

DELAWARE VALLEY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
REGIONAL TECHNICAL COMMITTEE
July 12, 2016 Meeting Highlights
DVRPC Conference Room, Philadelphia, PA

1. Call to Order - Chairperson's Comments

Thomas Shaffer (Chair, Delaware County) 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 June RTC meeting.

Mr. Ward welcomed new Chair and Vice Chair (Tom Shaffer, Delaware County and Monica Etz, NJ DOT). Mr. Ward said goodbye and offered best wishes to Randy Waltermeyer who is leaving Chester County for a new position.

Mr. Ward reported that he attended the PA Planning Partners Annual Meeting in State College, PA. Some of the presentations and speakers included:

- PennDOT's Planning and Engineering 360 Initiative
- The PA On-Track Implementation
- Discussion about commenting on the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking for System Performance
- PennDOT's Secretary of Transportation Richard's Vision to strengthen Project Development and Delivery
- Comments from FHWA Division Administrator Sigel notifying the group of a new Notice of Proposed Rulemaking on Metropolitan Planning Organization Coordination and Planning Area Reform NPRM

Mr. Ward reported that on June 30th, Governor Christie issued Executive Order 210 which declared a State of Emergency in New Jersey and has ordered the orderly shut-down of all Transportation Trust Fund Authority-funded projects starting July 8 for at least eight days. The legislature has been discussing ways to re-fill the TTF but has not been able to agree on a solution yet.

Mr. Ward reported that the I-95 Corridor Coalition has applied for a grant to conduct a pilot study on Mileage Based User Fees. The states in the pilot study include PA, DE, CT, and NH.

Mr. Ward reminded RTC members that the next RTC meeting will be taking place on **Tuesday, September 13, 2016.**

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

No public comments were stated.

ACTION ITEMS

4. Highlights of the Meeting of June 7, 2016

The highlights from the June 7, 2016 meeting of the RTC were presented for adoption. .

Motion: *by Matt Lawson, seconded by Rich Brahler* that the RTC adopt the minutes of June 7, 2016.

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

5. DVRPC Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Actions

a. PA15-92: I-95 Columbia Avenue to Ann Street (GR1), (MPMS #79686), City of Philadelphia – ROW Increase

PennDOT has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2015 – 2018 TIP for Pennsylvania by increasing the ROW phase in FY16 by \$15,554,717 (\$8,843,640 NHPP/\$4,703,077 STU/\$2,008,000 STP/Toll Credit Match) for MPMS #79686 I-95, Columbia Avenue to Ann Street (GR1), in order to cover a court ordered ROW claim settlement, and any additional costs that may arise.

Motion: *by David Kanthor, seconded by Zoe Robertson* that the RTC recommend the Board approve:

TIP Action PA15-92, PennDOT's request that DVRPC amend the FY2015 – 2018 TIP for Pennsylvania by increasing the ROW phase in FY16 by \$15,554,717 (\$8,843,640 NHPP/\$4,703,077 STU/\$2,008,000 STP/Toll Credit Match) for MPMS #79686 I-95, Columbia Avenue to Ann Street (GR1), in order to cover a court ordered ROW claim settlement, and any additional costs that may arise.

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

b. PA15-93: Repurposing of Unobligated Earmark Balances, (Various MPMS #s), Various Counties in Pennsylvania

PennDOT has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2015 – 2018 TIP for Pennsylvania by repurposing \$43,694,955.40 worth of federal earmarks in the DVRPC PA region to projects that are ready for authorization. The repurposed amounts that are identified for each project represents a total estimate only, as final amounts will be determined after all FY16 obligations have occurred for existing TIP projects. Funds that will be repurposed to a Statewide Interstate Management Program (IMP) project will be returned to the DVRPC Regional TIP in a subsequent action. Existing TIP and Statewide IMP projects, including those proposed to accept the repurposed earmarks, will not have overall cost or schedule changes. No projects will be added or deleted from the PA TIP or Statewide IMP.

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

TIP Action PA15-93, PennDOT's request that DVRPC amend the FY2015 – 2018 TIP for Pennsylvania by repurposing \$43,694,955.40 worth of federal earmarks in the DVRPC PA region, per Section 125 of the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2016 (Public Law 114-113, Division L, Title I), to projects proposed by PennDOT in Pennsylvania that are ready for authorization. The repurposed amounts that are identified for each project represents a total estimate only, as final amounts will be determined after all FY16 obligations have occurred for existing TIP projects. Funds that will be repurposed to a Statewide Interstate Management Program (IMP) project will be returned to the DVRPC Regional TIP in a subsequent action.

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

c. NJ16-043: Repurposing of Unobligated Earmark Balances, (Various DB #s), Various Counties in New Jersey

NJDOT has requested that DVRPC modify the FY2016 - 2019 TIP for New Jersey by repurposing \$24,160,803.90 worth of federal earmarks in the DVRPC NJ region, per Section 125 of the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2016 (Public Law 114-113, Division L, Title I), to projects that are ready for authorization. As a result of repurposing earmark funds to these projects, an estimated \$20,115,548 would be made available for existing NJDOT sponsored TIP projects in the DVRPC region. At the same time, an estimated \$4,045,255 STP-STU funds would also be made available for local DVRPC projects in FY17 from the line item, DVRPC, Future Projects (DB #D026). The region has identified two local "quick obligation" projects, totaling \$2,891,000 STP-STU funds, for construction in FY17 (DB #s D1604 and D1605), which will be included in the line item until they are ready to break out into their individual DB #s for authorization. Existing TIP projects, including those proposed to accept the repurposed earmarks, will not have overall cost changes. No projects will be deleted from the NJ TIP; and no project schedules will be impacted.

Motion: *by Carol Thomas, seconded by Andrew Levecchia* that the RTC recommend the Board approve:

TIP Action NJ16-043, NJDOT's request that DVRPC modify the FY2016 - 2019 TIP for New Jersey by repurposing \$24,160,803.90 worth of federal earmarks in the DVRPC NJ region, per Section 125 of the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2016 (Public Law 114-113, Division L, Title I), to projects that are ready for authorization. As a result of repurposing earmark funds to these projects, an estimated \$20,115,548 would be made available for existing NJDOT sponsored TIP projects in the DVRPC region. At the same time, an estimated \$4,045,255 STP-STU funds would also be made available for local DVRPC projects in FY17 from the line item, DVRPC, Future Projects (DB #D026). The region has identified two local "quick obligation" projects, totaling \$2,891,000 STP-STU funds, for construction in FY17 (DB #s D1604 and D1605), which will be included in the line item until they are ready to break out into their individual DB #s for authorization. The new FY17 projects are listed as follows: (1) CR 561 (Haddon Avenue), Gateway Project, (DB #D1605), City of Camden – \$1,141,000 STP-STU funds for FY17 CON

(2) Tanyard Rd (CR 663), Blackwood Barnsboro Road (CR 603) to Brenner Avenue/Dancy Avenue, (DB #D1604), Gloucester County - \$1,750,000 STPSTU funds for FY17 CON.

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

6. 2045 Population Forecasts

Mary Bell, DVRPC, explained that as a part of our long-range planning activities, DVRPC is required to maintain forecasts with at least a 20-year horizon, or to the horizon year of the long-range plan. In recent months, staff has worked collaboratively with county planning staffs to develop population forecasts in five-year increments through 2045. Staff presented the 2045 population forecasts, and requested that the RTC recommend that the DVRPC Board adopt the forecasts as presented at their July 28th meeting.

Motion: by *Matt Lawson*, seconded by *Barbara Holcomb* that the RTC recommend the Board adopt the 2045 Population Forecasts.

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

7. Long-Range Plan Amendment

Brett Fusco, DVRPC, explained that the I-76 Integrated Corridor Management Program is proposed as an amendment to the list of fiscally-constrained transportation investments in the *Connections 2040* Long-Range Plan. Staff provided an overview of the project, as well as a summary of the public comment process. Staff requested that the RTC recommend the Board approve the amendment.

Motion: by *Matthew Edmond*, seconded by *Andrew Levecchia* *Matthew Edmond* that the RTC recommend the Board approve the Long-Range Plan amendment.

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

8. Recommendation for Adoption of Conformity Determination of the *Connections 2040* Long-Range Plan and FY 2017–2020 TIP for Pennsylvania

Sean Greene, DVRPC, explained that DVRPC is demonstrating conformity for the *Connections 2040* Long-Range Plan (Plan) and FY 2017 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for Pennsylvania. This demonstration is necessitated by an amendment to the Long-Range Plan, and a new TIP for Pennsylvania. A public comment period was held from June 3, 2016 to July 5, 2016 and a public meeting was held on June 21, 2016. Staff presented the results of the Transportation Conformity Determination and requested that the RTC recommend that the DVRPC Board adopt the findings at the July 28, 2016 Board meeting.

Motion: by *Barbara Holcomb*, seconded by *Jim Mosca* that the RTC adopt the Conformity Determination of the *Connections 2040* Long-Range Plan and FY 2017–2020 TIP for Pennsylvania.

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

9. FY17 PA TIP Adoption and FY17 PA TIP MOU

Elizabeth Schoonmaker, DVRPC, and Rick Murphy, DVRPC explained that federal law and planning regulations require the development of a Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) in order for the metropolitan region to be eligible to receive and spend federal transportation funds. The creation of the TIP is to be done by the MPO in cooperation with the state and transit operators, and must provide opportunity for input and comment by the public. A 30-day comment period must be conducted prior to a formal action to adopt the TIP. For the Draft DVRPC FY2017 TIP for PA, staff presented an overview of the program, comments received during the public comment period, any recommended changes, an update to the MOU for Procedures on Amending and Modifying the TIP, and asked the RTC to recommend the Board approve final adoption.

. Motion: *by Rich Brahler, seconded by Randy Waltermeyer* that the RTC recommend the Board approve final adoption of the FY17 PA TIP Adoption and FY17 PA TIP MOU.

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

10. DVRPC Competitive CMAQ Program for Pennsylvania (FY 2017-FY 2020) Recommended Projects

Sean Greene, DVRPC, presented the list of projects recommended to be funded through the 2016 DVRPC Competitive Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program (CMAQ) for Pennsylvania. CMAQ funding has been set aside in the FY 2017 Draft Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for Pennsylvania and staff is recommending that 17 projects be funded for a total of \$20.9 million. In order to be eligible for CMAQ funding, projects must contribute to the improvement of regional air quality or reduce traffic congestion. This list represents a diverse set of project types throughout the region. The projects were selected through an open solicitation and selection process. Staff requested the RTC recommend that the Board approve the list of projects.

Motion: *by Randy Waltermeyer, seconded by Matthew Edmond* that the RTC recommend the Board approve the recommended list of CMAQ projects.

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

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 12:20 PM.

The next scheduled meeting of the RTC is **Tuesday, September 13, 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)
(not represented)
James Mosca
(not represented)
Jonathan Korus
Rich Brahler
Carol Thomas
Andrew Levecchia
Randy Waltermeyer
Tom Shaffer
(not represented)
Matthew Lawson
Matthew Edmond
David Kanthor
Nicholas Baker
Angela Dixon
(not represented)
Latifah Griffin
(not represented)
Barbara Holcomb
Jennifer Adam
(not represented)
Zoe Robertson
Ken Boyle
Jim Hopkins

Representative

(not represented)
Kelvin MacKavanagh
(not represented)
Dan Walston
Tim Lidiak
(not represented)
(not represented)
Bill Ragozine
Cecile Charlton
(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

Karen Whitaker – Delaware County

Al Federico – Kimley-Horn

Mark Roth – McMahon Associates, Inc.

DVRPC Staff

John Ward

Patty Elkis

Chris Puchalsky

Elizabeth Schoonmaker

Elise Turner

Rick Murphy

Kwan Hui

Shoshana Akins

Brett Fusco

Greg Krykewycz

Sean Greene

Mary Bell

Justin Neff

Ted Dahlburg

Stacy Bartels

Dave Anderson

Renee Wise

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