



**DELAWARE VALLEY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
REGIONAL TECHNICAL COMMITTEE**

April 10, 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 March meeting, the Board approved all the action items that the RTC recommended to them and one item that did not come through the RTC; that was *Authorization to Open a Public Comment Period for Changes to DVRPC's Public Participation Plan*. The Draft plan including recommended changes is currently available on DVRPC's website and it will come to the RTC with any public comments for a recommendation to the Board most likely in June.

Mr. Ward noted that he was invited to a meeting this week in NJ with many of the state's safety stakeholders to kick start a discussion on how to reverse the trend of increasing fatalities on NJ roadways. There was a low in 2013 of 542 fatalities but it has gone up every year since to 626 in 2017. In 2006 there were 771 fatalities in NJ so progress has been made but not enough. The stakeholders included the three MPO's, NJ Safety Council, AAA, NJ Bike Walk Coalition, Safe Kids NJ, MADD, NJ State Police and several others. Some of the discussion centered around the need to update the state's Strategic Highway Safety Plan and how to spend more HSIP funding. Mr. Ward noted that it was good to get these stakeholders talking and there will be more good things to come. DVRPC will keep the RTC posted and included.

Mr. Ward reported that in regards to DVRPC's MAP-21/FAST Act Performance Measure requirements, staff is continuing to work on specific written procedures for cooperatively developing and sharing information related to transportation performance data, the selection of performance targets, and the reporting of performance. Mike Boyer will be providing an update on where we stand with our PM requirements for which we keep getting evolving guidance and procedures. There are some dates and specific measures that are set in the legislation but there are a whole lot of other details that have not been defined and are being left up to the states and MPOs, sometimes with different interpretations at different FHWA Division Offices.

Mr. Ward called the RTC's attention to the PA TIP update that we expect to get approved this summer. DVRPC will also be required to include in this update a discussion of the Safety Performance Measures and Targets. Our staff continues to work on that and figure out the best way to incorporate this new requirement into the TIP document.

Mr. Ward noted that Mary K Murphy, Executive Director of the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority, is leaving NJTPA and going to the Port Authority of NY and NJ as Director of Planning. Mr. Ward wished her well.

Mr. Ward noted some recent DVRPC publications: A Circle of Progress: The Greater Pottstown Trails Feasibility Study, Connections 2045 Plan for Greater Philadelphia: Summary Document, Freight Movement Around New Jersey Turnpike Interchange 6A, Eat Local Montco: Montgomery County's Local Food Promotion Strategy, Investing in People and Places: Greater Philadelphia's Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy 2017 Annual Review and Update, and FY2018 TIP for New Jersey Addendum and Highlights Document.

Mr. Ward noted some upcoming meetings including: Goods Movement Task Force on April 11, DVRPC and City of Phila. are co-hosting an Open House for the project Reviving Vine: Improving Multimodal Connections on Vine Street at Holy Redeemer School, 915 Vine Street, 6:00 – 8:00 on April 12, Strategies for Older Suburbs Roundtable: Transportation and Tourism on April 20, DVRPC Board on April 26, PennDOT Bike/Ped Master Plan **Stakeholders Group** Meeting on April 27, Regional Community and Economic Development Forum on April 30, Traffic Incident Management Conference Citizen's Bank Park on May 16.

The Next RTC Meeting is Tuesday, May 8, 2018

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

No public comments were stated.

ACTION ITEMS

4. Highlights of the Meeting of March 13, 2018

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

Motion: by Jim Mosca, seconded by June Morton that the RTC adopt the highlights of March 13, 2018

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

5. DVRPC Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Actions

Rick Murphy, DVRPC, presented all four TIP actions.

a. PA17-82: Approval of Automated Red-Light Enforcement (ARLE) Round 7 (2017 Funding) Projects, (Various MPMS #s), Various Counties – Add New Proposed Projects to the TIP

PennDOT has requested that DVRPC approve the list of projects selected as part of PennDOT's Automated Red-Light Enforcement (ARLE) Program Round 7 and amend the FY2017 – 2020 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding the projects to the PA TIP in FY18. The DVRPC region was awarded a total of \$9,086,000 of State Appropriation 244 funding for 22 projects. \$5,700,000 is for projects in the City of Philadelphia; \$545,000 is for projects in Bucks County; \$990,000 is for projects in Chester County; \$843,000 is for projects in Delaware County; and \$1,008,000 is for

projects in Montgomery County. These are additional funds to the region.

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

TIP action PA17-82, PennDOT's request that DVRPC approve the list of projects selected as part of PennDOT's Automated Red-Light Enforcement (ARLE) Program Round 7 and amend the FY2017 – 2020 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding the projects to the PA TIP in FY18. The DVRPC region was awarded a total of \$9,086,000 of State Appropriation 244 funding for 22 projects.

Bucks County:

- 1) Bristol Township Traffic Signal Upgrade (MPMS #110918) - \$257,000 State 244 in FY18.
- 2) Doylestown Township Pedestrian Improvements (MPMS #110919) - \$171,000 State 244 in FY18.
- 3) Dublin Borough Pedestrian Signal Upgrades (MPMS #110920) - \$117,000 State 244 in FY18.

Chester County:

- 4) East Brandywine Township Traffic Signal Upgrade (MPMS #110922) - \$39,000 State 244 in FY18.
- 5) Kennett Township Unionville Road Corridor Improvement Project (MPMS #110923) - \$693,000 State 244 in FY18.
- 6) West Whiteland Township Pedestrian Safety Improvement (MPMS #110921) - \$258,000 State 244 in FY18.

Delaware County:

- 7) City of Chester Traffic Signal Upgrade (MPMS #110924) - \$119,000 State 244 in FY18.
- 8) Concord Township Pedestrian Improvements (MPMS #110925) - \$117,000 State 244 in FY18.
- 9) Haverford Township Pedestrian Safety Improvement (MPMS #110926) - \$75,000 State 244 in FY18.
- 10) Ridley Township Intersection Improvement (MPMS #110927) - \$250,000 State 244 in FY18.
- 11) Springfield Township Traffic Signal Improvements (MPMS #110928) - \$282,000 State 244 in FY18.

Montgomery County:

- 12) Abington Township Traffic Signal Upgrade (MPMS #110929) - \$179,000 State 244 in FY18.
- 13) Towamencin Township Pedestrian Safety Improvements (MPMS #110930) - \$84,000 State 244 in FY18.
- 14) West Norriton Township Traffic Signal Upgrade (MPMS #110931) - \$196,000 State 244 in FY18.
- 15) West Norriton Township Intersection and Signal Upgrade (MPMS #110932) - \$417,000 State 244 in FY18.
- 16) Whitpain Township Traffic Signal Upgrades (MPMS #110933) - \$132,000 State 244 in FY18.

City of Philadelphia:

17) Philadelphia Citywide Traffic Calming (MPMS #110934) - \$1,500,000 State 244 in FY18.

18) Philadelphia Neighborhood Slow Zones (MPMS #110935) - \$1,200,000 State 244 in FY18.

19) 20th St/Penrose Ave/Moyamensing Ave/Packer Ave Intersection Improvement (MPMS #110936) - \$1,000,000 State 244 in FY18.

20) Philadelphia Citywide Fiber Optic Expansion (MPMS #110937) - \$1,000,000 State 244 in FY18.

21) Philadelphia Citywide Pedestrian and Bicyclist Connections (MPMS #110938) - \$500,000 State 244 in FY18.

22) Roosevelt Boulevard Bus Station Pedestrian Safety Improvements (MPMS #110939) - \$500,000 State 244 in FY18.

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

b. PA17-83: PA 252 Bridge over Springton Reservoir, (MPMS #90128), Delaware County – Increase CON Funding

PennDOT has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2017 – 2020 TIP for Pennsylvania by increasing the construction funding for the PA 252 Bridge over Springton Reservoir project, (MPMS #90128), in the total amount of \$5,949,000 and programming the increased amounts as follows: FY18: \$2,010,000 State 581/\$1,788,000 State 185; FY19: \$2,151,000 State 581.

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

TIP Action PA17-83, PennDOT's request that DVRPC amend the FY2017 – 2020 TIP for Pennsylvania by increasing the construction funding for the PA 252 Bridge over Springton Reservoir project, (MPMS #90128), in the total amount of \$5,949,000 and programming the increased amounts as follows: FY18: \$2,010,000 State 581/\$1,788,000 State 185; FY19: \$2,151,000 State 581.

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

c. PA17-84: Ardmore Transportation Center, (MPMS #73214), Montgomery County – Increase Funding

PennDOT has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2017 – 2020 TIP for Pennsylvania by increasing the funding for the Ardmore Transportation Center project, (MPMS #73214), in the amount of \$5,367,000 in FY18. As a result of this amendment, funding for MPMS #73214 will increase in the amount of \$12,667,000 (\$10,133,000 Federal Section 5337 State of Good Repair formula funds/\$2,452,000 State Section 1514/\$82,000 Local) and decrease in the amount of \$7,300,000 (\$7,065,000 State Section 1514/\$235,000 Local). The net effect of these changes is an increase of \$5,367,000 in FY18 to MPMS #73214. As a result of this action, SEPTA will also shift \$4,766,000 (\$4,613,000 State Section 1514/\$153,000 Local) from the Ardmore Transportation Center project to the Transit and Regional Rail Station program (MPMS #77183). These are additional funds to the region.

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

TIP Action PA17-84, PennDOT's request that DVRPC amend the FY2017 – 2020 TIP for Pennsylvania by increasing the funding for the Ardmore Transportation Center project, (MPMS #73214), in the amount of \$5,367,000 in FY18. As a result of this amendment, funding for MPMS #73214 will increase in the amount of \$12,667,000 (\$10,133,000 Federal Section 5337 State of Good Repair formula funds/\$2,452,000 State Section 1514/\$82,000 Local) and decrease in the amount of \$7,300,000 (\$7,065,000 State Section 1514/\$235,000 Local). The net effect of these changes is an increase of \$5,367,000 in FY18 to MPMS #73214. As a result of this action, SEPTA will also shift \$4,766,000 (\$4,613,000 State Section 1514/\$153,000 Local) from the Ardmore Transportation Center project to the Transit and Regional Rail Station program (MPMS #77183).

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

d. NJ18-018: Paratransit Vehicles (Various DB #s), Various Counties – Cost Increase/Flex to NJ TRANSIT, Camden County Bus Purchase (DB #D0601), Gloucester County Bus Purchase (DB #D9807), Mercer County Bus Purchase (DB #D1011)

Camden, Gloucester, and Mercer Counties have requested, respectively, on behalf of the South Jersey Transportation Authority (SJTA), Gloucester County Division of Transportation Services (DTS), Mercer County Transportation Resources to Aid the Disadvantaged and Elderly (TRADE), Greater Mercer Transportation Management Association (TMA), Ewing Township, and Princeton that DVRPC modify the FY2018 – 2021 TIP for New Jersey by increasing the FY18 CMAQ funding for various county paratransit services. Specifically, the request is to increase Camden County Bus Purchase (DB #D0601) by \$1,046,000 from \$934,000 to \$1,980,000 CMAQ; increase Gloucester County Bus Purchase (DB #D9807) by \$92,000 from \$238,000 to \$330,000 CMAQ; and increase Mercer County Bus Purchase (DB #D1011) by \$468,000 from \$707,000 to \$1,175,000 CMAQ in FY18. This action would increase the overall amount for county paratransit bus purchases in Camden, Gloucester, and Mercer Counties by \$1,606,000 from \$1,879,000 to \$3,485,000 CMAQ in FY18. Further, flex (transfer) \$1,980,000 CMAQ from Camden County Bus Purchase FY18 EC phase, \$330,000 from Gloucester County Bus Purchase FY18 EC phase, and \$1,175,000 from Mercer County Bus Purchase FY18 EC phase) to NJ TRANSIT.

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

TIP Action NJ18-018, Camden, Gloucester, and Mercer Counties request, respectively, on behalf of the South Jersey Transportation Authority (SJTA), Gloucester County Division of Transportation Services (DTS), Mercer County Transportation Resources to Aid the Disadvantaged and Elderly (TRADE), Greater Mercer Transportation Management Association (TMA), Ewing Township, and Princeton that DVRPC modify the FY2018 – 2021 TIP for New Jersey by increasing the FY18 CMAQ funding for various county paratransit services. Specifically, the request is to increase Camden County Bus Purchase (DB #D0601) by \$1,046,000 from

\$934,000 to \$1,980,000 CMAQ; increase Gloucester County Bus Purchase (DB #D9807) by \$92,000 from \$238,000 to \$330,000 CMAQ; and increase Mercer County Bus Purchase (DB #D1011) by \$468,000 from \$707,000 to \$1,175,000 CMAQ in FY18. This action would increase the overall amount for county paratransit bus purchases in Camden, Gloucester, and Mercer Counties by \$1,606,000 from \$1,879,000 to \$3,485,000 CMAQ in FY18. Further, flex (transfer) \$1,980,000 CMAQ from Camden County Bus Purchase FY18 EC phase, \$330,000 from Gloucester County Bus Purchase FY18 EC phase, and \$1,175,000 from Mercer County Bus Purchase FY18 EC phase) to NJ TRANSIT.

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

6. DVRPC Regional Trails Program Pennsylvania Grant Awards

Shawn Megill-Legendre, DVRPC, explained that the following Circuit Trail projects were developed in conjunction with their respective county planning partners and local sponsors. Funding has been proposed to study, acquire ROW, 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. State and Rhawn/Pennypack Trail Connector (design), City of Philadelphia Parks and Recreation – \$60,000
2. Wissahickon Gateway/Schuylkill River Trail Gap (acquisition), City of Philadelphia Parks and Recreation – \$100,000
3. Manayunk Trail Gateway Enhancements (design/construction), City of Philadelphia Parks and Recreation – \$30,000
4. Lower Poquessing Creek Trail (feasibility), Philadelphia City Planning Commission – \$25,000
5. High Trail and Bridge (construction), The Brandywine Conservancy, Delaware County -- \$350,000

In total, \$565,000 will be granted to five projects. Final awards for project numbers 2, 4 and 5 are contingent upon receipt of matching grants from the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources.

Motion by: *June Morton*, seconded by *Tom Shaffer* that the RTC amend the original action to approve the grant awards for project numbers 1 and 3 but approve the grant awards for project numbers 2, 4, and 5 contingent on PA DCNR Community Conservation Partnership Program grant approval.

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

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

The five Regional Trails Grant Awards with awards for project numbers 2, 4, and 5 contingent on PA DCNR Community Conservation Partnership Program grant approval.

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

7. Authorization to Open a Public Comment Period for the Draft FY 2019 TIP for Pennsylvania; and the Draft Conformity Finding of the FY 2019 PA TIP

Sean Greene, DVRPC, explained that staff is requesting authorization to open a minimum 30-day public comment period for the purpose of gathering public and agency comments on the Draft FY 2019-2022 TIP for Pennsylvania, and the Draft Conformity Determination of the FY 2019 TIP for Pennsylvania; to issue proper public notifications; to publish the draft documents of the TIP and conformity findings on the internet; to make copies available at certain public libraries; and to hold public meetings.

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

The action to authorize staff to open a minimum 30-day public comment period for the purpose of gathering public and agency comments on the Draft FY 2019 – 2022 TIP for Pennsylvania; and the Draft Conformity Determination of the *Connections 2045* Long-Range Plan and FY 2019 TIP for Pennsylvania; to issue proper public notifications; to publish the documents of the Draft FY 2019 TIP for Pennsylvania, and Draft Conformity Findings on the Internet; to make copies available at certain public libraries; and to hold public meetings.

PRESENTATION ITEMS

8. Chester Valley Trail Extension to Downingtown Feasibility Study/Master Plan

Brian Styche, Chester County, explained that the Chester County Planning Commission has recently completed this study for extending the Chester Valley Trail from Exton into Downingtown and connecting with the existing Struble and East Branch Brandywine Trails to expand the Circuit, Greater Philadelphia's regional trail network. The extension's recommended alignment is to develop the trail within the inactive Philadelphia and Thorndale low grade rail corridor which parallels the Amtrak Keystone Corridor between Exton and Thorndale. This unique corridor is a hidden gem that will provide for a safe and completely grade separated trail that will attract many users due to its scenic and historic quality and proximity to regional rail stations including Exton, Whitford, Downingtown and Thorndale. More info on the plan – including a brief summary video - can be found on the project website:

<http://www.chescoplanning.org/transportation/cvte.cfm>

9. Update to DVRPC's Equity Analysis

Shoshana Akins, DVRPC, explained that since 2001, the Indicators of Potential Disadvantage (IPD) has served as DVRPC's analysis tool for meeting Title VI requirements and Environmental Justice (EJ) recommendations. Staff evaluated the tool over the last year and a half to provide a meaningful update to the methodology,

indicators, data analysis, and equity resources of the IPD. The updated IPD analysis tool can be viewed on DVRPC's website under: <https://www.dvrpc.org/webmaps/IPD/>.

INFORMATION ITEMS

10. Performance Measures Update

Mike Boyer, DVRPC, explained that there are several impending deadlines related to the MAP-21/FAST Act Performance Measures and staff provided an update on various efforts related to target-setting for the System Performance measure and developing written procedures between planning partners on responsibilities for the Safety measure.

11. Building Resilience in Coastal New Jersey Municipalities

Melissa Andrews, DVRPC, explained that as part of the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection's Resilient Coastal Communities Initiative, DVRPC worked with six municipalities along the Delaware River to assess their vulnerabilities to coastal hazards and develop strategies to improve their resilience. The reports from this project are now published and available online.

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 12:07 PM.

The next scheduled meeting of the RTC is **Tuesday, May 8, 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)
Colleen McGurk
(not represented)
Sachin Shankar
Jim Mosca
(not represented)
(not represented)
Christian Regosch
Edward Fox
Andrew Levecchia
Brian Styche
Thomas Shaffer
(not represented)
Matthew Lawson
Matt Edmond
David Kanthor
Nick Baker
Angie Dixon
June Morton
(not represented)
(not represented)
Barbara Holcomb
Blanca Quinde
Rohan Hepkins
Brian McFadden
Frances Harwell
Representative
(not represented)
(not represented)
(not represented)
Dan Walston
(not represented)
(not represented)
Bill Ragozine
(not represented)
(not represented)
Nicholas Haynes
(not represented)
(not represented)
(not represented)
(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

Nathan Powers – Philadelphia Streets Department

Jen L. Barr – SEPTA

Ruth Foster – NJDEP

Leonard Bonarek – Bicycle Coalition of Greater Philadelphia

Bill Comer – SEPTA CAC

Brian Donovan – Chester County

Jeffrey Perlman – North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority

Peter Bilton – North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority

Sue Herman – Residents for Regional Traffic Solutions, Inc.

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Tom Keenan

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Najah Jackson

Renee Wise

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