



DELAWARE VALLEY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
REGIONAL TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

September 11, 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. Ms. Holcomb requested that the RTC observe a moment of silence in remembrance of the events that took place on September 11, 2001.

2. Deputy Executive Director's Report

John Ward, DVRPC Deputy Executive Director, reported that at their July meeting, the Board approved all the action items that the RTC recommended to them which included 3 TIP Amendments and an update to our "Access to Records Policy".

Mr. Ward noted that DVRPC recently received an invitation from the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission to an opening preview of the I-95 and PA Turnpike Connection and bus tour of the new flyover ramps on September 21st. The ramps are expected to open to traffic very soon.

Mr. Ward reported that the South Jersey Transportation Planning Organization (South Jersey's MPO) is celebrating their 25th Anniversary on October 3rd with a small event to commemorate their 25 years. Mr. Ward noted that he and Executive Director Barry Seymour plan to attend to show our support of this sister agency.

Mr. Ward noted some recent DVRPC publications including: Connections 2045 Plan Summary (translated into Spanish); Pedestrian and Bicyclist Road Safety Audit - CR 534 (Blackwood-Clementon Road) - Boroughs of Lindenwold, Pine Hill, and Clementon, NJ; Transportation Conformity Demonstration - FY 2019 Pennsylvania TIP and Connections 2045 Long-Range Plan; Municipal Implementation Tool: Municipal Management in a Changing Climate; Freight Trucks in the City of Chester - Balancing Community and Business Needs

Mr. Ward noted some upcoming meetings including: Information Resources Exchange Group – September 12, Urban Waterfront Action Group – September 18, Regional Aviation Committee – September 20 (Off Site), Public Participation Task Force – September 25, DVRPC Board Meeting/Retreat - September 27 (Science History Institute, 315 Chestnut St), Healthy Communities Task Force & Regional Safety Task Force Joint Meeting – September 28,

Mr. Ward noted that DVRPC recently developed a video to help promote the Long-Range Plan. Jackie Davis presented the video and some other tools we have to help increase the visibility of this work.

The Next RTC Meeting is Tuesday, October 9, 2018.

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

No public comments were stated.

ACTION ITEMS

4. Highlights of the Meeting of July 10, 2018

The highlights from the July 10, 2018 meeting of the RTC were presented for adoption.

Motion: by John Haak, seconded by Jonathan Korus that the RTC adopt the highlights of July 10, 2018

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

5. DVRPC Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Actions

Jesse Buerk, DVRPC, presented all six TIP actions.

a. NJ18-040: Traffic Signal and ATMS Replacement and Upgrade Project, (DB #D1905), Burlington County – Add New Proposed Project to the TIP

Burlington County has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2018 - 2027 TIP for New Jersey by adding a new \$2,000,000 STBGP-STU funded Traffic Signal and ATMS Replacement and Upgrade Project, DB #D1905, for FY19 Construction (CON).

b. NJ18-041: Thorndyke Street (Route 30/Admiral Wilson Boulevard to Marlton Pike) and Maplewood Street (Thorndyke Street to Somerset Street), (DB #D1904), City of Camden – Add New Proposed Project to the TIP

The City of Camden has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2018 - 2027 TIP for New Jersey by adding a new \$1,111,000 STBGP-STU funded project, Thorndyke Street (Route 30/Admiral Wilson Boulevard to Marlton Pike) and Maplewood Street (Thorndyke Street to Somerset Street), DB #D1904, for FY19 CON.

c. NJ18-042: CR 720 (Blue Anchor Road), Route 73 to CR 536 (Cedarbrook/New Brooklyn Road), (DB #D1903), Camden County – Add New Proposed Project to the TIP

Camden County has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2018 - 2027 TIP for New Jersey by adding a new \$1,712,000 STBGP-STU funded project, CR 720 (Blue Anchor Road), Route 73 to CR 536 (Cedarbrook/New Brooklyn Road), DB #D1903, for FY19 CON.

d. NJ18-043: Gloucester County First-Generation Traffic Signal Camera Upgrades, (DB #D1902), Gloucester County – Add New Proposed Project to the TIP

Gloucester County has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2018 - 2027 TIP for New Jersey by adding a new \$1,700,000 STBGP-STU funded project, Gloucester County First-Generation Traffic Signal Camera Upgrades, DB #D1902, for FY19 CON.

e. NJ18-044: Mercer County's Electronic Traffic Control Devices Inventory, (DB #D1901), Mercer County – Add New Proposed Project to the TIP

Mercer County has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2018 - 2027 TIP for New Jersey by adding a new \$225,000 17-STATE-DVRPC funded project, Mercer County's Electronic Traffic Control Devices Inventory, DB #D1901, for a FY19 Planning Study (PLS) phase.

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

TIP Action NJ18-040, Burlington County's request that DVRPC amend the FY2018 - 2027 TIP for New Jersey by adding a new \$2,000,000 STBGP-STU funded Traffic Signal and ATMS Replacement and Upgrade Project, DB #D190, for FY19 CON.

TIP Action NJ18-041, the City of Camden's request that DVRPC amend the FY2018 - 2027 TIP for New Jersey by adding a new \$1,111,000 STBGP-STU funded project, Thorndyke Street (Route 30/Admiral Wilson Boulevard to Marlton Pike) and Maplewood Street (Thorndyke Street to Somerset Street), DB #D1904, for FY19 CON.

TIP Action NJ18-042, Camden County's request that DVRPC amend the FY2018 - 2027 TIP for New Jersey by adding a new \$1,712,000 STBGP-STU funded project, CR 720 (Blue Anchor Road), Route 73 to CR 536 (Cedarbrook/New Brooklyn Road), DB #D1903, for FY19 CON.

TIP Action NJ18-043, Gloucester County's request that DVRPC amend the FY2018 - 2027 TIP for New Jersey by adding a new \$1,700,000 STBGP-STU funded project, Gloucester County First-Generation Traffic Signal Camera Upgrades, DB #D1902, for FY19 CON.

TIP Action NJ18-044, Mercer County's request that DVRPC amend the FY2018 - 2027 TIP for New Jersey by adding a new \$225,000 17-STATE-DVRPC funded project, Mercer County's Electronic Traffic Control Devices Inventory, DB #D1901, for a FY19 PLS phase.

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

f. PA17-102: Bucks County Act 13 Bridges: Clay Ridge Road over Rapp Creek (MPMS #13016), Creek Road over Little Neshaminy Creek (MPMS #103610), and Flushing Road over Branch of Neshaminy Creek (MPMS #103608), Bucks County – Add New Proposed Projects to the TIP

Bucks County has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2017 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding three new local bridge projects, Clay Ridge Road over Rapp Creek (MPMS #13016), Creek Road over Little Neshaminy Creek (MPMS #103610), and Flushing Road over Branch of Neshaminy Creek (MPMS #103608), to the TIP for a total of

\$4,685,000, using Bucks County's Act 13 allocation, programmed as follows:

- Clay Ridge Road over Rapp Creek (MPMS #13016) – \$200,000 PE in FY19, \$140,000 FD in FY19, \$20,000 ROW in FY19, \$10,000 UTL in FY19, and \$1,570,000 CON in FY20;
- Creek Road over Little Neshaminy Creek (MPMS #103610) – \$100,000 PE in FY18, \$75,000 FD in FY19, \$20,000 ROW in FY19, \$20,000 UTL in FY19, and \$1,560,000 CON in FY19;
- Flushing Road over Branch of Neshaminy Creek (MPMS #103608) – \$60,000 PE in FY18, \$60,000 FD in FY19, \$10,000 ROW in FY19, \$10,000 UTL in FY19, and \$830,000 CON in FY19.

Motion: by *Christian Regosch*, seconded by *Jim Mosca*, that the RTC recommend the Board approve:

TIP action PA17-102, Bucks County's request that DVRPC amend the FY2017 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding three new local bridge projects, Clay Ridge Road over Rapp Creek (MPMS #13016), Creek Road over Little Neshaminy Creek (MPMS #103610), and Flushing Road over Branch of Neshaminy Creek (MPMS #103608), to the TIP for a total of \$4,685,000, using Bucks County's Act 13 allocation, programmed as follows:

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- Creek Road over Little Neshaminy Creek (MPMS #103610) – \$100,000 PE in FY18, \$75,000 FD in FY19, \$20,000 ROW in FY19, \$20,000 UTL in FY19, and \$1,560,000 CON in FY19;
- Flushing Road over Branch of Neshaminy Creek (MPMS #103608) – \$60,000 PE in FY18, \$60,000 FD in FY19, \$10,000 ROW in FY19, \$10,000 UTL in FY19, and \$830,000 CON in FY19.

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

6a. DVRPC FY 2019 Work Program Amendment: SolSmart Organizational Advisor – Technical Assistance to Communities in PA and NJ

Adam Beam, DVRPC, explained that SolSmart is a national recognition and a no-cost technical assistance program managed by The Solar Foundation and funded through the U.S. Department of Energy's SunShot Initiative's Solar Powering America by Recognizing Communities (SPARC) Technical Assistance Provider (TAP) funding opportunity. SolSmart provides free hands-on technical assistance for local governments who wish to achieve "SolSmart designation" by accomplishing a pre-determined set of actions that are designed to improve local solar market growth while establishing consistency in solar practices across the region and nation.

Motion: by *Matthew Edmond*, seconded by *Andrew Levecchia*, that the RTC recommend the Board amend:

The current FY 2019 Work Program to include *SolSmart Organizational Advisor: Technical Assistance to Communities in PA and NJ*.

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

6b. DVRPC FY 2019 Work Program Amendment: Community Forestry Management Plans for Camden, Trenton and Gloucester City

Chris Linn, DVRPC, explained that this project will create Community Forestry Management plans for the cities of Trenton, Camden and Gloucester City using a participatory process informed by the US Forest Service's updated Sustainable Urban Forest guidelines. These three combined sewer overflow (CSO) communities were targeted because CSO's discharge approximately 23 billion gallons of raw sewage into NJ rivers annually. The problem is most acute in economically distressed communities with antiquated combined-sewer systems and minority populations. Urban forestry practices can be a cost-effective way to address CSO pollution with multiple ancillary public benefits.

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

The current FY 2019 Work Program to include *Community Forestry Management Plans for Camden, Trenton and Gloucester City*.

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

6c. DVRPC FY 2019 Work Program Amendment: 2045 Regional Airport System Plan (Phase 1): Data Collection Initiative

Mike Boyer, DVRPC, explained that the use of various data sets can form the foundation of effective and enhanced airport planning. However, there are inherent complexities with combining available data sets due to their incompatibility, the geographic diversity of the DVRPC region, and proprietary issues which may prevent the sharing of data. DVRPC has extensive experience in managing large and diverse data sets (particularly with respect to transportation, land use, municipal, and economic data) and fostering collaborations where targeted and prioritized data can be used for more informed and performance based planning. This study will form the foundation of the 2045 Regional Airport System Plan and benefit the region and regional airports by cataloging available data sets and promoting better usage and integration of those data sets.

Motion: by *John Haak*, seconded by *Christian Regosch*, that the RTC recommend the Board amend:

The current FY 2019 Work Program to include *2045 Regional Airport System Plan (Phase 1): Data Collection Initiative*

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

7. CMAQ Emissions Targets and Performance Report

Sean Greene, DVRPC, explained that state DOTs were required to submit congestion and emissions performance targets for the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ)

program to FHWA in May 2018. There are two CMAQ congestion measures and one CMAQ emissions measure. The state targets were developed through regional consultation among the DOTs and MPOs in the Philadelphia urbanized area on the congestion targets and among PennDOT, NJ DOT, and the relevant MPOs for the emissions targets.

Motion: by *Brian McFadden*, seconded by *Tom Shaffer* that the Regional Technical Committee recommend that the Board support:

The Subpart H mobile-source emissions performance targets established by PennDOT and NJDOT in May 2018 and approve DVRPC to submit the CMAQ Performance Plan for 2018-2021 to the state DOTs for submission to FHWA.

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

8. DVRPC Regional Trails Program New Jersey Grant Award

Chris Linn, DVRPC, explained that the following Circuit Trail project was developed in conjunction with Mercer County and the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, which owns and maintains the Delaware and Raritan (D&R) Canal Trail. A grant of \$300,000 is proposed to restore and resurface 6.2 miles of the D&R Canal Trail.

Motion: by *Andrew Levecchia*, seconded by *June Morton* that the Regional Technical Committee recommend:

This Regional Trails Program grant award.

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

9. Proposed RTC Meeting Dates for 2019

The proposed RTC meeting dates for calendar year 2019 were presented for approval.

Motion: by *Andrew Levecchia*, seconded by *Matt Edmond* that the Regional Technical Committee approve:

The proposed RTC meeting dates for calendar year 2019.

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

PRESENTATION ITEMS

10. Bike-friendly Resurfacing Program for Southeastern Pennsylvania Suburban Counties

Sarah Moran and Jesse Buerk, DVRPC, presented on the DVRPC Bicycle Level of Traffic Stress (LTS) and Connectivity Analysis and how we are using its findings under the PennDOT Connects umbrella to collaborate with PennDOT District 6-0 staff, and

suburban counties to develop a pipeline of locally-desired in-street bike facility improvements that can be made when state roadways are resurfaced.

INFORMATION ITEMS

11. FY 2020 UPWP Development

John Ward reported on the FY 2020 Work Program development schedule.

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 11:40 AM.

The next scheduled meeting of the RTC is **Tuesday, October 9, 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

(not represented)
David Caulfield
(not represented)
(not represented)
(not represented)
Aliyah Stanger
(not represented)
Jim Mosca
(not represented)
Jonathan Korus
Christian Regosch
(not represented)
Andrew Levecchia
Brian Styche
Thomas Shaffer
Theresa Ziegler
(not represented)
Matthew Edmond
John Haak
Nick Baker
Angie Dixon
June Morton
(not represented)
(not represented)
Barbara Holcomb
Blanca Quinde
(not represented)
Brian McFadden
Lennox Hyman

Representative

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Kelvin MacKavanagh
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Dan Walston
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ATTENDANCE (cont'd)

Other Member Representatives and Guests

Kellie McFarlane – DRPA
Nathan Powers – Philadelphia Streets Department
Thomas Hastings – Delaware County
Jackie Huston – Gloucester County
NJDOT – Stephen Fowler
Andrew Simpson – OTIS
Andrew Stober – UCD
Bill Comer – SEPTA CAC

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Tom Edinger
Elise Turner
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Ben Gruswitz
Najah Jackson
Renee Wise

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