



DELAWARE VALLEY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
REGIONAL TECHNICAL COMMITTEE
September 12, 2017 Meeting Highlights
DVRPC Conference Room, Philadelphia, PA

1. Call to Order - Chairperson's Comments

Monica Etz (Chair, NJDOT) welcomed RTC members and called the meeting to order.

2. Deputy Executive Director's Report

Deputy Executive Director John Ward reported that at their July meeting, the Board approved all the action items that the RTC recommended to them. Mr. Ward reminded RTC members of the Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Program (Regional and Statewide) for Pennsylvania Counties. The applications must be in by September 22 but if an applicant has not already met/scheduled a meeting with DVRPC staff (Sept 1 deadline) they are ineligible to apply at this time. 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.

Mr. Ward reported that back in May, Congress approved the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2017. This Act appropriated \$500 million to be awarded by US DOT for National Infrastructure Investments (more commonly known as the TIGER Program). Eligible projects include, but are not limited to, bridge repairs or improving infrastructure to a state of good repair; projects that implement safety improvements, including improving grade crossings. The FY 2017 TIGER program will give special consideration to projects which emphasize improved access to reliable, safe, and affordable transportation for communities in rural areas, such as projects that improve infrastructure condition, address public health and safety, or promote regional connectivity. For this round of TIGER Discretionary Grants, the maximum grant award is \$25 million, and no more than \$50 million can be awarded to a single state. The application deadline is October 16, 2017. US DOT will hold public webinars on September 13 and 19. Additional information about the TIGER program is available at: www.transportation.gov/tiger.

Mr. Ward called the RTC's attention to the fact that this year's Board Retreat will be held on September 28th at the Camden Aquarium and will have a focus on UPWP development. Recent Board Retreats have been held in conjunction with the December Board meeting but it was decided to move the Retreat to September so it could help inform the development of the Work Program. Patty Elkis (DVRPC) has been leading outreach meetings for our staff to get together with the Counties, Cities and transit agencies to begin the discussions around potential project ideas for the FY19 UPWP. We are just about wrapped up with those.

Mr. Ward reminded RTC members that the adoption of the LRP, AQ Conformity, and NJ TIP is coming up in October. The public comment period for the NJ TIP is currently open

and will run until September 14. The public comment period for the LRP and Conformity is also currently open and will run to October 4. A public meeting for the NJ TIP was held on September 6 at the Collingswood Senior Community Center. A public meeting for the LRP and Conformity will be held on September 18 also at the Collingswood Senior Community Center and on September 19 here in this Conference Room.

Mr. Ward noted that at the last meeting we distributed an updated RTC Member Handbook and right away there were edits to the membership roster that was included in the handbook. Mr. Ward thanked staff for immediately re-updating the roster. The roster is a fluid document and although the organizational members remain fixed, the staff representatives from those organizations change frequently. Mr. Ward encouraged RTC members to notify us if they have a change to titles, contact information, or if there is a need to add or delete one of your staff members. We won't be reprinting it every month but we do want to keep it current for our records.

Mr. Ward noted some recent DVRPC publications including: Ivy Ridge Station - Creating a Hub for Multimodal Development, NJRCCI Coastal Vulnerability Assessments: Moorestown Township, 2015 Aircraft Operations Counting Program Operations for Five Non-Towered Airports, DVRPC Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Handbook, Transportation Improvements for the US 130-Bridgeboro Road Corridor.

Mr. Ward called the RTC's attention to some upcoming meetings including: IREG on September 13, Connections LRP 2045 and Air Quality Conformity Public Meeting September 18 at the Collingswood Senior Community Center, (30 W. Collings Avenue Collingswood, NJ 08108), September 19 in the DVRPC Main Conference Room, Regional Safety Task Force on September 20, Regional Aviation Committee on September 21, and the DVRPC Board Meeting (9:00) and Retreat (10:00) on September 28 at the Adventure Aquarium, Camden, NJ.

Mr. Ward noted that the next RTC meeting is on **Tuesday, October 10, 2017.**

Mr. Ward called the RTC members' attention to the unexpected passing of Jaclyn Mandly of the PhilaPort.

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

No public comments were stated.

ACTION ITEMS

4. Highlights of the Meeting of July 11, 2017

The highlights from the July 11, 2017 meeting of the RTC were presented for adoption.

Motion: by Barbara Holcomb, seconded by Jim Mosca that the RTC adopt the minutes of July 11, 2017

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

5. DVRPC Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Actions

a. PA17-51: SEPTA Communications, Signals, and Technology Improvements, (MPMS #102571), Various Counties – Increase Funding

Kwan Hui (DVRPC), explained that SEPTA has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2017 – 2020 TIP for Pennsylvania by increasing the funding in SEPTA's Communications, Signals, and Technology Improvements Program (MPMS #102571) by \$7,250,000 (\$5,800,000 Federal/\$1,403,000 State 1514/\$47,000 Local) in FY18. The \$5,800,000 in federal funds represent additional funding to the region.

Motion: by *Thomas Shaffer*, seconded by *Zoe Robertson* that the RTC recommend the Board approve:

TIP Action PA17-51, SEPTA's request that DVRPC amend the FY2017 – 2020 TIP for Pennsylvania by increasing the funding in SEPTA's Communications, Signals, and Technology Improvements Program (MPMS #102571) by \$7,250,000 (\$5,800,000 Federal/\$1,403,000 State 1514/\$47,000 Local) in FY18.

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

b. PA17-52: US 1, Chester County Line to Pole Cat Road, (MPMS #88400), Delaware County – Add New Project to the TIP

Kwan Hui (DVRPC) explained that PennDOT has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2017 – 2020 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a new \$8,615,000 project, US 1, Chester County Line to Pole Cat Road, MPMS #88400 to the TIP for PE (\$50,000 State 581) in FY17; FD (\$50,000 State 581) in FY18; UTL (\$15,000 State 581) in FY 18; and CON (\$3,400,000 STU/\$850,000 State 581) in FY21 and (\$3,400,000 STU/\$850,000 State 581) in FY22.

c. PA17-53: Chester and Montgomery County Bridges, (MPMS #'s 107945, 98036, 98041, 98039, & 98037), Chester and Montgomery Counties – Add New Projects to the TIP

Kwan Hui (DVRPC) explained that PennDOT has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2017 – 2020 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding five new bridge projects in Chester and Montgomery Counties, MPMS #'s 107945, 98036, 98041, 98039, and 98037 in the total amount of \$6,745,000 State 185 for all phases (Preliminary Engineering, Final Design, Utilities, Right of Way, and Construction) starting with PE in FY17 with CON expected in 2021 or later.

Motion: by *Crystal Gilchrist*, seconded by *Jonathan Korus* that the RTC recommend the Board approve:

TIP Action PA17-52, PennDOT's request that DVRPC amend the FY2017 – 2020 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a new \$8,615,000 project, US 1, Chester County Line to Pole Cat Road, MPMS #88400 to the TIP for PE (\$50,000 State 581) in FY17; FD (\$50,000 State 581) in FY18; UTL (\$15,000 State 581) in FY 18; and CON (\$3,400,000 STU/\$850,000 State 581) in FY21 and (\$3,400,000 STU/\$850,000 State 581) in FY22.

TIP Action PA17-53, PennDOT's request that DVRPC amend the FY2017 – 2020 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding five new bridge projects in Chester and Montgomery Counties,

MPMS #'s 107945, 98036, 98041, 98039, and 98037 in the total amount of \$6,745,000 State 185.

- Niantic Road over West Branch of Perkiomen Creek (MPMS #98037) – \$1,520,000 total project cost, including PE for \$75,000 State 185 in FY17; FD for \$150,000 State 185 in FY18; UTL for \$20,000 State 185 in FY19; ROW for \$75,000 State 185 in FY19; and CON for \$1,200,000 State 185 in FY22;
- Art School Road over Branch of Pickering Creek (MPMS #107945) - \$1,295,000 total project cost, including PE for \$80,000 State 185 in FY17; FD for \$125,000 State 185 in FY18; UTL for \$15,000 State 185 in FY19; ROW for \$75,000 State 185 in FY19; and CON for \$1,000,000 State 185 in FY21;
- Merlin Road over Pigeon Run (MPMS #98036) - \$1,280,000 total project cost, including PE for \$80,000 State 185 in FY17; FD for \$125,000 State 185 in FY18; UTL for \$10,000 State 185 in FY19; ROW for \$65,000 State 185 in FY19; and CON for \$1,000,000 State 185 in FY22;
- Birchrun Road over Birch Run (MPMS #98041) - \$1,320,000 total project cost, including PE for \$85,000 State 185 in FY17; FD for \$110,000 State 185 in FY18; UTL for \$50,000 State 185 in FY19; ROW for \$75,000 State 185 in FY19; and CON for \$1,000,000 State 185 in FY22; and
- Ship Road over Valley Creek (MPMS #98039) - \$1,330,000 total project cost t, including PE for \$80,000 State 185 in FY17; FD for \$125,000 State 185 in FY18; UTL for \$50,000 State 185 in FY19; ROW for \$75,000 State 185 in FY19; and CON for \$1,000,000 State 185 in FY22.

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

d. PA17-54: Township Road over West Branch of Big Elk Creek (County Bridge #297), (MPMS #86276), Chester County – Add New Project to the TIP

Kwan Hui (DVRPC) explained that Chester County has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2017 – 2020 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a new \$2,000,000 sSTP funded bridge project, Township Road over West Branch of Big Elk Creek (County Bridge #297), MPMS #86276 to the TIP for PE (\$350,000 sSTP) in FY18; FD (\$300,000 sSTP) in FY20; UTL (\$40,000 sSTP) in FY 21; ROW (\$40,000 sSTP) in FY21; and CON (\$1,270,000 sSTP) in FY22. These are additional funds to the DVRPC region made available by PennDOT to PA counties that implemented the new \$5 Registration Fee that was a component of the PA Act 89 funding structure (described further below). PennDOT has offered flexibility for this new funding mechanism by allowing the local match to be provided via the county funding provided for the County bridge project that is being advanced with the \$5 Registration Fee revenues.

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

TIP Action PA17-54, Chester County's request that DVRPC amend the FY2017 – 2020 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a new \$2,000,000 bridge project, Township Road over West Branch of Big Elk Creek (County Bridge #297), MPMS #86276 to the TIP for PE (\$350,000 sSTP) in FY18; FD (\$300,000 sSTP) in FY20; UTL (\$40,000 sSTP) in FY 21; ROW (\$40,000 sSTP) in FY21; and CON (\$1,270,000 sSTP) in FY22.

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

e. PA17-55: Statewide Green Light-Go Funded Projects, (Various MPMS #s), Various Counties – Add Proposed New Projects to the TIP

Kwan Hui (DVRPC) explained that PennDOT has requested that DVRPC approve the list of 31 projects selected as part of PennDOT's Statewide Green Light-Go program (year three) and amend the FY2017 - 2020 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding the new projects to the TIP in FY17. The \$19,100,000 for these projects are additional funds to the region.

Motion: by *Crystal Gilchrist*, seconded by *Brian Styche* that the RTC recommend the Board approve:

TIP Action PA17-55, PennDOT's request that DVRPC approve the list of projects selected as part of PennDOT's Statewide Green Light-Go program year three and amend the FY2017 - 2020 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding the new projects to the TIP in FY17.

Bucks County

- Hulmeville Road Traffic Adaptive System (MPMS #109432) - \$501,000 A-073 in FY17.
- Mill Creek Road and Haines Road Traffic Signal Modernization (MPMS #109433) - \$226,000 A-073 in FY17.
- Radcliffe Street and Randall Avenue Traffic Signal Modernization (MPMS #109434) - \$191,000 A-073 in FY17.
- State Road and Cedar Avenue Traffic Signal Modernization (MPMS #109435) - \$252,000 A-073 in FY17.
- Upper Southampton Adaptive Traffic Signal System and Knowles Avenue Safety (MPMS #109436) – \$1,079,000 A-073 in FY17.
- Main Street and Afton Avenue Intersection Improvements (MPMS #109437) - \$213,000 A-073 in FY17.

Chester County

- Schuylkill Road (SR 0724) and New Street (SR 1043) Intersection Improvements (MPMS #109438) - \$264,000 A-073 in FY17.
- Phoenixville LED Traffic Signal Project (MPMS #109439) - \$31,000 A-073 in FY17.
- Battery Backup (MPMS #109440) - \$54,000 A-073 in FY17.
- West Chester Pike (PA 3) and North Chester Road (PA 352) (MPMS #109441) - \$180,000 A-073 in FY17.

Delaware County

- Concord Township Battery Backup (Various Locations) (MPMS #109442) - \$144,000 A-073 in FY17.

- Traffic Adaptive System - Baltimore Pike (US 1) and Concord Road (MPMS #109443) - \$56,000 A-073 in FY17.
- Middletown Low Cost Safety Improvements - PA 352 and Knowlton Road and PA 352 and Glen Riddle Road (MPMS #109445) - \$108,000 A-073 in FY17.
- Sproul Road (PA 320) Corridor Improvements (MPMS #109444) - \$440,000 A-073 in FY17.
- Sproul Road (PA 320) Corridor Improvements (MPMS #109446) - \$284,000 A-073 in FY17.

Montgomery County

- Fitzwatertown Road and Woodland Road/North Hills Avenue Signal Upgrade (MPMS #109447) - \$298,000 A-073 in FY17.
- Germantown Pike Adaptive Traffic Signal Control (MPMS #109448) - \$330,000 A-073 in FY17.
- East Norriton Township Video Detection Project (MPMS #109449) - \$108,000 A-073 in FY17.
- Jacksonville Road (SR 0332) and Montgomery Avenue Traffic Signal Upgrade (MPMS #109450) - \$1,331,000 A-073 in FY17.
- Jenkintown Borough Green Light Go 2016 (MPMS #109451) - \$90,000 A-073 in FY17.
- Spring Mount Road Traffic Light (MPMS #109452) - \$1,000 A-073 in FY17.
- Byberry Road and Pine Road Traffic Signal Modification (MPMS #109453) - \$148,000 A-073 in FY17.
- Welsh Road (PA 63) Corridor Fiber Optic and Signal Upgrade Project (MPMS #109454) - \$2,200,000 A-073 in FY17.
- Upper Merion Township LED Replacement Project (MPMS #109455) - \$108,000 A-073 in FY17.
- PA 100 Signal Preemption (MPMS #109456) - \$21,000 A-073 in FY17.
- Egypt Road Adaptive Signal Control (MPMS #109457) - \$239,000 A-073 in FY17.
- Skippack Pike and Pennlyn-Blue Bell Pike Signal Upgrades (MPMS #109458) - \$80,000 A-073 in FY17.
- Germantown Pike Traffic Signal Interconnect (MPMS #109459) - \$80,000 A-073 in FY17.
- Worcester Township Traffic Signal Upgrades (MPMS #109460) - \$142,000 A-073 in FY17.

City of Philadelphia

- Castor Avenue Signal Modernization (MPMS #109461) - \$2,800,000 A-073 in

FY17.

· Cheltenham Avenue Signals and ITS (MPMS #109462) - \$7,100,000 A-073 in FY17.

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

6. New Mission and Vision Statement Adoption

Recently, DVRPC staff has reviewed the Commission's existing Mission Statement to make sure that it accurately portrays our direction and work as guided by the DVRPC Board. The effort presents a clearer understanding of who we are and where we're headed with an updated Mission and Vision Statement. The proposed statement was presented for RTC consideration. Several RTC members suggested some minor re-working to the statement. DVRPC staff agreed to review the comments and incorporate appropriate changes.

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

The new Vision and Mission Statement with the minor edits as proposed by the RTC.

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

7. Proposed Dates for Calendar Year 2018 RTC Meetings

The proposed dates for calendar year 2018 RTC meetings were presented for approval.

PRESENTATION ITEMS

8. Eat Local Montco

Amy Verbofsky (DVRPC) presented recent work completed to develop Montgomery County's local food promotion strategy which analyzes the county's agricultural resources and provides recommendations for ways the county can support local farmers and food producers.

9. Philadelphia Zoo Passenger Rail Study

Sarah Moran presented findings from this planning and forecasting study, which synthesized prior planning work and developed ridership forecasts for five future passenger rail service scenarios, including two monorail shuttle scenarios that would connect the Zoo with 30th Street Station via Mantua and the Schuylkill Yards area, and three Regional Rail station scenarios.

INFORMATION ITEMS

10. DVRPC'S 2015 Enhanced Land Use File

Mark Gatti (DVRPC) explained that DVRPC has developed a land use file in-house since the 1970's that is used to inform our planning process and support programs and projects

for DVRPC and our partners. The development of the 2015 Enhanced Land Use file - using an improved land use classification system - marks the first time a consultant was used to produce this file. Mr. Gatti discussed how this more detailed 2015 land use file was developed and how it compares to past efforts.

11. FY19 UPWP Development Discussion

John Ward (DVRPC) led a discussion on the development of the FY19 Unified Planning Work Program including: requirements, planning emphasis areas, process, schedule and initial outreach to counties/cities.

12. One Minute Reports

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

13. Old and New Business

14. Meeting Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 12:01 PM.

The next scheduled meeting of the RTC is **Tuesday, October 10, 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

Monica Etz
Ruth Foster
(not represented)
(not represented)
(not represented)
(not represented)
(not represented)
Jim Mosca
(not represented)
Jonathan Korus
Rich Brahler
Carol Thomas
Andrew Levecchia
Brian Styche
Thomas Shaffer
(not represented)
Matthew Lawson
Crystal Gilchrist
David Kanthor
Michelle Webb
Angie Dixon
June Morton
Peter Rykard
(not represented)
Barbara Holcomb
Lou Millan
(not represented)
Zoe Robertson
Ken Boyle
Lennox Hyman

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
Phila Port
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 MacKavanaugh
(not represented)
(not represented)
(not represented)
(not represented)
(not represented)
Bill Ragozine
(not represented)
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ATTENDANCE (cont'd)

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

(not represented)
(not represented)

Other Member Representatives and Guests

David Caulfield – NJDEP
Bill Deguffroy – Chester County
Stephen Fowler – NJDOT
Matthew Zochowski – Mercer County
Nick Baker – Philadelphia Streets Department
Nathan Powers– City of Philadelphia
Bill Comer – SEPTA CAC

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