



**DELAWARE VALLEY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION**  
**REGIONAL TECHNICAL COMMITTEE**  
**October 9, 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 September meeting, the Board approved all the action items that the RTC recommended to them which included the six TIP Amendments and three FY19 Work Program Amendments.

Mr. Ward noted that immediately following the Board meeting, DVRPC held our Annual Board Retreat which included guest speakers from the U.S. Economic Development Administration and the Philadelphia Industrial Development Corporation. Their presentations set the stage for a brainstorming activity where participants worked in groups to complete a Strengths / Weaknesses / Opportunities / Threats (SWOT) analysis for the region. In a second activity, Board members were asked to identify priorities for future work program projects using a listing of ideas submitted during last year's Work Program development as well as new suggestions. Discussions this year were based on the five Principles of the Connections 2045 Long-Range Plan. Following the workshop, attendees participated in a bus tour of several current transportation and public space projects along or near I-95 in Philadelphia.

Mr. Ward called the RTC's attention to an important phase of DVRPC's 4-year Federal Certification Review which will take place on Thursday and Friday this week. This part of the process includes meeting here in our office with a Federal Review Team to discuss how we are doing meeting all our requirements as the officially designated MPO for this region. In addition to specific discussions with staff on our planning activities, the Team will meet with representatives from our Public Participation Task Force as well as elected officials from our Board. In addition to this on-site visit, the Review Team has already completed a desk review of many of our programs, reports and documentation. The final phase will be the development of a Certification Report which will include any Corrective Actions, any recommendations, and any Commendations. We should expect the final report around spring, 2019.

Mr. Ward reported that on October 22, 23, and 24, PennDOT will be hosting their Fall PA Planning Partners Annual Meeting. This meeting will bring together all the MPO/RPOs in the state with PennDOT District and Central Office staff and FHWA staff to discuss many of the planning and capital programming issues we face together.

Mr. Ward noted that the long-awaited I-95 and PA Turnpike Connection opened the weekend of September 22nd. The ramps are now open to traffic.

After the January 8 RTC meeting we will ask that the NJ subcommittee stay for a demo from Rutgers/NJT on their Land Use and Transit Data Tool.

Mr. Ward called the RTC's attention to a number of upcoming meetings, including: Goods Movement Task Force – October 10, Transportation Operations Task Force - October 16, Community and Economic Development Strategy Committee Kick-off Meeting – October 18, DVRPC Board Meeting - October 25<sup>th</sup>, Healthy Communities Task Force Meeting – November 1, and Public Participation Task Force – November 7.

**The Next RTC Meeting is Tuesday, November 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 September 11, 2018**

The highlights from the September 11, 2018 meeting of the RTC were presented for adoption.

*Motion: by Jim Mosca, seconded by Matt Edmond that the RTC adopt the highlights of October 9, 2018*

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

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

Kwan Hui, DVRPC, presented one TIP action.

#### **a. NJ18-045: Kaighn Avenue (CR 607), Bridge over Cooper River (Roadway Improvements), (DB #D1709), City of Camden– Cost Increase & Phase Delay**

Camden County has requested that DVRPC modify the FY2018 - 2027 TIP for New Jersey by delaying FY18 Preliminary Engineering (PE) to FY19, FY19 Final Design (FD) to FY20, and FY20 CON to FY25, as well as increasing the overall cost of the project, Kaighn Avenue (CR 607), Bridge over Cooper River (Roadway Improvements), DB #D1709, by \$4,777,000 from \$5,092,000 to \$9,869,000, accordingly: federalize and increase PE cost by \$570,000 from \$190,000 17- STATEDVRPC to \$760,000 STBGP-STU, increase FD cost by \$1,140,000 from \$380,000 STBGP-STU to \$1,520,000 STBGP-STU, and increase the CON cost by \$3,067,000 from \$4,522,000 STBGP-STU to \$7,589,000 STBGP-STU funds. The action would also update the project title to “Kaighn Avenue (CR 607), Bridge over Cooper River (Roadway and Bridge Improvements)”, description, and correct the abbreviation for Final Design from DES to FD. This is a recent Local Concept Development “Graduate” project.

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

TIP Action NJ18-045, Camden County's request that DVRPC modify the FY2018 - 2027 TIP for New Jersey by delaying FY18 Preliminary Engineering (PE) to FY19, FY19 Final Design (FD) to FY20, and FY20 CON to FY25, as well as increasing the overall cost of the project, Kaighn Avenue (CR 607), Bridge over Cooper River (Roadway Improvements), DB #D1709, by \$4,777,000 from \$5,092,000 to \$9,869,000, accordingly: federalize and increase PE cost by \$570,000 from \$190,000 17- STATEDVRPC to \$760,000 STBGP-STU, increase FD cost by \$1,140,000 from \$380,000 STBGP-STU to \$1,520,000 STBGP-STU, and increase the CON cost by \$3,067,000 from \$4,522,000 STBGP-STU to \$7,589,000 STBGP-STU funds. The action would also update the project title to "Kaighn Avenue (CR 607), Bridge over Cooper River (Roadway and Bridge Improvements)", description, and correct the abbreviation for Final Design from DES to FD.

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

## **6. Project Selections for DVRPC's PA Municipal Bridge Retro-Reimbursement Program**

Rick Murphy, DVRPC, explained that DVRPC staff is seeking a recommendation from the RTC to the DVRPC Board to approve the list of projects recommended for funding, as part of DVRPC's PA Municipal Bridge Retro-Reimbursement Program, and amend the FY2019 - 2022 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding nine (9) new municipal-owned bridge projects, totaling an estimate of \$9,513,109 (\$7,610,487 State 183/\$1,902,622 Local), to the Municipal Bridge Line Item (MPMS #102105) for retro-reimbursement (TIP Action PA19-02). State funds would be drawn from the Municipal Bridge Line Item (MPMS #102105) at the appropriate time for reimbursement. \$10,839,000 State 183 funds have been set aside in MPMS #102105 over the First-Four Years (FY19-22) for this round of projects. Municipalities are required to contribute a 20 percent match.

Motion: by *Matt Edmond*, seconded by *Rich Brahler*, that the RTC recommend the Board approve:

The list of projects recommended for funding, as part of DVRPC's PA Municipal Bridge RetroReimbursement Program, and amend the FY2019 - 2022 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding nine (9) new municipal-owned bridge projects, totaling an estimate of \$9,513,109 (\$7,610,487 State 183/\$1,902,622 Local), to the Municipal Bridge Line Item (MPMS #102105) for retro-reimbursement (TIP Action PA19-02):

1. Dark Hollow Road over Tributary of Neshaminy Creek (Bridge Key 40485) in Warwick Township - \$134,115 (\$107,292 State 183/\$26,823 Local);
2. Fairway Drive over Tributary to Fish Creek (Bridge Key 40484) in Warwick Township - \$268,694 (\$214,955 State 183/\$53,739 Local)
3. East Locust Lane Bridge (Bridge Key 10786) in East Marlborough Township - \$1,020,000 (\$816,000 State 183/\$204,000 Local);
4. Skelp Level Road Bridge over Norfolk Southern (Tracks Removed) (Bridge Key 10771) in East Caln Township - \$1,452,200 (\$1,161,760 State 183/\$290,440 Local);
5. Alderfer Road Bridge (Bridge Key 28075) in Lower Salford Township - \$1,232,400 (\$985,920 State 183/\$246,480 Local);
6. Delaware Drive over Pine Run 3257-K9 (Bridge Key 48820) in Upper Dublin Township - \$1,250,000 (\$1,000,000 State 183/\$250,000 Local);

7. Indian Creek Road Bridge (Bridge Key 28076) in Lower Salford Township - \$718,200 (\$574,560 State 183/\$143,640 Local);
8. Lincoln Avenue Bridge (Bridge Key 42587) in Hatfield Borough - \$1,287,500 (\$1,030,000 State 183/\$257,500 Local);
9. Pulaski Drive Bridge (Bridge Key 28142) in Whitpain Township - \$2,150,000 (\$1,720,000 State 183/\$430,000 Local).

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

**7a. DVRPC FY 2019 Work Program Amendment: Montgomery County Bridges Traffic Counts**

Josh Rocks, DVRPC, explained that Montgomery County has requested that DVRPC collect vehicle classification data on 89 county owned bridges. The proposed work will cost \$17,500, and funding will come from Montgomery County

Motion: by *Matthew Edmond*, seconded by *Rich Brahler*, that the RTC recommend the Board amend:

The current FY 2019 Work Program to include *Vehicle Classification Counts on Montgomery County-owned Bridges*.

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

**7b. DVRPC FY 2019 Work Program Amendment: PennDOT, District 6 Modeling Assistance**

Matt Gates, DVRPC, explained that this amendment modifies the existing FY2019 PennDOT modeling assistance project to allow for DVRPC to increase the staff working exclusively on PennDOT traffic forecasting and travel modeling projects from one to two. Funding will be \$100,000 in additional funds from Pennsylvania TIP MPMS #110127, for a total of \$320,000; \$256,000 in NHPP and \$64,000 in state 581 funds.

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

The current FY 2019 Work Program to include *PennDOT, District 6 Modeling Assistance*.

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

**7c. DVRPC FY 2019 Work Program Amendment: Community Outreach and Mitigation Strategies**

Rob Graff, DVRPC, explained that DVRPC has been a Cooperating Technical Partner with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) since 2014. In a prior grant award through this partnership, DVRPC carried out project 15-44-230, *Integrating Regional and County Comprehensive Planning with Hazard Mitigation Planning*. This new project follows up that project with direct outreach to municipalities in Bucks County and Montgomery County on the hazards presented by extreme weather to municipal operations. DVRPC will conduct a series of workshops leveraging the July 2018 Municipal Implementation Tool #31 (MIT #31) *Municipal Operations in a Changing Climate*. In addition, DVRPC

will run two sessions of *The Game of Floods*, one in Bucks County and one in Montgomery County as part of FEMA-organized workshops related to county hazard mitigation planning. Funding will be \$20,000 Cooperative Technical Partners Grant from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). No match from DVRPC is required.

Motion: by *Rich Brahler*, seconded by *Matt Edmond*, that the RTC recommend the Board amend:

The current FY 2019 Work Program to include *Community Outreach and Mitigation Strategies*.

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

#### **8. Mobility Alternatives Program (MAP) Funding and Work Program for new University City District (UCD)TMA**

Stacy Bartels, DVRPC, explained that MAP is an educational and outreach program on Transportation Demand Management (TDM) options and commute alternatives, specifically targeted to employers in southeastern Pennsylvania. There are currently six MAP contractors receiving CMAQ funds for this project; the UCDTMA would bring the total to seven.

Motion: by *David Kanthor*, seconded by *Angie Dixon* that the Regional Technical Committee recommend that the Board approve:

This increase to the FY19 Mobility Alternatives Program grant for the UCDTMA and to amend the FY2019 TIP for PA (PA19-01) by increasing the FY19 PRA phase of the Mobility Alternatives Programs (MAP)/Share a Ride Program (SAR), MPMS #110429, by \$67,500 (\$54,000 CMAQ and \$13,500 match).

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

#### **9. Infrastructure (PM 2) and System Performance (PM 3) Transportation Performance Management Targets**

Mike Boyer, DVRPC, explained that a key feature of MAP-21 was the establishment of a performance-based planning and programming approach for investing in our nation's transportation infrastructure. This approach continues under the FAST Act. The objective of this approach is for State DOTs and MPOs to invest resources in projects that collectively will make progress toward the achievement of national goals. This effort established a set of transportation performance measures that require State DOTs and MPOs to set performance targets. Generally, MPOs can choose to set their own targets or agree to support the statewide targets set by the State DOT. After consultation with statewide and regional planning partners, DVRPC agrees to plan and program projects so that they contribute toward the accomplishment of the respective State DOT targets for Pavement and Bridge Infrastructure, and Travel Time Reliability and Freight Reliability System Performance measures.

Motion: by *Jim Mosca*, seconded by *Andrew Levecchia* that the Regional Technical Committee recommend:

That the Board agree to plan and program projects to support the respective State DOT Pavement and Bridge Infrastructure, and Travel Time Reliability and Freight Reliability System Performance Transportation Performance Management targets.

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

## **PRESENTATION ITEMS**

### **10. SEPTA's Comprehensive Bus Network Redesign**

Jennifer Dougherty, SEPTA, explained that over the past year, SEPTA has been assessing their existing bus network and exploring if a bus network redesign would be valuable to help address the decline in ridership on transit. The result so far is the Philadelphia Bus Network Choices Report. The next step is a Comprehensive Bus Network Redesign (CBNR) process. The CBNR process will last a few years, and will involve widespread public outreach and coordination throughout SEPTA's service area.

### **11. Station Area Planning for the Norristown High Speed Line Extension to King of Prussia**

Andrew Svekla, DVRPC, explained that the King of Prussia Rail Project (KOP Rail) is a proposed extension of SEPTA's Norristown High Speed Line (NHSL) to the King of Prussia area of Upper Merion Township in Montgomery County. DVRPC's soon-to-be-published station area planning study was designed to explore concepts related to pedestrian and bicycle access to transit as well as transit supportive land and development in the areas surrounding the five proposed stations.

## **INFORMATION ITEMS**

### **12. FY 2020 UPWP Development**

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

### **13. 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 12:04 PM.

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

### **Representative**

Monica Etz  
Ruth Foster  
(not represented)  
(not represented)  
(not represented)  
(not represented)  
(not represented)  
Jim Mosca  
(not represented)  
Kathleen Winfree  
Rich Brahler  
Carol Thomas  
Andrew Levecchia  
Brian Styche  
Thomas Shaffer  
Jacqueline Huston  
Matthew Lawson  
Matthew Edmond  
David Kanthor  
Nick Baker  
Angie Dixon  
June Morton  
Peter Rykard  
(not represented)  
Barbara Holcomb  
Blanca Quinde  
(not represented)  
Brian McFadden  
Lennox Hyman

### **Representative**

(not represented)  
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Dan Walston  
(not represented)  
(not represented)  
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Bill Ragozine  
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## **ATTENDANCE (cont'd)**

### **Other Member Representatives and Guests**

Jennifer Dougherty –SEPTA  
Anita Davidson – SEPTA  
Emily Watts – McCormick Taylor  
Adam Blakeley – McCormick Taylor  
Kellie McFarlane – DRPA  
Stephen Fowler - NJDOT  
Andrew Stober – UCD  
Bill Comer – SEPTA CAC  
Susan Herman – Residents for Regional Traffic Solutions, Inc.

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