



DELAWARE VALLEY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
REGIONAL TECHNICAL COMMITTEE
February 12, 2019 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 January meeting, the Board approved all the action items that the RTC recommended to them which among others, included 9 TIP Amendments, 2 work program amendments, adoption of the region's Safety and Transit Asset Performance Measure Targets, and the FY20 UPWP adoption.

Mr. Ward reminded RTC members that the that the PA TMA Policy Committee will be meeting in the New Jersey Room after today's meeting to discuss the PA TMA Competitive Grant Program.

Mr. Ward noted some recent DVRPC publications including: Transportation Conformity Re-Affirmation for the 2045 Long-Range Plan, FY18 NJ TIP, and FY19 PA TIP, Crashes and Communities of Concern in the Greater Philadelphia Region, DVRPC Public Participation Plan: A Strategy for Citizen Involvement, and Station Area Planning for the Norristown High Speed Line Extension to King of Prussia.

Mr. Ward called the RTC's attention to a number of upcoming meetings, including: The Air Quality Partnership Board on February 13, Public Participation Task Force on February 20, DVRPC Board Meeting on February 28, and the Pennsylvania Committee for the East Coast Greenway on March 1.

The Next RTC Meeting is Tuesday, March 12, 2019.

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

No public comments were stated.

ACTION ITEMS

4. PRESENTATION ITEM

PATCO – A Presentation on the History of PATCO

In recognition of PATCO's 50th Anniversary, PATCO's John Rink and DRPA Principal Engineer Mike Howard presented a brief history of PATCO; from bridge line operation to

becoming the first of an entirely new generation of mass transportation. The presentation also updated members of the RTC on celebratory events planned for the year.

ACTION ITEMS

5. Highlights of the January 8, 2019 RTC Meeting

The highlights from the January 8, 2019 meeting of the RTC were presented for adoption.

Motion: by Matt Lawson, seconded by June Morton that the RTC adopt the highlights of January 8, 2019.

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

6. DVRPC Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Actions

Rick Murphy, DVRPC, presented 13 TIP actions.

a. PA19-24: Morton Avenue / Swarthmore Avenue Intersection Improvements and Morton Avenue Sidewalk (MPMS #57757), Delaware County – Remove Project from the TIP

PennDOT has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2019 TIP for Pennsylvania by removing the Morton Avenue / Swarthmore Avenue Intersection Improvements and Morton Avenue Sidewalk project, MPMS #57757 from the TIP, including deobligation of ROW (\$870,000 CAQ) in FY19; and removal of CON (\$3,444,000 CAQ/\$836,000 Local) in FY20 for a total of \$5,150,000. This project was initially tabled at the January RTC meeting.

Motion: by Tom Shaffer, seconded by Andrew Levecchia, that the RTC put this action back on the table.

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

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

TIP Action PA19-24, PennDOT's request that DVRPC amend the FY2019 TIP for Pennsylvania by removing the Morton Avenue / Swarthmore Avenue Intersection Improvements and Morton Avenue Sidewalk project, MPMS #57757 from the TIP, including deobligation of ROW (\$870,000 CAQ) in FY19; and removal of CON (\$3,444,000 CAQ/\$836,000 Local) in FY20 for a total of \$5,150,000.

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

b. PA19-26: Park Road Trail (MPMS #71198), Chester County – Add Project Back into TIP

PennDOT has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2019 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding the Park Road Trail (MPMS #71198) project back into the TIP in the amount of

\$2,389,000 CAQ/Toll Credit for construction in FY19.

This project was Advanced Constructed under the previous TIP and now needs to be programmed on the current TIP for conversion of federal funds. This project is for the continuation of a multi-use trail from the turnpike bridge to Marsh Creek State Park (approx. ½ mile). There currently is no sidewalk or trail and pedestrians and bicyclists must use the roadway. The existing roadway consists of two 11-foot lanes with no shoulders. The proposed trail will be 6 feet wide and be within existing Right-Of-Way. The project will be coordinated with MPMS #65903 (Trail over the Turnpike).

Motion: by *Brian Donovan*, seconded by *Jonathan Korus*, that the RTC recommend the Board approve:

TIP Action PA19-26, PennDOT's request that DVRPC amend the FY2019 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding the Park Road Trail (MPMS #71198) project back into the TIP in the amount of \$2,389,000 CAQ/Toll Credit for construction in FY19.

Motion passed with one abstention from David Kanthor.

c. PA19-27: Transportation Study Montgomery County Owned Roads (MPMS #112504), Montgomery County – Add New Study to the TIP

PennDOT has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2019 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a new study, the Transportation Study Montgomery County Owned Roads (MPMS #112504), to the TIP in the amount of \$300,000 STP/Toll Credit in FY19. The purpose of this study is to create a vision and a plan for the upgrade of multiple county-owned arterial roads by examining future traffic and multi-modal needs in Montgomery County. This effort will study six county-owned road corridors spanning 42 miles of roadway on the National Highway System. These corridors include three principal arterials (Germantown Pike, Sumneytown Pike, and Butler Pike) and three minor arterials (Easton Road, Swamp Pike, and Geryville Pike). For approximately one and a half years, the study will analyze current traffic data, a projection of future year performance, potential environmental resources, and will estimate the costs for design and construction.

Motion: by *Matt Edmond*, seconded by *Tom Shaffer*, that the RTC recommend the Board approve:

TIP Action PA19-27, PennDOT's request that DVRPC amend the FY2019 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a new study, the Transportation Study Montgomery County Owned Roads (MPMS #112504), to the TIP in the amount of \$300,000 STP/Toll Credit in FY19.

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

d. PA19-28: US202 – 61N Stormwater Management Offsite Mitigation (MPMS #64052), Montgomery County – Add Breakout Project to TIP

PennDOT has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2019 TIP for Pennsylvania by breaking out a construction phase from MPMS #63490, US 202 Section 61N in FY19 for the Stormwater Management Offside Mitigation project, (MPMS #64052), in the amount of \$4,500,000 (\$3,600,000 NHPP/\$900,000 State 581).

Motion: by *Jim Mosca*, seconded by *Matthew Edmond*, that the RTC recommend the Board approve:

TIP Action PA19-28, PennDOT's request that DVRPC amend the FY2019 TIP for Pennsylvania by breaking out a construction phase from MPMS #63490, US 202 Section 61N in FY19 for the Stormwater Management Offside Mitigation project, (MPMS #64052), in the amount of \$4,500,000 (\$3,600,000 NHPP/\$900,000 State 581).

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

e. PA19-29: Construction Management Tasks (MPMS #16178), Various Counties – Add New Project to TIP

PennDOT has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2019 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a new project, Construction Management Tasks (MPMS #16178), and programming the Planning, Research, and Administration phase in the amount of \$300,000 State 581 in FY20.

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

TIP Action 19-29, PennDOT's request that DVRPC amend the FY 2019 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a new project, Construction Management Tasks (MPMS #16178), and programming the Planning, Research, and Administration phase in the amount of \$300,000 State 581 in FY20.

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

f. PA19-30: District 6-0 Low Cost Safety Improvements (MPMS #112524), Various Counties – Add New Project to TIP

PennDOT has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2019 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a new project, District 6-0 Low Cost Safety Improvements (MPMS #112524), and programming the Final Design phase (\$2,000,000 HSIP in FY19) and the Construction phase (\$4,220,000 HSIP in FY20) in the total amount of \$6,220,000.

Motion: by *David Kanthor*, seconded by *Angela Dixon*, that the RTC recommend the Board approve:

TIP Action 19-30, PennDOT's request that DVRPC amend the FY 2019 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a new project, District 6-0 Low Cost Safety Improvements (MPMS #112524), and programming the Final Design phase (\$2,000,000 HSIP in FY19) and the Construction phase (\$4,220,000 HSIP in FY20) in the total amount of \$6,220,000.

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

g. PA19-31: 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 seven 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 \$4,386,000 for these projects are additional funds to the region.

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

TIP Action 19-31, PennDOT's request that DVRPC approve the list of seven 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

Bensalem Township Adaptive Traffic System (MPMS #111688) - \$740,000 A-073 in FY19.

Chester County

Schuylkill Township Signal Interconnection (MPMS #111695) - \$237,000 A-073 in FY19.

Willistown Township Fiber Optic Installation (MPMS #111697) - \$246,000 A-073 in FY19.

Montgomery County

Horsham Township Signal Modernization and Fiber Optic Installation (MPMS #111701) - \$598,000 A-073 in FY19.

Lower Merion Township Adaptive Traffic System Upgrades (MPMS #111702) - \$763,000 A-073 in FY19.

Trappe Borough Coordinated Signal System (MPMS #111705) - \$253,000 A-073 in FY19.

City of Philadelphia

Philadelphia Citywide Wireless Communication (MPMS #111710) - \$1,795,000 A-073 in FY19.

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

h. PA19-32: PennDOT Multi-Modal Transportation Fund Projects (Various MPMS #s), Various Counties – Add New Projects to TIP

PennDOT has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2019 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a PennDOT Multi-Modal Transportation Fund Project; the Media Wayfinding Signage project (MPMS #111168) in the amount of \$339,000 (\$61,000 State 411/\$278,000 Local) for the Construction Phase in FY19. This project was awarded FY 2017-18 PennDOT Multimodal Transportation Funds and are additional to the region.

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

TIP Action PA19-32, PennDOT's request that DVRPC amend the FY2019 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a PennDOT Multi-Modal Transportation Fund Project; the Media Wayfinding Signage project (MPMS #111168) in the amount of \$339,000 (\$61,000 State 411/\$278,000 Local) for the Construction Phase in FY19. This project was awarded FY 2017-18 PennDOT Multimodal Transportation Funds and are additional to the

region.

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

i. PA19-33: Transit and Regional Rail Station Program (MPMS #77183), SEPTA – Add BUILD Grant Award

SEPTA has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2019 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding \$15,000,000 of Federal BUILD grant award to the Engineering/Right-of-Way/Construction phase of the Transit and Regional Rail Station Program (MPMS #77183) in FY19. These are additional funds to the region.

j. PA19-34: SEPTA Bus Purchase Program (MPMS #90512), SEPTA – Reduce Funding

SEPTA has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2019 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding \$11,000,000 of SEPTA Section 5307 funding to the Bus Purchase Program (MPMS #90512), PUR Phase, and remove \$15,968,000 of State 1514/\$531,000 Local funding of the PUR phase, which results in a net reduction to the Bus Purchase Program of \$5,490,000.

k. PA19-35: Regional Rail Signal Modernization Program (MPMS #60255), SEPTA – add Project Back to the TIP

SEPTA has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2019 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding the Regional Rail Modernization Program (MPMS #60255) back into the TIP by programming the Engineering/Right-of-Way/Construction phase in FY19 in the amount of \$5,000,000 (\$4,000,000 Section 5337/\$968,000 State 1514/\$32,000 Local) to reflect current program needs.

Motion: by *Brian McFadden*, seconded by *June Morton*, that the RTC recommend the Board approve:

TIP Action PA19-33, SEPTA's request that DVRPC amend the FY2019 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding \$15,000,000 of BUILD grant award Federal funding to the Engineering/Right-of-Way/Construction phase of the Transit and Regional Rail Station Program (MPMS #77183). These are additional funds to the region.

TIP Action PA19-34, SEPTA's request that DVRPC amend the FY2019 TIP by adding \$11,000,000 of SEPTA Section 5307 funding to the Bus Purchase Program (MPMS #90512), PUR phase, and removing \$15,968,000 of State 1514/\$531,000 Local funding of the PUR phase, which results in a net reduction to the Bus Purchase Program of \$5,490,000.

TIP Action PA19-35, SEPTA's request that DVRPC amend the FY2019 TIP by adding the Regional Rail Modernization Program (MPMS #60255) back into the TIP by programming the Engineering/Right-of-Way/Construction phase in FY19 in the amount of \$5,000,000 (\$4,000,000 Section 5337/\$968,000 State 1514/\$32,000 Local) to reflect current program needs.

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

I. NJ18-068: Route 76/676 Bridge Deck Replacements (DB #11326), City of Camden (Camden County) – Cost Increase

NJDOT has requested that DVRPC modify the FY2018 TIP for New Jersey by adding an \$11,550,000 NHPP funded DES phase in FY19, which will increase the overall project cost by \$11,550,000 from \$40,050,000 to \$51,600,000 NHPP funds. This project, Route 76/676 Bridge Deck Replacements (DB #11326), originally followed the NJDOT Limited Scope Project Delivery process but will now follow the standard Capital Project Delivery process that requires a formal Preliminary Engineering (PE) Phase. Final Design (FD) is expected to begin later this year. The DES phase includes both PE and FD.

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

TIP Action NJ18-068, NJDOT's request that DVRPC modify the FY2018 TIP for New Jersey by adding an \$11,550,000 NHPP funded DES phase in FY19, which will increase the overall project cost by \$11,550,000 from \$40,050,000 to \$51,600,000 NHPP funds.

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

m. NJ18-069: Route 130, Bridge over Big Timber Creek (DB #14426), Camden and Gloucester Counties – Federalize

NJDOT has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2018 TIP for New Jersey by federalizing the DES phase from \$2,500,000 STATE to \$2,500,000 NHPP funds in FY19. The overall project cost of \$31.77 million and schedule will not change as a result of this action. This project, Route 130, Bridge over Big Timber Creek (DB #14426), is on a federal multi-solicitation list; therefore, the DES phase must be federally authorized. DES is also listed in the NJDOT SFY2019 Capital Program with Federal funds.

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

TIP Action NJ18-069, NJDOT's request that DVRPC amend the FY2018 TIP for New Jersey by federalizing the DES phase from \$2,500,000 STATE to \$2,500,000 NHPP funds in FY19.

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

6. DVRPC FY 2019 Work Program Amendment: Frankford Avenue Multimodal Study

Dave Anderson, DVRPC, explained that the City of Philadelphia has requested an evaluation of the Frankford Avenue corridor between Cheltenham Avenue and Rhawn Street with the goal of improving safety and predictability for all users. It will examine opportunities to slow vehicular traffic, improve pedestrian safety and walkability, mitigate current loading challenges, designate space for bicyclists, and investigate stormwater

management opportunities while considering the impact on the Route 66 and opportunities to enhance the plaza at Cottman and Frankford Avenues.

Motion: by *Angela Dixon*, seconded by *Matt Edmond*, that the RTC recommend the Board amend:

The DVRPC FY2019 Work Program to include *Frankford Avenue Multimodal Study*.

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

8. PRESENTATION ITEMS

Pottstown Area Regional Plan Development

Camden Palvino, DVRPC, explained that the Pottstown Metropolitan Regional Planning Committee (PMRPC) region has been experiencing significant growth recently, and this trend is expected to continue in the near future. In FY 2018 and FY 2019, DVRPC staff conducted a regional traffic analysis to identify, quantify and plan for such growth. The results of the analysis were presented, as well as findings and recommendations and an action plan for the recommended improvements.

9. Mercer County Master Plan: Bicycle Element

Matt Lawson, Mercer County, explained that DVRPC and Mercer County collaborated to create a detailed bicycle plan with designs and ballpark cost estimates for all 175 miles of county maintained roadways based on newly developed county complete streets standards. This plan will be used to prioritize county highway projects for implementation through maintenance, operational improvements, and major capital projects.

10. One Minute Reports

RTC Members and guests provided updates on the activities of their agencies.

11. Old and New Business

12. Meeting Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 12:00 PM.

The next scheduled meeting of the RTC is **Tuesday, March 12, 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

(not represented)
David Caulfield
(not represented)
(not represented)
(not represented)
(not represented)
(not represented)
Jim Mosca
(not represented)
Jonathan Korus
(not represented)
(not represented)
Andrew Levecchia
Brian Donovan
Thomas Shaffer
(not represented)
Matthew Lawson
Matthew Edmond
David Kanthor
Nathan Powers
Angela Dixon
June Morton
(not represented)
(not represented)
Barbara Holcomb
Blanca Quinde
Rohan Hepkins
Brian McFadden
Elizabeth Feinberg

Representative

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

Other Member Representatives and Guests

John Rink – PATCO
Bill Shanahan – DRPA
Kellie McFarlane – DRPA
Michael Howard - DRPA
Nathan Powers – City of Philadelphia
Andrew Simpson – City of Philadelphia
Samantha Safara – HDR
Dave Kuhn – GPI
Lennox Hyman
Bill Comer – SEPTA CAC
Paul Truban – Stantec Consulting Services

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