



**DELAWARE VALLEY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION  
REGIONAL TECHNICAL COMMITTEE**

**May 12, 2020 Meeting Highlights**

**This Meeting was held as a Webinar**

**1. Call to Order - Chairperson's Comments**

Blanca Quinde (Chair, NJ Transit) welcomed RTC members and called the meeting to order.

**2. Deputy Executive Director's Report**

John Ward, DVRPC's Deputy Executive Director welcomed everyone and thanked them for joining through this new communication medium for the RTC. Mr. Ward expressed his hope that RTC members' families and their colleagues are all safe and well.

Mr. Ward noted that at their April meeting, the Board approved the action items that the RTC recommended to them which included 2 TIP Amendments, the FY21 TMA Assistance and Map Grants, and authorization to open public comment periods for the Draft PA TIP, LRP Amendment, and AQ Conformity Demonstration.

Mr. Ward commented that as we continue to struggle through this maze of never-ending restrictions, Stay-At-Home orders and re-opening plans, what we do know is that DVRPC staff will be working remotely through at least June 8 which depends partly on whether the building owners re-open the building then. We do not expect to be having any in-person meetings at DVRPC until at least through June and very possibly later. When we are able to return, it will be an iterative, and voluntary process to start. If staff are not comfortable going out, commuting, or sitting in an office, or if they are in a vulnerable demographic or are caring for a sick family member, they will be permitted to continue working from home for some period. I would assume that many of your organizations will also face similar re-opening challenges and transitions.

Mr. Ward reminded the RTC that the NJ competitive CMAQ Program application period has been extended to Friday, August 21<sup>st</sup>. There is \$5 million available for eligible CMAQ projects with \$1 million dedicated to construction-ready Circuit Trail projects. All applicants and Project Sponsors must still meet with DVRPC staff prior to formal submission of their applications and that date has been extended to August 14. We expect the set of recommended projects will be presented to the RTC and Board for approval in the Winter of 2021 (January or February).

Mr. Ward reported that DVRPC has re-upped our lease and we'll be staying at the ACP building for many more years. He noted that along with the new lease, we got an allowance to do some modifications to our space. The most visible changes that you will eventually see is a whole new design of our reception area and resource center. Mr. Ward noted that he has seen some renderings and it looks pretty sharp. Construction was expected to start in July but we're pushed back a little. The good thing is our staff

won't be disrupted by the construction because most of us probably won't be there during most of it.

Mr. Ward also called the RTC's attention to the fact that Steve D'Antonio, a great partner on many of our transit projects in Pennsylvania, has retired from SEPTA.

Mr. Ward noted some upcoming meetings including: *Online Meeting Public Participation Task Force: DVRPC Data During COVID-19 – May 12*, *Online Meeting - Regional Community Economic Development Forum May 21*, *Online Meeting - DVRPC Board Meeting – May 28*, *Online Meeting: Regional Safety Task Force – June 3<sup>rd</sup>*

Mr. Ward noted the next RTC Meeting is **Tuesday, June 9.**

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

No public comments were stated.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

### **4. Highlights of the April 7, 2020 RTC Meeting**

The highlights from the April 7, 2020 meeting of the RTC were presented for adoption.

*Motion: by Michael Kolber, seconded by Jim Mosca that the RTC adopt the highlights of April 7, 2020.*

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

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

Kwan Hui (DVRPC) presented 5 TIP actions.

#### **a. PA19-124: Wynnewood Road HSIP (MPMS #114270), Montgomery County –Add New Project to TIP**

PennDOT has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2019 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a new project, Wynnewood Road HSIP (MPMS #114270), to the TIP in the amount of \$200,000 HSIP for Preliminary Engineering in FY20.

*Motion: by Crystal Gilchrist, seconded by Jonathan Korus, that the RTC recommend the Board approve:*

TIP Action PA19-124, PennDOT's request that DVRPC amend the FY2019 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a new project, Wynnewood Road HSIP (MPMS #114270), to the TIP in the amount of \$200,000 HSIP for Preliminary Engineering in FY20.

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

**b. NJ20-023: Reopening of Franklin Square (DB #DR1801), DRPA/PATCO – BUILD Award and Cost Increase**

The DRPA/PATCO has requested that DVRPC modify the FY2020 TIP for New Jersey by increasing the Engineering/Right-of-Way/Construction (ERC) phase of the project, Reopening of Franklin Square (DB #DR1801), by \$374,000 from \$30 million (M) (\$24 M SECT 5337/\$6 M DRPA) to \$30.374 M (\$4.171 M SECT 5337/\$13.623 M DRPA/\$12.580 M DEMO) over the first four years (FY20-23). The U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) awarded the DRPA/PATCO a \$12.580 M FY2019 Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) Transportation Discretionary Grant for this project, which is being added to the project as \$12.580 M DEMO in the TIP. This award makes current federal and DRPA funding available for other projects. The project description will also be updated as part of this action.

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

TIP Action NJ20-023, DRPA/PATCO's request that DVRPC modify the FY2020 TIP for New Jersey by increasing of the Engineering/Right-of-Way/Construction (ERC) phase of the project, Reopening of Franklin Square (DB #DR1801), by \$374,000 from \$30 million (M) (\$24 M SECT 5337/\$6 M DRPA) to \$30.374 M (\$4.171 M SECT 5337/\$13.623 M DRPA/\$12.580 M DEMO) over the first four years (FY20-23). The project description will also be updated as part of this action.

Also, increase FY20 ERC by a total of \$25.374 M from \$5 M (\$4 M SECT 5337/\$1 M DRPA) to \$30.374 M (\$12.580 M DEMO/\$13.623 M DRPA/\$4.171 M SECT 5337), which is made possible by the following adjustments:

- Decrease FY20 by \$2 M (\$1.6 M SECT 5337/\$400,00 DRPA) from \$5 M (\$4 M SECT 5337/\$1 M DRPA) to \$3 M (\$2.4 M SECT 5337/\$600,000 DRPA);
- Move a total of \$2.214 M (\$1.771 M SECT 5337/\$443,000 DRPA) prior year unobligated funds from previous FY18 (\$1.371 M SECT 5337/\$343,000 DRPA) and FY19 (\$100,000 DRPA/\$400,000 SECT 5337) to FY20, totaling \$5.214 M (\$4.171 M SECT 5337/\$1.043 M DRPA) (per FTA's request, funds must be shown in the federal fiscal year that will be submitted as part of a grant application for FTA approval in order to obligate the funds); and
- Add \$12.580 M DEMO (BUILD award) and \$12.580 M DRPA match to FY20 ERC.

Further, remove a total of \$25 M (\$20 M SECT 5337/\$5 M DRPA) from FY21, FY22, and FY23, accordingly:

- Reduce FY21 by \$8 M (\$1.6 M DRPA/\$6.4 M SECT 5337),
- Reduce FY22 by \$8 M (\$1.6 M DRPA/\$6.4 M SECT 5337),
- Reduce FY23 by \$9 M (\$1.8M DRPA/\$7.2 M SECT 5337).

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

**c. NJ20-024: PATCO Stations Modernizations (DB #D2006), DRPA/PATCO – Add a New Project to TIP**

The DRPA/PATCO has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2020 TIP for New

Jersey by adding a new \$9.5 million (M) project, PATCO Stations Modernizations (DB #D2006), to the TIP for FY22 (\$400,000 SECT 5337/\$100,000 DRPA) and FY23 (\$7.2 M SECT 5337/\$1.8 M DRPA) Engineering/Construction (EC).

**d. NJ20-025: PATCO Viaduct Preservation Project (DB #D007), DRPA/PATCO –Add a New Project to TIP**

The DRPA/PATCO has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2020 TIP for New Jersey by adding a new \$2.5 million (M) project, PATCO Viaduct Preservation Project (DB #D2007), to the TIP for FY20 (\$400,000 SECT 5337/\$100,000 DRPA), FY21 (\$800,000 SECT 5337/\$200,000 DRPA), and FY22 (\$800,000 SECT 5337/\$200,000 DRPA) for Engineering/Construction (EC). The project will improve and protect the Collingswood and Westmont viaducts and will extend the useful life of this portion of the PATCO infrastructure.

**e. NJ20-026: PATCO Rail Replacement - Ferry Avenue to Broadway (DB #D2008), DRPA/PATCO – Add a New Project to TIP**

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The DRPA/PATCO has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2020 TIP for New Jersey by adding a new \$7.5 million (M) project, PATCO Rail Replacement – Ferry Avenue to Broadway (DB #D2008), to the TIP for FY20 (\$400,000 SECT 5337/\$100,000 DRPA), FY21 (\$3.2 M SECT 5337/\$800,000 DRPA), and FY22 (\$2.4 M SECT 5337/\$600,000 DRPA) Engineering/Construction (EC).

Motion: by *Bill Shanahan*, seconded by *Andrew Levecchia*, that the RTC recommend the Board approve:

TIP Action NJ20-024, DRPA/PATCO's request that DVRPC amend the FY2020 TIP for New Jersey by adding a new \$9.5 million (M) project, PATCO Stations Modernizations (DB #D2006), to the TIP for FY22 (\$400,000 SECT 5337/\$100,000 DRPA) and FY23 (\$7.2 M SECT 5337/\$1.8 M DRPA) Engineering/Construction (EC).

TIP Action NJ20-025, DRPA/PATCO's request that DVRPC amend the FY2020 TIP for New Jersey by adding a new \$2.5 million (M) project, PATCO Viaduct Preservation Project (DB #D2007), to the TIP for FY20 (\$400,000 SECT 5337/\$100,000 DRPA), FY21 (\$800,000 SECT 5337/\$200,000 DRPA), and FY22 (\$800,000 SECT 5337/\$200,000 DRPA) for Engineering/Construction (EC).

TIP Action NJ20-026, DRPA/PATCO's request that DVRPC amend the FY2020 TIP for New Jersey by adding a new \$7.5 million (M) project, PATCO Rail Replacement – Ferry Avenue to Broadway (DB #D2008), to the TIP for FY20 (\$400,000 SECT 5337/\$100,000 DRPA), FY21 (\$3.2 M SECT 5337/\$800,000 DRPA), and FY22 (\$2.4 M SECT 5337/\$600,000 DRPA) Engineering/Construction (EC).

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

**6. FY 2021 Work Program Amendment: Commuter Assistance After COVID-19**

Stacy Bartels (DVRPC) explained that with the sale of the RideECO program to Edenred Commuter Benefits finalized on March 31, 2020, there are funds remaining in the RideECO Marketing project for FY20. Normally, these funds would expire on June 30, 2020. However, given our inability to implement a spring RideECO marketing and advertising campaign after the sale was complete - in addition to the unique and unprecedented circumstances related to the COVID-19 pandemic - we propose to use these funds during FY21, in a similar and eligible way.

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

The FY 2021 Work Program to include *Commuter Assistance After COVID-19 (21-52-130)*.

Additionally, amend the FY2019 TIP for PA by adding the project Commuter Assistance After COVID -19, MPMS #TBD, in FFY20 for the Planning, Research, and Administration (PRA) Phase in the amount of \$98,126 CAQ /\$24,531 Local.

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

## **7. FY 2021 Project Selection for the Transportation and Community Development Initiative (TCDI) Program**

Karen Cilurso (DVRPC) explained that the Transportation and Community Development Initiative (TCDI) provides grants to undertake early stage planning, analysis, or design initiatives that implement the region's long-range plan, *Connections 2045*, and enhance or improve the efficiency of the regional transportation system. This initiative focuses on linking land use and transportation planning by providing and maintaining essential infrastructure and supporting local and regional economic development. TCDI seeks to support and leverage local and county comprehensive plans by providing funding to municipalities, counties, and transit agencies. Applicants can receive up to \$100,000 for single municipal projects and \$175,000 for multi-municipal projects. To ensure projects are right-sized, there is also a soft award floor of \$50,000.

Motion: by *Andrew Levecchia*, seconded by *Rich Brahler*, that the RTC recommend the Board approve:

The list of recommended FY 2021 TCDI projects and authorize the Executive Director to enter into a contract with each selected community to undertake the project in accordance with the scope of work and budget.

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

## **8. Appointment of Nominating Committee for Regional Technical Committee Officers**

John Ward (DVRPC) explained that a Nominating Committee will be selected to solicit candidates for Chairman and Vice Chairman of the RTC for FY2021 (July 1, 2020

through June 30, 2021). The Chairman for FY2021 must be a voting member from Pennsylvania and the Vice Chairman must be a voting member from New Jersey. The Nominating Committee reported these candidates and elections will take place at the June 2020 RTC meeting.

Motion: by *Bill Shanahan*, seconded by *Jonathan Korus*, that the RTC recommend the Board approve:

The FY 2021 Nominating Committee of John Ward, Blanca Quinde, and Jim Mosca.

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

## **PRESENTATION ITEMS**

### **9. I-76 Walt Whitman Bridge Corridor Rehabilitation Project: PAApproach**

Mike Howard (DRPA) explained that the Delaware River Port Authority is preparing for a major rehabilitation project along the I-76 corridor between the Walt Whitman toll plaza and the I-76/Passyunk Avenue interchange. Mr. Howard presented a description of the project including specific project improvement elements and project timing.

### **10. Walk to Rebuild Prioritization Tool**

Marco Gorini (DVRPC) explained that working with the City of Philadelphia, DVRPC devised a web app to assist with prioritization of Vision Zero-related safety improvements near community assets identified for capital improvements through the City's Rebuild program.

## **INFORMATION ITEMS**

### **11. COVID 19 Municipal Survey Results and DVRPC Response**

Patty Elkis (DVRPC) reported results from our survey of COVID 19 impacts on municipal operations and needs for technical assistance from DVRPC.

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

### **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 12:10 PM

The next scheduled meeting of the RTC is **Tuesday, June 9, 2020.**



## **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  
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)  
Rudy Rodas  
(not represented)  
(not represented)  
Sachin Shankar  
Jim Mosca  
(not represented)  
Jonathan Korus  
Rich Brahler  
Carol Ann Thomas  
Andrew Levecchia  
Brian Styche  
Corey Brown  
Theresa Ziegler  
Matthew Lawson  
Matthew Edmond  
David Kanthor  
Nicholas Baker  
Angela Dixon  
June Morton  
Peter Rykard  
Michael Kolber  
Bill Shanahan  
Blanca Quinde  
(not represented)  
Brian McFadden  
Frances Harwell  
Bryan Proska

### **Representative**

(not represented)  
Kelvin McKavanaugh  
Brian Goodson  
Gene Porochniak  
(not represented)  
(not represented)  
(not represented)  
Ronda Urkowitz  
(not represented)  
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## **ATTENDANCE (cont'd)**

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

Commissioner Robert Harvie – Bucks County  
Tom Stanuikynas – Burlington County  
Mike Howard - DRPA  
Tonyelle Cook-Artis – DRPA  
Sue Herman – Residents for Regional Traffic Solutions  
Matt Shinton – Kimley-Horn  
Thomas Hastings – Delaware County  
Crystal Gilchrist – Montgomery County  
Kelley Yemen – OTIS  
Joseph Zarriello – KS Engineers, PC

### **DVRPC Staff**

John Ward  
Barry Seymour  
Stacy Bartels  
Patty Elkis  
Mike Boyer  
Karin Morris  
Greg Krykewycz  
Will Stevens  
Brett Fusco  
Alison Hastings  
Marco Gorini  
Katie Nash  
Kevin Murphy  
Jesse Buerk  
Kwan Hui  
Shoshana Akins  
Karen Cilurso  
Tom Edinger  
Najah Jackson  
Elizabeth Schoonmaker  
Rick Murphy  
Elise Turner  
Glenn McNichol  
Derek Lombardi  
Matt Gates  
Maridarlyn Gonzalez  
Renee Wise

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