



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

June 9, 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 thanked and congratulated Blanca Quinde (NJTransit) for a great year serving as the RTC Chair. Blanca was always well prepared for each meeting and ran each meeting smoothly and efficiently. It was our great fortune to have her as the Chair.

Mr. Ward noted that at their May meeting, the Board approved the action items that the RTC recommended to them which included 5 TIP Amendments, a Work Program Amendment, the TCDI Grants, and approval to update an application for an Economic Development District Designation. The Board Nominating committee nominated a proposed slate of Board officers for FY21. They are Councilman Squilla (City of Philadelphia) – Chair; Assistant Commissioner Russo (NJDOT) – Vice Chair, Gina Burritt (PA Governor's Appointee) – Secretary and Leslie Floyd (Mercer County) - Treasurer. The Board Officer positions will be voted on at the June Board meeting.

Mr. Ward reported that DVRPC staff will continue to be working remotely through at least June 22. Even at that point, the Yellow Phase guidelines indicates that if you can work from home, you should and this will be a slow, and voluntary process to restart DVRPC's offices. Mr. Ward noted that he assumes that many of your organizations will also face similar re-opening challenges and transitions. It is very likely that we will not be having any in-person meetings at DVRPC probably until September.

Mr. Ward noted some recent publications including: Southeastern Pennsylvania Pedestrian Cyclical Count Program Summary, An Assessment of Planning Tools for a Resilient Greater Philadelphia, Analytical Data Report - Land Use in the Delaware Valley, 2015: Enhanced Land Use Data, Planning for Electric Vehicles: Mapping Vehicle Distribution and Workplace Charging Demand.

Mr. Ward noted some upcoming meetings including: Online Meeting – Connections 2050 Visioning Workshops - June 9, Online Meeting – PPTF – June 10, Online Meeting – Connections 2050 Visioning Workshop - June 14, Online Meeting – Futures Group – June 16, Online Meeting – Public Comment Meeting for Draft PA TIP, Long-Range Plan Amendment, and AQ Conformity determination – June 17 2:00pm and 7:00pm, Online

Meeting – Connections 2050 Visioning Workshops - June 18, Online Meeting – Webinar: the 5 Ps that aren't Pandemic – June 23, Online Meeting - DVRPC Board Meeting – June 25, Online Meeting – Connections 2050 Visioning Workshops - June 28, Online Meeting – Connections 2050 Visioning Workshops - June 30.

Mr. Ward noted the next RTC Meeting is **Tuesday, July 7.**

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

No public comments were stated.

ACTION ITEMS

4. Highlights of the May 12, 2020 RTC Meeting

The highlights from the May 12, 2020 meeting of the RTC were presented for adoption.

Motion: by Jonathan Korus, seconded by Tonyelle Cook-Artis that the RTC adopt the highlights of May 12, 2020.

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

5. DVRPC Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Actions

Rick Murphy (DVRPC) presented 2 TIP actions.

a. PA19-126: Act 13 Bridges Philadelphia (Various MPMS#s), City of Philadelphia – Add New Projects to TIP

The City of Philadelphia has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2019 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding two new projects, Noble Street Bridge over 13th Street (CB #1468) (MPMS #115610) and Pine Road over Pennypack Creek (CB #205) (MPMS #115619) to the TIP for a total of \$5,300,000, using the City's Act 13 allocation from 2017, 2018, and 2019 and programmed as follows: Noble Street Bridge over 13th Street – FY22: \$2,000,000 Act 13 for the Construction phase; Pine Road over Pennypack Creek – FY20: \$300,000 Act 13 for the Preliminary Engineering phase; FY22: \$250,000 Act 13 for the Final Design phase; FY23: \$2,750,000 Act 13 for the Construction phase. These funds are additional to the region.

Motion: by Nick Baker, seconded by Jim Mosca, that the RTC recommend the Board approve:

TIP Action PA19-126, the City of Philadelphia's request to amend the FY2019 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding two new projects, Noble Street Bridge over 13th Street (CB #1468) (MPMS #115610) and Pine Road over Pennypack Creek (CB #205) (MPMS #115619) to the TIP for a total of \$5,300,000, using the City's Act 13 allocation from 2017, 2018, and 2019 and programmed as follows: Noble Street Bridge over 13th Street – FY22: \$2,000,000 Act 13 for the Construction phase; Pine Road over Pennypack

Creek – FY20: \$300,000 Act 13 for the Preliminary Engineering phase; FY22: \$250,000 Act 13 for the Final Design phase; FY23: \$2,750,000 Act 13 for the Construction phase.

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

b. PA19-127: US 422 Modeling and Corridor Analysis (MPMS #114492), Various Counties – Add New Project to TIP

PennDOT has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2019 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a new project, the US 422 Modeling and Corridor Analysis (MPMS #114492), to the TIP in the amount of \$1,000,000 NHPP/Toll Credit for the Study phase in FY20.

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

TIP Action PA19-127, PennDOT's request that DVRPC amend the FY2019 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a new project, the US 422 Modeling and Corridor Analysis (MPMS #114492), to the TIP in the amount of \$1,000,000 NHPP/Toll Credit for the Study phase in FY20.

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

6. DVRPC Self-Certification of the Metropolitan Transportation Planning and Programming Process

John Ward (DVRPC) explained that federal regulations for metropolitan planning (23 CFR 450 and 49 CFR 613) require the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) to certify to the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) concurrent with the submittal of the proposed TIP to the FHWA and FTA, that its transportation planning and programming process is being conducted in accordance with all applicable requirements

Motion: by *Rich Brahler*, seconded by *June Morton*, that the RTC recommend the Board certify:

That the DVRPC Metropolitan Transportation Planning and Programming Process is in conformance with federal regulations implementing the FAST Act, MAP-21, the Clean Air Act Amendments, and other federal legislation.

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

7. Election of Fiscal Year 2021 Regional Technical Committee Officers

John Ward, DVRPC, explained that the RTC Chair for FY21 must be a voting member from Pennsylvania, and the Vice Chair must be a voting member from New Jersey. Mr. Ward indicated that the nominating committee recommended the election of Peter Rykard (City of Chester) as Chair and Matthew Lawson (Mercer County) as Vice Chair. Mr. Ward asked for any nominations from the floor. None were offered.

Motion by: *Andrew Levecchia, seconded by Theresa Ziegler* that the RTC approve:

The nomination of Peter Rykard (City of Chester) as the FY21 RTC Chair and Matthew Lawson (Mercer County) as Vice Chair. .

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

PRESENTATION ITEMS

8. Impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on travel in the DVRPC region using real-time location data

Tom Edinger (DVRPC) explained that Connected Vehicles and GPS-enabled mobile devices and associated applications provide for real-time location data that can be used to provide insights into mobility trends throughout a region. This anonymized and aggregated location-based archived big data has been made available through various organizations, and DVRPC has analyzed it to help better understand the results of the COVID-19 pandemic on traffic patterns throughout the DVRPC region. Daily vehicle miles traveled, mobility, and social distancing data are analyzed by County over the last several months.

9. Montgomery County PA Turnpike Interchange Study

Kelsey McElduff (DVRPC) presented an overview of the methodology and findings for the PA Turnpike Interchange Study, a three-year project building upon a prior study done by DVRPC. Ms. McElduff also shared her experiences planning and conducting virtual public open houses and presented results during COVID-19 stay-at-home orders.

INFORMATION ITEMS

10. Regional Safety Targets

Kevin Murphy (DVRPC) explained that in response to growing concern over rising regional crash trends, the regional targets option to FHWA safety target-setting, exploring the implications and the procedure for advancing meaningful safety goals for the region were discussed.

11. Greater PHL Bike Match Program

Betsy Mastaglio provided an overview of DVRPC's new Greater PHL Bike Match program. The program matches donated bikes with essential workers during the Covid-19 pandemic. #GreaterPHLbikematch is open to any individual needing a bike in the nine counties in and around Philadelphia, in Pennsylvania and New Jersey and offers a contactless exchange of bikes between individuals.

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 12:06 PM

The next scheduled meeting of the RTC is Tuesday, July 7, 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
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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)
(not represented)
Jim Mosca
(not represented)
Jonathan Korus
Rich Brahler
Tom Stanuikynas
Andrew Levecchia
Brian Styche
Thomas Hastings
Theresa Ziegler
Matthew Lawson
Matthew Edmond
David Kanthor
Nicholas Baker
Kelley Yemen
June Morton
Peter Rykard
Michael Kolber
Bill Shanahan
Blanca Quinde
(not represented)
(not represented)
Frances Harwell
Bryan Proska
Michael Clemmons
Representative
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ATTENDANCE (cont'd)

Other Member Representatives and Guests

Carol Ann Thomas – Burlington County

Tonyelle Cook-Artis – DRPA

Jackie Huston- Gloucester County

Chris Puchalsky – City of Philadelphia

Lou Millan- NJ Transit

Sue Herman – Residents for Regional Traffic Solutions

Matt Shinton – Kimley-Horn

Crystal Gilchrist – Montgomery County

DVRPC Staff

John Ward

Barry Seymour

Stacy Bartels

Patty Elkis

Mike Boyer

Karin Morris

Greg Krykewycz

Alison Hastings

Marco Gorini

Katie Nash

Kevin Murphy

Jesse Buerk

Kwan Hui

Karen Cilurso

Tom Edinger

Najah Jackson

Elizabeth Schoonmaker

Rick Murphy

Glenn McNichol

Kelsey McElduff

Betsy Mastaglio

Natalie Scott

Shawn Megill Legendre

Ben Gruswitz

Matt Gates

Sarah Moran

Maridarlyn Gonzalez

Renee Wise

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