



DELAWARE VALLEY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
REGIONAL TECHNICAL COMMITTEE
February 14, 2017 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 at their January meeting, the Board approved the recommendations that the RTC forwarded to them from our January meeting.

Mr. Ward reported that the Board approved the FY18 UPWP, therefore, the work is authorized to begin on July 1. DVRPC received some comments about the Work Program, submitted by the NJ Circuit Coalition Steering Committee, after the January 10 RTC meeting but before the January 11 close of the comment period. Staff was able to prepare responses to those comments in time for the Board meeting and they are included in the RTC packets. Mr. Ward noted that he wanted to share them with the RTC because even though those comments and our responses were part of the Board Action, the RTC had not seen them. After the Board meeting, another set of comments came in from FHWA-NJ Division and staff is finalizing responses to those comments. DVRPC staff has prepared or are preparing responses to all official comments that were received and a reply letter will be sent for all of them.

Mr. Ward reported that last September, the RTC had a presentation from Becky Collins of SEPTA on the update of their Sustainability Plan. Mr. Ward noted that he recently got an email from Ms. Collins asking to let the RTC know that the SEPTA Board approved the second generation sustainability plan, SEP-TAINABLE 2020. Ms. Collins requested that he pass on that she appreciated the opportunity to present the proposed program plan at the RTC meeting and wanted the members to know that their feedback and support was invaluable to the planning process. The document and additional sustainability program information can be found on the SEPTA sustainability website (www.septa.org/sustain).

Mr. Ward noted that on January 19th, the MPO Coordination and Planning Area Reform Final Rule became effective and the clock is ticking towards compliance. There have been some draft letters pushing back and suggesting resolution of this issue but with all that is going on in DC, staff has decided to let a few things play out, such as whether there is the potential for the Congressional Review Act.

Mr. Ward introduced and welcomed DVRPC's new Public Participation Task Force members who are the PPTF's representatives to the RTC. Ken Boyle, is serving in his second year with the RTC and two new PPTF members have joined the RTC; Brian Trayler and Lennox Hyman.

Mr. Ward noted that a few years back an RTC Member Handbook modeled after the DVRPC Commissioner's Handbook was created. Over the next couple of months Mr. Ward will be working with Renee Wise to update the RTC Handbook and one of the most important sections of the document is the Member Roster. Mr. Ward noted that it would be helpful to make sure all RTC members and alternates provide all your current contact information. Mr. Ward asked that when RTC members sign-in as you come into the meeting area please let us know if any of your contact information has changed so we can keep our roster updated.

Mr. Ward reported that two staff members are leaving DVPRC and wished goodbye and best wishes to Chris Puchalsky and Zoe Neaderland.

Mr. Ward noted that there are some recent publications available, including: Concept Development for Southern Chester County - New Castle County Transit Service; Roosevelt Boulevard Enhanced Bus Service Operations Analysis; FY 2016 DVRPC Annual Report; Planning for Changing Demographics: Millennials in the Delaware Valley - How the transportation, career, and housing preferences of young adults are shaping our region.

Mr. Ward reminded the RTC that the DVRPC Board Meeting will take place on February 23, there is a Public Participation Task Force meeting February 28, an Information Resources Exchange Group meeting March 8, and a Transportation Operations Task Force meeting March 13.

The next RTC Meeting is **Tuesday, March 14, 2017.**

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

No public comments were stated.

ACTION ITEMS

4. Highlights of the Meeting of January 10, 2017

The highlights from the January 10, 2017 meeting of the RTC were presented for adoption.

Motion: by Barbara Holcomb, seconded by Jim Mosca that the RTC adopt the minutes of January 10, 2017.

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

5. DVRPC Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Actions

a. PA17-21: US 322, US 1 to Featherbed Lane (Section 101), (MPMS #69816), Delaware County – Low Bid Construction Cost Reduction

PennDOT has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2017 – 2020 TIP for

Pennsylvania by reducing the FY19 and FY20 CON phases for the US 322, US 1 to Featherbed Lane (Section 101) project, (MPMS #69816), in the total amount of \$28,691,000 (\$5,481,000 NHPP/\$1,370,000 State 581 in FY19 and \$17,472,000 NHPP/\$4,368,000 State 581 in FY20) to reflect savings from lower than expected bids and related construction engineering and inspection savings due to the reduced construction cost. The total construction estimate for the project, including the proposed low bid cost reduction, is \$68,909,000. The reduction of funds is the result of low bid savings and does not represent a reduction in the project's scope.

b. PA17-22: Chestnut Street Bridges, Ramps, (8) at 30th Street, (MPMS #17816), City of Philadelphia – Low Bid Construction Cost Increase

PennDOT has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2017 – 2020 TIP for Pennsylvania by increasing the FY17, FY18, FY19, and FY20 CON phases for the Chestnut Street Bridges, Ramps, (8) at 30th Street project, (MPMS #17816), in the total amount of \$37,705,000 (\$1,000,000 NHPP/\$250,000 State 581 in FY17; \$6,211,000 NHPP/\$1,553,000 State 581 in FY18; \$5,481,000 NHPP/\$1,370,000 State 581 in FY19; and \$17,472,000 NHPP/\$4,368,000 State 581 in FY20) to cover a low bid cost increase. The total construction estimate for the project, including the proposed low bid cost increase, is \$107,705,000.

Motion: by *Michelle Webb*, seconded by *Barbara Holcomb* that the RTC recommend the Board approve:

TIP Action PA17-21, PennDOT's request that DVRPC amend the FY2017 – 2020 TIP for Pennsylvania by reducing the FY19 and FY20 CON phases for the US 322, US 1 to Featherbed Lane (Section 101) project, (MPMS #69816), in the total amount of \$28,691,000 (\$5,481,000 NHPP/\$1,370,000 State 581 in FY19 and \$17,472,000 NHPP/\$4,368,000 State 581 in FY20) to reflect savings from lower than expected bids and related construction engineering and inspection savings due to the reduced construction cost.

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

c. PA17-23: Elverson Main Street Restoration (PA 23), (MPMS #107680), Chester County – Add New Project to the TIP

PennDOT has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2017 – 2020 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a new \$6,550,000 project, Elverson Main Street Restoration (PA 23), MPMS #107680, to the TIP for PE (\$100,000 State 581) in FY17; FD (\$200,000 State 581), UTL (\$200,000 State 581), and ROW (\$50,000 State 581) in FY18; and CON (\$6,000,000 STU/Toll Credit Match) in FY19. This is

a “3R” Road/Resurfacing/Rehabilitation project and draws funds from the 3R Line Item, MPMS #17876.

d. PA17-24: US 1 (Township Line Road) Corridor Safety Improvements, (MPMS #107735), Delaware County – Add New Project to the TIP

PennDOT has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2017 – 2020 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a new project, US 1 (Township Line Road) Corridor Safety Improvements, MPMS #107735, to the TIP for CON (\$1,500,000 eSTP) in FY17. These are additional discretionary funds to the region.

e. PA17-25: I-76 Bridge Repair Section SRE, (MPMS #107698), City of Philadelphia – Add New Project to the TIP

PennDOT has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2017 – 2020 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a new \$21,600,000 project, I-76 Bridge Repair Section SRE, MPMS #107698, to the TIP for PE (\$300,000 State 581) and FD (\$300,000 State 581) in FY17; and CON (\$12,076,000 NHPP/Toll Credit Match) in FY18 and (\$8,924,000 NHPP/Toll Credit Match) in FY19.

Motion: by *Jim Mosca*, seconded by *June Morton* that the RTC recommend the Board approve:

TIP Action PA17-23, PennDOT’s request that DVRPC amend the FY2017 – 2020 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a new \$6,550,000 project, Elverson Main Street Restoration (PA 23), MPMS #107680, to the TIP for PE (\$100,000 State 581) in FY17; FD (\$200,000 State 581), UTL (\$200,000 State 581), and ROW (\$50,000 State 581) in FY18; and CON (\$6,000,000 STU/Toll Credit Match) in FY19.

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

6. Fiscal Year 2017 Planning Work Program Amendments

a. I-95 Northeast Philadelphia and Bucks County Traffic Forecasts

Matt Gates, DVRPC, explained that this project will enable DVRPC to continue to provide PennDOT with travel modeling and traffic forecasting services along the I-95 Corridor from Vine Street to Cottman Avenue on an as needed basis. Tasks may include traffic counts

and other data collection activities, as well as modeling proposed interchange configurations and travel demand during construction detours.

b. I-95 Southwest Philadelphia and Delaware County Traffic Forecasts

Matt Gates, DVRPC, explained that this project will enable DVRPC to provide PennDOT with new traffic data and forecasts that are needed to support a VISSIM model of the I-95/I-476 interchange, provide updated traffic forecasts in the I-95/US 322 interchange area, and support other planning activities in the I-95 corridor from the Delaware State line to the Girard Point Bridge.

Motion by: *Jonathan Korus, seconded by Rich Brahler* that the RTC recommend the Board amend:

DVRPC's FY17 UPWP to include "I-95 Northeast Philadelphia and Bucks County Traffic Forecasts" and I-95 Southwest Philadelphia and Delaware County Traffic Forecasts."

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

7. DVRPC Pennsylvania Critical Urban Freight Corridors

Michael Ruane, DVRPC, explained that in support of the FAST Act and the National Highway Freight Program (NHFP), PennDOT has requested that DVRPC identify Critical Urban Freight Corridors for potential addition to the new National Highway Freight Network (NHFN). The candidate corridors were presented and a recommendation was sought for approval by the Board.

Motion by: *Jim Mosca, seconded by June Morton* that the RTC recommend the Board approve:

The five Critical Urban Freight Corridors for submission to PennDOT for potential inclusion in the NHFN.

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

8. Federal Functional Classification Change, Chester County

Matt Gates, DVRPC, explained that this technical edit will remove a portion of Mortonville Road from Chester County's Federal Aid Highway System. This segment, in East Fallowfield Township, is closed to traffic.

9. National Highway System Change, Montgomery County

Matt Gates, DVRPC, explained that this technical edit will remove a portion of PA 113 from the NHS. This portion of PA 113 in Upper Providence Township was recently changed from a Principal Arterial to a Minor Arterial, and should have been removed from the NHS at that time to be consistent with statewide policy and Federal guidance.

Motion by: *Matthew Edmond, seconded by Rohan Hepkins* that the RTC recommend the Board approve:

The Federal Functional Classification Change in Chester County and the National Highway System Change in Montgomery County.

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

10. Project Selection for the New Jersey Safe Routes to School Program (SRTS)

Katrina Lawrence, DVRPC, explained that the NJ SRTS subcommittee used the agreed upon selection criteria to guide the selection process for the agreed upon set of projects. They selected projects using approximately \$1.5 M in available SRTS funds. DVRPC is seeking a recommendation to add these projects to the FY 2016 New Jersey STIP.

Motion by: *Andrew Levecchia, seconded by Rich Brahler* that the RTC recommend the Board approve:

The projects selected for the New Jersey Safe Routes to School Program (SRTS).

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

11. NEC FUTURE Final Tier 1 EIS Preferred Alternative

Greg Krykewycz, DVRPC, requested that the RTC recommend that the Board support the NEC FUTURE Final Tier 1 EIS Preferred Alternative and add this Preferred Alternative to the Region's Long-Range Plan as an unfunded aspirational project when the Long-Range Plan Update is adopted this July 11.

Motion by: *Rohan Hepkins, seconded by Matthew Lawson* that the RTC recommend the Board support:

The NEC FUTURE Final Tier 1 EIS Preferred Alternative and add this Preferred Alternative to the Region's Long-Range Plan as an unfunded aspirational project when the Long-Range Plan Update is adopted this July 11.

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

PRESENTATION ITEMS

12. 2015 Land Use

Mary Bell, DVRPC, explained that land use information and analysis is a fundamental tool in the planning process. DVRPC's 2015 land use file is based on digital orthophotography created from aerial surveillance completed in the spring of 2015. Staff presented the initial results of the first of two DVRPC 2015 land use products, which categorizes the region's land uses into 31 separate categories identical to those used in each five- year increment since 2000.

13. Planning for Changing Demographics: Millennials in the Delaware Valley

Andrew Svekla, DVRPC, explained that millennials, those young adults largely born during the 1980s and 1990s, are now the largest generation in the country. DVRPC's recent

study, *Planning for Changing Demographics: Millennials in the Delaware Valley*, examines how the transportation, career, and housing preferences of these young adults may affect communities throughout the Greater Philadelphia region.

14. Update on DVRPC's Public Participation Task Force

Shoshana Akins, DVRPC, explained that DVRPC's ongoing forum for public involvement, the Public Participation Task Force, welcomed 12 new members in early 2017. Staff provided a summary of the 2016 recruitment and application review process, and an update on the orientation program and upcoming meetings.

INFORMATION ITEMS

15. One Minute Reports

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

16. Old and New Business

17. Meeting Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 12:04 PM.

The next scheduled meeting of the RTC is Tuesday, March 14, 2017.

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
Public Participation Task Force

Representative

(not represented)
Ruth Foster
(not represented)
(not represented)
Gerard Scharfenberger
(not represented)
(not represented)
Jim Mosca
(not represented)
Jonathan Korus
Rich Brahler
Ed Fox
Andrew Levecchia
Brian Styche
Tom Shaffer
Jackie Huston
Matthew Lawson
Matthew Edmond
David Kanthor
Michelle Webb
Angela Dixon
June Morton
Peter Rykard
(not represented)
Barbara Holcomb
Jennifer Adam
Rohan Hepkins
Zoe Robertson
Lennox Hyman
Brian Trayler

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)
(not represented)
(not represented)
Dan Walston
Tim Lidiak
(not represented)
(not represented)
Bill Ragozine
Cecile Charlton
(not represented)
Jacqueline Mandly
(not represented)
(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

Kathleen Winfree - PennDOT

Dana Dobson – Tri-State Transportation Campaign

Olivia Glenn- NJ Conservation Foundation

Nathan Powers- Philadelphia Streets Department

Joe Orth-Greenman Pedersen

Al Federico- Kimley-Horn

Fran O'Brien- McCormick Taylor

Sarah Clark Stuart-Bicycle Coalition of Greater Philadelphia

DVRPC Staff

John Ward

Chris Puchalsky

Elizabeth Schoonmaker

Mike Boyer

Karin Morris

Greg Krykewycz

Kwan Hui

Rick Murphy

Jesse Buerk

Matt Gates

Katrina Lawrence

John Coscia, Jr.

Zoe Neaderland

Ted Dahlburg

Michael Ruane

Keith Hartington

Karen Cilurso

Betsy Mastaglio

Alison Hastings

Elise Turner

Shoshana Akins

Renee Wise

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