

DELAWARE VALLEY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
REGIONAL TECHNICAL COMMITTEE
March 8, 2016 Meeting Highlights
DVRPC Conference Room, Philadelphia, PA

1. Call to Order - Chairperson's Comments

Tom Shaffer (Vice Chair, Delaware 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 9, 2016.

Mr. Ward noted that DVRPC recently went through a re-organization of staff and announced the promotion of four staff members to Associate Directors to support the re-organization. After an application and interview process, the staff members promoted were: Mike Boyer, Greg Krykewycz, Karin Morris, and Elizabeth Schoonmaker.

Mr. Ward reported that the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) steering committee (Counties, City, SEPTA, DCED, and DNR) has reviewed the applications and made preliminary selections. Those selections are being double checked by our staff to make sure all the information was accurate (cost estimates, ROW acquisition, etc.) The list will be presented for Board Action this month (March) and will come back to the RTC as an information item in April.

Mr. Ward reported that the application period for a competitive funding round for the PA CMAQ Program remains open until April 21st. There is \$20 million available in the PA counties for projects that will improve air quality and/or reduce traffic congestion. Public agencies and private-public partnerships with a public agency sponsor are eligible to apply. A mandatory information session was held on February 23, here at the DVRPC Offices for all potential applicants. The Program application forms and Program guidance are available at www.dvrpc.org/cmaq.

Mr. Ward noted the release of some new reports including: 1) Local and County Roads Safety Newsletter 2) Enhanced Bus Service on West Chester Pike 3) Identifying Opportunities for Park and Ride Capacity in South Jersey

Meeting Reminders:

Mr. Ward noted that there is an IREG meeting March 9, a Healthy Communities Task Force meeting March 10, an RSTF and I-476/I-76 IMTF Joint Meeting at Montgomery County Fire Academy on March 11, a Transportation Operations Task Force meeting on March 14, an Urban Waterfront Action Group meeting on March 15, a Regional Aviation Committee meeting March 17, and a PPTF meeting March 22. The next DVRPC Board meeting is March 24.

Mr. Ward reminded RTC members that the next RTC meeting will be taking place on **Tuesday, April 12, 2016.**

Mr. Ward asked for a Moment of Silence by the RTC members in remembrance of New Jersey State Police Trooper Sean Cullen. Trooper Cullen was struck and killed by a passing vehicle while assisting a disabled motorist on I-295 in Gloucester County on March 7th.

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

No public comments were stated.

ACTION ITEMS

4. Highlights of the Meeting of February 9, 2016

The highlights from the February 9, 2016 meeting of the RTC were presented for adoption.

Motion: by Barbara Holcomb, seconded by Jim Mosca to adopt the highlights for the February 9, 2016 RTC meeting.

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

5. DVRPC Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Actions

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

a. PA15-78: Statewide Green Light-Go Funded Projects, (Various MPMS #s), Various Counties – Add Proposed New Projects to the TIP

PennDOT has requested that DVRPC approve the list of projects selected as part of PennDOT's Statewide Green Light-Go program year 1 and amend the FY2015 - 2018 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding the new projects to the PA TIP in FY16.

Motion: by Randy Waltermeyer, seconded by Rich Brahler that the RTC recommend the Board approve:

TIP Action PA15-78, PennDOT's request that DVRPC DVRPC approve the list of projects selected as part of PennDOT's Statewide Green Light-Go program year 1 and amend the FY2015 -2018 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding the new projects to the PA TIP in FY16.

Bucks County

1. Quakertown Rt. 313 LED (MPMS #105255) - \$17,426 (\$8,713 A-073 /\$8,713 Local) in FY16.

Chester County

2. West Chester Borough LED (MPMS #105224) - \$114,155 (\$57,077 A-073/\$57,078 Local) in FY16.

3. Lincoln Highway & Airport (MPMS #105259) - \$30,000 (\$15,000 A-073/\$15,000 Local) in FY16.

4. Uwchlan Township LED (MPMS #105256) - \$56,498 (\$28,249 A-073 /\$28,249 Local) in FY16.

Delaware County

5. Swarthmore Avenue LED (MPMS #105257) - \$28,000 (\$14,000 A-073/\$14,000 Local) in FY16.

Montgomery County

6. Cheltenham Township LED lamps (MPMS #105206) - \$33,470 (\$16,735 A-073/\$16,735 Local) in FY16.

7. Lower Merion Township LED Replacement (MPMS #105212) - \$169,600 (\$80,000 A-073/\$89,600 Local) in FY16.

8. Upper Merion LED Project (MPMS #105220) - \$104,840 (\$52,420 A-073/\$52,420 Local) in FY16.

9. Springfield Township LED (MPMS #105227) - \$22,214 (\$9,589 A-073/\$12,625 Local) in FY16.

10. 6-Points LED Conversion (MPMS #105225) - \$16,200 (\$8,100 A-073/\$8,100 Local) in FY16.

City of Philadelphia

11. Asset Management System (MPMS #105274) - \$3,701,732 (\$1,000,000 A-073/\$2,701,732 Local) in FY16.

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

b. PA15-79: Villanova Pedestrian Bridge, (MPMS #15444), Delaware County – Add Proposed New Project to the TIP

PennDOT has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2015 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a new \$4,500,000 State Transportation Infrastructure Investment Fund (TIIF) economic development funded project, Villanova Pedestrian Bridge, to the TIP for construction in FY16 (\$3,000,000 State e581 funds) and FY17 (\$1,500,000 State e581 funds). The project will be ready to let (open for bid proposals) for construction next month. Design was completed locally.

Motion: *by Jim Mosca, seconded by Barbara Holcomb* that the RTC recommend the Board approve:

TIP Action PA15-79, PennDOT's request that DVRPC amend the TIP by adding a new \$4,500,000 State Transportation Infrastructure Investment Fund (TIIF) economic development funded project, Villanova Pedestrian Bridge, to the TIP for construction in FY16 (\$3,000,000 State e581 funds) and FY17 (\$1,500,000 State e581 funds).

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

6. FY 2017 Transportation Management Association (TMA) Assistance Grant Program and Mobility Alternatives (MAP) Work Programs Final Applications

Stacy Bartels (DVRPC) explained that TMA contractors are required to apply for this grant funding annually. Draft work programs were reviewed by PennDOT, the DVRPC TMA Policy Committee, and Staff. Ms. Bartels noted that there are currently five TMAs serving suburban areas in southeastern Pennsylvania: The Bucks County, Chester County, Delaware County, Greater Valley Forge, and Partnership TMAs, and one which serves Center City – the Central Philadelphia TMA. As part of their assistance grant work, each

suburban TMA undertakes generally similar tasks. The individual Work Programs as submitted describe the efforts each TMA plans to undertake if their application is approved. The work programs have been reviewed and approved by the respective County Planning Commission staffs, as well as DVRPC staff, SEPTA, PennDOT Central Office, PennDOT District 6, and the DVRPC PA TMA Policy Committee. CPTMA's work program is tailored to the particular transportation needs of Center City and is developed in partnership with the City of Philadelphia. All comments were incorporated, and full applications are ready for approval.

Motion: by David Kanthor, seconded by Angela Dixon that the RTC recommend the Board approve the applications of the four TMA's but hold off on approving the application for the Central Philadelphia TMA, pending the City of Philadelphia's review.

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

Stacy Bartels (DVRPC) explained that the Mobility Alternatives Program (MAP) was initiated in 1995 in response to the need to reduce highway congestion from businesses, schools, and other organizations through voluntary measures. There are currently five TMAs involved in MAP: The Bucks County, Chester County, Delaware County, Greater Valley Forge, and Partnership TMAs, along with the Clean Air Council (in Philadelphia), SEPTA, and DVRPC. Efforts of these contractors are directed to highly congested corridors or large employers within their service areas. Tasks focus on working with employers, including assisting in promoting various Travel Demand Management (TDM) strategies, encouraging use of the Share-A-Ride and Emergency Ride Home programs, and participation in RideECO and the Air Quality Partnership. MAP funding is specific to southeastern Pennsylvania and is only available to TMAs and related organizations in this five-county region.

Motion: by Crystal Gilchrist, seconded by David Kanthor that the RTC recommend the Board approve the Mobility Alternatives Program work program applications.

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

7. Transportation Planning and Programming Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission (DVRPC) and the South Jersey Transportation Planning Organization (SJTPO)

John Ward (DVRPC) explained that because portions of the Philadelphia Urbanized Area and portions of the Vineland Urbanized Area extend across MPO boundaries, DVRPC and SJTPO propose to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding regarding the transportation planning and programming responsibilities for these Urbanized Areas. This MOU will be updated following each decennial census and the development of new Urbanized Areas by the US Census Bureau. The MOU was presented and the RTC was asked to recommend Board approval.

Motion: by Barbara Holcomb, seconded by Rich Brahler that the RTC recommend the Board approve the Transportation Planning and Programming Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission (DVRPC) and the South Jersey Transportation Planning Organization (SJTPO).

PRESENTATION ITEMS

8. 2045: Greater Philadelphia Future Forces

Brett Fusco (DVRPC) explained that as the first component of the next long-range plan update, DVRPC worked collaboratively with a group of regional stakeholder experts to identify the most significant forces of change for Greater Philadelphia. These forces were analyzed as scenarios to highlight how the region may change over the next 30 years, and the group identified actions to better respond to these forces. Highlights from the report and an overview of planned public outreach efforts were presented.

9. Update on Air Quality Initiatives

Sean Greene (DVRPC) explained that DVRPC has a number of active air quality improvement initiatives currently underway. A brief update on the status of the Delaware County Non-attainment area, the Chester City Heavy Duty Vehicle Routes Project, the Landside Ports Emissions Inventory, and upcoming grant opportunities were presented.

10. Newton Lake Trail Feasibility Study

Thom Stead (DVRPC) explained that The Newton Lake Trail Feasibility Study was conducted by DVRPC staff in collaboration with Camden County, the Camden County Parks Department, and the Borough of Oaklyn, New Jersey. The study includes a comprehensive analysis and conceptual design for a trail extension in the southwest portion of Newton Lake Park that would link existing multi-use paths to create a loop for bicycle and pedestrian use.

INFORMATION ITEMS

11. One Minute Reports

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

12. Old and New Business

13. Meeting Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 11:52 AM.

The next scheduled meeting of the RTC is **Tuesday, April 12, 2016.**

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
Transportation Operations Task Force
US EPA - Region II

Representative

Monica Etz
(not represented)
(not represented)
(not represented)
Gerard Scharfenberger
(not represented)
Patrick Patterson
James Mosca
(not represented)
Jonathan Korus
Rich Brahler
Carol Thomas
(not represented)
Randy Waltermeyer
Tom Shaffer
(not represented)
Kevin Kraft
Crystal Gilchrist
David Kanthor
Nicholas Baker
Angela Dixon
(not represented)
Latifah Griffin
Jeffrey Wilkerson
Barbara Holcomb
Jennifer Adam
(not represented)
Jaymee Gortman
(not represented)
Jim Hopkins

Representative

(not represented)
Kelvin MacKavanagh
(not represented)
(not represented)
(not represented)
(not represented)
(not represented)
Bill Ragozine
(not represented)
(not represented)
Jacqueline Mandly
(not represented)
(not represented)
(not represented)
Steve Mazur
(not represented)
(not represented)

ATTENDANCE (cont'd)

US EPA - Region III

(not represented)

US Department of Housing and Urban Development

(not represented)

Other Member Representatives and Guests

George Baier – NJDOT CPD

Paul Archibald – McCormick Taylor, Inc.

Al Federico – McCormick Taylor

Bill Comer – Resident of Philadelphia

DVRPC Staff

John Ward

Patty Elkis

Chris Puchalsky

Elise Turner

Rick Murphy

Zoe Neaderland

Elizabeth Schoonmaker

Karin Morris

Kwan Hui

Mike Boyer

Shoshana Akins

Alison Hastings

Sean Greene

Thom Stead

Brett Fusco

Betsy Mastaglio

Cassidy Bolan

Andrew Svekla

Amy Bernknopf

Keith Hartington

Matt Gates

Stacy Bartels

Renee Wise

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