

DELAWARE VALLEY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
REGIONAL TECHNICAL COMMITTEE
September 13, 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 July RTC meeting including some very important actions such as: 2045 population forecasts, a LRP Amendment, a Conformity Determination and a PA TIP.

There were 526 comments submitted to the Docket regarding the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking on Metropolitan Planning Organization Coordination and Planning Area Reform including letters from :

DVRPC
PennDOT
NJDOT
Maryland DOT
Camden County
Mercer County
Montgomery County
SEPTA
NJTransit
DRPA/PATCO
Senators Booker and Menendez (NJ)
Senator Toomey (PA)
Senators Blumenthal and Murphy (CT)
PA State Senator Rafferty
PA State Representative Harper
SJTPO
NJTPA
WILMAPCO
Lehigh Valley Planning Commission
Berks County Planning Commission
Lancaster County Planning Commission
SJTPO, NJTPA, and DVRPC
WILMAPCO and DVRPC
Lehigh Valley, Berks County, Lancaster County, and DVRPC
MAP Forum
NARC, AAMPO, and NADO
AASHTO
US House T&I Committee

DVRPC also provided comment to the Docket on the NPRM for System Performance, Freight, and CMAQ Performance Measures. The Commission also coordinated on a comment letter with other MPOs, DOTs, and Transit Operators in the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic.

Mr. Ward noted that a New Jersey TAP round has recently opened and applications are due to NJ DOT by November 10th. Workshops for potential applicants are being set up and information will be posted on our website soon.

On June 30th, Governor Christie issued an Executive Order which declared a State of Emergency in New Jersey and ordered the shut-down of Transportation Trust Fund (TTF) Authority-funded projects. The legislature and the Governor have been discussing ways to re-fill the TTF but they have not been able to agree on a solution yet.

Mr. Ward called the RTC's attention to some new releases including: 2014/15 Aircraft Operations Counting Program: Operations for Six Non-Towered Airports; Data Bulletin #097: Population Estimates, 2010-2015; Analytical Data Report #022: County- and Municipal-Level Population Forecasts, 2015-2045; Data Bulletin #098: Residential Building Permits, 2010-2015; 2015 Transportation Safety Action Plan: Improving Transportation Safety in the Delaware Valley; Downtown Trenton Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan.

Mr. Ward announced some upcoming meetings including: Information Resources Exchange Group (IREG) - 100th Meeting September 14, Regional Aviation Committee Meeting September 15, TOTF/FHWA Operations Scenario Planning - September 29, and the DVRPC Board meeting September 22.

Mr. Ward reminded RTC members that the next RTC meeting will be taking place on **Tuesday, October 11, 2016.**

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

No public comments were stated.

ACTION ITEMS

4. Highlights of the Meeting of July 12, 2016

The highlights from the July 12, 2016 meeting of the RTC were presented for adoption. .

Motion: by Barbara Holcomb, seconded by Jim Mosca that the RTC adopt the minutes of July 12, 2016.

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

5. MPO Transportation Planning and Programming Memoranda of Understanding

John Ward, DVRPC, presented multiple memoranda of understanding between DVRPC and neighboring MPOs (LCTCC, NJTPA, SJTPO, and WILMAPCO) regarding their transportation planning and programming responsibilities as they relate to established urbanized areas that cross defined MPO boundaries. These MOUs will be updated

following each decennial census and the development of new urbanized areas by the US Census Bureau.

Motion: by Andrew Levecchia, *seconded by Barbara Holcomb* that the RTC recommend the Board adopt the MOUs .

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

6. Proposed Dates for Calendar Year 2017 RTC Meetings

The proposed dates for calendar year 2017 RTC meetings were presented for approval.

Motion: *by Barbara Holcomb, seconded by Ed Williams* that the RTC approve the proposed dates for calendar year 2017 RTC meetings.

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

PRESENTATION ITEMS

7. SEP-TAINABLE 2020

Rebecca Collins, SEPTA, explained that SEPTA's first-generation Sustainability Program Plan was formally adopted by the SEPTA Board in January 2011. The plan focused on 12 targets to be reached by 2015 and served as the framework for initiatives to advance the environmental, social and economic sustainability of the system and region. It has become a model for collaborative sustainability planning and implementation in the transit industry. The results from the 2015 plan were presented along with a proposed planning framework for the 2020 plan.

8. Data Coordination Initiative at DVRPC

Kim Korejko, DVRPC, and Sean Lawrence, DVRPC, presented on new data coordination efforts that are underway at DVRPC. Through this initiative, staff are working toward improving how DVRPC acquires, stores, manages, maintains, and shares data. Related to this initiative, a demonstration of the recently released GIS Data Portal was given.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

9. FY18 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) Development

John Ward, DVRPC, led a discussion on the development of the FY18 Work Program including: requirements, planning emphasis areas, process, schedule and initial outreach to counties/cities.

INFORMATION ITEMS

10. One Minute Reports

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

11. Old and New Business

12. Meeting Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 12:20 PM.

The next scheduled meeting of the RTC is **Tuesday, October 11, 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 – OTIS
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
William DuGoffroy
Tom Shaffer
Theresa Ziegler
Matthew Lawson
Matthew Edmond
David Kanthor
Michelle Webb
Angela Dixon
Ed Williams
Latifah Griffin
(not represented)
Barbara Holcomb
Jennifer Adam
(not represented)
Zoe Robertson
(not represented)
Jim Hopkins

Representative

(not represented)
Kelvin MacKavanagh
(not represented)
Dan Walston
(not represented)
(not represented)
(not represented)
Bill Ragozine
(not represented)
(not represented)
Jacqueline Mandly
(not represented)
(not represented)
(not represented)
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(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

Alexis Williams – McCormick Taylor

Rebecca Collins – SEPTA

Jesse Minsky – NJDOT

Nick Rogers – Clean Air Council

DVRPC Staff

John Ward

Patty Elkis

Chris Puchalsky

Mike Boyer

Kim Korejko

Stacy Bartels

Betsy Mastaglio

Sean Lawrence

Amy Bernknopf

Logan Axelson

John Griffies

Elise Turner

Shoshana Akins

Renee Wise

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