



DELAWARE VALLEY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

REGIONAL TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

October 6, 2015 Meeting Highlights

DVRPC Conference Room, Philadelphia, PA

1. Call to Order - Chairperson's Comments

Edward Williams (Chair, City of Camden) 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 8, 2015.

Mr. Ward noted that DVRPC is celebrating its 50th 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.

1966: The Board was still acting on administrative items required to establish and formalize the organization such as retirement programs, travel policies, sick leave and eligibility of funds to lease or purchase equipment and furniture. At the same time the Board was acting on recommendations from staff to endorse five highway projects proposed by the Pennsylvania State Highway Department.

1975: The DVRPC Board approved the DVRPC Budget for FY77 and adopted the FY77 Integrated Work Program. The Board also approved the Urban Mass Transportation Administration's Federal Assistance Section 5 funding for FY76 to SEPTA, DRPA, and NJ DOT for capital and operating assistance.

1985: Board Chairman Bill Mathesius from Mercer County called the meeting to order. DVRPC's newly appointed Public Affairs Officer, Candace Snyder, was introduced and welcomed by the Board. DVRPC Executive Director, John Coscia, reported on the activities of the Board FY87 Work Program Committee which met to review input received from our partners for consideration in development of the FY87 Unified Planning Work Program. For transportation planning, a 3% increase in highway funding was anticipated while UMTA funding was expected to remain flat. Priorities received from our stakeholders included: basic data and mapping, transportation access along growth corridors, completion of interstate system gaps, solid waste planning, impact of reduced federal funding for transit, and begin development of the 2010/2020 Plan.

1995: The Board approved a Major Investment Study for the Woodhaven Road Project in Philadelphia and recommended that it remain on the region's Long Range Plan. The Board also approved the Region's Airport Capital Improvement Program. The Harrisburg District Office of FAA required DVRPC to develop a regional capital program of current airport improvement projects to be considered for FAA funding.

2005: The Board approved programming \$38M in state funds for the preliminary engineering and right of way for the right-sized Section 700 of US Route 202. In another TIP amendment, the Board approved programming almost \$25M for preventive

maintenance along I-476 in Delaware and Montgomery Counties. The Board also took action to approve an update of DVRPC's Congestion Management System.

Mr. Ward reminded RTC members that DVRPC is in the process of developing the FY17 Work Program and any new potential project ideas need to be submitted by October 16th. The next Board Work Program Committee meeting will take place after the October Board meeting on October 22nd.

Mr. Ward called attention to some new reports including: 1) Conformity Demonstration for the new NJ TIP current PA TIP and LRP Amendments 2) Commodity Profile Series #1: Crude Oil in the Delaware Valley 3) Access Management Brochure

Mr. Ward noted that there is a Regional Community and Economic Development Forum (RCEDF) meeting on October 9th, a Goods Movement Task Force (GMTF) meeting on October 14, a Strategies for Older Suburbs Roundtable Series: How Immigrant Businesses Can Bring New Vitality to Downtown Retail Districts on October 16, a Transportation Operations Task Force (TOTF) meeting on October 19, a TAP Information Workshop on October 20, and a Public Participation Task Force (PPTF) meeting on October 28.

Mr. Ward reminded RTC members that the next RTC meeting will be taking place on **Tuesday, November 10, 2015.**

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

No public comments were stated.

ACTION ITEMS

4. Highlights of the Meeting of September 8, 2015

The amended highlights from September 8, 2015 meeting of the RTC were presented for adoption.

Motion: by Barbara Holcomb, seconded by Matt Lawson to adopt the amended highlights for the September 8, 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 one TIP amendment for consideration.

a. PA15-62: I-76, Regional Travel Information, (MPMS #80093), Various Counties – Add FD Phase Back in to the TIP

PennDOT has requested that DVRPC modify the FY2015 - 2018 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding the final design phase (FD) back in to the TIP (FY15: \$206,000 CAQ; FY16: \$144,000 CAQ) and to add an incidental utility (UTL) phase in FY16 (\$150,000 CAQ) and an incidental ROW phase in FY16 (\$50,000 CAQ).

Motion by: *Matt Edmond, seconded by Randy Waltermeyer* that the RTC recommend the Board approve TIP Action PA15-62, PennDOT's request that DVRPC modify the FY2015 - 2018 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding the final design phase (FD) back in to the TIP (FY15: \$206,000 CAQ; FY16: \$144,000 CAQ) and to add an incidental utility (UTL) phase in FY16 (\$150,000 CAQ) and an incidental ROW phase in FY16 (\$50,000 CAQ).

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

6. Fiscal Year 2016 Planning Work Program Amendments

a. I-95 Central and South Philadelphia Traffic Forecasts

Matt Gates (DVRPC) explained that PennDOT is beginning to prepare long range reconstruction plans for I-95 "Sector B" between Spring Garden Street and Broad Street. Several configurations for the Broad Street, I-76, and Penn's Landing area interchanges are under consideration. DVRPC will prepare daily and peak hour traffic forecasts for each alternative for a design year of 2040 or 2045.

Motion: *by Barbara Holcomb, seconded by Ed Williams* to recommend that the Board amend the FY 2016 Work Program to include *I-95 Central and South Philadelphia Traffic Forecasts*.

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

7. DVRPC Competitive CMAQ Program for New Jersey (FY2016-FY2019) Recommended Projects

Sean Greene (DVRPC) presented the list of projects recommended to be funded through the 2015 DVRPC Competitive Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program (CMAQ) for New Jersey. CMAQ funding has been set aside by the current New Jersey Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and staff is recommending that five projects be funded for a total of \$2.27 million. These projects must contribute to the attainment of the Clean Air Act standards by reducing emissions from mobile sources and were selected through an open solicitation process.

Motion: *by Andrew Levecchia, seconded by Matt Lawson* that the RTC recommend the Board approve the list of recommended projects to be funded as part of the DVRPC Competitive CMAQ Program (2015). Further, this action will amend the FY 2016 TIP for NJ (FY16-19) to include the list of 5 projects in DB #X065 (Local CMAQ Initiatives). Projects will be drawn from the line items at the appropriate time.

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

8. Approval of 2015 Regional Congestion Management Process (CMP)

Jesse Buerk, (DVRPC) explained that the CMP is a systematic approach to analyze and manage congestion in the region while helping to more strongly link the Plan and the TIP. DVRPC is required to maintain and adopt an updated CMP. This fourth CMP has been prepared with the involvement of the CMP Advisory Committee and is now proposed for Board adoption. Updates include incorporating congestion measures anticipated to be proposed as part of MAP-21 and enhanced interactive web mapping.

Motion by: Matt Lawson, *seconded by Andrew Levecchia* that the RTC recommend the Board adopt the 2015 Regional Congestion Management Process (CMP).

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

9. New Jersey Department of Transportation's Systemic Pilot Program for Roundabouts

Kevin Murphy (DVRPC) explained that on July 30th, 2015, the New Jersey Department of Transportation announced a new safety initiative called Systemic Pilot Program for Roundabouts. Although the state has made great progress over the last two years implementing safety improvements on the state and local systems, intersections continue to experience crashes at a rate higher than the national average. With this new pilot program, NJDOT is striving to improve safety at intersections. The modern roundabout—the focus of this pilot program—is an FHWA proven safety countermeasure that is effective at eliminating crossing conflicts that are common among conventional intersections.

Motion: *Matt Lawson, seconded by Andrew Levecchia* that the RTC recommend the Board approve CR551 and CR662 roundabout project in Woolwich Twp., Gloucester County submitted for inclusion in New Jersey Department of Transportation's Systemic Pilot Program for Roundabouts, to be funded with HSIP funds during FY2016, and amend the FY2016 TIP for New Jersey (TIP Action #TBD) by including the project in the Local Safety/High Risk Rural Roads Program (DB #04314).

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

PRESENTATION ITEMS

10. Changes are coming to the Pennsylvania Turnpike and I-95

Alan Williamson (Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission) explained that beginning in January 2016 the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission will introduce cashless tolling for motorists crossing the Delaware River Bridge westbound from New Jersey. These tolling changes are necessary as the Pennsylvania Turnpike prepares to build a highway speed connection with I-95 and complete the "missing link" to make I-95 continuous from Maine to Florida. As the PA Turnpike turns 75, the new tolling point at the Delaware River Bridge will improve safety, reduce vehicle emissions and will help to power national mobility and commerce.

11. Downtown Trenton Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan

Cassidy Boulan (DVRPC) explained that this plan, to be included in the Trenton 250 transportation element, explores existing bicycle and pedestrian demand, facilities and conditions in downtown Trenton. Based on these and the goals and priorities developed by the steering committee with public input, the plan proposes a network of recommended improvements to increase the numbers and safety of people walking and bicycling in downtown Trenton.

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 11:57 AM.

The next scheduled meeting of the RTC is **Tuesday, November 10, 2015.**

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 (By Phone)
PA Governor's Appointee
PA Governor's Policy Office (By Phone)
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)
(not represented)
James Mosca
(not represented)
Linda Guarini
Rich Brahler
Carol Thomas
Andrew Levecchia
Randy Waltermeyer
Tom Shaffer
David Lubelski
Matthew Lawson
Matt Edmond
David Kanthor
Nicholas Baker
Angela Dixon
Edward Williams
(not represented)
(not represented)
Barbara Holcomb
Lou Millan
Ben Cornelius
Zoe Robertson
(not represented)
(not represented)

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)
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Bill Ragozine
(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

Matt Johnson – Burlington County

Joe Serbu – PTC

Deb Hoover – McCormick Taylor

Alan Williamson – Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission

Bill Comer – Resident of Philadelphia

Sue Herman – Residents for Regional Traffic Solutions

DVRPC Staff

John Ward

Chris Puchalsky

Matt Gates

Jesse Buerk

Cassidy Boulan

Elise Turner

Brett Fusco

Rick Murphy

Zoe Neaderland

Thom Stead

Dave Anderson

Elizabeth Schoonmaker

Kwan Hui

Ben Gruswitz

Sean Greene

Mike Boyer

Shawn Megill-Legendre

Shoshana Akins

Greg Krykewycz

Chris King

Chris Linn,

Kevin Murphy

Regina Moore

Renee Wise

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