

**DELAWARE VALLEY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
REGIONAL TECHNICAL COMMITTEE**

June 7, 2016 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

DVRPC Deputy Executive Director John Ward announced that the Board approved all the recommendations that the RTC forwarded to them from the May RTC meeting.

Mr. Ward thanked Ed Williams for his excellent service as Chairman of the RTC over the past year. Mr. Ward noted that at the last RTC meeting, he reported that on April 22, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) published in the Federal Register, the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) for performance measures to assess the performance of the National Highway System, Freight Movement on the Interstate System, and the CMAQ Program. These Performance Measures were required by MAP-21 and re-enforced in the FAST Act. Comments on this proposed Rulemaking are due to the Docket by August 20th but NJ DOT had requested comments by May 16th so that they could incorporate them into the comments that they will submit to AASHTO. DVRPC submitted comments to NJDOT on May 16 and will continue to discuss the rulemaking with our partners and plan to submit more refined comments to the Docket in August. These regulations are critical to our planning process and could have significant implications to how we select and fund projects in the TIP. If states don't hit their targets for these performance measures, there could be real impacts on how they program their federal funds.

On another Performance Measure topic, both PennDOT and NJDOT held Safety Performance Measures Target-Setting Coordination Kick off meetings within the last couple weeks. The Safety Performance Measures have been finalized and published and now the states and MPOs are working together to figure out how they can meet the requirements.

On May 27, the FHWA and FTA jointly released in the Federal Register the Final Rule for the Metropolitan Transportation Planning and Programming Process. These rules set forth how MPOs and States must conduct their transportation planning process. These rules implement the regulations from MAP-21 and the FAST Act. Much of what we have been required to do continues but there are also some new requirements that we have to incorporate into our planning process.

On May 16, Governor Wolf announced the recipients of this year's ARLE grants. PennDOT will distribute \$5.5M to 18 municipalities for 23 projects. In our region, Bucks County got one project, Chester County got 2 projects, Montgomery County got three and Philadelphia got 5 projects. Program funding is supplied from red light violations at 28

automated enforcement intersections in Philadelphia and will fund projects that improve safety and reduce congestion.

Also on May 16, the Governor announced the recipients of the Green Light-Go Program. PennDOT will distribute \$12M to 109 municipalities. In our region, Bucks Co. got 7 projects, Chester Co. got 7 projects, Delaware Co. got 9, Montgomery County got 20 and Philadelphia got 4 projects. Program funding is supplied from Act 89 and funds projects that upgrade traffic signals.

Mr. Ward reported that DVRPC has recently released some new reports including: FY17 DVRPC Planning Work Program, 2040 Regional Airport System Plan, Rating the Region: Metropolitan Indicators Report, Analysis of Modernization Scenarios for SEPTA Route 34, Making Freight Data More Accessible - SHRP2 C20: Local Freight Data Improvement.

Mr. Ward noted that there is a Information Resources Exchange Group meeting on June 8 which will focus on using drones for planning and autonomous vehicles, a Transportation Operations Task Force meeting on June 13, a Regional Community and Economic Development Forum meeting on June 15, a Public Participation Task Force meeting on June 15, a Public Meeting/Information Session Draft FY17 PA TIP/LRP Amendment/Conformity Determination on June 21, and the DVRPC Board meeting on June 23.

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

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

No public comments were stated.

ACTION ITEMS

4. Highlights of the Meeting of May 10, 2016

The highlights from the May 10, 2016 meeting of the RTC were presented for adoption. Chester County suggested a minor edit to Action Item 4 of those highlights which is presented in the motion.

Motion: by Randy Waltermeyer, seconded by Matthew Edmond to adopt the highlights for the May 10, 2016 RTC meeting with the following edit to change the motion for Action Item 5. DVRPC Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Actions a. PA15-84: Downingtown Train Station Rehabilitation, (MPMS #93586), PennDOT (Chester County) – Add Proposed New Project ; Motion: *by Randy Waltermeyer, seconded by Matthew Edmond* that the RTC conditionally recommend that the Board approve, the project with the revised project description and new map contingent on three changes being requested by Chester County: (1) that structured parking be considered, (2) that transit-oriented development be considered for the station area, and (3) that the plans be revised to remove specific parking spaces and show a general parking area instead. Barbara Holcomb abstained.

Motion passed.

5. DVRPC Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Actions

a. **PA15-90: SEPTA Bus Purchase Program, (MPMS #90512), SEPTA – Increase Program Cost**

SEPTA has requested that DVRPC modify the FY2015 - 2018 TIP for Pennsylvania by increasing the SEPTA Bus Purchase Program (MPMS #90512) by \$23,857,000 (\$2,585,000 Federal Section 5312/\$20,586,000 State 1514/\$686,000 Local) in FY16 for the purchase of equipment (PUR) phase. Federal funds in the amount of \$2,585,075 are additional to the region. The project description will also be updated.

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

TIP Action PA15-90, SEPTA's request that DVRPC modify the FY2015 - 2018 TIP for Pennsylvania by increasing the SEPTA Bus Purchase Program (MPMS #90512) by \$23,857,000 (\$2,585,000 Federal Section 5312/\$20,586,000 State 1514/\$686,000 Local) in FY16 for the purchase of equipment (PUR) phase. Federal funds in the amount of \$2,585,075 are additional to the region. The project description will also be updated.

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

b. **NJ16-039: Rt. 206, Bridges over Stony Brook, (DB #16354), Mercer County – Add a Graduate Study and Development/Proposed Project**

NJDOT has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2016 - 2019 TIP for New Jersey by adding a \$24,550,000 graduate Study and Development project, Rt. 206, Bridges over Stony Brook, (DB #16354), into the TIP. The project will require a \$2,500,000 State funded Final Design (DES) phase in FY16 and a \$22,050,000 State funded Construction (CON) phase in FY17. In order to minimize traffic impacts and reduce the construction duration of both structures, this project will combine two projects that were in the Study and Development Program in FY16 and advance them to DES and CON: "Route 206, Bridge over Stony Brook Flood Channel" (DB #14421) and "Route 206, Bridge over Stony Brook, Emergency Repair" (DB #16354).

Motion: *by Matt Lawson, seconded by Andrew Levecchia* that the RTC recommend the Board approve:

TIP Action NJ16-039, NJDOT's request that DVRPC amend the FY2016 - 2019 TIP for New Jersey by adding a \$24,550,000 graduate Study and Development project, Rt. 206, Bridges over Stony Brook, (DB #16354), into the TIP. The project will require a \$2,500,000 State funded Final Design (DES) phase in FY16 and a \$22,050,000 State funded Construction (CON) phase in FY17. This project will combine two projects that were in the Study and Development Program in FY16 and advance them to DES and CON: "Route 206, Bridge over Stony Brook Flood Channel" (DB #14421) and "Route 206, Bridge over Stony Brook, Emergency Repair" (DB #16354).

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

c. NJ16-042: River LINE Tier 4 Engine Retrofit Project, (DB #T701), NJ TRANSIT – Add Proposed Project

NJ TRANSIT has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2016 - 2019 TIP for New Jersey by adding a new, multi-year, \$14 million CMAQ funded River LINE Tier 4 Engine Retrofit Project into the TIP, accordingly: \$7,500,000 CMAQ funds for Capital Acquisition (CAP) in FY16 and \$6,500,000 CMAQ funds for CAP in FY17. With the support of NJDOT, the \$14 million CMAQ funds will be flexed (transferred) from FHWA to FTA.

Motion: *by Carol Thomas, seconded by Jennifer Adam* that the RTC recommend the Board approve:

TIP Action NJ16-042, NJ TRANSIT's request that DVRPC amend the FY2016 - 2019 TIP for New Jersey by adding a new, multi-year, \$14 million CMAQ funded River LINE Tier 4 Engine Retrofit Project into the TIP, accordingly: \$7,500,000 CMAQ funds for Capital Acquisition (CAP) in FY16 and \$6,500,000 CMAQ funds for CAP in FY17. With the support of NJDOT, the \$14 million CMAQ funds will be flexed (transferred) from FHWA to FTA.

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

6. Fiscal Year 2016 Planning Work Program Amendment

To respond to the needs of member governments and agencies, work program changes and additions are brought to the RTC to permit the timely undertaking of technical activity.

Permanent Bicycle and Pedestrian Counters

Shawn Megill-Legendre, DVRPC, requested an amendment of the work program and authorization to accept a \$19,250 grant from the Pennsylvania Environmental Council for three additional permanent bicycle and pedestrian counters: two on the D&L Canal Trail in Bucks County and one on the Schuylkill River Trail in Montgomery County.

Motion: *by Randy Waltermeyer, seconded by Matthew Edmond* that the RTC recommend the Board approve the Work Program Amendment entitled "Installation and Operation of Additional Permanent Bicycle and Pedestrian Counters on the D&L Canal Trail and the Schuylkill River Trail" and authorize DVRPC to accept a \$19,250 grant from the Pennsylvania Environmental Council to support the same

7. Approval of Congestion Management Process (CMP) Supplemental Commitment Table

Jesse Buerk, DVRPC, explained that four road capacity-adding projects in the Draft FY2017-2020 TIP for Pennsylvania require RTC action to be consistent with the CMP. The action is to approve the supplemental commitment tables for the Bristol Road Extension, PA 309 Connector Phase 2, and US 30 Coatesville Downingtown Bypass Eastern and Western section projects.

Motion: *by Matthew Edmond, seconded by Randy Waltermeyer* that the RTC approve the supplemental commitment tables for the Bristol Road Extension, PA 309 Connector Phase 2, and US 30 Coatesville Downingtown Bypass Eastern and Western section projects

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

8. FY 2017 TCDI Projects

Karin Morris, DVRPC, explained that DVRPC solicited applications for the FY 2017 Transportation and Community Development Initiative (TCDI) grant program in March 2016. The recommended projects for funding were presented.

Motion: *by Andrew Levecchia, seconded by Randy Waltermeyer* that the RTC recommend the Board approve the FY 2017 TCDI selected projects.

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

9. New Jersey Regional Trails Program Grant Awards

Chris Linn, DVRPC, presented six projects for trail grant awards in New Jersey, including two in Mercer County, two in Camden County, one in Burlington County, and one in Gloucester County. These projects will contribute to advancing key segments of the Circuit Trails network in South Jersey.

Motion: *by Andrew Levecchia, seconded by Matt Lawson* that the RTC recommend the Board approve the six projects for trail grant awards in New Jersey.

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

10. Third Amendment to the New Jersey Memorandum of Understanding for Exchange of Program Funds for Federal Fiscal Year 2014 through 2018

Kwan Hui, DVRPC, presented a recommendation for adoption of an Amendment to the Memorandum of Understanding among NJ TRANSIT, NJDOT, and the three Metropolitan Planning Organizations (NJTPA, DVRPC, and SJTPO). The MOU provides the general parameters of the Five-Year (FY2014 to FY2018) exchange of State Transportation Trust Fund (TTF) for an equal portion of federal Surface Transportation Program (STP) funds among agencies. The Amendment proposes a total exchange of \$89.5 million (\$70.5 million from NJTPA, \$11.5 million from DVRPC, and \$7.5 million from SJTPO) in FY2017.

Motion: *by Matt Lawson, seconded by Andrew Levecchia* that the RTC recommend the Board adopt the amendment to the Memorandum of Understanding among NJ Transit, NJDOT, and the three MPOS (NJTPA, DVRPC, and SJTPO).

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

11. Annual Self-Certification of the Regional Transportation Planning Process

John Ward, DVRPC Deputy Executive Director, explained that federal regulations require that Metropolitan Planning Organizations self-certify that the Regional Transportation Planning Process is carried out in conformance with applicable federal regulations. Mr. Ward requested that RTC recommend for Board approval.

Motion: *by Barbara Holcomb, seconded by Tom Shaffer* that the RTC recommend the Board approve DVRPC's annual self-certification of the Regional Transportation Planning Process.

12. Election of Fiscal Year 2017 Regional Technical Committee Officers

Ed Williams (Camden City) explained that the RTC Chairman for FY17 must be a voting member from Pennsylvania, and the Vice Chairman must be a voting member from New Jersey. Jim Mosca (PennDOT) indicated that the nominating committee recommended the election of Tom Shaffer (Delaware County) as Chair and Monica Etz (NJDOT) as Vice Chair. Mr. Ward asked for any nominations from the floor.

No nominations were taken from the floor.

Motion: *by Matt Lawson, seconded by Rich Brahler*, to approve Tom Shaffer (Delaware County) as Chair of the RTC for FY17 and Monica Etz (NJDOT) as the FY17 RTC Vice Chair.

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

INFORMATION ITEMS

13. One Minute Reports

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

14. Old and New Business

15. Meeting Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 11:45 AM.

The next scheduled meeting of the RTC is **Tuesday, July 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)

Representative

Monica Etz
(not represented)
(not represented)
(not represented)
(not represented)
(not represented)
(not represented)
James Mosca
(not represented)
Jonathan Korus
Rich Brahler
Carol Thomas
Andrew Levecchia
Randy Waltermeyer
Tom Shaffer
Jackie Huston
Matthew Lawson
Matthew Edmond
David Kanthor
Nicholas Baker
Angela Dixon
Ed Williams
(not represented)
(not represented)
Barbara Holcomb
Jennifer Adam
(not represented)
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)
(not represented)
Bill Ragozine
(not represented)
(not represented)
Jacqueline Mandly
(not represented)
(not represented)
(not represented)
(not represented)
(not represented)
(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

Al Federico – Kimley-Horn

Bill Comer – Resident of Philadelphia

Dennis Winters – Clean Air Council

Casey A. Moore – McMahon Associates, Inc.

Mark Roth – McMahon Associates, Inc.

John Caperilla – Borton-Lawson

DVRPC Staff

John Ward

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Elise Turner

Rick Murphy

Kwan Hui

Shoshana Akins

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Brett Fusco

Greg Krykewycz

Chris Linn

Renee Wise

Jesse Buerk

Shawn Megill-Legendre

Karin Morris

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