



DELAWARE VALLEY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
REGIONAL TECHNICAL COMMITTEE
February 13, 2018 Meeting Highlights
DVRPC Conference Room, Philadelphia, PA

1. Call to Order - Chairperson's Comments

Barbara Holcomb (Vice Chair, DRPA) welcomed RTC members and called the meeting to order.

2. Deputy Executive Director's Report

Mr. Ward reported that at their January meeting, the Board approved all the action items that the RTC recommended to them including a set of Transportation Alternatives-funded projects, several Regional Trails Program Grants, the Safety Performance Measure Targets plus an action item, that because of timing, did not go through the RTC; the FY2019 UPWP.

Mr. Ward noted that at the last meeting, the RTC made a recommendation to the Board to set specific targets for the Safety Performance Measures (PM). At that time the RTC also discussed that there are several other PM that were stipulated in the FAST Act that will require the setting of Targets by MPOs. They deal with the physical conditions of our roads and bridges and the operating conditions (namely travel time and delay) on our highways. There was also discussion that these PMs and targets are on a different time line and will be coming due over the next year or so. Mr. Ward commented that DVRPC will keep the RTC informed and include you in their development and that we will need to do this with you because all the PMs have direct implications and requirements on how we all work together to develop our TIPs and LRP. The requirement for the Safety PM kicks in this spring so our PA TIP update will need to address this issue. We continue to get guidance from our federal and state partners as well as coordinate with our neighboring MPOs to fulfill our requirements. On Friday DVRPC has organized a conference call with four state DOTs, eight MPOs and several FHWA division offices to discuss our requirements to coordinate on several of the PMs and to develop MOA on how we will coordinate.

Mr. Ward provided a brief summary of President Trump's infrastructure proposal released February 12.

Mr. Ward noted some recent DVRPC publications including: Coastal Vulnerability Assessment Reports for Beverly City, Bordentown Township, Burlington Township, Burlington City, and Delran Township, Modern Trolley Station Design Guide, Curbless Streets, Washington Avenue and Columbus Boulevard Conceptual Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan, Philadelphia Crash Analysis Standards and Recommendations, East Callowhill Traffic Calming Study, Connections 2045 Plan for Greater Philadelphia, and the FY 2017 DVRPC Annual Report.

Mr. Ward noted some upcoming meetings including: DVRPC Board Meeting on February 22 and the Transportation Operations Task Force Meeting March 12. Mr. Ward called the RTC's attention to the fact that the March Board Meeting will be held in conjunction with the Breaking Ground Conference at the Lowes Hotel on March 22. This is an implementation workshop for local governments and regional partners and registration can be done at www.dvrpc.org/breakingground with Early Bird rates until Feb 22.

The Next RTC Meeting is Tuesday, March 13, 2018

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

No public comments were stated.

ACTION ITEMS

4. Highlights of the Meeting of January 9, 2018

The highlights from the January 9, 2018 meeting of the RTC were presented for adoption.

Motion: by Tom Shaffer, seconded by Matt Lawson that the RTC adopt the minutes of January 9, 2018

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

5. DVRPC Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Actions

a. PA17-77: Allegheny Avenue Interchange Advance Contract (AFI), (MPMS #79911), City of Philadelphia – Increase CON Phase

Jesse Buerk, DVRPC, explained that PennDOT has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2017 – 2020 TIP for Pennsylvania by increasing the CON phase of the Allegheny Avenue Interchange Advance Contract (AFI) project, (MPMS #79911) in the total amount of \$16,779,000 and programming as follows: FY18: increase by \$8,271,000 (\$6,943,000 NHPP/\$282,000 STP/\$719,000 STU/\$249,000 State 581/\$78,000 State 185); FY19: increase by \$15,218,000 (\$14,196,000 NHPP/\$710,000 State 581/\$312,000 State 185); FY20: decrease by \$1,710,000 (\$1,039,000 NHPP/\$372,000 State 581/\$299,000 State 185); FY21: decrease by \$5,000,000 (\$4,000,000 NHPP/\$500,000 State 581/\$500,000 State 185).

Motion: by Jim Mosca, seconded by Nick Baker that the RTC recommend the Board approve:

TIP Action PA17-77, PennDOT's request that DVRPC amend the FY2017 – 2020 TIP for Pennsylvania by increasing the CON phase of the Allegheny Avenue Interchange Advance Contract (AFI) project, (MPMS #79911) in the total amount of \$16,779,000 and programming as follows: FY18: increase by \$8,271,000 (\$6,943,000 NHPP/\$282,000 STP/\$719,000 STU/\$249,000 State 581/\$78,000 State 185); FY19: increase by \$15,218,000 (\$14,196,000 NHPP/\$710,000 State 581/\$312,000 State 185); FY20:

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

b. PA17-78: Baxter Trail/Delaware Waterfront Mitigation Improvements (MPMS# 110644), City of Philadelphia – Add New Project to the TIP

TIP Action PA17-78, the City of Philadelphia's request that DVRPC amend the FY2017 – 2020 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a new \$7,123,000 locally funded project, Baxter Trail/Delaware Waterfront Mitigation Improvements (MPMS #110644), to the TIP for PE (\$243,000 Local) in FY18; FD (\$405,000 Local) in FY19; and CON (\$3,238,000 Local) in FY20 and (\$3,237,000 Local) in FY21.

Motion: by *Nick Baker*, seconded by *Angie Dixon* that the RTC recommend the Board approve:

TIP Action PA17-78, the City of Philadelphia's request that DVRPC amend the FY2017 – 2020 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a new \$7,123,000 locally funded project, Baxter Trail/Delaware Waterfront Mitigation Improvements (MPMS #110644), to the TIP for PE (\$243,000 Local) in FY18; FD (\$405,000 Local) in FY19; and CON (\$3,238,000 Local) in FY20 and (\$3,237,000 Local) in FY21.

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

6. Fiscal Year 2018 Planning Work Program Amendment: Building Capacity to Facilitate Climate Adaptation Planning and Community Resiliency

Amy Verbofsky, DVRPC, explained that DVRPC was recently awarded a \$50,000 grant from the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection's Coastal Resources Management (CRM) program to continue to work with municipalities in the Delaware Estuary Coastal Zone (DECZ) to build capacity in assessing climate vulnerability and planning for climate adaptation and resiliency. This is Year Two of what is anticipated to be a multi-year project.

Motion by: *Tom Shaffer*, seconded by *Matt Edmond* that the RTC recommend the Board amend:

The DVRPC FY 2018 Work Program to include the *Building Capacity to Facilitate Climate Adaptation Planning and Community Resiliency*.

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

7. Endorsement of SEPTA's King of Prussia Rail Extension Locally Preferred Alternative

Elizabeth Smith, SEPTA, explained that SEPTA has evaluated various alternatives for a new rail connection between the existing Norristown High Speed Line (NHSL) and destinations in King of Prussia. Through a screening of technical factors and input from the public and Project stakeholders, SEPTA has determined that the PECO-Turnpike-1st Avenue alternative is the best performing, or Recommended Locally Preferred Alternative

("LPA"). SEPTA added a North/South option to the LPA in response to concerns about impacts to adjacent residential neighborhoods. This LPA and North/South option is included in the King of Prussia Rail Project (an extension of the Norristown High Speed Line) Draft Environmental Impact Statement dated October 2017. On January 25, 2018 SEPTA's Board adopted the Locally Preferred Alternative.

Motion by: *Matt Edmond, seconded by Brian McFadden* that the RTC recommend the DVRPC Board endorse:

SEPTA's Locally Preferred Alternative, which is consistent with the King of Prussia Rail Extension Project identified in DVRPC's long-range plan, Connections 2045.

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

PRESENTATION ITEMS

8. Municipal Actions to Protect and Improve Water Quality

Patty Elkis and Melissa Andrews, DVRPC, explained that they, along with other staff, recently completed a two-year stakeholder research project funded by the William Penn Foundation. Working with an advisory panel, staff prioritized actions municipalities can take and identified potential strategies to improve, protect and manage water quality in the Delaware River watershed. Highlights were presented.

9. Update to Center City Travel Trends

Brad Lane, DVRPC, explained that this report assesses the 2000 – 2015 trends in highway traffic volumes, public transit ridership, bicycle trips, and pedestrian trips entering and leaving the Philadelphia Central Business District (CBD). Traffic volumes are expressed as both vehicle and person trips, public transit, bicycle, and pedestrian trips are expressed as person trips. This report analyzes all trips crossing the North, West, South, and East Screenlines.

10. Ivy Ridge Station: Creating a Hub for Multimodal Development

Amy Bernknopf and Marco Gorini, DVRPC, explained that Ivy Ridge Station serves as a critical connection between the Lower Northwest District in Philadelphia, and major job centers in Center City and University City. The shift from industrial to residential land use patterns in the area surrounding the station has generated interest in how the station itself and its immediate environs should be redeveloped. This report offers recommendations based on the project team's findings and a path forward for the stakeholders in the area.

INFORMATION ITEMS

11. New Members to the Public Participation Task Force

Shoshana Akins, DVRPC, explained that the Public Participation Task Force (PPTF) solicited applications for new members and will be onboarding 15 new members this month. All meetings are open to the public and meeting agendas, highlights, and presentations can be found on the PPTF webpage: <https://www.dvrpc.org/Committees/PPTF/>.

12. 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 11:46 AM.

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

(not represented)
Ruth Foster
(not represented)
(not represented)
(not represented)
(not represented)
(not represented)
Jim Mosca
(not represented)
Jonathan Korus
Rich Brahler
(not represented)
Andrew Levecchia
Brian Styche
Thomas Shaffer
(not represented)
Matthew Lawson
Matt Edmond
David Kanthor
Nick Baker
Angie Dixon
June Morton
Peter Rykard
(not represented)
Barbara Holcomb
Blanca Quinde
Rohan Hepkins
Brian McFadden
(not represented)
Representative
(not represented)
(not represented)
(not represented)
(not represented)
(not represented)
(not represented)
(not represented)
Bill Ragozine
Cecile Charlton
(not represented)
Lindsay Young
(not represented)
(not represented)
(not represented)
(not represented)
(not represented)
(not represented)

Other Member Representatives and Guests

Stephen Fowler – NJDOT
Elizabeth Smith - SEPTA
Nathan Powers – Philadelphia Streets Department
Bill Comer – SEPTA CAC

DVRPC Staff

John Ward
Patty Elkis
Elizabeth Schoonmaker
Rick Murphy
Jesse Buerk
Kwan Hui
Amy Verbofsky
Amy Bernknopf
Marco Gorini
Melissa Andrews
Shoshana Akins
Brad Lane
Katrina Lawrence
Sonia Lee
Karen Cilurso
Jennifer Yocco
Beth Wichser
Thom Stead
Logan Axelson
Kevin Murphy
Brett Fusco
Mike Boyer
Joe Banks
Natalie Cramer
Shawn Megill-Legendre
Najah Jackson
Renee Wise

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