



DELAWARE VALLEY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
REGIONAL TECHNICAL COMMITTEE
September 8, 2020 Meeting Highlights
This Meeting was held as a Webinar

1. Call to Order - Chairperson's Comments

Peter Rykard (Chair, City of Chester) 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 July meeting, the Board approved all the action items that the RTC recommended to them which included eight TIP Amendments, Adoption of our AQ Conformity Determination for the Amendments to the 2045 LRP, 2020 TIP for NJ and the Draft FY21 TIP for PA. The Board also approved the Amendments to the 2045 LRP and the Adoption of the new FY21 TIP for PA. Mr. Ward offered congratulations to all our planning partners for this extremely important accomplishment. The development of this new TIP was full of exceptional challenges this time but thanks to the hard work of the RTC's PA TIP subcommittee and the DVRPC staff, the region got it done.

Mr. Ward noted that September has been designated National Bike Month by the League of American Bicyclists and DVRPC encourages you to replace a car trip with a bike trip, if you can. Across our region, advocates and organizations will celebrate Bike Month and Bike-to-Work Week with special events and information.

At DVRPC, every month is bike month and we support regional and local bicycle planning efforts through data collection, planning projects, and programs. Mr. Ward encouraged RTC members to see our Bicycle Planning webpage for information on our Greater PHL Bike Match program, the latest data and planning tools, including our bicycle and pedestrian counting programs, the Bicycle Level of Traffic Stress Analysis, and the Bike-Friendly Resurfacing Program.

Mr. Ward noted that this is perfect timing for Bike Month since DVRPC is planning to release a funding opportunity announcement for Phase VIII of the Regional Trails Program on Monday, September 28th. Full details of this funding opportunity will be included in the formal announcement, but there will be about \$2.5 million in funding available for acquisition, planning, design, and construction projects. As in the past, the priority will be on Circuit Trails or connections to the Circuit Trails. Awards will be capped at \$300,000 and at least a 20% match will be required. Proposals will be due Friday, Nov. 13, 2020 with selection in Winter 2021. If applicants are interested in discussing potential projects with our staff, DVRPC is happy to schedule a meeting after the announcement is released.

Additionally, in good timing for Bike Month, NJDOT's Local Aid Resource Center in cooperation with the states' three MPOs has opened a funding round for the Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside (TA Set-Aside) program. This is a competitive program that provides federal funds for community-based 'non-traditional' forms of surface transportation such as walking and biking.

Mr. Ward called the RTC's attention to something new this year, which is an equity component to the TA Set-Aside Program. Projects in eligible communities will receive technical assistance with the grant application, as well as additional points during the scoring process. Mr. Ward noted that for more information on the TA Set-Aside program and to schedule a One-on-One Pre-Application meeting, you can visit the NJDOT Local Aid Resource Center grant program's website (njdotlocalaidrc.com). NJDOT is also offering free on-line training for applicants. There are two training opportunities available (September 17th and September 30th). Applications are due by November 24, 2020.

Mr. Ward noted several recent publications including: Broadband: Discussing the Technology, SEPTA Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) Policy Research, Dispatches from Alternative Futures: Exploratory Scenarios for Greater Philadelphia, Connections 2045 Amendment.

Mr. Ward noted some upcoming meetings including: Information Resources Exchange Group – September 9, Urban Waterfront Action Group Meeting – September 22, Board Meeting – September 24.

Mr. Ward noted the next RTC Meeting is **Tuesday, October 6.**

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

No public comments were stated.

ACTION ITEMS

4. Highlights of the July 7, 2020 RTC Meeting

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

Motion: by Jim Mosca seconded by Matt Lawson that the RTC adopt the highlights of July 7, 2020.

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

5. CMAQ Interim Performance Report

Sean Greene, DVRPC, explained that state DOTs were required to submit congestion and emissions performance targets for the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) program to FHWA in May 2018. There are two CMAQ congestion measures and one CMAQ emissions measure. The state targets were developed through regional

consultation among the DOTs and MPOs in the Philadelphia urbanized area for the congestion targets and among PennDOT, NJ DOT, and the relevant MPOs for the emissions targets.

Motion: by *Robert Harvie*, seconded by *Brian McFadden*, that the RTC recommend the Board adopt:

The Subpart H mobile-source emissions performance targets established by PennDOT and NJDOT in 2020 and approves DVRPC to submit the CMAQ Mid-Term Performance Plan for 2018-2019 to the state DOTs for submission to FHWA.

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

6. Federal Functional Classification Changes, Chester County

Matt Gates, DVRPC, explained that changes are proposed to the Federal Functional Classification of three roadway segments in East Bradford Township, Chester County:

1. SR 3072, Business 322. Segments 0010-0012 (US 322 to PA 162) from Other Principal Arterial (FC 3) to Minor Arterial (FC 4).
2. SR 2001 Birmingham Road. Segment 70 (Sconnelltown Road to Plum Run Stream) from Major Collector (FC 5) to Local Road (FC 7).
3. SR G106 Sconnelltown Road. Segments 0010-0020 (Birmingham Road to West Milner Street) from Major Collector (FC 5) to Local Road (FC 7).

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

These Federal Functional Classification changes.

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

6b. Federal Functional Classification Changes, Philadelphia County

Matt Gates, DVRPC, explained that changes are proposed to the Federal Functional Classification of seven roadway segments within the Philadelphia Navy Yard.

1. Basin Bridge Road (South 26th Street) from Langley Avenue to Constitution Avenue from a Local Road (FC 7) to a Major Collector (FC 5).
2. Constitution Avenue from Basin Bridge Road to South 21st Street from a Local Road (FC 7) to a Major Collector (FC 5).
3. South 21st Street from Constitution Avenue to Kitty Hawk Avenue from a Local Road (FC 7) to a Major Collector (FC 5).
4. Kitty Hawk Avenue from South 21st Street to South Broad Street from a Local Road (FC 7) to a Major Collector (FC 5).
5. South Broad Street from Intrepid Avenue to Kitty Hawk Avenue from a Local

Road (FC 7) to a Minor Arterial (FC 4)

6. Kitty Hawk Avenue from South Broad Street to League Island Boulevard from a Local Road (FC 7) to a Major Collector (FC 5).
7. League Island Boulevard from Kitty Hawk Avenue to South Broad Street from a Local Road (FC 7) to a Minor Arterial (FC 4).

The City of Philadelphia requested to table this action to obtain additional information.

7. Proposed Dates for Calendar Year 2021 RTC Meetings

Renee Wise, DVRPC, explained the proposed dates for calendar year 2021 Regional Technical Committee meetings.

Motion: by *Brian McFadden*, seconded by *Corey Brown*, that the RTC approve:

The proposed dates for Calendar Year 2021 RTC Meetings.

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

PRESENTATION ITEMS

8. Safety Performance Management: Regional Target-Setting

Kevin Murphy, DVRPC, gave a brief overview of the regional target-setting option for Federal Safety Performance Management (Safety PM) requirement, present 5-year rolling average crash trends for the region using the Safety PM metrics, and discussed the process and schedule.

9. Frankford Avenue Multimodal Study

Al Beatty, explained that Frankford Avenue serves many roles for adjacent communities and for the City of Philadelphia: a thriving commercial corridor, an essential transit route, a high-volume arterial roadway, and a cultural center and destination. These roles bring different roadway users and travel modes into close contact, and conflict, on a daily basis. Due to frequent, high-impact crashes, the roadway is on Philadelphia's High Injury Network and PennDOT's Highway Safety Improvement Program. The purpose of the Frankford Avenue Multimodal Study is to identify traffic calming and roadway design strategies that better balance travel modes to serve all roadway users and the local community.

INFORMATION ITEMS

10. Fiscal Year 2022 Work Program Development

Mr. Ward discussed Fiscal Year 2022 Work Program development.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

11. One Minute Reports

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

12. Old and New Business

13. Meeting Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 11:46 AM

The next scheduled meeting of the RTC is **Tuesday, October 6, 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
David Caulfield
(not represented)
(not represented)
(not represented)
(not represented)
(not represented)
Jim Mosca
(not represented)
Jonathan Korus
Robert Harvie
Tom Stanuikynas
Andrew Levecchia
Marian Moskowitz
Corey Brown
Jackie Huston
Matthew Lawson
Matthew Edmond
David Kanthor
Nicholas Baker
Kelley Yemen
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Peter Rykard
Michael Kolber
Bill Shanahan
Blanca Quinde
(not represented)
Brian McFadden
Bryan Proska
Michael Clemmons
Representative
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ATTENDANCE (cont'd)

Other Member Representatives and Guests

Thomas Hastings – Delaware County
Chris Puchalsky – City of Philadelphia
Brian Styche – Chester County
Tonyelle Cook-Artis – DRPA
Rich Brahler – Bucks County
Matt Popek – Montgomery County
David Alas – PennDOT
Matt Shinton – Kimley-Horn
Samantha Safara - HDR

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