



## DELAWARE VALLEY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

### REGIONAL TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

March 13, 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 reported that at their February meeting, the Board approved all the action items that the RTC recommended to them including an endorsement of SEPTA's King of Prussia Rail Extension Locally Preferred Alternative.

Mr. Ward called the RTC's attention to the Performance Based Planning and Programming activities and requirements. One of the requirements that we are currently working on is an initiative with the two state DOTs and the transit agencies to develop specific written provisions for cooperatively developing and sharing information related to transportation performance data, the selection of performance targets, and the reporting of performance. For Safety Performance Measures and Targets, the written provisions are due by May 27, 2018. For the Pavement and Bridge Performance Measures and targets for the System Reliability Performance Measures and Targets, the written provisions are due by May 20, 2019. At the April RTC meeting, Mike Boyer of DVRPC's staff will be providing an information Item to fill you all in on these written provisions and he will be back in May to ask for a recommendation that the Board approve the provisions; that way we will be able to meet the deadlines for the Safety provisions. The PA TIP update that we expect to get approved this summer will also be required to have a discussion of the Safety Performance Measures and Targets. We continue to get guidance from our federal and state partners as well as coordinate with our neighboring MPOs to fulfill our requirements.

Mr. Ward noted that DVRPC's Four-year Federal Certification Review is scheduled for October 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>. This is in addition to our Annual Self-Certification that we do in June. Both are federal requirements for DVRPC to keep our designation as the MPO for the Philadelphia Urbanized Area. It is a three-step process including 1) a desk review of key planning products (TIP, LRP, UPWP, PPP, CMP), 2) on-site review with our staff and stakeholders, and 3) development of a certification report. The on-site review typically consists of the federal review team holding three separate discussions over a day and a half; 1) With staff members of DVRPC, state DOT, and transit or other planning partners, 2) DVRPC Board members, and 3) members of the Public Participation Task Force.

Mr. Ward noted that a recent DVRPC publication is: West Chester Pike at Paoli Pike Multimodal Traffic and Circulation Study.

Mr. Ward noted some upcoming meetings including: DVRPC Board Meeting on March 22 which will be held in conjunction with the Breaking Ground Conference at the Loews Hotel - Register at [www.dvrpc.org/breakingground](http://www.dvrpc.org/breakingground) , a TCDI Information Session on March 13 at 4:00 p.m., an Information Resources Exchange Group meeting on March 14, a Regional Aviation Committee meeting on March 15 at Trenton-Mercer airport, a Regional Safety Task Force meeting on March 20, and an Air Quality Partnership Board meeting on March 21.

### **The Next RTC Meeting is Tuesday, April 10, 2018**

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

No public comments were stated.

### **ACTION ITEMS**

#### **4. Highlights of the Meeting of February 13, 2018**

The highlights from the February 13, 2018 meeting of the RTC were presented for adoption.

*Motion: by Matt Lawson, seconded by Brian McFadden that the RTC adopt the minutes of February 13, 2018*

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

#### **5. DVRPC Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Actions**

Kwan Hui, DVRPC, presented all seven TIP actions.

##### **a. NJ18-009: Washington Turnpike, Bridge over West Branch of Wading River (DB #15324), Burlington County – Add a PE Phase**

NJDOT has requested that DVRPC modify the FY2018 – 2021 TIP for New Jersey by adding a \$750,000 BRIDGE-OFF funded Preliminary Engineering (PE) phase in FY18, delaying FY18 Final Design (DES) to FY19 and federalizing DES from \$750,000 STATE to BRIDGE-OFF, and delaying FY19 Construction (CON) to FY20.

*Motion: by Edward Fox, seconded by Andrew Levecchia that the RTC recommend the Board approve:*

TIP Action NJ18-009, NJDOT's request that DVRPC modify the FY2018 – 2021 TIP for New Jersey by adding a \$750,000 BRIDGE-OFF funded Preliminary Engineering (PE) phase in FY18, delaying FY18 Final Design (DES) to FY19 and federalizing DES from \$750,000 STATE to BRIDGE-OFF, and delaying FY19 Construction (CON) to FY20.

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

**b. NJ18-010: Route 130, Columbus Road/Jones Street (DB #02397), Burlington County – Add Project Back Into the TIP/Project Breakout**

NJDOT has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2018 – 2021 TIP for New Jersey by breaking out a project, Route 130, Columbus Road/Jones Street, (DB #02397), from Route 130, Charleston Road/Cooper Street (CR 630) to Crafts Creek, (DB #12415), and adding it back into the TIP in the amount of \$3,500,000 (\$947,000 DEMO-RS/\$2,553,000 NHPP) for FY18 CON.

Motion: by *Edward Fox*, seconded by *Andrew Levecchia* that the RTC recommend the Board approve:

TIP Action NJ18-010, NJDOT's request that DVRPC amend the FY2018 – 2021 TIP for New Jersey by breaking out a project, Route 130, Columbus Road/Jones Street, (DB #02397), from Route 130, Charleston Road/Cooper Street (CR 630) to Crafts Creek, (DB #12415), and adding it back into the TIP in the amount of \$3,500,000 (\$947,000 DEMORS/\$ 2,553,000 NHPP) for FY18 CON.

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

**c. NJ18-011: Hanover Street Bridge over Rancocas Creek, CR 616 (DB #D9902), Burlington County – Federalize Project**

Burlington County has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2018 – 2021 TIP for New Jersey by federalizing the project, Hanover Street Bridge over Rancocas Creek, CR 616 (DB #D9902), FY18 CON phase from STATE-DVRPC to STBGPSTU and increase CON cost by \$1,614,000 from \$4,150,000 to \$5,764,000.

Motion: by *Edward Fox*, seconded by *Barbara Holcomb* that the RTC recommend the Board approve:

TIP Action NJ18-011, Burlington County's request that DVRPC amend the FY2018 – 2021 TIP for New Jersey by federalizing the project, Hanover Street Bridge over Rancocas Creek, CR 616 (DB #D9902), FY18 CON phase from STATE-DVRPC to STBGP-STU and increase CON cost by \$1,614,000 from \$4,150,000 to \$5,764,000.

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

**d. NJ18-012: ADA Improvements, (DB #D1505), City of Camden – Add Project Back Into the TIP**

The City of Camden has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2018 – 2021 TIP for New Jersey by adding a \$6,900,000 17-STATE-DVRPC FY18 CON project, ADA Improvements, (DB #D1505), back into the TIP. Project did not encumber funds in FY17 (previous TIP), and \$6,900,000 is the updated CON cost estimate as of January 2018.

**e. NJ18-013: Signal Upgrades, (DB #D1507), Mercer County – Add a Project Back Into the TIP**

Mercer County has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2018 – 2021 TIP for New Jersey by adding a \$1,000,000 14-STATE-DVRPC FY18 CON project, Signal Upgrades, (DB #D1507), back into the TIP.

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

TIP Action NJ18-012, City of Camden's request that DVRPC amend the FY2018 – 2021 TIP for New Jersey by adding a \$6,900,000 17-STATE-DVRPC FY18 CON project, ADA Improvements, (DB #D1505), back into the TIP.

and

TIP Action NJ18-013, Mercer County's request that DVRPC amend the FY2018 – 2021 TIP for New Jersey by adding a \$1,000,000 14-STATE-DVRPC FY18 CON project, Signal Upgrades, (DB #D1507), back into the TIP.

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

**f. NJ18-014: Gloucester County Multi-Purpose Trail Extension - Glassboro Elk Trail, (DB #D1203), Gloucester County – Add a ROW Phase Back Into the TIP**

Gloucester County has requested that DVRPC modify the FY2018 – 2021 TIP for New Jersey by adding a \$1,000,000 14-STATE-DVRPC funded Right-of-Way (ROW) phase back into the TIP for FY18, and as a result of this action, by delaying \$2,000,000 17-STATE-DVRPC funded CON from FY18 to FY19. ROW was on the previous FY2016 TIP with the same cost for advancement in FY18, but the project did not encumber ROW funds in time.

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

TIP Action NJ18-014, Gloucester County's request that DVRPC modify the FY2018 – 2021 TIP for New Jersey by adding a \$1,000,000 14-STATE-DVRPC funded Right-of-Way (ROW) phase back into the TIP for FY18, and as a result of this action, by delaying \$2,000,000 17-STATE-DVRPC funded CON from FY18 to FY19.

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

**g. PA17-80: Smithbridge Road Corridor, (MPMS #107642), Delaware County – Scope Change**

PennDOT has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2017 – 2020 TIP for Pennsylvania by changing the scope of the Smithbridge Road Corridor project, (MPMS #107642) to include a roundabout at the intersection of Smithbridge Road and Kirk/Temple Roads; adding a new \$45,000 HSIP funded ROW phase; and increasing the CON phase in the amount \$1,055,000 HSIP. The original project included a \$1,590,000 CMAQ funded CON phase; this action will increase the project's total federal funding to \$2,690,000. Funds will be drawn down from the Regional Safety Initiatives (HSIP) (MPMS #57927) and DVRPC Competitive CMAQ Program (MPMS #48201) line items at the appropriate time. The project's design

phases were funded locally.

Motion: by *Jim Mosca*, seconded by *Tom Shaffer* that the RTC recommend the Board approve:

TIP Action PA17-80, PennDOT's request that DVRPC amend the FY2017 – 2020 TIP for Pennsylvania by changing the scope of the Smithbridge Road Corridor project, (MPMS #107642) to include a roundabout at the intersection of Smithbridge Road and Kirk/Temple Roads; adding a new \$45,000 HSIP funded ROW phase; and increasing the CON phase in the amount \$1,055,000 HSIP contingent upon the approval of PennDOT's HSIP Committee.

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

## **6. FY 2019 PA TMA Assistance and MAP Funding and Work Programs**

Stacy Bartels, DVRPC, explained that the PA TMA Assistance grant program has been in operation since 1990 and currently includes nine TMAs across the state, including six in our region. The Mobility Alternatives Program (MAP) was initiated in 1995 as a voluntary replacement for the former federally-mandated Employer Trip Reduction Program (ETRP); it is only offered in southeastern PA. Both programs are funded with regional CMAQ dollars and fund TMA or contractor tasks and projects that focus on Transportation Demand Management (TDM) techniques and options, in order to help reduce traffic congestion and improve air quality.

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

The budget for the FY19 and FY20 work programs, funded by the PA TMA Assistance and MAP Grants at the following total (CMAQ and Match) levels:

TMA Assistance:	\$1,328,875
MAP:	<u>\$ 851,875</u>
Both Programs:	\$2,180,750 (per year)

Staff also requests that the RTC recommend that the DVRPC Board amend the PA TIP (PA17-81) to increase the CMAQ funding of MPMS #48199 - Transportation Management Associations (TMA) project by \$141,500 CMAQ and increase the Local Match amount by \$35,375 (\$176,875 total increase).

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

## **PRESENTATION ITEMS**

### **7. Megaregional planning with the Central Jersey Transportation Forum**

Jackie Davis, DVRPC explained that the Central Jersey Transportation Forum was established in 1999 to convene representatives from municipal, county, and transportation agencies in Mercer, Somerset, and Middlesex Counties to allow stakeholders to discuss and address transportation and land use issues in the high-growth, Central Jersey region. A history of the Forum's achievements and some of the highlights from its most recent Strategic Planning exercise which set the direction for planning at the edge of these two MPO regions for the next 3-5 years was presented.

## **8. Freight Movement Around NJ Turnpike Interchange 6A**

Karen Whitaker, DVRPC, explained that this study examines traffic circulation along the US 130 corridor in the industrial area by NJ Turnpike Interchange 6A in Florence Township. The study area includes one of the DVRPC region's fastest growing Freight Centers. It is expected to accommodate over 10 million square feet of additional warehouse and industrial space by 2025. This study addresses the need to accommodate future growth by identifying roadway improvements that can support greater traffic volumes generated by the new development.

## **9. East Callowhill Street Traffic Calming Study**

Meiun Liu, DVRPC, explained that Callowhill Street is an important westbound street that functions as a gateway to Center City Philadelphia and as a crosstown arterial for the Old City and Northern Liberties neighborhoods. This project analyzed existing transportation conditions, and assessed road diet and other streetscaping techniques to complement the renewal and growth in the East Callowhill Street area.

## **INFORMATION ITEMS**

### **10. Bicycle and Pedestrian Count Viewer Survey and Data Vision**

Cassidy Boulan, DVRPC, explained that DVRPC is currently gathering responses for a survey about, and available through, our Bicycle and Pedestrian Count Viewer. Staff will learn more about how this data is being accessed and used and by whom. These results are part of an ongoing internal effort to plan and prioritize a vision for bicycle and pedestrian data gathering and use for the next five years.

### **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 11:50 AM.

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

### **Representative**

Monica Etz  
David Caulfield  
(not represented)  
(not represented)  
(not represented)  
(not represented)  
(not represented)  
Jim Mosca  
(not represented)  
Jonathan Korus  
Rich Brahler  
Edward Fox  
Andrew Levecchia  
Brian Styche  
Thomas Shaffer  
Theresa Ziegler  
Matthew Lawson  
Matt Edmond  
David Kanthor  
Nick Baker  
Angie Dixon  
June Morton  
Peter Rykard  
(not represented)  
Barbara Holcomb  
Blanca Quinde  
Rohan Hepkins  
Brian McFadden  
Frances Harwell  
**Representative**  
(not represented)  
(not represented)  
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(not represented)  
Cecile Charlton  
(not represented)  
(not represented)  
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(not represented)  
(not represented)  
(not represented)  
Steve Mazur  
(not represented)  
(not represented)

## **ATTENDANCE (cont'd)**

US EPA - Region III

(not represented)

US Department of Housing and Urban Development

(not represented)

## **Other Member Representatives and Guests**

Stephen Fowler – NJDOT

Heather Martin - Chester County Planning Commission

Nathan Powers – Philadelphia Streets Department

Jen L. Barr - SEPTA

Bill Comer – SEPTA CAC

## **DVRPC Staff**

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Betsy Mastaglio

Tom Edinger

Elise Turner

Tom Keenan

Rick Murphy

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