8, 2014**

The highlights from July 8, 2014 meeting of the RTC were presented for adoption.

*Motion: by Barbara Holcomb, seconded by Alan Miller to adopt the highlights for the July 8, 2014 RTC meeting.*

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

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

Kwan Hui (DVRPC) presented four TIP amendments for consideration.

**a. NJ14-31: Rt. 42 Bridges over Blackwood Railroad Trail, (DB# 12313), Camden County – Add a Graduate SD/Proposed Project**

NJDOT has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2014 - 2017 TIP for New Jersey by adding a graduate Study and Development project, Rt. 42 Bridges over Blackwood Railroad Trail, (DB #12313), to the TIP in the total amount of \$9,600,000 NHPP funds and by programming accordingly: \$1,750,000 NHPP for preliminary engineering in FY15, \$1,850,000 NHPP for final design in FY17, and \$6,000,000 NHPP for construction in FY19. This project was programmed in the Study and Development program in FY14 and was known as Route 42, Southbound Bridge over Conrail (Abandoned). It is now ready to advance to Preliminary Engineering.

*Motion: by Andrew Levecchia, seconded by Jessica Lucas to recommend the Board approve the following TIP Action:*

NJ14-31, NJDOT's request that DVRPC amend the FY2014 - 2017 TIP for New Jersey by adding a graduate Study and Development project, Rt. 42 Bridges over Blackwood Railroad Trail, (DB #12313), to the TIP in the total amount of \$9,600,000 NHPP funds and by programming accordingly: \$1,750,000 NHPP for preliminary engineering in FY15, \$1,850,000 NHPP for final design in FY17, and \$6,000,000 NHPP for construction in FY19.

**b. NJ14-39: Riverton Road (CR 603) and Branch Pike (CR 606) Roundabout, (DB# D1409), Burlington County – Add a Proposed New Project**

Burlington County has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2014 - 2017 TIP for New Jersey by adding a new \$1,700,000 HSIP funded project, Riverton Road (CR 603) and Branch Pike (CR 606) Roundabout, (DB #D1409), to the TIP for construction in FY15.

*Motion: by Carol Thomas, seconded by Barbara Holcomb to recommend the Board approve the following TIP Action:*

NJ14-39, Burlington County's request that DVRPC amend the FY2014 - 2017 TIP for New Jersey by adding a new \$1,700,000 HSIP funded project, Riverton Road (CR 603) and Branch Pike (CR 606) Roundabout, (DB #D1409), to the TIP for construction in FY15.

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

**c. PA13-89: Bucks County Act 13 Local Bridges, (Various MPMS#s), Bucks County – Add Proposed New Projects to the TIP/ Delete a Project from the TIP**

Bucks County has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2013 - 2016 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding three (3) new local bridge projects for preliminary engineering (PE), final design (FD), right-of-way (ROW), and construction (CON) in FY14 in the amount of \$1,275,000, and due to a change in priority, by deleting a recently added Act 13 Bucks County bridge, Red Lion Road over Poquessing Creek (MPMS #102710). Resources that will be used to advance the three bridge projects are 2014 allocation of Act 13 funds (which are additional funds to the region), and 2012 and 2013 allocation of \$405,000 Act 13 funds from Red Lion Road over Poquessing Creek (MPMS #102710).

Motion: *by Rich Brahler, seconded by Jim Mosca* to recommend the Board approve the following TIP Action:

PA13-89, Bucks County's request that DVRPC amend the FY2013 - 2016 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding three (3) new local bridge projects for preliminary engineering (PE), final design (FD), right-of-way (ROW), and construction (CON) in FY14 in the amount of \$1,275,000, and due to a change in priority, by deleting a recently added Act 13 Bucks County bridge, Red Lion Road over Poquessing Creek (MPMS #102710). Resources that will be used to advance the 3 bridge projects are 2014 allocation of Act 13 funds (which are additional funds to the region), and 2012 and 2013 allocation of \$405,000 Act 13 funds from Red Lion Road over Poquessing Creek (MPMS #102710).

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

**d. PA15-01: Main St o/Br Perkiomen Cr (Bridge), (MPMS #92741), Bucks County – Federalize**

PennDOT has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2015 - 2018 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding \$135,000 NHPP funds to the right-of-way (ROW) phase in FY17 and by reducing FY17 ROW's \$135,000 State 185 bridge funds from \$135,000 to \$34,000 for Main St o/Br Perkiomen Cr (Bridge) (MPMS #92741). This action would federalize (include federal funds in) the bridge project and is necessary because at least one phase must be funded with federal funds in order to establish federal oversight of the project. There is no change to the project cost and schedule.

Motion: *by Rich Brahler, seconded by Mike Carroll* to recommend the Board approve the following TIP Action:

PA15-01, PennDOT's request that DVRPC amend the FY2015 - 2018 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding \$135,000 NHPP funds to the right-of-way (ROW) phase in FY17 and by reducing FY17 ROW's \$135,000 State 185 bridge funds from \$135,000 to \$34,000 for Main St o/Br Perkiomen Cr (Bridge) (MPMS #92741). This action would federalize (include federal funds in) the bridge project, which would establish federal oversight of the project. There is no change to the project cost and schedule.

**6. TCDI Project Selections**

Karen Cilurso (DVRPC) explained that DVRPC staff solicited new applicants for the FY 2015 Transportation and Community Development Initiative (TCDI) Grant Program. The application process and recommended list of projects for funding were presented.

Motion: *by Rich Brahler, seconded by Matthew Lawson*, that the RTC recommend the Board approve the recommended list of projects selected for the TCDI Grant Program.

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

**7. Fiscal Year 2015 Work Program Amendment: Camden Food Economy Strategy Implementation**

Alison Hastings (DVRPC) explained that this project, funded partially by the Campbell Soup Company, is a follow-up to the two-year Camden Food Economy strategy project. This project will allow for more in-depth distribution and dissemination of the published report (currently in draft form) and provide technical assistance to various public and private sector stakeholders in Camden City to implement recommendations.

Motion: *by Edward Williams, seconded by Andrew Levecchia*, that the RTC recommend the Board add the Camden Food Economy Strategy Implementation to DVRPC's 2015 Unified Planning Work Program.

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

## **8. Investing in People and Places: Greater Philadelphia's Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy**

Mary Bell (DVRPC) explained that *Investing in People and Places* was developed to satisfy the federal requirement for a comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) for the Greater Philadelphia region, and will serve as the required five-year revision of the regional CEDS originally adopted by the U.S. EDA in 2009. The CEDS provides background information on regional demographic and economic characteristics; identifies regional strengths, challenges, and opportunities; and identifies regional economic development goals and objectives. The document also includes a list of key regional economic development projects, which is periodically amended as necessary. A public comment period is being held from August 20, 2014 through September 19, 2014. Staff requested that the RTC recommend its adoption by the DVRPC Board.

Motion: *by Lisa Worden, seconded by Andrew Levecchia*, that the RTC recommend the Board adopt *Investing in People and Places: Greater Philadelphia's Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy*.

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

## **9. RTC Meeting Dates for Calendar Year 2015**

John Ward (DVRPC) presented a set of proposed meeting dates for the RTC for calendar year 2015.

Motion: *by Alan Miller, seconded by Lou Millan*, that the RTC approve the proposed meeting dates for the RTC for calendar year 2015.

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

## **PRESENTATION ITEMS**

### **10. Interstate Redesignation Signing PA Turnpike/I-95 Interchange Project**

It was explained that the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission (PTC), in cooperation with PENNDOT, NJDOT, NJTA, and the FHWA Division Offices from both states, seeks to revisit the redesignation scheme for the PA Turnpike/I-95 Interchange project. Consensus

on the preferred alternative has changed to an option implementing a new interstate route (I-395). The collective entities sought DVRPC concurrence on this new scheme.

### **INFORMATION ITEMS**

#### **11. FY16 UPWP Development Workshop**

### **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 12:10 PM.

**The next scheduled meeting of the RTC is Tuesday, October 7, 2014.**

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## **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)

### **Representative**

Monica Etz  
Ruth Foster  
(not represented)  
(not represented)  
Alan Miller  
Lisa Worden  
Heather Cowley  
James Mosca  
(not represented)  
(not represented)  
Rich Brahler  
Carol Thomas  
Andrew Levecchia  
Randy Waltermeyer  
Alex John  
Jessica Lucas  
Matthew Lawson  
Leo Bagley  
Alan Urek  
Nicholas Baker  
Michael Carroll  
Edward Williams  
(not represented)  
(not represented)  
Barbara Holcomb  
Lou Millan  
(not represented)  
Zoe Robertson  
(not represented)  
Jim Hopkins

### **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

### **Representative**

(not represented)  
Kelvin MacKavanagh  
(not represented)  
(not represented)  
(not represented)  
(not represented)  
(not represented)  
(not represented)  
(not represented)  
(not represented)  
(not represented)  
Jacqueline Mandly  
(not represented)  
(not represented)  
(not represented)  
(not represented)  
(not represented)  
(not represented)

## **ATTENDANCE (cont'd)**

US EPA - Region III  
US Department of Housing and Urban Development

(not represented)  
(not represented)

### **Other Member Representatives and Guests**

Patricia Ellis – Mayor’s Office of Transportation and Utilities  
Kevin Kraft – Mercer County Planning Commission  
Elizabeth Smith – SEPTA  
Patrick Kelly – Jacobs  
Allie Sedor – Jacobs  
Dennis Winters – Clean Air Council  
Eddie Battle – Eddie R. Battle Associates, Inc.  
Sue Herman - Resident  
Bill Comer – Resident

### **DVRPC Staff**

Barry Seymour  
Rich Bickel  
John Ward  
Patty Elkis  
Chris Puchalsky  
Matthew West  
Elizabeth Schoonmaker  
Kwan Hui  
David Anderson  
Matt Gates  
John Griffies  
Julia Strapp  
Ted Dahlburg  
Zoe Neaderland  
Sarah Oaks  
Rob Graff  
Allison Hastings  
Mary Bell  
Mike Boyer  
John Coscia, Jr.  
Karin Morris  
Laurie Matkowski  
Greg Krykewycz

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