



DELAWARE VALLEY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
REGIONAL TECHNICAL COMMITTEE
July 10, 2018 Meeting Highlights
DVRPC Conference Room, Philadelphia, PA

1. Call to Order - Chairperson's Comments

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

2. Deputy Executive Director's Report

John Ward, DVRPC Deputy Executive Director, reported that at their June meeting, the Board approved all the action items that the RTC recommended to them.

Mr. Ward noted that DVRPC is starting the preparations for the FY20 UPWP. Patty Elkis, DVRPC, has reached out to our counties and cities to begin to schedule our initial outreach meetings to discuss past work, current projects and ideas for potential projects for FY20. We will also be reaching out to our DOTs and transit operators. Mr. Ward encouraged RTC members to start thinking about their ideas and needs for new projects. DVRPC will be keeping the RTC members in the loop during upcoming RTC meetings regarding the status of the WP development.

Mr. Ward reported that the NJDOT's Division of Local Aid is currently accepting applications for Transportation Alternatives Set-aside Grant Program for 2018. Applications are due to NJDOT by August 23. More information can be found on their web site at: www.state.nj.us/transportation.

Mr. Ward called the RTC's attention to the fact that the University City District recently received a 501c3 designation to be organized as a TMA in Pennsylvania. DVRPC will be working with the TMA Policy Committee to make MAP funding available to them in FY19.

Mr. Ward noted that Scott Brady, Manager, Office of Travel Monitoring has recently retired. Mr. Ward announced that Josh Rocks, of our staff, has been selected to replace Scott and he will manage that office and continue the high level of production that the office provides as well as keeping us on the cutting edge of the travel monitoring field. Mr. Ward asked RTC members to please congratulate Josh when you see him.

Recent Publications

Mr. Ward noted some recent DVRPC publications including: 2016 Aircraft Operations Count Program (Chester County, Pennridge, Quakertown) and noted that DVRPC recently purchased 5 new aviation counters for our Aircraft Counting Program. This is significant because we hadn't purchased new counters in over 20 years. We are currently testing the equipment and validating the data. If all goes well, we should be ready to use them this fall and continue to provide reliable data on aircraft operations at the smaller airports in our region. We have an FY19 grant request in to FAA for an additional set of airports to count.

Mr. Ward noted some upcoming meetings including: Goods Movement Task Force - July 11, Advancing Municipal Water Quality Education – July 12, DVRPC Futures Group- Dialogue On Smart Cities and Regions July 19, DVRPC Board - July 26, Public Participation Task Force – August 9.

The Next RTC Meeting is Tuesday, September 11, 2018.

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

No public comments were stated.

ACTION ITEMS

4. Highlights of the Meeting of June 12, 2018

The highlights from the June 12, 2018 meeting of the RTC were presented for adoption.

Motion: by Andrew Levecchia, seconded by Jim Mosca that the RTC adopt the highlights of June 12, 2018

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

5. DVRPC Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Actions

Kwan Hui, DVRPC, presented all three TIP actions.

a. PA17-100: 2018 and 2019 District-Wide High Friction Surface Treatments and Pavement Markings, (MPMS #s 111063 and 111065), Various Counties – Add New Proposed Projects to the TIP

PennDOT has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2017 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding two new HSIP funded projects, 2018 and 2019 District-Wide High Friction Surface Treatments and Pavement Markings (MPMS #s 111063 and 111065), totaling \$4,000,000 for construction in FY18. Funds from the federal Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) aim to achieve a significant reduction in traffic fatalities and serious injuries on all public roads, including non-state-owned public roads, and require a data-driven, strategic approach to improving highway safety.

b. PA17-101: District-Wide Roundabout Program, (MPMS #s 110963, 110958, 110961, 111021, and 111024), Various Counties – Add New Proposed Projects to the TIP

PennDOT has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2017 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding five new HSIP funded roundabout projects totaling \$1,740,000 for Preliminary Engineering in FY18: Easton Road Roundabout (MPMS #111024); Manor Road Roundabout (MPMS #110963); Bethel Road Roundabout (MPMS #111021); Old Skippack Road Roundabout (MPMS #110961); and Castor Avenue Roundabout (MPMS #110958). These are additional funds to the region from the statewide HSIP set-aside program. All five roundabout projects are programmed on the FY2019 PA TIP for Construction and minor phases such as Right of Way and Utilities.

Motion: by *Jonathan Korus*, seconded by *Tom Shaffer* that the RTC recommend the Board approve:

TIP action PA17-100, PennDOT's request that DVRPC amend the FY2017 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding two new HSIP funded projects, the 2018 and 2019 District-Wide High Friction Surface Treatments and Pavement Markings projects (MPMS #s 111063 and 111065), totaling \$4,000,000 for construction in FY18.

TIP action PA17-101, PennDOT's request that DVRPC amend the FY2017 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding five new HSIP funded projects totaling \$1,740,000 for Preliminary Engineering in FY18: Easton Road Roundabout (MPMS #111024); Manor Road Roundabout (MPMS #110963); Bethel Road Roundabout (MPMS #111021); Old Skippack Road Roundabout (MPMS #110961); and Castor Avenue Roundabout (MPMS #110958).

- Bucks County:

Easton Road Roundabout (MPMS #111024) - \$500,000 sHSIP for PE in FY18.

- Chester County:

Manor Road Roundabout (MPMS #110963) - \$300,000 sHSIP for PE in FY18.

- Delaware County:

Bethel Road Roundabout (MPMS #111021) - \$320,000 sHSIP for PE in FY18.

- Montgomery County:

Old Skippack Road Roundabout (MPMS #110961) - \$320,000 sHSIP for PE in FY18.

- City of Philadelphia:

Castor Avenue Roundabout (MPMS #110958) - \$300,000 sHSIP for PE in FY18.

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

c. NJ18-032: Route 206, South Broad Street Bridge over Assunpink Creek, (DB #L064), Mercer County – Add UTL Phase and Delay CON Phase

NJDOT has requested that DVRPC modify the FY2018 - 2027 TIP for New Jersey by adding a \$1,750,000 STBGP-STU funded Utility (UTL) phase in FY20, delaying FY19 Construction (CON) to FY20, and decreasing CON cost by \$1,710,000 from \$8,810,000 to \$7,100,000 STBGP-STU for the project, Route 206, South Broad Street Bridge over Assunpink Creek (DB #L064).

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

TIP Action NJ18-032, NJDOT's request that DVRPC modify the FY2018 - 2027 TIP for New Jersey by adding a \$1,750,000 STBGP-STU funded Utility (UTL) phase in FY20, delaying FY19 Construction (CON) to FY20, and decreasing CON cost by \$1,710,000 from \$8,810,000 to \$7,100,000 STBGP-STU for the project, Route 206, South Broad Street Bridge over Assunpink Creek (DB #L064).

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

6. Adoption of Access to Records Policy

Alison Hastings, DVRPC, explained that DVRPC's Access to Records Policy was last updated and adopted by the Board in March 2014. In 2017, the Executive Committee of the DVRPC Board asked staff and co-counsel to re-examine the policy. Based on that research and co-counsel review, the proposed policy included clearer language about requesting information, is more specific about exemptions, and has a timeline for responses. Ms. Hastings presented the proposed policy and the comments that were received during the Public Comment Period. The RTC members recommended some additional text to clarify procedure in Section V, subsection L.

Motion: by *Monica Etz*, seconded by *Nick Baker*, that the RTC amend the original action to include the revised text in Section V, subsection L to clarify procedures relating to release of grant application materials after Board action on said applications.

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

Motion: by *Dan Walston*, seconded by *Andrew Levecchia* that the Regional Technical Committee recommend the Board adopt the amended Access to Records Policy including the revision to Section V, subsection L as revised.

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

PRESENTATION ITEMS

7. Burlington County Highway Master Plan Update

Karen Whitaker, DVRPC, explained that DVRPC and Burlington County have worked closely on this innovative update to the county's 1989 Highway Master Plan. Its primary components have been incorporated into a dynamic and accessible web application: <https://www.dvrpc.org/webmaps/BCHMP/>. Staff demonstrated how this unique, interactive tool identifies conditions, resources, strategies, and ROW characteristics for Burlington County's transportation network today and in the future.

8. Truck Wayfinding in the City of Chester - Balancing Community and Business Needs

Al Beatty, DVRPC, explained that freight movement is a driving force of the economy in the City of Chester. Recommended strategies to facilitate the efficient movement of heavy trucks between local businesses and the regional roadway network, while minimizing potentially negative impacts on residents were presented.

9. Camden Health Element "Roadshow"

Amy Verbofsky and Derek Lombardi, DVRPC, explained that DVRPC, in partnership with the City of Camden, is currently developing a Health Element for the City's Master Plan. The Camden Health Element will provide a high-level vision and concrete strategies to promote health as a priority for Camden's future growth and development. As part of our

outreach efforts, staff have been meeting with community and stakeholder groups in Camden to share our work, specifically the Camden Health Element Story Map, and better understand their vision for a healthy Camden.

INFORMATION ITEMS

10. Performance-Based Planning and Programming (PBPP) Chapter for the DVRPC FY2018 TIP for NJ

Elizabeth Schoonmaker, DVRPC, explained that the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21) and subsequent Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act require State DOTs and MPOs to establish and use a performance-based approach to transportation decision making. Safety is the first national goal identified in the FAST Act and has the earliest deadline for addressing progress towards meeting targets in the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Per federal guidance, DVRPC must add text describing NJDOT's Statewide Safety Goals and Targets to the DVRPC FY2018 TIP for NJ.

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 11:54 AM.

The next scheduled meeting of the RTC is **Tuesday, September 11, 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
US EPA - Region III
US Department of Housing and Urban Development

Representative

Monica Etz
(not represented)
(not represented)
(not represented)
(not represented)
(not represented)
(not represented)
Jim Mosca
(not represented)
Jonathan Korus
Christian Regosch
Carol Thomas
Andrew Levecchia
Brian Styche
Thomas Shaffer
(not represented)
Matthew Lawson
Matthew Popek
David Kanthor
Nick Baker
Angie Dixon
June Morton
Peter Rykard
(not represented)
Barbara Holcomb
Blanca Quinde
(not represented)
Brian McFadden
(not represented)

Representative

(not represented)
Kelvin MacKavanagh
Keith Skilton
Dan Walston
(not represented)
(not represented)
(not represented)
Bill Ragozine
Cecile Charlton
(not represented)
(not represented)
(not represented)
(not represented)
Stephen Mazur
(not represented)
(not represented)
(not represented)
(not represented)

ATTENDANCE (cont'd)

Other Member Representatives and Guests

Stephen Fowler – NJDOT
Brian Donovan – Chester County
Tim Phelps - TMACC
Bill Comer – SEPTA CAC
Sue Herman – Residents for Regional Traffic Solutions
Reverend Glen Benson

DVRPC Staff

Barry Seymour
John Ward
Patty Elkis
Elizabeth Schoonmaker
Greg Krykewczyk
Karin Morris
Mike Boyer
Tom Edinger
Elise Turner
Kwan Hui
Karen Whitaker
Amy Verbofsky
Derek Lombardi
Sonia Lee
Sarah Moran
Kevin Murphy
Amy Bernknopf
Al Beatty
Karen Whitaker
Kim Korejko
Ben Gruswitz
Alison Hastings
Josh Rocks
Camden Palvino
Addison Larson
Najah Jackson
Renee Wise

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