

DELAWARE VALLEY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
REGIONAL TECHNICAL COMMITTEE
October 7, 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 Executive 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 September 9, 2014.

Mr. Ward reported that this RTC meeting was the first without Rich Bickel who retired last week. There was a cake celebration for him and because of his retirement, there has been some reassignment and reorganization in the Planning Division of DVRPC. Mr. Ward noted that he is now the Deputy Executive Director, Patty Elkis is now the Planning Division Director, and Chris Puchalsky is now the Deputy Director of Transportation Planning. Chair Bagley and the RTC congratulated John Ward, Patty Elkis, and Chris Puchalsky on their promotions.

Mr. Ward called the RTC's attention to the newly updated RTC Member Handbook, which was available to members and alternates at the meeting and would be mailed out to those not in attendance.

DVRPC helped to organize a very successful meet and greet on September 17 at PennDOT District 6 to educate PennDOT project managers on the services that the TMAs can provide to them as their projects move through the design and construction phases.

Mr. Ward reminded RTC members that DVRPC would be going through the Federal Certification Review process November 5 and 6. RTC members are invited to come to a portion of the meeting on November 6, which will be open to the public.

Mr. Ward called the RTC's attention to some new DVRPC reports: SEPTA Fare Sensitivity Analysis Using DVRPC's Travel Forecasting Model; Congestion and Crash Site Analysis Program – Lower Providence Township, Montgomery County; and Environmental Justice at DVRPC – FY 2014.

Mr. Ward noted that there is a Delaware Valley Goods Movement Task Force meeting on October 15, a Public Participation Task Force meeting on October 28, and the Pennsylvania APA Annual Meeting from October 12-14 at the Sheraton, Society Hill in Philadelphia.

Mr. Ward reminded RTC members that the next RTC meeting will be taking place on **Wednesday, November 12.**

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

Public comments were stated by Sue Herman, a resident of Bucks County, who asked when the public would be able to comment on DVRPC's Federal Certification Review. Candy Snyder (DVRPC) responded that there will be a public portion of the certification review on November 6 and that she will let Ms. Herman and other citizens know details when they become available.

ACTION ITEMS

4. Highlights of the Meeting of September 9, 2014

The highlights from September 9, 2014 meeting of the RTC were presented for adoption.

Motion: by Randy Waltermeyer, seconded by Lou Millan to adopt the highlights for the September 9, 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 one TIP amendment for consideration.

a. PA15-03: Resiliency Program, (MPMS #1), SEPTA – Add a Proposed New Program

SEPTA has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2015 - 2018 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a new \$115,677,000 Resiliency Program (MPMS #1) for Capital Acquisition Phase (CAP) in FY15 (\$86,768,000 Federal 5324/ \$27,986,000 State1514/ \$933,000 Local). Hurricane Sandy Disaster Relief/Resiliency funds (Section 5324) are additional funds to the region.

Motion: by Tom Shaffer, seconded by Linda Guarini to recommend the Board approve the following TIP Action:

PA15-03, SEPTA's request that DVRPC amend the FY2015 - 2018 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a new \$115,677,000 Resiliency Program (MPMS #1) for Capital Acquisition Phase (CAP) in FY15 (\$86,768,000 Federal 5324/ \$27,986,000 State1514/ \$933,000 Local). Hurricane Sandy Disaster Relief/Resiliency funds (Section 5324) are additional funds to the region.

6a. Fiscal Year 2015 Work Program Amendment: Integrating Regional and County Comprehensive Planning with Hazard Mitigation Planning

Chris Linn (DVRPC) explained that the objective of this project is to convene and lead a regional discussion on integrating hazard mitigation planning and comprehensive planning, with a particular focus on the need to recognize and take into account the impacts of climate change.

Motion: by Matthew Lawson, seconded by Jessica Lucas, that the RTC

recommend the Board add Integrating Regional and County Comprehensive Planning with Hazard Mitigation Planning to DVRPC's FY 2015 Unified Planning Work Program.

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

6b. Fiscal Year 2015 Work Program Amendment: Philadelphia Port Major River Crossing Impact Study

Chris Puchalsky (DVRPC) explained that this study would examine the regional economic and mobility impacts of a failure in one or more DRPA bridges and develop mitigation strategies.

Motion: by Barbara Holcomb, seconded by Edward Williams, that the RTC recommend the Board add the Philadelphia Port Major River Crossing Impact Study to DVRPC's FY 2015 Unified Planning Work Program.

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

6c. Fiscal Year 2015 Work Program Amendment: SHRP2 Advanced Travel Analysis Tool C16: Effects of Smart Growth Policies on Travel Demand

Karin Morris (DVRPC) explained that DVRPC applied for and was awarded a \$50,000 User Incentive grant from Strategic Highway Research Program's Implementation Assistance Program, to assess the Planning and Policy Assessment Tool (SmartGAP). DVRPC would use the C16 tool to pre-screen policy scenarios before undertaking extensive travel demand modeling exercises that are time- and resource-intensive. DVRPC would test the tool on two upcoming projects—the Gloucester County Unified Land Use and Circulation Master Plan Element and the update to DVRPC's Choices & Voices online scenario tool.

Motion: by Carol Thomas, seconded by Barbara Holcomb, that the RTC recommend the Board add the SHRP2 Advanced Travel Analysis Tool C16: Effects of Smart Growth Policies on Travel Demand to DVRPC's FY 2015 Unified Planning Work Program.

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

6d. Fiscal Year 2015 Work Program Amendment: US 30 Bypass Traffic Forecast Updates

Matt Gates (DVRPC) explained that DVRPC staff will prepare traffic forecasts to support improved traffic operations on the US 30 Coatesville-Downingtown Bypass in Chester County.

Motion: by Jim Mosca, seconded by Randy Waltermeyer, that the RTC recommend the Board add the US 30 Bypass Traffic Forecast Updates to DVRPC's FY 2015 Unified Planning Work Program.

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

7. PA TIP MOU

Elizabeth Schoonmaker (DVRPC) explained that a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) exists between DVRPC, PennDOT, and SEPTA to establish agreed upon procedures for modifying or amending the TIP, as required by federal regulations. From time to time this MOU requires changes to improve, clarify, or streamline the process as DVRPC strives to advance all TIP programmed projects as efficiently as possible while still providing transparency to regional stakeholders. Staff will propose changes to the PA TIP MOU including appropriate language for MAP-21 compliance and references to new PennDOT statewide programs.

Motion: by Zoe Robertson, seconded by Rich Brahler, that the RTC recommend the Board approve the proposed revised Memorandum of Understanding for Procedures to Amend or Modify the TIP for Pennsylvania.

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

PRESENTATION ITEMS

8. Philadelphia Regional On-Board Transit Survey

Brad Lane (DVRPC) presented the results from the 2011 survey of SEPTA and PATCO passengers.

9. Household Travel Survey

Ben Gruswitz (DVRPC) presented on the 2012-2013 DVRPC Household Travel survey. He shared exciting insights into what moves our region.

10. Solar Ready II

Elizabeth Compitello (DVRPC) explained that DVRPC is a partner, among a national team of regional planning organizations, on a "Rooftop Solar Challenge," a project of the U.S. Department of Energy's SunShot Initiative, which strives to make solar energy fully cost-competitive with other forms of energy by the end of the decade. Through the project, DVRPC will work collaboratively with municipalities, business, residents and utilities in Greater Philadelphia to understand and implement best management practices that help reduce the "soft costs" of solar PV installations. The goal of Solar Ready II is to create more streamlined and standardized solar practices in the region, and to achieve measureable improvements in the region's solar market conditions.

INFORMATION ITEMS

11. Work Program Amendment: PATCO's Franklin Square Station Forecasts

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 11:58 PM.

The next scheduled meeting of the RTC is **Wednesday, November 12, 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)

Representative

(not represented)
Ruth Foster
(not represented)
(not represented)
(not represented)
Lisa Worden
Sachin Shankar
James Mosca
(not represented)
Linda Guarini
Rich Brahler
Carol Thomas
(not represented)
Randy Waltermeyer
Tom Shaffer
Jessica Lucas
Matthew Lawson
Leo Bagley
Jeannette Brugger
Nicholas Baker
(not represented)
Edward Williams
(not represented)
Diana Rogers
Barbara Holcomb
Lou Millan
Ben Cornelius
Zoe Robertson
Harry Fox
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)
Jonathan Crum
(not represented)
(not represented)
(not represented)
(not represented)
William Ragozine
(not represented)
(not represented)
Jacqueline Mandly
(not represented)
(not represented)
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ATTENDANCE (cont'd)

US EPA - Region III

(not represented)

US Department of Housing and Urban Development

(not represented)

Other Member Representatives and Guests

Heather Cowley – Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection

Elizabeth Smith – SEPTA

Dennis Winters – Clean Air Council

Sue Herman - Resident

Bill Comer – Resident

DVRPC Staff

John Ward

Patty Elkis

Chris Puchalsky

Elizabeth Schoonmaker

Kwan Hui

Rick Murphy

Matt Gates

Chris Linn

Elizabeth Compitello

Ben Gruswitz

Fang Yuan

Brad Lane

Karin Morris

Julia Strapp

Rob Graff

Mike Boyer

John Coscia, Jr.

Brett Fusco

Reuben MacMartin

Will Tsay

Shawn Megill-Legendre

Greg Krykewycz

Renee Wise

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