



DELAWARE VALLEY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
REGIONAL TECHNICAL COMMITTEE
November 13, 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 October meeting, the Board approved all the action items that the RTC recommended to them which included 1 TIP Amendment and 3 Work Program Amendments, new MAP funding for a new TMA from the University City District and some PM2/PM3 Targets.

Mr. Ward called the RTC's attention to the fact that this week is National Traffic Incident Response Awareness Week. Across the country, organizations are trying to raise awareness about the dangers that emergency responders face at traffic incidents. In a typical year, Ten Law Enforcement Officers, four Fire and Rescue Personnel, fifty Towers and several transportation professionals from DOTs and Public Works are struck and killed while responding on the highway. Our region is not immune to these tragedies; you might recall, this past January, Michael House from K & S Towing (based out of Havertown) was struck and killed while assisting a disabled motorist on I-76 in Lower Merion. He was married and had two children ages 7 and a 2 month old baby. Or just a few years ago in March of 2016, on I-295 in Gloucester County, New Jersey State Trooper Sean Cullen, was fatally injured when he was struck by a passing vehicle at the scene of a car fire. He was the father of a 9-month-old son. Joe Keally, a NJ DOT Safety Service Patrol operator, was killed on January 11, 2010, on I-76 in Bellmawr while he was stopped on the side of the road assisting a disabled motorist. Joe left a wife and two daughters. Just 5 days later on January 16, Corporal Chris Milito of the DRPA Police Dept. was struck and killed attempting to help a disabled motorist on the Walt Whitman Bridge.

Mr. Ward noted that both PA and NJ have passed Move Over laws which require motorists to slow down and/or move over when they see emergency responders actively working at an incident. If you want to know how to help get the word out, there are some flyers on the table or you can reach out to Chris King of our staff.

Mr. Ward reminded RTC members that after the January 8 RTC meeting we are asking that the NJ subcommittee stick around for a demo from Rutgers/NJT on their Land Use and Transit Data Tool.

Mr. Ward noted some recent publications including: Exton Station Concept Plan, Environmental Resource Inventory: West Deptford Twp., DVRPC FY2019 TIP for Pennsylvania, Reviving Vine: Improving Multimodal Connections on Vine Street, Data Bulletin: Population Estimates, 2010-2017, DVRPC's 28-County Extended Data Services

Area, Data Bulletin: Residential Building Permits Issued, 2010-2017, DVRPC's 28-County Extended Data Services Area, and NJSAFR Traffic Incident Management Safety Guidelines for First Responders.

Mr. Ward called the RTC's attention to a number of upcoming meetings, including: Urban Waterfront Action Group – November 20, DVRPC Board Meeting – December 5, Climate Adaptation Forum – December 7, Transportation Operations Task Force - December 10, Information Resources Exchange Group – December 12, Regional Safety Task Force – December 13, Public Participation Task Force– December 13, Regional Aviation Committee – December 17.

The Next RTC Meeting is Tuesday, January 8, 2019.

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

No public comments were stated.

ACTION ITEMS

4. Highlights of the Meeting of October 9, 2018

The highlights from the October 9, 2018 meeting of the RTC were presented for adoption.

Motion: by Matt Lawson, seconded by Jim Mosca 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

Rick Murphy, DVRPC, presented eight TIP actions.

a. PA19-04: Allens Lane Bridge over SEPTA Rail Line (MPMS# 48193), City of Philadelphia – Add Project Back into TIP

PennDOT has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2019 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding the construction phase of the project, Allens Lane Bridge over SEPTA Rail Line (MPMS #48193), back into the TIP in FY19 for \$3,750,000 State 581.

b. PA19-05: PA 252 over Crum Creek (MPMS# 90128), Delaware County – Add Project Back into TIP

PennDOT has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2019 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding the construction phase of the project, PA 252 over Crum Creek (MPMS #90128), back into the TIP in FY19 for \$14,155,000 (\$6,500,000 State 185/\$7,655,000 State 581) and to update the title of the project to PA 252 Palmers Mill Road Bridge over Springton Dam Spillway to match PennDOT's Multimodal Project Management System (MPMS). The construction phase was funded on the FY2017 TIP, but the project could not be let in time under the previous FY2017 program due to last minute environmental issues.

c. PA19-06: Darby-Paoli Road Bridges (2) Over Little Darby Creek and Wigwam Run (MPMS# 14891), Delaware County – Add Project Back into TIP

PennDOT has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2019 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding the construction phase of the project, Darby-Paoli Road Bridges (2) Over Little Darby Creek and Wigwam Run (MPMS #14891), back into the TIP in FY19 for \$3,825,000 STU/Toll Credit match.

Motion: by *Jim Mosca Levecchia*, seconded by *David Kanthor*, that the RTC recommend the Board approve:

TIP action PA19-04, PennDOT's request that DVRPC amend the FY2019 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding the construction phase of the project, Allens Lane Bridge over SEPTA Rail Line (MPMS #48193), back into the TIP in FY19 for \$3,750,000 State 581. Motion passed.

TIP action PA19-05, PennDOT's request that DVRPC amend the FY2019 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding the construction phase of the project, PA 252 over Crum Creek (MPMS #90128), back into the TIP in FY19 for \$14,155,000 (\$6,500,000 State 185/\$7,655,000 State 581) and to update the title of the project to PA 252 Palmers Mill Road Bridge over Springton Dam Spillway to match PennDOT's Multimodal Project Management System (MPMS).

TIP action PA19-06, PennDOT's request that DVRPC amend the FY2019 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding the construction phase of the project, Darby-Paoli Road Bridges (2) Over Little Darby Creek and Wigwam Run (MPMS #14891), back into the TIP in FY19 for \$3,825,000 STU/Toll Credit match.

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

d. PA19-07: Stormwater Management and Wetland Site Repair (MPMS# 111513), Various Counties – Add New Project to TIP

PennDOT has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2019 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a new project, Stormwater Management and Wetland Site Repair (MPMS #111513), and programming the construction phase in FY19 for \$1,000,000 State 581.

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

TIP action PA19-07, PennDOT's request that DVRPC amend the FY2019 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a new project, Stormwater Management and Wetland Site Repair (MPMS #111513), and programming the construction phase in FY19 for \$1,000,000 State 581. Credit match.

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

e. PA19-08: ADA Ramp Study (Suburban Counties) (MPMS# 110407), Various Counties – Add New Project to TIP

PennDOT has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2019 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a new project, ADA Ramps Study (Suburban Counties) (MPMS #110407), and programming the study phase in FY19 for \$300,000 STU/Toll Credit match.

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

TIP action PA19-08, PennDOT's request that DVRPC amend the FY2019 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a new project, ADA Ramps Study (Suburban Counties) (MPMS #110407), and programming the study phase in FY19 for \$300,000 STU/Toll Credit match.

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

f. PA19-09: 2017 Green Light-Go Projects (Various MPMS #s), Various Counties – Approve List of Recommended Projects and Add New Projects to the TIP

PennDOT has requested that DVRPC approve the list of 17 projects selected as part of PennDOT's Statewide Green Light-Go program (year four) and amend the FY2019 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding the new projects to the TIP in FY19. Green Light Go funds are "A-073" state funding. The \$8,891,000 for these projects are additional funds to the region.

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

TIP action PA19-09, PennDOT's request that DVRPC approve the list of 17 projects selected as part of PennDOT's Statewide Green Light-Go program (year four) and amend the FY2019 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding the new projects to the TIP in FY19.

Bucks County

Edgely Road and Mill Creek Road Traffic Signal Modernization (MPMS #111690) - \$224,000 A-073 in FY19.

Bristol Township Traffic Signal Modernization (MPMS #111689) - \$273,000 A-073 in FY19.

Northampton Township Traffic Signal Modernization (MPMS #111691) - \$209,000 A-073 in FY19.

Warminster Township Traffic Signal Upgrades 1 (MPMS #111692) - \$75,000 A-073 in FY19.

Warminster Township Traffic Signal Upgrades 2 (MPMS #111693) - \$79,000 A-073 in FY19.

Warminster Township Traffic Signal Upgrades 3 (MPMS #111694) - \$72,000 A-073 in FY19.

Chester County

West Chester Borough Traffic Signal Modernization (MPMS #111696) - \$688,000 A-073 in FY19.

Delaware County

Concord Township LED Upgrades (MPMS #111698) - \$244,000 A-073 in FY19.

Media Borough Video Detection Upgrades (MPMS #111698) - \$130,000 A-073 in FY19.

Montgomery County

Abington Township Signal Modernization (MPMS #111700) - \$429,000 A-073 in FY19.

Lower Moreland Township Signal Modernization (MPMS #111703) - \$396,000 A-073 in FY19.

Towamencin Township Signal Upgrades (MPMS #111704) - \$342,000 A-073 in FY19.

Upper Moreland Township Signal Modernization (MPMS #111706) - \$253,000 A-073 in FY19.

Upper Providence Township Signal Modernization (MPMS #111707) - \$232,000 A-073 in FY19.

Whitpain Township Signal Modernization (MPMS #111708) - \$243,000 A-073 in FY19.

City of Philadelphia

Second Street Signal Modernization (MPMS #111709) - \$3,207,000 A-073 in FY19.

Oregon Avenue Signal Upgrades (MPMS #111710) - \$1,795,000 A-073 in FY19.

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

g. PA19-10: Edge Hill Road Reconstruction (MPMS# 57865), Montgomery County – Remove Project from TIP

PennDOT has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2019 TIP for Pennsylvania by removing the \$14,000,000 (FY19: \$156,000 STP/\$421,000 STU/Toll Credit, FY20: \$1,923,000 STP/\$9,332,000 STU/Toll Credit, FY21: \$2,168,000 STU/Toll Credit) Edge Hill Road Reconstruction project (MPMS #57865), as the project was let in the previous fiscal year and is fully funded. Funding for this project is no longer needed on the FY2019 TIP, as funds were already obligated.

Motion: by *Matt Edmond*, seconded by *Katie Winfree*, that the RTC recommend the Board approve:

TIP action PA19-10, PennDOT's request that DVRPC amend the FY2019 TIP for Pennsylvania by removing the \$14,000,000 (FY19: \$156,000 STP/\$421,000 STU/Toll Credit, FY20: \$1,923,000 STP/\$9,332,000 STU/Toll Credit, FY21: \$2,168,000 STU/Toll Credit) Edge Hill Road Reconstruction project (MPMS #57865), as the project was let in the previous fiscal year and is fully funded. Funding for this project is no longer needed on the FY2019 TIP, as funds were already obligated.

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

h. PA19-11: SEPTA Bus Purchase Program (MPMS# 90512), SEPTA – Increase Funding

SEPTA has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2019 TIP for Pennsylvania by increasing funding for the Bus Purchase Program (MPMS #90512), by \$11,716,000 (\$1,500,000 Section 5312/\$9,887,000 State 1514/\$329,000 Local). \$1,500,000 Section 5312 is additional funding to the region.

Motion: by *Brian McFadden*, seconded by *David Kanthor*, that the RTC recommend the Board approve:

TIP action PA19-11, SEPTA's request that DVRPC amend the FY2019 TIP for Pennsylvania by increasing funding for the Bus Purchase Program (MPMS #90512), by \$11,716,000 (\$1,500,000 Section 5312/\$9,887,000 State 1514/\$329,000 Local). \$1,500,000 Section 5312 is additional funding to the region.

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

6. FY2019 Work Program Amendment: Building Capacity to Facilitate Climate Adaptation Planning and Community Resiliency

Amy Verbofsky, DVRPC, explained that DVRPC was recently awarded a \$50,000 grant from the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection's Coastal Resources Management (CRM) program to continue to work with municipalities in the Delaware Estuary Coastal Zone to build capacity in assessing climate vulnerability and planning for climate adaptation and resiliency. This is Year Three of what is anticipated to be a multi-year project.

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

The DVRPC FY2019 Work Program to include Building Capacity to Facilitate Climate Adaptation Planning and Community Resiliency, and authorize the Executive Director to enter into a contract with PADEP for this project.

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

7. FY2018 DVRPC Competitive CMAQ Program for New Jersey Recommended Projects

Kwan Hui, DVRPC, explained that DVRPC staff is seeking a recommendation from the Regional Technical Committee (RTC) to the DVRPC Board to approve the list of projects recommended for Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program (CMAQ) funding from FY19 to FY21 through the FY2018 DVRPC Competitive CMAQ Program for New Jersey, and amend the FY2018 - 2021 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for New Jersey by adding six (6) projects, totaling \$3,898,340 to the line item, Local CMAQ Initiatives (DB #X065) (TIP Action NJ18-052).

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

The list of projects recommended for Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program (CMAQ) funding from Federal Fiscal Year (FY) 19 to FY21 through the FY2018 DVRPC Competitive CMAQ Program for New Jersey, and amend the FY2018 - 2021 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for New Jersey by adding the following six (6) projects, totaling \$3,898,340, to the line item, Local CMAQ Initiatives (DB #X065) (TIP Action NJ18-052):

- 1) \$1,214,400 for the construction of the Maidenhead Meadows Trail that is part of The Circuit in Lawrence Township (applicant), Mercer County;
- 2) \$1,185,000 for the construction of intersection Improvements at Hamilton Avenue (CR 606) and Kuser Road (CR 619)/Ward Avenue and Hamilton Avenue and Liberty Street in Hamilton Township, Mercer County (applicant);

- 3) \$958,500 for the construction of the Gloucester Township Bicycle Trail from Oak Avenue to Evesham Road that is part of The Circuit in Gloucester Township (applicant), Camden County;
- 4) \$200,000 for the Pay\$ to Plug In: New Jersey's Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging Grants Program by NJDEP (applicant). The award would be restricted to benefit only Local Public Agencies in the DVRPC NJ region, such as municipalities.
- 5) \$124,440 for Electric Vehicle Ride and Drive Events by NJDEP (applicant); and
- 6) \$216,000 for Emergency Medical Services Idle Reduction Grant Program by NJDEP (applicant), which would serve a new pilot program conducted by NJDEP for the State of New Jersey.

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

8. Request to Open Public Comment Period for Transportation Conformity Re-affirmation

Sean Greene, DVRPC, explained that on August 3, 2018, the DVRPC planning region was designated as a nonattainment area for the 2015 Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standard by the US Environmental Protection Agency. The Clean Air Act requires that nonattainment areas must demonstrate transportation conformity to a newly enacted air quality standard within one-year of the effective date of the nonattainment area designations. DVRPC intends to meet this requirement by re-affirming the previous conformity analyses of the *Connections 2045* Long-Range Plan and TIPs for New Jersey and Pennsylvania.

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

Staff to open a minimum 30-day public comment period for the purpose of gathering public and agency comments on the Draft Conformity Re-affirmation for the *Connections 2045* Long-Range Plan, FY 2018 TIP for New Jersey, and FY 2019 TIP for Pennsylvania; to issue proper public notifications; and publish the Draft Conformity Re-affirmation on the Internet and to make copies available at certain public libraries.

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

PRESENTATION ITEMS

9. Reviving Vine- Improving Multimodal Connections on Vine Street

Al Beatty, DVRPC, explained that in July 2016, the USDOT Every Place Counts Design Challenge brought together community leaders, designers, and officials to address decades of community concerns around the Vine Street Expressway in Philadelphia. Participants developed a vision to improve neighborhood connections and enhance inclusive mobility options which formed the basis of the recently completed DVRPC concept and feasibility study for a road diet on Vine Street local. Recommendations from this report were presented, including designs for traffic calming and multimodal improvements that would contribute to a safer, more attractive and pedestrian-oriented corridor.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

10. FY 2020 UPWP Development

Deputy Executive Director John Ward explained the schedule and development of the FY 2020 UPWP.

11. 2020 Aerial Imagery Project Planning

Glenn McNichol, DVRPC, provided a brief background of DVRPC's aerial imagery program. He also highlighted the effort to assess how member governments are using existing aerial imagery products and how that might impact planning for the 2020 project.

INFORMATION ITEMS

12. Transit Asset Transportation Performance Management Rule for the Performance-Based Planning and Programming (PBPP) Chapter of the DVRPC FY2019 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for Pennsylvania

Rick Murphy, 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. The requirement to add language detailing progress towards meeting targets of the Transit Asset Transportation Performance Management Rule in the DVRPC FY2019 Transportation Improvement Program for Pennsylvania was discussed.

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 12:05 PM.

The next scheduled meeting of the RTC is **Tuesday, January 8, 2019.**

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
(not represented)
Matthew Lawson
Matthew Edmond
David Kanthor
Nathan Powers
Andrew Simpson
June Morton
Peter Rykard
(not represented)
Barbara Holcomb
Blanca Quinde
(not represented)
Brian McFadden
(not represented)

Representative

(not represented)
Kelvin MacKavanaugh
(not represented)
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Bill Ragozine
(not represented)
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ATTENDANCE (cont'd)

Other Member Representatives and Guests

David Caulfield - NJDEP
Erik Schmidt – McCormick Taylor
Katrina Lawrence – McCormick Taylor
Stephen Fowler – NJDOT
Lara Flynn - Senator Casey's Office
Bill Comer – SEPTA CAC

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