



DELAWARE VALLEY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
REGIONAL TECHNICAL COMMITTEE
January 9, 2018 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

Mr. Ward noted that he would not be giving his report due to an already packed agenda.

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

No public comments were stated.

ACTION ITEMS

4. Highlights of the Meeting of November 14, 2017

The highlights from the November 14, 2017 meeting of the RTC were presented for adoption.

Motion: by Matt Edmond, seconded by June Morton that the RTC adopt the minutes of November 14, 2017

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

5. DVRPC Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Actions

a. PA17-70: US 202, DeKalb Pike, Section 610 (Design Only), (MPMS #50364), Montgomery County – Increase FD Phase

Rick Murphy, DVRPC, explained that PennDOT has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2017 – 2020 TIP for Pennsylvania by increasing the FD phase of the US 202, DeKalb Pike, Section 610 (Design Only) project, (MPMS #50364), by \$11,230,000 and programming the increased amounts as follows: FY18: \$2,404,000 STU/\$2,848,000 State 581; FY19: \$4,000,000 STP/\$1,000,000 State 581; FY20: \$782,000 STU/\$196,000 State 581.

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

TIP Action PA17-70, PennDOT's request that DVRPC amend the FY2017 – 2020 TIP for Pennsylvania by increasing the FD phase of the US 202, DeKalb Pike, Section 610 (Design Only) project, (MPMS #50364), by \$11,230,000 and programming the increased amounts as follows: FY18: \$2,404,000 STU/\$2,848,000 State 581; FY19: \$4,000,000

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

b. PA17-71: Park Road Trail, (MPMS #71198), Chester County – Add Project Back into the TIP

Rick Murphy, DVRPC, explained that PennDOT has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2017 – 2020 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding the Park Road Trail project (MPMS #71198) back into the TIP for FY18 CON in the amount of \$2,500,000 CAQ/Toll Credit.

Motion: by *Brian Styche*, seconded by *Tom Shaffer* that the RTC recommend the Board approve:

TIP Action PA17-71, PennDOT's request that DVRPC amend the FY2017 – 2020 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding the Park Road Trail project (MPMS #71198) back into the TIP for FY18 CON in the amount of \$2,500,000 CAQ/Toll Credit.

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

c. PA17-72: Ambler Pedestrian Sidewalk Improvements, (MPMS #74813), Montgomery County – Add Project Back into the TIP

Rick Murphy, DVRPC, explained that PennDOT has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2017 – 2020 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding the Ambler Pedestrian Sidewalk Improvements project (MPMS #74813) back into the TIP for FY18 CON in the amount of \$355,000 STU/Toll Credit, and updating the project description to remove earmark language.

Motion: by *Matt Edmond*, seconded by *Brian Styche* that the RTC recommend the Board approve:

TIP Action PA17-72, PennDOT's request that DVRPC amend the FY2017 – 2020 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding the Ambler Pedestrian Sidewalk Improvements project (MPMS #74813) back into the TIP for FY18 CON in the amount of \$355,000 STU/Toll Credit, and updating the project description to remove earmark language.

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

6. Fiscal Year 2018 Planning Work Program Amendments

a. US 422 Pottstown Bypass Traffic Forecasts

Matt Gates, DVRPC, explained that DVRPC will provide PennDOT and their consultants updated traffic projections for portions of the US 422 Pottstown Bypass corridor in Chester and Montgomery counties. These forecasts are needed to complete the final reconstruction design, prepare a final noise analysis, and update the categorical exclusion evaluation. Forecasts will be prepared for an anticipated opening year of 2025 and a design year of 2045.

Motion by: *Matt Edmond, seconded by June Morton* that the RTC recommend the Board amend:

The DVRPC FY 2018 Work Program to include the *US 422 Pottstown Bypass Traffic Forecasts*.

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

b. Pedestrian Facilities and Planning Portal

Kim Korejko, DVRPC, explained that this project will create a Pedestrian Facilities and Planning Portal that will provide a space to allow collaboration between local and regional planning partners working on pedestrian improvements. This online interface will provide access to and accommodate maintenance of the regional sidewalk inventory by local entities and will allow local and regional planning partners to share their pedestrian facility priorities on an interactive map. Work will begin in Pennsylvania to support PennDOT Connects, and later be adapted as the sidewalk inventory extends into our New Jersey counties.

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

The DVRPC FY 2018 Work Program to include the *Pedestrian Facilities and Planning Portal*.

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

c. West Windsor Township Traffic Model

Matt Gates, DVRPC, explained that DVRPC will prepare a customized travel demand model covering West Windsor Township in Mercer County and the surrounding municipalities. This model will be used by the Township and its consultants for traffic impact analysis other evaluation of proposed developments.

Motion by: *Matt Lawson, seconded by June Morton* that the RTC recommend the Board amend:

The DVRPC FY 2018 Work Program to include the *West Windsor Township Traffic Model*.

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

7. Pennsylvania Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Program (TA) Regionally Selected & Statewide Recommended Projects

Joe Banks, DVRPC, explained that the Pennsylvania Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Program (TA) is a competitive federal program established for projects that contribute to alternative transportation projects, including on- and off-road pedestrian and bicycle facilities. The three-year Pennsylvania TA Program will provide approximately \$12 million TA funds for projects in the DVRPC region and will provide \$55+ million for projects statewide.

Motion by: *Tom Shaffer, seconded by Nick Baker* that the RTC recommend the Board approve:

The list of projects identified to be funded with the DVRPC regional sub-allocation of Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Program funds, and that the list of projects be amended into the FY2017 PA TIP (TIP Action PA17-74) for \$7,999,000 TAU under the Transportation Alternatives Line Item – MPMS #64984 (funding for individual projects will be drawn down at the appropriate time); also that the RTC recommend the Board approve the remaining TA regional funds of approximately \$4,000,000 to be used for regionally significant trail projects in the future, including projects on the Circuit Line Item – MPMS #105291; and that the RTC recommend the Board approve the TA subcommittee’s recommended statewide TA list of projects be sent to PennDOT Central Office for consideration for funding as part of the statewide TA selection process. Note that the TA Line Item (MPMS (#64984)) will be updated to reflect the FAST Act’s TA funding allocation to the region.

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

8. Regional Trails Program Grant Awards

Shawn Megill-Legendre, DVRPC, explained that three Circuit Trail projects were developed in conjunction with their respective county planning partners and local sponsors. Funding has been proposed to study, design, and/or construct 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. Bridge over NJ Route 130 (feasibility study), Camden County – \$14,575
2. Cross Camden County Trail – Upper Great Egg Harbor Segment (preliminary engineering), Camden County – \$200,000
3. Stony Brook–Millstone Spur (construction), Stony Brook-Millstone Watershed Association – \$64,968

In total, \$279,543 will be granted to three projects

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

These three Regional Trails Program grant awards.

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

9. FY19 UPWP Adoption and TIP Modifications to Fund Select Projects

John Ward, DVRPC, explained that at their December 6, 2017 meeting, the DVRPC Board authorized release of the Draft FY19 Planning Work Program for distribution and review, with the public comment period scheduled to run from December 7, 2017 to January 8, 2018. DVRPC staff is in the process of receiving and responding to comments and are working to resolve any open issues. Comments received so far and the responses prepared to address those comments were presented. The RTC is being asked to recommend that the Board adopt the Final FY19 Planning Work Program, pending the resolution of any outstanding comments and issues.

To support certain projects that the Board has selected for the DVRPC FY19 UPWP, several TIP Actions will need to be made to the FY18 TIP for New Jersey and the FY17 TIP for Pennsylvania.

Motion by: *Andrew Levecchia, seconded by June Morton* that the RTC recommend the Board adopt:

The final DVRPC FY19 Unified Planning Work Program, pending the resolution of any outstanding comments and issues. Further, approve TIP Actions NJ18-001 and PA17-75 to amend or modify the FY18 TIP for New Jersey and the FY17 TIP for Pennsylvania, as required.

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

10. Performance Based Planning and Programming

Mike Boyer, DVRPC, explained that a key feature of MAP-21 was the establishment of a performance-based planning and programming approach for investing in our nation's transportation infrastructure. This approach continues under the FAST ACT. The objective of this approach is for State DOTs and MPOs to invest resources in projects that collectively will make progress toward the achievement of national goals. An overview of the established performance measures, implications for MPOs and their current status was provided.

11. Safety Performance Measure Targets

Mike Boyer, DVRPC, explained that both MAP-21 and the FAST Act established a set of transportation performance measures that require state DOTs and MPOs to set performance targets. MPOs can choose to set their own targets or adopt the statewide targets set by the state DOT. An overview of the safety performance measure was provided and the RTC was asked for a recommendation to set the same targets as PennDOT and NJDOT.

Motion by: *Andrew Levecchia, seconded by Tom Shaffer* that the RTC recommend the Board approve:

Setting the same safety performance measure targets as PennDOT and NJDOT

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

PRESENTATION ITEMS

12. Modern Trolley Station Design Guide

Betsy Mastaglio, DVRPC, presented the recently completed Modern Trolley Station Design Guide. The Guide provides practitioners with guidance on the design parameters needed for modern trolley stations along SEPTA's six City Transit Division trolley lines in anticipation of SEPTA's trolley fleet replacement, or 'Trolley Modernization'.

INFORMATION ITEMS

13. One Minute Reports

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

14. Old and New Business

15. Meeting Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 11:58 AM.

The next scheduled meeting of the RTC is **Tuesday, February 13, 2018.**

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

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

ATTENDANCE (cont'd)

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

Representative

Monica Etz
Ruth Foster
(not represented)
(not represented)
Gerard Scharfenberger
(not represented)
(not represented)
(not represented)
(not represented)
Jonathan Korus
Rich Brahler
Ed Fox
Andrew Levecchia
Brian Styche
Thomas Shaffer
(not represented)
Matthew Lawson
Matt Edmond
John Haak
Nick Baker
Angie Dixon
June Morton
(not represented)
(not represented)
Barbara Holcomb
Mike Viscardi
(not represented)
Brian McFadden
Lennox Hyman
Representative
(not represented)
Kelvin MacKavanaugh
(not represented)
(not represented)
Tim Lidiak
(not represented)
(not represented)
Bill Ragozine
(not represented)
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Other Member Representatives and Guests

Stephen Fowler – NJDOT
Nathan Powers – Philadelphia Streets Department
Brian Goodson – FHWA NJ
Al Federico – Kimley-Horn
Alexis Williams – STV
Tim Phelps – TMACC
Adam Supplee – ALTA Planning & Design
Orla Pease – Urban Engineers
Bill Comer – SEPTA CAC

DVRPC Staff

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Alison Hastings
Shawn Megill-Legendre
Tom Keenan
Najah Jackson
Renee Wise

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