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## DELAWARE VALLEY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

### REGIONAL TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

March 10, 2015 Meeting Highlights

DVRPC Conference Room, Philadelphia, PA

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

Rich Brahler (Chair, Bucks 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 February 10, 2015.

Mr. Ward noted that DVRPC is celebrating its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year and with that in mind he will be mentioning something from the past at each RTC meeting -This Month in DVRPC History. In March 1966 the Board discussed preparation of the upcoming fiscal year Work Program which included funding for development of a travel demand model and aerial photos. The Commission was also receiving commitments from the member governments to contribute funds to DVRPC to be used as a non-federal match of federal funds. The Executive Committee was approving leases for office space, employee travel to Washington, DC and the salary approval for a new employee. In March 1975 Walter Johnson was DVRPC's Executive Director and had been since 1967. The Board was discussing a DVRPC Housing Allocation Plan. The Board also heard from a Special Committee on TIP development which was preparing a policy framework and criteria for project selection. In March of 1985 DVRPC was now in the Bourse Building, the Board Chair was Curt Weldon from Delaware County and the Commission had its third Executive Director, John Coscia; named Executive Director in 1980. The Board passed a resolution commending PennDOT for clearing the way to resume construction of the Blue Route which had been delayed by litigation. In March of 1995 the Board approved an MOU concerning the development of special procedures for expediting Amendments and Modifications to the PA TIP. The Board adopted a resolution approving the CMS (SOVCAP) Analysis for Section 400 of US 202. The Board also heard a presentation from Barry Seymour on the Bicycle Plan for the PA portion of the region which included a proposed regional bicycle network. The RTC Chair was Rich Burnfield from SEPTA. In March 2005 staff was preparing for the move from the Bourse Building to the ACP Building and DVRPC's new space was in the process of being built out. The Board Chair was Joanne Denworth from the PA Governor's Policy Office and the RTC Chair was Michelle Webb. The Board approved and released, for conformity testing, the draft fiscally-constrained set of transportation projects for development of the Destination 2030 Long Range Plan.

Mr. Ward reported that a Board Policy Analysis Committee has been scheduled for April 10. The meeting provides an opportunity for broader discussion of policy issues outside of our regular official Board meetings. For this meeting, discussion will center on the following issues: 1) Future trends facing the region to be considered in the next long-range plan, 2) Changes in driving behavior, including fewer miles driven, and what that could mean for transportation planning, 3) Status report on our regional trail

program, and future funding options beyond the William Penn Foundation grant, and 4) Overview discussion on new or emerging regional issues that may be appropriate for DVRPC action.

Mr. Ward called attention to some new reports including: SEPTA's Trenton Line Access Study, and PA 291 (Delaware Co.) Area Study.

Mr. Ward noted that there is an IREG meeting on March 11, a Transportation Operations Task Force meeting on March 16, a Regional Aviation Committee Meeting on March 19, an Environmental Working Group meeting on March 24, and a Public Participation Task Force meeting on April 2.

Mr. Ward reminded RTC members that the next RTC meeting will be taking place on **Tuesday, April 7.**

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

No public comments were stated.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

### **4. Highlights of the Meeting of February 10, 2015**

The highlights from February 10, 2015 meeting of the RTC were presented for adoption.

*Motion: by Barbara Holcomb, seconded by Matthew Lawson to adopt the highlights for the February 10, 2015 RTC meeting.*

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

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

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

#### **a. PA15-30: Municipal Bridge Retro-Reimbursement Program, (MPMS #102105), Various Counties – Add Proposed New Project to the TIP**

DVRPC is requesting that the Board approve Forsythia Crossing Bridge in Middletown Township, Bucks County and the recommended funding as part of the DVRPC Municipal Bridge Retro-Reimbursement Program; modify the FY2015 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding the new municipal bridge project to the TIP for retroreimbursement; (Funds will be drawn down for reimbursement at the appropriate time) and increasing the Later Fiscal Years funding in FY21 by \$404,431 State 183/\$78,827 Local.

*Motion: by Andrew Stober, seconded by Tom Shaffer to recommend the Board approve the following TIP Action:*

PA15-30, DVRPC's request that the Board approve Forsythia Crossing Bridge in Middletown Township, Bucks County and the recommended funding as part of the DVRPC

Municipal Bridge Retro-Reimbursement Program; modify the FY2015 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding the new municipal bridge project to the TIP for retroreimbursement; (Funds will be drawn down for reimbursement at the appropriate time) and increasing the Later Fiscal Years funding in FY21 by \$404,431 State 183/\$78,827 Local.

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

**b. PA15-31: Little Washington Road Bridge over Culbertson Run, (MPMS #14236), Chester County – Federalize Project**

PennDOT has requested that DVRPC modify the FY2015 - 2018 TIP for Pennsylvania by federalizing (add federal funds) to the Little Washington Road Bridge over Culbertson Run project, by replacing \$2,040,000 State 581 funds with federal STU funds for the construction phase in FY16. This project involves replacing a bridge, reconstructing the approach roadway, and minor realignment of roadway to avoid wetlands. This road/bridge is part of the Chester County Planning Commission recommended bikeway network.

Motion: *by Randy Waltermeyer, seconded by Matthew Edmonds* to recommend the Board approve the following TIP Action:

PA15-31, PennDOT's request that DVRPC modify the FY2015 - 2018 TIP for Pennsylvania by federalizing (add federal funds) to the Little Washington Road Bridge over Culbertson Run project, by replacing \$2,040,000 State 581 funds with federal STU funds for the construction phase in FY16.

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

**c. PA15-32: Regional Rail Signal Modernization Program, (MPMS #60255), SEPTA – Cost Increase**

SEPTA is requesting that the Board amend the FY2015 - 2018 TIP for Pennsylvania by increasing the FY15 CAP phase by \$9,783,000 (\$1,086,000 Section 5337/\$2,526,000 Section 5309-S/\$3,232,000 Section 5307-S/\$2,844,000 State 1514/\$95,000 Local) for the Regional Rail Signal Modernization Program, (MPMS #60255) for two different projects: the Cynwyd Line Signals, Special work, and Right of Way project and the Positive Train Control project (PTC).

**d. PA15-33: Exton Station, (MPMS #93588), SEPTA – Cost Decrease**

SEPTA is requesting that the Board amend the FY2015 - 2018 TIP for Pennsylvania by decreasing funding for Phase I of the Exton Station Project (MPMS #93588), in the DVRPC regional TIP, in the amount of \$11,071,000 (FY15: \$2,311,000 State 1514/\$78,000 Local, FY16 \$4,036,000 State 1514/\$113,000 Local, FY17: \$4,367,000 State 1514/\$146,000 Local). Funding for the project will still be reflected in the STIP, and the project will advance to construction in FY15.

Motion: *by Jim Mosca, seconded by Randy Waltermeyer* to recommend the Board approve the following TIP Actions:

PA15-32, SEPTA's request that the Board amend the FY 2015-2018 TIP for Pennsylvania by increasing the FY15 CAP phase by \$9,783,000 (\$1,086,000 Section 5337/\$2,526,000 Section 5309-S/\$3,232,000 Section 5307-S/\$2,844,000 State 1514/\$95,000 Local) reflects the increase of the Regional Rail Signal Modernization Program in the DVRPC TIP. Keystone Corridor funds will be reflected in the Harrisburg (\$1,279,000) TIP and will contribute to this SEPTA program.

PA15-33, SEPTA's request that the Board amend the FY 2015 - 2018 TIP for Pennsylvania decreasing funding for Phase I of the Exton Station Project (MPMS #93588), in the DVRPC regional TIP, in the amount of \$11,071,000 (FY15: \$2,311,000 State 1514/\$78,000 Local, FY16 \$4,036,000 State 1514/\$113,000 Local, FY17: \$4,367,000 State 1514/\$146,000 Local). The project description will be edited to reflect the active project cost and where the remaining funds reside.

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

**e. PA15-34: Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) Set-a-Side Projects, (MPMS #Various), Various Counties – Add Proposed New Projects to the TIP**

PennDOT has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2015 - 2018 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding eleven (11) new Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) funded projects to the TIP in the amount of \$19,573,000 for Preliminary Engineering and Construction in FY15 and FY16. These are additional funds to the region and were selected via the Statewide HSIP solicitation.

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

PA15-34, PennDOT's request that DVRPC amend the FY2015 - 2018 TIP for Pennsylvania adding eleven (11) new Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) funded projects to TIP in the amount of \$19,573,000 for Preliminary Engineering and Construction in FY15 and FY16. These are additional funds to the region.

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

**f. NJ14-78: Local CMAQ Initiatives, (DB# X065), Various Counties– Add New Program to the TIP**

DVRPC has requested that the DVRPC Board amend the FY2014 - 2017 TIP for New Jersey by adding the project NJ DEP Clean Diesel Initiative, to the TIP in the Line Item: Local CMAQ Initiatives (DB# X065), in the amount of \$290,000 CMAQ in FY15.

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

NJ14-78, DVRPC's request to amend the FY2014 - 2017 TIP for New Jersey by adding the project NJ DEP Clean Diesel Initiative, to the TIP in the Line Item: Local CMAQ Initiatives (DB# X065), in the amount of \$290,000 CMAQ in FY15.

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

**g. NJ14-81: Princeton-Hightstown Road Improvements, CR 571, (DB# D0701), Mercer County – Delay Phases & Cost Increase**

Mercer County has requested that DVRPC modify the FY2014 - 2017 TIP for New Jersey by delaying the \$800,000 STATE-DVRPC funded Final Design phase from FY14 to FY15, and by delaying Construction (CON) and increasing the CON cost by \$100,000 from an overall \$9,900,000 from FY15 (\$3,300,000 STP-STU), FY17 (\$3,300,000 STATE-DVRPC), and FY19 (\$3,300,000 STP-STU) to an overall CON amount of \$10,000,000 in FY18 (\$1,300,000 STP-STU), FY19 (\$4,600,000 STP-STU), and FY20 (\$4,100,000 STP-STU). Final Design will advance and be encumbered in FY15 by using FY15 Appropriated STATE-DVRPC funds instead of advancing and encumbering funds appropriated in FY14. The first year of CON will be delayed to FY18 due to the delay of Final Design.

Motion: by *Matt Lawson*, seconded by *Barbara Holcomb* to recommend the Board approved the following TIP action:

NJ14-81, that DVRPC modify the FY2014 - 2017 TIP for New Jersey by delaying the \$800,000 STATEDVRPC funded Final Design phase from FY14 to FY15, and by delaying Construction (CON) and increasing the CON cost by \$100,000 from an overall \$9,900,000 from FY15 (\$3,300,000 STP-STU), FY17 (\$3,300,000 STATE-DVRPC), and FY19 (\$3,300,000 STP-STU) to an overall CON amount of \$10,000,000 in FY18 (\$1,300,000 STP-STU), FY19 (\$4,600,000 STP-STU), and FY20 (\$4,100,000 STP-STU).

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

**6. Fiscal Year 2015 Planning Work Program Amendment**

**a. New Jersey Resilient Coastal Communities Initiative**

Chris Linn (DVRPC) explained that the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection has awarded DVRPC \$100k to work with 11 towns to help them become more resilient to coastal hazards and the impacts of climate change.

Motion: by *Matt Lawson*, seconded by *Andrew Levecchia* to recommend that the Board amend the FY 2015 Work Program to include the New Jersey Resilient Coastal Communities Initiative.

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

**7. FY 2016 Transportation Management Association (TMA) Assistance Grant Program and Mobility Alternatives Program (MAP) Final Applications**

Sarah Oaks (DVRPC) explained that TMA and MAP contractors are required to apply for this grant funding annually. Draft Work Programs were reviewed by PennDOT, the DVRPC TMA Policy Committee, and Staff. All comments were incorporated, and full applications are ready for approval. An overview was presented of both programs.

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

## **PRESENTATION ITEMS**

### **8. Midpoint Briefing on Update of Congestion Management Process (CMP)**

Zoe Neaderland (DVRPC) presented a requested mid-point briefing on the path to Board approval of the updated CMP. The CMP helps connect the Region's Long-Range Plan and TIP. The performance measures that flow from the Plan have been updated since the development of the last CMP and the analysis of the multimodal transportation network of the region has been discussed with the CMP Advisory Committee. This analysis is a useful resource for partners and is used in updating congested corridors.

### **9. Regional Transit Advisory Committee (RTAC) Midyear Update (FY2015/2016 Work)**

Greg Krykewycz and Betsy Mastaglio (DVRPC) updated the Committee on the status of FY2015 work underway and reviewed forthcoming FY2016 projects and commitments.

### **10. DVRPC Transit Signal Priority (TSP) Favorability Score and Related Efforts**

Amy Bernknopf briefed the committee on the *TSP Favorability Score* planning tool, which was developed last year for Philadelphia and Mercer County and is now being expanded for use throughout South Jersey. This presentation included updates on TSP planning and implementation efforts around the region.

## **INFORMATION ITEMS**

### **11. Project Selections for the New Jersey Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) and Safe Routes to School Program (SRTS)**

Katrina Lawrence (DVRPC) informed the Committee on the recent Board action to add the selected TAP and SRTS projects to the FY 2014 New Jersey TIP. The NJ TAP/SRTS subcommittee used the agreed upon selection criteria for each program to guide the selection process for projects.

### **12. 2015 Aerial Imagery Project Update**

Will Stevens (DVRPC) provided an update on the upcoming FY 2015 aerial imagery project and also on a USGS grant for the acquisition of LiDAR (Light Detection and Ranging) data that was awarded to DVRPC and project partners Quantum Spatial and Temple University.

### **13. One Minute Reports**

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

### **14. Old Business**

### **15. New Business**

### **14. Meeting Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 12:07 PM.

The next scheduled meeting of the RTC is **Tuesday, April 7, 2015.**

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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  
(not represented)  
Patrick Patterson  
James Mosca  
(not represented)  
Linda Guarini  
Rich Brahler  
Carol Thomas  
Andrew Levecchia  
Randy Waltermeyer  
Tom Shaffer  
David Lubelski  
Matthew Lawson  
Matt Edmonds  
Jeannette Brugger  
Nicholas Baker  
Andrew Stober  
Edward Williams  
(not represented)  
Diana Rogers  
Barbara Holcomb  
Lou Millan  
Ben Cornelius  
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)  
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)  
(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**

Bill Comer – Resident of Philadelphia

Sue Herman – Residents for Regional Traffic Solutions

Jim Saksa – PlanPhilly

Patricia Eliis – City of Philadelphia- Mayor's Office of Transportation

### **DVRPC Staff**

John Ward

Patty Elkis

Chris Puchalsky

Candy Snyder

Elizabeth Schoonmaker

Kwan Hui

Rick Murphy

Zoe Neaderland

Greg Krykewycz

Sarah Oaks

Betsy Mastaglio

Will Stevens

Katrina Lawrence

Jesse Buerk

John Coscia, Jr.

Chris Linn

Rob Graff

Karin Morris

Tom McGovern

Elise Turner

Jane Meconi

Amy Bernknopf

Scott Johnson

Thomas Stead

Renee Wise

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