



---

**DELAWARE VALLEY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION**  
**REGIONAL TECHNICAL COMMITTEE**  
**November 10, 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 reported that at their October meeting, the Board approved the three TIP amendments that the RTC recommended to them. Mr. Ward noted that the Board also accepted the 2020 Update to Equity Through Access, the region's Coordinated Human Services Transportation Plan and that we will see a presentation on that update today on our agenda. Typically, action items run through the RTC first but because of some timing issues and the fact that some of the RTC members were involved in the update, we allowed this item to go out of order.

Mr. Ward noted that even though we are going to have a presentation later on National Traffic Incident Response Awareness Week which started yesterday it is important to realize how serious this is. It is very dangerous for our emergency responders out there on the highway so please follow state law to slow down and move over when you see flashing lights ahead. I know that since DVRPC has been involved in Traffic Incident Management we have had several responders in our region struck and killed on our highways. This is why we support traffic incident management training and awareness programs like this.

Mr. Ward reminded RTC members of a funding opportunity for Phase VIII of the Regional Trails Program. There is approximately \$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 this Friday, November 13. If applicants are interested in discussing potential projects with our staff, we are happy to schedule a meeting.

Mr. Ward reported that the Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Program is still open in New Jersey. It is being led by NJDOT's Local Aid Resource Center in cooperation with the states' three MPOs. The program provides federal funds for community-based 'non-traditional' forms of surface transportation such as walking and biking. You can find additional information on the NJDOT Local Aid Resource Center's website ([www.njdotlocalaidrc.com](http://www.njdotlocalaidrc.com)) or our website. Applications are due by November 24, 2020.

Mr. Ward noted that a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Glassboro-Camden Line has recently been released. A 45-day public comment period began on November 2, and will end on December 17. As part of the EIS public participation process, the Glassboro-Camden Line (GCL) Project Team will hold two virtual public hearings via Zoom, where interested members of the public can provide and listen to oral comments concerning the Proposed Action and information contained in the Draft EIS. The public hearings will occur on Tuesday, November 17 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and on Thursday, November 19 from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. A section of the project website has been set up to show people how to access the Draft EIS, how to attend a public hearing, and how to provide comments to the Project Team. You can get access to the website at [www.glassborocamdenline.com](http://www.glassborocamdenline.com)

Mr. Ward noted several recent publications including: Equity Through Access: 2020 Gaps and Bridges Update, Safe Routes to Transit: Woodbourne Station, Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Mid-Performance Period Progress Report, and TIP Fundamentals: Learn the Basics (story map).

Mr. Ward noted some upcoming meetings including: Regional Safety Task Force 12/4, Board Meeting and Retreat 12/9, Information Resource Exchange Group 12/10, Futures Group Strategies Workshop 12/10, Public Participation Task Force Meeting 12/17, Urban Waterfront Action Group Meeting 12/22.

Mr. Ward noted the next RTC Meeting is **Tuesday, January 12, 2021.**

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

No public comments were stated.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

### **4. Highlights of the October 6, 2020 RTC Meeting**

The highlights from the October 6, 2020 meeting of the RTC were presented for adoption.

*Motion: by Matt Lawson seconded by Jim Mosca that the RTC adopt the highlights of October 6, 2020.*

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

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

Jesse Buerk (DVRPC) presented six TIP actions.

**a. PA21-05: Transit and Regional Rail Station Program (MPMS #77183), SEPTA – Add New Project to TIP and Add Prior Year Funding to Current Year**

SEPTA has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2021 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding funding for two different projects: 1.) Adding the Complete Streets Concepts and Design for the Grays Avenue Corridor project (MPMS #77183) into the TIP in FY21 for the Engineering/Right-of-Way/Construction (ERC) phase in the amount of \$495,000 HOPE, and 2.) Adding \$2,000,000 of prior year FTA Bus & Bus Facilities (FTA Section 5339B) funding to FY21, in the ERC phase, so that the funds may be obligated in a grant for the Direct Bus Phase B project. These are additional funds to the region. Funding in FY21 will increase from \$23,273,000 (\$7,205,000 FTA Section 5307/\$15,551,000 State 1514, \$517,000 Local) to \$25,768,000 (\$495,000 HOPE/\$2,000,000 FTA Section 5339B/\$7,205,000 FTA Section 5307/\$15,551,000 State 1514, \$517,000 Local).

**b. PA21-06: Safety and Security Improvements (MPMS #107011), SEPTA – Add New Project to TIP**

SEPTA has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2021 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding the Transit Track Worker & First Responder Safety Protection Demonstration Project (\$1,060,000 total cost) into the Safety and Security Improvements (MPMS #107011) Program of the TIP in FY21 for the Engineering/Right-of-Way/Construction (ERC) phase in the amount of \$742,000 FTA Section 5312. These are additional funds to the region. Funding in FY21 will increase from \$22,338,000 (\$4,000,000 FTA Section 5307/\$10,900,000 CARES/\$742,000 FTA Section 5312/\$7,198,000 State 1514/\$517,000 Local) to \$23,080,000 (\$4,000,000 FTA Section 5307/\$10,900,000 CARES/\$7,198,000 State 1514/\$517,000 Local).

**c. PA21-07: Maintenance & Transportation Facilities (MPMS #102569), SEPTA – Add Project Back into TIP**

SEPTA has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2021 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding the Midvale Depot Electric Bus Infrastructure project back into the Maintenance & Transportation Facilities (MPMS# 102569) Program of the TIP in the amount of \$4,300,000 FTA Section 5339C to the Engineering/Right-of-Way/Construction (ERC) phase in FY21. These are additional funds to the region. Funding in FY21 will be increased from \$37,792,000 (\$18,871,000 State 1514/\$629,000 Local/\$18,292,000 Other) to \$42,092,000 (\$4,300,000 FTA Section 5339C/\$18,871,000 State 1514/\$629,000 Local/\$18,292,000 Other).

Motion: by *Tim Steinitz*, seconded by *Jonathan Korus*, that the RTC recommend the Board approve TIP actions:

PA21-05, SEPTA's request that DVRPC amend the FY2021 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding funding for two different projects: 1.) Adding the Complete Streets Concepts and Design for the Grays Avenue Corridor project (MPMS #77183) into the TIP in FY21 for the Engineering/Right-of-Way/Construction (ERC) phase in the amount of \$495,000 HOPE, and 2.) Adding \$2,000,000 of prior year FTA Bus & Bus Facilities

(FTA Section 5339B) funding to FY21, in the ERC phase, so that the funds may be obligated in a grant for the Direct Bus Phase B project.

PA21-06, SEPTA's request that DVRPC amend the FY2021 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding the Transit Track Worker & First Responder Safety Protection Demonstration Project (\$1,060,000 total cost) into the Safety and Security Improvements (MPMS #107011) Program of the TIP in FY21 for the Engineering/Right-of-Way/Construction (ERC) phase in the amount of \$742,000 FTA Section 5312. These are additional funds to the region. Funding in FY21 will increase from \$22,338,000 (\$4,000,000 FTA Section 5307/\$10,900,000 CARES/\$742,000 FTA Section 5312/\$7,198,000 State 1514/\$517,000 Local) to \$23,080,000 (\$4,000,000 FTA Section 5307/\$10,900,000 CARES/\$7,198,000 State 1514/\$517,000 Local).

PA21-07, SEPTA's request that DVRPC amend the FY2021 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding the Midvale Depot Electric Bus Infrastructure project back into the Maintenance & Transportation Facilities (MPMS# 102569) Program of the TIP in the amount of \$4,300,000 FTA Section 5339C to the Engineering/Right-of-Way/Construction (ERC) phase in FY21. These are additional funds to the region.

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

**d. PA21-08: Coatesville Train Station (MPMS #87534), PennDOT Bureau of Rail, Freight, Ports, and Waterways – Add Project Back into TIP**

PennDOT's Bureau of Rail, Freight, Ports, and Waterways has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2021 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding the Coatesville Train Station project (MPMS #87534) back into the TIP in FY21 for construction in the amount of \$43,713,000 (\$34,971,000 FTA Section 5337/\$8,742,000 State 1516). The total cost estimate of this project is \$64,949,000. \$21,237,000 has already been placed into a grant. These are additional funds to the region.

Motion: by *June Morton*, seconded by *Brian Styche*, that the RTC recommend the Board approve TIP action:

PA21-08, PennDOT's Bureau of Rail, Freight, Ports, and Waterways request that DVRPC amend the FY2021 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding \$43,713,000 (\$34,971,000 FTA Section 5337/\$8,742,000 State 1516) to the construction phase in FY21 for the Coatesville Train Station project (MPMS #87534). These are additional funds to the region.

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

**e. PA21-09: University Avenue and I-76 Off Ramp Intersection Safety Improvements (MPMS #111062), City of Philadelphia – Remove Project Funding**

PennDOT has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2021 TIP for Pennsylvania by removing the construction phase (\$2,162,000 HSIP) for the University Avenue and I-76 Off Ramp Intersection Safety Improvements (MPMS #111062) project in FY21 and

deleting the project from the FY2021 TIP, as funding is no longer needed to be shown on the FY2021 TIP.

**f. PA21-10: Regional Traffic Management Center (RTMC) General Contract (MPMS #110494), Various Counties – Reduce Funding**

PennDOT has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2021 TIP for Pennsylvania by reducing the construction funding for the Regional Traffic Management Center (RTMC) General Contract project (MPMS #110494) by \$17,546,000 (FY21: \$3,311,000 STP/Toll Credit, FY23: \$4,305,000 STU/Toll Credit, FY24: \$9,930,000 STU/Toll Credit). The funds are not needed due to funding actions ("conversions") that occurred during the previous FY2019 TIP for PA. Funding for this project will be reduced from \$59,952,000 (FY21: \$8,000,000 CAQ\*/\$3,311,000 STP\*/\$13,610,000 STU\*/Toll Credit/\$11,800,000 Other-State; FY22: \$4,083,000 STU\*/Toll Credit; FY23: \$9,218,000 STU\*/Toll Credit; FY24: \$9,930,000 STU\*/Toll Credit) to \$42,406,000 (FY21: \$8,000,000 CAQ\*/\$13,610,000 STU\*/Toll Credit/\$11,800,000 Other-State; FY22: \$4,083,000 STU\*/Toll Credit; FY23: \$4,913,000 STU\*/Toll Credit).

Motion: by *Bill Shanahan*, seconded by *Jim Mosca*, that the RTC recommend the Board approve TIP actions:

PA21-09, PennDOT's request that DVRPC amend the FY2021 TIP for Pennsylvania by removing the construction phase (\$2,162,000 HSIP) for the University Avenue and I-76 Off Ramp Intersection Safety Improvements (MPMS #111062), project in FY21 and deleting the project from the FY2021 TIP, as funding is no longer needed to be shown on the FY2021 TIP.

PA21-10, PennDOT's request that DVRPC amend the FY2021 TIP for Pennsylvania by reducing the construction funding for the Regional Traffic Management Center (RTMC) General Contract project (MPMS #110494) by \$17,546,000 (FY21: \$3,311,000 STP/Toll Credit, FY23: \$4,305,000 STU/Toll Credit, FY24: \$9,930,000 STU/Toll Credit).

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

## **PRESENTATION ITEMS**

### **6. NJ Infrastructure Bank – Transportation Funding Program**

Robert Fernandez, NJIB, explained that the NJ Infrastructure Bank (I-Bank) and NJDOT have partnered to establish and manage the Transportation Funding Program with funds appropriated through the Transportation Trust Fund (TTF) in order to offer below market loans to municipalities, counties, and regional transportation authorities in NJ. This partnership offers 50% financing at zero-percent interest with the remaining 50% of funds offered at the I-Bank's AAA rated cost of funds.

## **7. Equity Through Access: 2020 Update to the Region's Coordinated Human Services Transportation Plan**

Thom Stead and Shoshana Akins, DVRPC, presented the outcomes of the 2020 Equity Through Access project, which identifies regional priorities for improving transportation access for elderly, disabled, and low-income populations. This presentation included findings from the updated *Gaps and Bridges* plan document and Equity Through Access Map Toolkit.

## **8. Preparing Greater Philadelphia for Automated Vehicles**

Brett Fusco, DVRPC, explained that DVRPC staff has been researching the uncertainty around automated vehicle (AV) development and extended the Dispatches from Alternate Futures scenarios to consider different timelines and ways AVs could be deployed. This presentation focused on key takeaways on preparing the region for AV deployment from the report.

## **9. Assisting Commuters (After) COVID**

Stacy Bartels, DVRPC, presented on this unique program to engage and educate employees and employers about commuting options once they start returning to a physical work site. The program was structured to build on habits that were started or increased during the COVID stay-at-home period, including biking, telework and getting (back) on transit.

## **INFORMATION ITEMS**

### **10. National Traffic Incident Response Awareness Week**

Paul Carafides, DVRPC, explained that National Traffic Incident Response Awareness Week will take place November 9th-15th. The week provides the opportunity to reach out to our Communities and teach them that they play an important role in Incident Management. This year's slogan is a simple, yet powerful statement for all to follow: Slow Down. Move Over. Be Safe.

### **11. 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 12:07 PM

**The next scheduled meeting of the RTC is Tuesday, January 12, 2021.**



## **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)  
(not represented)  
(not represented)  
(not represented)  
(not represented)  
Jim Mosca  
(not represented)  
Jonathan Korus  
Rich Brahler  
Tom Stanuikynas  
Andrew Levecchia  
Brian Styche  
Tom Shaffer  
Jackie Huston  
Matthew Lawson  
Matthew Edmond  
David Kanthor  
Nicholas Baker  
Kelley Yemen  
June Morton  
Peter Rykard  
Michael Kolber  
Bill Shanahan  
Blanca Quinde  
(not represented)  
Tim Steinitz  
Bryan Proska  
Michael Clemmons  
Frances Harwell

### **Representative**

(not represented)  
Kelvin McKavanaugh  
Brian Goodson  
(not represented)  
Tim Lidiak  
(not represented)  
(not represented)  
Ronda Urkowitz  
(not represented)  
(not represented)  
(not represented)  
(not represented)  
(not represented)  
(not represented)  
(not represented)  
(not represented)  
(not represented)  
(not represented)  
(not represented)

## **ATTENDANCE (cont'd)**

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

Robert Hernandez – NJIB  
George Rolon – NJIB  
Tonyelle Cook-Artis – DRPA  
Matt Popek – Montgomery County  
Thomas Hastings -Delaware County  
David Alas – PennDOT  
Samantha Safara – HDR  
Rena Pinhas – City of Philadelphia  
Sheila Monaghan - SEPTA

### **DVRPC Staff**

John Ward  
Patty Elkis  
Greg Krykewycz  
Mike Boyer  
Karin Morris  
Thom Stead  
Brett Fusco  
Jackie Davis  
Linda McNeffer  
Alison Hastings  
Katie Nash  
Kwan Hui  
Najah Jackson  
Paul Carafides  
Chris King  
Justin Neff  
Elizabeth Schoonmaker  
Shoshana Akins  
Maridarlyn Gonzalez  
Tom Edinger  
Sarah Moran  
Stacy Bartels  
Elise Turner  
Shawn Megill Legendre  
Renee Wise

The Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission (DVRPC) fully complies with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Civil Rights Restoration Act of 1987, Executive Order 12898 on Environmental Justice, and related nondiscrimination statutes and regulations in all programs and activities. DVRPC's website, [www.dvrpc.org](http://www.dvrpc.org), may be translated into multiple languages. Publications and other public documents can be made available in alternative languages and formats, if requested. DVRPC public meetings are always held in ADA-accessible facilities and in transit-accessible locations when possible. Auxiliary services can be provided to individuals who submit a request at least seven days prior to a meeting. Requests made within seven days will be accommodated to the greatest extent possible. Any person who believes they have been aggrieved by an unlawful discriminatory practice by DVRPC under Title VI has a right to file a formal complaint. Any such complaint may be in writing and filed with DVRPC's Title VI Compliance Manager and/or the appropriate state or federal agency within 180 days of the alleged discriminatory occurrence. For more information on DVRPC's Title VI program, or to obtain a Title VI Complaint Form, please call (215) 238-2871 or email.