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

**October 6, 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 September meeting, the Board approved all the action items that the RTC recommended to them which included the CMAQ Performance Plan and a set of functional classification changes on several roadways in Chester County. Of note was that there were no TIP Amendments.

Mr. Ward commented that part of the reason there were no TIP Amendments was because we had just recently completed and submitted a new TIP for Pennsylvania. Mr. Ward announced that the FY2021 – FY24 TIP for Pennsylvania was approved by the federal agencies and became effective last week on October 1. In addition to the TIP approval, our federal partners also prepared the required Federal Planning Finding (FPF) for the Statewide TIP and Regional TIP and found that they meet the federal requirements. Much like our 4-year Federal Certification Review, the FPF can include a set of Corrective Actions, Recommendations, and Commendations. There were no Corrective Actions and there were a few Recommendations and Commendations.

Mr. Ward noted that our federal partners have recognized that Pennsylvania continues to be nationally recognized for its collaborative planning processes. The FTA Region III and FHWA PA Division Office thank PennDOT and all of the Planning Partners for their extraordinary efforts for the 2021 STIP/TIP update.

Mr. Ward called the RTC's attention to the fact that DVRPC released a funding opportunity announcement for Phase VIII of the Regional Trails Program on September 28. 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, November 13, 2020 with selection in Winter 2021. If applicants are interested in discussing potential projects with our staff, we are happy to schedule a meeting. As a reminder, this is part of the funding that was provided by the William Penn Foundation.

Mr. Ward noted that NJDOT's Local Aid Resource Center in cooperation with the state's 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. For more information on the TA Set-Aside program you can visit the NJDOT Local Aid Resource Center grant program's website ([njdotlocalaidrc.com](http://njdotlocalaidrc.com)). or our website. Applications are due by November 24, 2020.

Mr. Ward reported that the NJDOT Local Bridges Fund (state funded) applications are due November 6, 2020 for the improvement of county bridges. As part of its Statewide Capital Investment Strategy, the NJDOT is focusing on preventive maintenance, rehabilitation and selective replacement of bridges. Additionally, NJDOT is accepting applications for the Local Freight Impact Fund Program. Applicants must demonstrate that the project will provide access to a Port, Warehouse Distribution Center or any other Freight Node by providing a narrative and a map supporting their request. Projects must have as a minimum 10% Large Truck Volume within the project limits. A traffic study must be submitted to support this information. Applications are due November 10, 2020.

Mr. Ward noted that PennDOT is now accepting applications for the 2021-22 Multimodal Transportation Fund (MTF) Program. Projects that will be considered should coordinate local land use with transportation assets to enhance existing communities; improve streetscape, lighting, sidewalks, and pedestrian safety. Eligible applicants include municipalities, council of governments, non-profits, economic development organizations, public transportation agencies and others. The application period closes on November 6, 2020. PennDOT expects to make selection announcements in the summer of 2021.

Mr. Ward noted several recent publications including: Transportation Conformity Determination; Connections 2045 Long-Range Plan Amendment, FY 2020 New Jersey TIP, and FY 2021 Pennsylvania TIP, Growing Greater Philadelphia - Opportunity Zones and Incentive Areas, Technical Memo for IPD 2.0, Development Matters: Understanding the Opportunities and Implications of Multifamily Development

Mr. Ward noted some upcoming meetings including: Goods Movement Task Force 10/7, Regional Safety Task Force 10/14, Transportation Operations Task Force 10/15, DVRPC Board 10/22, Central Jersey Transportation Forum 10/26, Urban Waterfront Action Group 10/27 Public Participation Task Force 10/28

Mr. Ward noted the next RTC Meeting is **Tuesday, November 10.**

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

No public comments were stated.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

### **4. Highlights of the September 8, 2020 RTC Meeting**

The highlights from the September 8, 2020 meeting of the RTC were presented for adoption.

Motion: *by Jim Mosca seconded by Matt Lawson* that the RTC adopt the highlights of September 8, 2020.

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

## 5. Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Actions

Rick Murphy (DVRPC) presented three TIP actions.

### a. PA21-01: Route 1 Improvement-South (Section RC1) (MPMS #93444), Bucks County – Reduce Funding

PennDOT has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2021 TIP for Pennsylvania by removing \$5,628,000 NHPP\* funds from the FY22 construction (CON) phase of the Route 1 Improvement-South (Section RC1) project (MPMS #93444) from \$9,299,000 (\$107,000 STP\*/\$349,000 STU\*/\$8,843,000 NHPP\*) to \$3,671,000 (\$107,000 STP\*/\$349,000 STU\*/\$3,215,000 NHPP\*). This action will result in a total CON cost decrease of \$5,628,000 from \$10,000,000 (\$808,000 STP\*/\$349,000 STU\*/\$8,843,000 NHPP\*) to \$4,372,000 (\$808,000 STP\*/\$349,000 STU\*/\$3,215,000 NHPP\*).

Motion: *by Rich Brahler, seconded by Jonathan Korus*, that the RTC recommend the Board approve TIP action:

PA21-01, PennDOT's request to amend the FY2021 TIP for Pennsylvania by removing \$5,628,000 NHPP\* funds from the FY22 construction (CON) phase of the Route 1 Improvement-South (Section RC1) project (MPMS #93444) from \$9,299,000 (\$107,000 STP\*/\$349,000 STU\*/\$8,843,000 NHPP\*) to \$3,671,000 (\$107,000 STP\*/\$349,000 STU\*/\$3,215,000 NHPP\*). This action will result in a total CON cost decrease of \$5,628,000 from \$10,000,000 (\$808,000 STP\*/\$349,000 STU\*/\$8,843,000 NHPP\*) to \$4,372,000 (\$808,000 STP\*/\$349,000 STU\*/\$3,215,000 NHPP\*).

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

### b. PA21-02: ADA Ramps 2020 Philadelphia (MPMS #12886), City of Philadelphia– Reduce Funding

PennDOT has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2021 TIP for Pennsylvania by removing \$9,426,000 (FY22: \$2,713,000 STU/Toll Credit; FY23: \$3,000,000 STU/Toll Credit; FY24: \$1,655,000 STU/Toll Credit; FY25: \$2,058,000 STU/Toll Credit) from the ADA Ramps 2020 Philadelphia (MPMS #12886) project.

Motion: *by David Kanthor, seconded by Jonathan Korus*, that the RTC recommend the Board approve TIP action:

PA21-02, PennDOT's request to amend the FY2021 TIP for Pennsylvania by

removing \$9,426,000 (FY22: \$2,713,000 STU/Toll Credit; FY23: \$3,000,000 STU/Toll Credit; FY24: \$1,655,000 STU/Toll Credit; FY25: \$2,058,000 STU/Toll Credit) from the ADA Ramps 2020 Philadelphia (MPMS #12886) project.

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

**c. PA21-03: US 202, Johnson Highway to Township Line Road (61S) (MPMS #63486), PennDOT – Increase Funding**

PennDOT has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2021 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding \$33,539,000 (FY22: \$5,628,000 NHPP\*/\$2,713,000 STU\*/Toll Credit; FY23: \$3,000,000 STU\*/Toll Credit; FY24: \$2,583,000 STU\*/Toll Credit; FY25: \$2,058,000 STU\*/Toll Credit; FY26: \$2,623,000 NHPP\*/Toll Credit; FY27: \$14,934,000 STU\*/Toll Credit) to the construction phase for the US 202, Johnson Highway to Township Line Road (61S) project (MPMS #63486). This is not a cost increase. Construction funds were unable to be obligated under the FY2019 TIP and funding is being added back to the FY2021 TIP in order to let the project in December 2020. The total cost of this construction phase is \$53,539,000.

Motion: by *Matthew Popek*, seconded by *Jim Mosca*, that the RTC recommend the Board approve TIP action:

PA21-03, PennDOT's request to amend the FY2021 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding \$33,539,000 (FY22: \$5,628,000 NHPP\*/\$2,713,000 STU\*/Toll Credit; FY23: \$3,000,000 STU\*/Toll Credit; FY24: \$2,583,000 STU\*/Toll Credit; FY25: \$2,058,000 STU\*/Toll Credit; FY26: \$2,623,000 NHPP\*/Toll Credit; FY27: \$14,934,000 STU\*/Toll Credit) to the construction phase for the US 202, Johnson Highway to Township Line Road (61S) project (MPMS #63486).

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

**PRESENTATION ITEMS**

**6. Greater Philadelphia Pedestrian Portal**

Kim Korejko (DVRPC) explained that DVRPC recently completed their development of a GIS pedestrian facilities inventory and will soon launch the Greater Philadelphia Pedestrian Portal. The Pedestrian Portal ([walk.dvrpc.org](http://walk.dvrpc.org)) is a website that informs and engages the public, allows online editing of the pedestrian facility data, and allows collaborative regional and local project planning. An overview of the GIS inventory and a demonstration of a few features of the Pedestrian Portal were shown.

**7. Franklin Square Reopening**

Erica Antoine (Burns Engineering, Inc.) and Greg Masterlez (Sowinski Sullivan Architects) presented a virtual tour of the progress of the reopening of Franklin Square Station.

## **8. TIP Story Map**

Kwan Hui (DVRPC) explained that a story map is a new online tool to educate and inform planners, member governments, and the public about the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) in the DVRPC region.

## **9. Safe Routes to Transit: Bordentown Station**

Cassidy Boulan and Mark Morley (DVRPC) presented a recent Safe Routes to Transit project in Bordentown City, New Jersey. The study explores concepts that improve pedestrian and bicycle access to Bordentown Station as well as streetscape and safety improvements along other key corridors.

## **10. DVRPC's IDRUM Program**

Katie Nash (DVRPC) explained that the newly updated IDRUM program provides all of PennDOT District 6-0 Detour Routes in a fully web-based application. IDRUM provides easy access for planners and Emergency Responders to the vetted PennDOT detour routes for their use in long term incidents, construction detours, special event planning, and more.

## **INFORMATION ITEMS**

### **11. Fiscal Year 2022 Work Program Development Update**

Mr. Ward updated the RTC on the progress of Fiscal Year 2022 Work Program development.

## **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 12:05 PM

The next scheduled meeting of the RTC is **Tuesday, November 10, 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  
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)  
(not represented)  
Jim Mosca  
(not represented)  
Jonathan Korus  
Rich Brahler  
Tom Stanuikynas  
Andrew Levecchia  
Brian Styche  
Tom Shaffer  
(not represented)  
Matthew Lawson  
Matthew Edmond  
David Kanthor  
Nicholas Baker  
Kelley Yemen  
(not represented)  
Peter Rykard  
Michael Kolber  
Bill Shanahan  
Blanca Quinde  
Rohan Hepkins  
Brian McFadden  
Bryan Proska  
Michael Clemmons  
Frances Harwell

### **Representative**

(not represented)  
Kelvin McKavanaugh  
Brian Goodson  
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## **ATTENDANCE (cont'd)**

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

Tonyelle Cook-Artis – DRPA  
Carol Thomas – Burlington County  
Matt Popek – Montgomery County  
David Alas – PennDOT  
Samantha Safara – HDR  
Erica Antoine- Burns Engineering, Inc.  
Greg Masterlez- Sowinski Sullivan Architects

### **DVRPC Staff**

John Ward  
Patty Elkis  
Greg Krykewycz  
Alison Hastings  
Katie Nash  
Kevin Murphy  
Kwan Hui  
Cassidy Boulan  
Mark Morley  
Najah Jackson  
Kim Korejko  
Matt Gates  
Glen McNichol  
Paul Carafides  
John Coscia, Jr.  
Derek Lombardi  
Chris King  
Elizabeth Schoonmaker  
Rick Murphy  
Shoshana Akins  
Maridarlyn Gonzalez  
Renee Wise

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