



DELAWARE VALLEY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
REGIONAL TECHNICAL COMMITTEE
October 10, 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 September meeting, the Board approved all the action items that the RTC recommended to them.

Mr. Ward noted that immediately following the Board meeting, DVRPC held the Annual Board Retreat. This year's Retreat was held at the Camden Aquarium and focused on the development of the FY19 UPWP. A highlight of the retreat was the very interesting bus tour of the city on which we were shown a really impressive amount of development activity throughout the City. There is a lot going on in the City. During the retreat, we had a couple of really good breakout sessions and participants helped generate engaging discussions around activities and projects that should be considered in the WP process. The deadline for submittals of project ideas by our member governments and operating agencies is tomorrow (Oct 11) and the WP Committee will meet on October 19 to discuss prioritizing and selecting the project ideas that we will try to accommodate within our available funding.

Mr. Ward reported that we still don't have our funding numbers from NJ yet and we will have to nail that down soon so we know how much capacity we have to take on new work. Mr. Ward asked that if anyone is still working on project ideas that you plan to submit and you need some help, please reach out to our staff to help coordinate.

Mr. Ward noted some recent DVRPC publications including: Residential Building Permits, 2010-2016 DVRPC's 28-County Extended Data Services Area - Data Bulletin #099

Mr. Ward called the RTC's attention to some upcoming meetings including: Delaware Valley Goods Movement Task Force meeting on October 11, Public Participation Task Force meeting on October 11, Changing Lanes Conference on October 18, Vibrant Ports Workshop on October 24, the DVRPC Board meeting on October 26, and a TCDI Summit on November 3.

Mr. Ward noted that the next RTC meeting is on **Tuesday, November 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 September 12, 2017

The highlights from the September 12, 2017 meeting of the RTC were presented for adoption.

Motion: *by Jim Mosca, seconded by Matt Lawson* that the RTC adopt the minutes of September 12, 2017

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

5. DVRPC Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Actions

a. PA17-58: Waverly Road over Tacony Creek (County Bridge #275), (MPMS #103372), Montgomery County – Add New Project to the TIP

Rick Murphy, DVRPC, explained that Montgomery County has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2017 – 2020 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a new \$2,000,000 sSTP funded bridge project, Waverly Road over Tacony Creek (County Bridge #275), MPMS #103372 to the TIP for PE (\$350,000 sSTP) in FY18; FD (\$300,000 sSTP) in FY19; UTL (\$25,000 sSTP) in FY 20; ROW (\$25,000 sSTP) in FY20; and CON (\$1,300,000 sSTP) in FY21. 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. Montgomery County plans to advance County Bridge #150, Camp Wawa Road over East Branch of the Perkiomen Creek as their match project, funded with revenues collected from the \$5 registration fee.

Motion: *by Matt Edmond, seconded by Richard Brahler* that the RTC recommend the Board approve:

TIP Action PA17-58, Montgomery County's request that DVRPC amend the FY2017 – 2020 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a new \$2,000,000 sSTP funded bridge project, Waverly Road over Tacony Creek (County Bridge #275), MPMS #103372 to the TIP for PE (\$350,000 sSTP) in FY18; FD (\$300,000 sSTP) in FY19; UTL (\$25,000 sSTP) in FY 20; ROW (\$25,000 sSTP) in FY20; and CON (\$1,300,000 sSTP) in FY21.

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

b. PA17-59: French Creek Parkway - Phase 1, (MPMS #57659), Chester County –Remove Project from the TIP

Rick Murphy, DVRPC, explained that PennDOT has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2017 – 2020 TIP for Pennsylvania by removing the French Creek Parkway - Phase 1 project, MPMS #57659 from the TIP, including removal of FD (\$350,000 SXF) in FY17; UTL (\$25,000 SXF) in FY18; and CON (\$2,817,000 SXF) in FY19 for a total of

\$3,192,000 SXF. This project was funded by a federal earmark.

Motion: by *Jonathan Korus*, seconded by *Barbara Holcomb* that the RTC recommend the Board approve:

TIP Action PA17-59, PennDOT's request that DVRPC amend the FY2017 – 2020 TIP for Pennsylvania by removing the French Creek Parkway - Phase 1 project, MPMS #57659 from the TIP, including removal of FD (\$350,000 SXF) in FY17; UTL (\$25,000 SXF) in FY18; and CON (\$2,817,000 SXF) in FY19 for a total of \$3,192,000 SXF.

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

6. Adoption of the Conformity Finding of the DVRPC *Connections 2045* Long-Range Plan, FY 2017 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for Pennsylvania, and FY 2018 TIP for New Jersey

Sean Greene, DVRPC, explained that transportation conformity is a process established by the Clean Air Act to ensure that federal transportation projects and transportation investment activities are consistent with (“conform to”) state commitments for meeting air quality goals. DVRPC has performed a regional emissions analysis to determine transportation conformity of the *Connections 2045* Long-Range Plan (Plan), FY 2017 TIP for Pennsylvania, and FY 2018 TIP for New Jersey.

Motion by: *Ed Williams*, seconded by *Matt Edmond* that the RTC recommend the Board adopt:

The conformity finding of the *Connections 2045* Long-Range Plan, FY 2017 Transportation Improvement Program for Pennsylvania, and FY 2018 TIP for New Jersey by approving Resolution B-FY18-001.

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

7. Adoption of the *Connections 2045* Plan for Greater Philadelphia

Brett Fusco, DVRPC, explained that Federal requirements mandate Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs), such as DVRPC, develop a long-range transportation plan with a minimum 20-year horizon that identifies how federal transportation funding will be spent in the region. The *Connections 2045* Plan fulfills this requirement, while establishing a vision for the growth and development of the region, and serving as a blueprint for prioritizing transportation funding over the next 28 years. The Plan was developed with the input and support of DVRPC's working committees, regional planning partners, stakeholder groups, and residents.

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

The Connections 2045 Plan for Greater Philadelphia, as the official long-range plan for the DVRPC region, by adopting Resolution B-FY18-002.

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

8. Adoption of the DVRPC FY2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for New Jersey

Kwan Hui, 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(s) and transit operators, and must provide opportunity for input and comment by the public. A minimum 30-day comment period must be conducted prior to a formal action to adopt the TIP. DVRPC undertakes a major TIP Update every year for either the Pennsylvania portion of the region, or the New Jersey portion of the region; the PA and NJ TIPs are updated on alternating years. At this time, staff is presenting the Draft DVRPC FY2018 TIP for New Jersey with Recommended Changes for adoption by the DVRPC Board.

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

Delegate to the NJ Subcommittee of the RTC, the recommendation that the DVRPC Board adopt the FY 2018 TIP for New Jersey pending review and acceptance of the final list of Recommended Changes to the Draft FY2018 TIP.

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

9. FY 2018 Work Program Amendments:

a. PennDOT District 6 Modeling Assistance

Matt Gates, DVRPC, explained that this work program amendment would support the implementation of PennDOT District 6 Reconstruction Projects by serving as a planning and coordination resource for PennDOT and providing traffic modeling and forecasting services throughout the I-95 corridor, and along other facilities as needed.

Motion by: *Jonathan Korus*, seconded by *Carol Thomas* that the RTC recommend that the Board amend:

The FY 2018 Work Program to include *PennDOT District 6 Modeling Assistance*.

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

b. DVRPC Freight Model Enhancement

Matt Gates, DVRPC, explained that DVRPC will be updating and enhancing the truck model components in the DVRPC's regional travel forecasting model to improve freight and commercial vehicle forecasting and to support various planning projects where freight and truck movements are important considerations

Motion by: *Jim Mosca*, seconded by *Brian Styche* that the RTC recommend that the Board amend:

The FY 2018 Work Program to include *DVRPC Freight Model Enhancement*.

PRESENTATION ITEMS

10. King of Prussia Rail Update and Draft Environmental Impact Statement Release

Liz Smith, SEPTA, gave a presentation detailing the current status of the KOP Rail project, including an overview of new design options and the schedule for DEIS release.

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 12:11 PM.

The next scheduled meeting of the RTC is **Tuesday, November 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

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

Monica Etz
Ruth Foster
(not represented)
(not represented)
Gerry 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
Matt Edmond
David Kanthor
Nick Baker
Angie Dixon
Ed Williams
Peter Rykard
(not represented)
Barbara Holcomb
(not represented)
(not represented)
Fritz Ohrenschall
Ken Boyle
Brian Traylor

Representative

(not represented)
Kelvin MacKavanaugh
(not represented)
Dan Walston
(not represented)
(not represented)
(not represented)
(not represented)
Bill Ragozine
Cecile Charlton
(not represented)
(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
Jim Vari – NJDOT
Nathan Powers – Philadelphia Streets Department
Liz Smith - SEPTA
Samantha Safara - HDR
Sue Herman – Residents for Regional Traffic Solutions, Inc.
Bill Comer – SEPTA CAC

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Najah Jackson
Renee Wise

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