



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

June 13, 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

Mr. Ward reported that at their May meeting, the Board approved all the action items that the RTC recommended to them. Additionally, the Nominating Committee for Board Officers reported on their recommended slate of officers for FY18. Recommendations included, for Chair NJDOT, for Vice Chair the City of Philadelphia, for Secretary Gloucester County, and for Treasurer the PA Governor's Appointee. The Board will vote on their FY18 Officers at their June meeting.

Mr. Ward noted that the The MPO Coordination Rule Repeal was signed by the President on Friday May 12th. With that, the MPO Coordination Rule is no longer in force. This is being considered a victory for MPOs, DOTs, transit agencies and all stakeholders of the cooperative, comprehensive, and continuing regional transportation planning process. The repeal was considered striking in its bipartisan nature and the speed and thoroughness of this success was resounding.

Mr. Ward called the RTC's attention to the upcoming competitive funding round in the Pennsylvania Counties for the Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Program (Regional and Statewide), the program formerly known as TAP. The application period runs from July 10th to September 22nd. This round of funding is expected to make more than \$11M available for the DVRPC Region and up to \$55M for the PennDOT Statewide program. Other than the name change, the TA Set-Aside is largely unchanged from the previous TAP. One notable change is that nonprofit organizations that oversee the administration of local transportation safety programs are now eligible project sponsors for the Statewide Program. The TA Set-Aside Program continues to provide funds to build bike and pedestrian facilities, improve access to public transportation, create safe routes to school, preserve historic transportation structures, provide environmental mitigation, create trails projects that serve a transportation purpose, while promoting safety and mobility.

Mr. Ward noted that PennDOT has set up an informational webinar on June 22. Go to the DVRPC website for more information on that. Additionally, project applicants must meet with a DVRPC project manager by September 1 in order to submit an application and they must notify their County Representatives.

Mr. Ward reported that in the past we've spoken about and even have had some presentations on the new MAP-21 and FAST Act requirement that DOTs and MPOs undertake a performance based planning and programming approach to our transportation

investments. To achieve this, the development of performance measures have been undertaken in the areas of safety, congestion, CMAQ, freight movement, pavement and bridge condition on the NHS, asset management plans and processes, and transit asset management. And while the US DOT developed the performance measures, the state DOTs and MPOs are required to set targets. Recently NJDOT and PennDOT have announced their statewide safety targets. MPOs have 180 days from the time the states set their targets to either set their own targets or use the state targets. DVRPC is definitely leaning towards consistency with our states although that means different targets within the region. DVRPC is working with our FHWA Division offices to determine how we officially set our targets.

Other performance measures have recently been approved and the DOTs are working on establishing appropriate targets. DVRPC will indicate our targets in those performance measures when the time comes.

Mr. Ward noted that there is a new publication available: Philadelphia Zoo Rail Study - Concept Development and Ridership Analysis.

Mr. Ward reminded the RTC that there is a Regional Aviation Committee meeting taking place on June 15 at the New Garden Flying Field in Toughkenamon, Chester County, a DVRPC Board Meeting on June 22, and a Regional Community and Economic Development Forum meeting focusing on the economic impact of tourism on Greater Philadelphia on June 27.

The next RTC Meeting is **Tuesday, July 11, 2017.**

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

No public comments were stated.

ACTION ITEMS

4. Highlights of the Meeting of May 9, 2017

The highlights from the May 9, 2017 meeting of the RTC were presented for adoption with an amendment to fix a typo.

Motion: by Barbara Holcomb, seconded by Matt Edmond that the RTC adopt the amended minutes of May 9, 2017.

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

5. DVRPC Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Actions

a. NJ16-131: Rt. 73, CR 534 (Jackson Rd) to Fork Landing, (DB #17612), Burlington and Camden Counties – Add New Project to the TIP

Rick Murphy, DVRPC, explained all the TIP actions. He explained that NJDOT has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2016 - 2019 TIP for New Jersey by adding a new \$18,000,000 CMAQ funded project, Rt. 73, CR 534 (Jackson Rd) to Fork Landing, DB #17612, to the TIP for construction in FY17.

The project extends throughout the Route 73 corridor in Burlington and Camden Counties from Jackson Road (CR 534) to Fork Landing Road. Improvements will include the upgrade of an existing Controlled Traffic Signal System to Adaptive Traffic Signal System for the intersections between Jackson Road and Fork Landing Road along Route 73; replace the end-of-its-useful-life Trunk fiber backbone; and install a fiber hub to replace the existing Fiber Cross connect cabinet in the Route 73/Route 70 interchange area.

Motion: by *Andrew Levecchia*, seconded by *Ed Williams* that the RTC recommend the Board approve:

TIP Action NJ16-131, NJDOT's request that DVRPC amend the FY2016 – 2019 TIP for New Jersey by adding a new \$18,000,000 CMAQ funded project, Rt. 73, CR 534 (Jackson Rd) to Fork Landing, DB #17612, to the TIP for construction in FY17.

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

b. NJ16-132: Bridge Preventive Maintenance, (DB #13323), Statewide – Scope Increase

NJDOT has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2016 - 2025 STIP for New Jersey by increasing the EC phase of a Statewide Program line item, Bridge Preventive Maintenance, (DB #13323), by \$71,000,000 (\$59,000,000 NHPP/ \$12,000,000 STP) from \$62,000,000 (\$22,000,000 NHPP/\$15,000,000 STP/ \$25,000,000 State) to \$133,000,000 (\$81,000,000 NHPP/\$27,000,000 STP/ \$25,000,000 State) in FY17.

Motion: by *Carol Thomas*, seconded by *Matt Lawson* that the RTC recommend the Board approve:

TIP Action NJ16-132, NJDOT's request that DVRPC amend the FY2016 - 2025 STIP for New Jersey by increasing the EC phase of a Statewide Program line item, Bridge Preventive Maintenance, (DB #13323), by \$71,000,000 (\$59,000,000 NHPP/ \$12,000,000 STP) from \$62,000,000 (\$22,000,000 NHPP/\$15,000,000 STP/ \$25,000,000 State) to \$133,000,000 (\$81,000,000 NHPP/\$27,000,000 STP/ \$25,000,000 State) in FY17.

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

c. PA17-42: 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 FY19 and FY20 CON phases for the Chestnut Street Bridges, Ramps, (8) at 30th Street project, MPMS #17816, in the total amount of \$6,242,000 (\$2,497,000 NHPP/\$624,000 State 185 in FY19 and (\$2,497,000 NHPP/\$624,000 State 185 in FY20) to cover a low bid cost increase. The total construction estimate for the project, including the proposed low bid cost increase, is \$113,949,000.

Motion: by *Angie Dixon*, seconded by *Jim Mosca* that the RTC recommend the Board approve:

TIP Action PA17-42, PennDOT's request that DVRPC amend the FY2017 – 2020 TIP for Pennsylvania by increasing the FY19 and FY20 CON phases for the Chestnut Street Bridges, Ramps, (8) at 30th Street project, MPMS #17816, in the total amount of \$6,242,000 (\$2,497,000 NHPP/\$624,000 State 185 in FY19 and \$2,497,000 NHPP/\$624,000 State 185 in FY20) to cover a low bid cost increase. The total construction estimate for the project, including the proposed low bid cost increase, is \$113,949,000.

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

d. PA17-43: Bridge Groups M & N, (MPMS #'s 102318 & 107544), Bucks, Chester, & Montgomery Counties, Add New Projects to the TIP

PennDOT has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2017 – 2020 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding two new projects, Bridge Groups M and N, MPMS #'s 102318 and 107544, to rehabilitate or replace a total of 12 bridges in Bucks, Chester, and Montgomery counties in the total amount of \$12,700,000.

Motion: by *Jon Korus*, seconded by *Matt Edmond* that the RTC recommend the Board approve:

TIP Action PA17-43, PennDOT's request that DVRPC amend the FY2017 – 2020 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding two new projects, Bridge Groups M and N, MPMS #'s 102318 and 107544, to rehabilitate or replace a total of 12 bridges in Bucks, Chester, and Montgomery counties in the total amount of \$12,700,000.

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

e. PA17-44: PA 291 Drainage Improvement, (MPMS #99668), Delaware County, Add New Project to the TIP

PennDOT has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2017 – 2020 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a new \$1,215,000 project, PA 291 Drainage Improvement, MPMS #99668 to the TIP for PE (\$75,000 State 581) in FY17; FD (\$15,000 State 581) in FY18; UTL (\$50,000 State 581) in FY 19; ROW (\$75,000 State 581) in FY19; and CON (\$1,000,000 STU/Toll Credit Match) in FY21.

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

TIP Action PA17-44, PennDOT's request that DVRPC amend the FY2017 – 2020 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a new \$1,215,000 project, PA 291 Drainage Improvement, MPMS #99668 to the TIP for PE (\$75,000 State 581) in FY17; FD (\$15,000 State 581) in FY18; UTL (\$50,000 State 581) in FY 19; ROW (\$75,000 State 581) in FY19; and CON (\$1,000,000 STU/Toll Credit Match) in FY21.

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

f. PA17-45: Railroad Crossing (RRX) LED Light Installation, (MPMS #106295), Various Counties – Add New Project to the TIP

PennDOT has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2017 – 2020 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a new \$247,000 project, Railroad Crossing (RRX) LED Light Installation, MPMS #106295 to the TIP for CON (\$247,000 RRX) in FY17. These are additional funds to the region. This project is to install LED warning lights at crossings.

Motion: by *Jon Korus*, seconded by *David Kanthor* that the RTC recommend the Board approve:

TIP Action PA17-45, PennDOT's request that DVRPC amend the FY2017 – 2020 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a new \$247,000 project, Railroad Crossing (RRX) LED Light Installation, MPMS #106295 to the TIP for CON (\$247,000 RRX) in FY17.

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

6. Authorization to Open a Public Comment Period for the Draft Connections 2045 Long-Range Plan; Draft FY 2018 TIP for New Jersey; and the Draft Conformity Finding of the Plan and TIPs.

Kwan Hui, DVRPC, explained that staff is requesting authorization to open a minimum 30-day public comment period for the purpose of gathering public and agency comments on the Draft Connections 2045 Long-Range Plan, Draft FY 2018-2021 TIP for New Jersey, and the Draft Conformity Determination of the Connections 2045 Long-Range Plan, FY 2017 TIP for Pennsylvania, and FY 2018 TIP for New Jersey; to issue proper public notifications; to publish the draft documents of the respective Plan and TIPs and conformity findings on the internet; to make copies available at certain public libraries; and to hold public meetings.

Motion by: *Barbara Holcomb*, seconded by *Carol Thomas* that the RTC recommend the Board:

Authorize staff to open a minimum 30-day public comment period for the purpose of gathering public and agency comments on the Draft Connections 2045 Long-Range Plan, Draft FY 2018-2021 TIP for New Jersey, and the Draft Conformity Determination of the Connections 2045 Long-Range Plan, FY 2017 TIP for Pennsylvania, and FY 2018 TIP for New Jersey; to issue proper public notifications; to publish the draft documents of the respective Plan and TIPs and conformity findings on the internet; to make copies available at certain public libraries; and to hold public meetings.

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

7. New Jersey Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) selected projects

Katrina Lawrence, DVRPC, explained that the New Jersey Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) is a competitive federal program established to provide funds for community based "non-traditional" surface transportation projects designed to strengthen the cultural, aesthetic, and environmental aspects of the nation's intermodal system. The

New Jersey TAP provided approximately \$5.0 million in funding for projects in the DVRPC region.

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

The list of Transportation Alternative projects identified for our allocation of funds. Further that these projects be amended into the FY 2016 S/TIP for NJ (TIP Action NJ16-137) in the amount of \$4,975,000 for TAP and be drawn from the Statewide line item (DB# X107 for TAP) at the appropriate time for obligation.

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

8. DVRPC Regional Trails Program Pennsylvania Grant Awards

Chris Linn, DVRPC, explained that the following Circuit trail projects were developed in conjunction with their respective county planning partners and local sponsors. Funding has been proposed to construct, design, or study the following projects through DVRPC's Regional Trails Program with support from the William Penn Foundation. Pending approval, grants will be issued for the following projects:

1. Schuylkill River Trail - Monocacy Bridge (design and construction), Schuylkill River National & State Heritage Area - \$325,636
2. Neshaminy Creek Trail - Dark Hollow Park Trail (design), Bucks County - \$298,836
3. D&L Canal Trail - Tyburn Road (construction), The Delaware & Lehigh National Heritage Corridor - \$75,000
4. Warner Spur (study), Chester County - \$80,000
5. Darby Creek Trail - Swedish Cabin to Kent Park (construction), Delaware County - \$115,848
6. Darby Creek Trail - Kent Park to Gateway Trail (design), Delaware County - \$80,000
7. Octoraro Trail - Phase I (design), Concord Township - \$250,000
8. Schuylkill River Trail and Chester Valley Trail Extension - Norristown Trail Junction Center (design), Montgomery County - \$100,000
9. Wissahickon Trail - Northwestern Avenue (study), Montgomery County - \$25,000
10. North Gulph Road Connector (study), Valley Forge Park Alliance - \$60,000
11. Cobbs Creek Trail - Segment B (design and construction), City of Philadelphia - \$350,000
12. Parkside Cynwyd Trail (design), City of Philadelphia - \$50,000

Motion by: *Rich Brahler, seconded by Brian Styche* that the RTC recommend the Board approve:

These 12 Regional Trails Program Grant awards.

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

9. DVRPC Nonprofits Authorization to Proceed

Patty Elkis, DVRPC, explained that DVRPC undertakes a variety of work to serve the region and its members, utilizing a variety of funding sources. Two 501(c) 3 nonprofit

organizations are now proposed to be created, one for the five southeastern Pennsylvania counties and another for the four New Jersey counties, to enable these members to work together with DVRPC staff to pursue funding and undertake projects of benefit to its members and the region. Many foundations and a number of state and federal agency programs only fund nonprofits and will not currently fund DVRPC or its member governments. Creating a nonprofit subsidiary will provide an option to reinforce/supplement current priorities or support additional priorities and projects of its county members.

Motion: by *Matt Lawson*, seconded by *Andrew Levecchia*, with an abstention from *Barbara Holcomb*, that the RTC recommends:

That the Board authorize DVRPC staff to proceed to develop the draft mission statement, By-Laws, and proposed Articles of Incorporation for two nonprofit organizations, to serve the 5 Pennsylvania counties and 4 New Jersey counties in partnership with DVRPC. Final approval to create the organizations will be subject to subsequent Board action.

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

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

John Ward, DVRPC, 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. Staff requested an RTC recommendation for Board approval.

Motion: by *Barbara Holcomb*, seconded by *Andrew Levecchia*, that the RTC recommend:

Board approval of DVRPC's self- certification that the Regional Transportation Planning Process is carried out in conformance with applicable federal regulations.

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

11. Election of Fiscal Year 2018 Regional Technical Committee Officers

John Ward, DVRPC, explained that the RTC Chairman for FY18 must be a voting member from New Jersey, and the Vice Chairman must be a voting member from Pennsylvania. Matt Lawson (Mercer County) indicated that the nominating committee recommended the election of Monica Etz (NJDOT) as Chair and Barbara Holcomb (DRPA) as Vice Chair. Mr. Ward asked for any nominations from the floor.

No nominations were taken from the floor.

Motion: by *Jim Mosca*, seconded by *Jen Adam*, to close nominations and accept the slate of officers as presented for DVRPC Chair and Vice Chair of the RTC for FY18.

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

Motion: by *Matt Lawson*, seconded by *Zoe Robertson*, to approve Monica Etz

(NJDOT) as Chair of the RTC for FY18 and Barbara Holcomb (DRPA) as the FY18 RTC Vice Chair.

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

PRESENTATION ITEMS

12. Roosevelt Boulevard Direct Bus

Amy Bernknopf, DVPRC, Dan Nemiroff, SEPTA, and Angie Dixon, the City of Philadelphia, presented about the planning and steps to implementation of the Roosevelt Boulevard Direct Bus. The Direct Bus is a new mode for SEPTA, and the agency's first application of it will be on Roosevelt Boulevard.

INFORMATION ITEMS

13. Draft DVRPC Vision Statement

John Ward, DVRPC, explained that periodically, DVRPC revisits its adopted Vision Statement to make sure that it accurately captures a concise and accurate portrayal of the work that DVRPC is undertaking and that those activities are valued and in-line with the direction supported by our member governments and stakeholders. He presented a draft of a new vision statement and discussed the process for moving it forward to adoption.

14. One Minute Reports

RTC Members and guests provided updates on the activities of their agencies. Mr. Ward thanked Tom Shaffer for his service as RTC Chair for FY17 and commended him on a job well done.

15. Old and New Business

16. Meeting Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 12:11 PM.

The next scheduled meeting of the RTC is **Tuesday, July 11, 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

Stephen Fowler
David Caulfield
(not represented)
(not represented)
Gerard Scharfenberger
(not represented)
(not represented)
Jim Mosca
(not represented)
Jonathan Korus
Rich Brahler
Carol Thomas
Andrew Levecchia
Brian Styche
Thomas Shaffer
(not represented)
Matthew Lawson
Matthew Edmond
David Kanthor
Nathan Powers
Angie Dixon
Ed Williams
Peter Rykard
(not represented)
Barbara Holcomb
Jennifer Adam
(not represented)
Zoe Robertson
Ken Boyle
Brian Traylor

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
PhilaPort
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
(not represented)
(not represented)
(not represented)
Bill Ragozine
Cecile Charlton
(not represented)
Jacqueline Mandly
(not represented)
(not represented)
(not represented)
(not represented)
(not represented)
(not represented)

ATTENDANCE (cont'd)

US EPA - Region III
US Department of Housing and Urban Development

(not represented)
(not represented)

Other Member Representatives and Guests

Kathleen Winfree –PennDOT 6-0
Mark Remsa – Burlington County
Jennifer Walsh – HDR, Inc.
Sue Herman – Residents for Regional Traffic Solutions
Bill Comer – SEPTA CAC
Mark Roth – McMahon Associates
Joe Orth - GPI

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