



DELAWARE VALLEY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
REGIONAL TECHNICAL COMMITTEE
January 12, 2021 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 expressed his hope that RTC members' families and their colleagues are all safe and well.

Mr. Ward reported that at their December meeting, the Board approved all actions that the RTC recommended to them including six TIP amendments and the release of the Draft FY22 UPWP for review and comment. The Board meeting was preceded by the Annual Board Retreat which featured a very enlightening discussion with Richard Rothstein, the author of *The Color of Law – A Forgotten History of How Our Government Segregated America*. Even though this was a virtual event, we had close to 700 people attend. We got a lot of positive feedback on his presentation as well as on the follow-up discussion with a local panel of our partners.

Mr. Ward called the RTC's attention to the fact that on November 1, 2020, PA Senate Bill 1199 became Act 106 of 2020 and will go into effect on January 30, 2021. Act 106 allows Pennsylvania to join over 20 other states to allow for Personal Delivery Devices (PDD) on certain roadways and pedestrian facilities in the state. A PDD is ground-based delivery device that is manufactured for transporting cargo or goods and is operated by a driving system that allows for autonomous and/or remote operations. There are various styles and sizes and Act 106 does put some limitations on their dimensions. In Pennsylvania, they can be as wide as 32 inches, as long as 42 inches, as high as 72 inches and weigh as much as 550 lbs. They are permitted to travel up to 12 mph in a pedestrian area and up to 25 mph on a roadway. Although these are maximums the majority of PDDs are less than 3 feet tall and travel at 5 mph or less.

Per the Pennsylvania vehicle code, these robot-like devices are classified as pedestrians and are afforded the same rights. PDDs must operate like a pedestrian with three exceptions:

1. PDDs must yield the right-of-way to all pedestrians and bicyclists in a pedestrian area.
2. PDDs must travel in the same direction of traffic when traveling on a roadway or shoulder.
3. In specific circumstances, a PDD may operate within the travel lane of a roadway.

In Pennsylvania, PDDs will roll-out in two phases. Phase 1 - for the first 180 days of an authorized entity's use, the PDD will be operated by the entity through an autonomous

or remote driving system, however, a PDD operator must be within 30 feet of the PDD and maintain line of sight. After 180 days, the PDD will be operated through an autonomous or remote driving system. However, a PDD must be monitored remotely and, if necessary, controlled or overridden remotely. PennDOT is responsible for developing the policy on the operations of PDDs and has asked us to help distribute this information. It is especially important to get this info to local municipalities since they will have the authority to permit or prohibit the use on roadways, shoulders, or pedestrian areas under their jurisdiction. More information on PPDs in Pennsylvania can be found at www.penndot.gov/pdd. Questions or comments can be sent to pdd@pa.gov.

Mr. Ward noted several recent publications including: Hunting Park East Freight Access Study, US 202 Section 200 Operations Analysis, Interactive Detour Route Mapping (IDRuM) – Web App, Safe Routes to Transit: Bordentown Station, FY2021 – FY2024 TIP for Pennsylvania, Broadband: Part 2: Understanding the Digital Divide.

Mr. Ward noted some upcoming virtual meetings including: Delaware Valley Goods Movement Task Force 1/13, The Travel Options Program (TOP): Expression of Interest Info Session 1/14, Transportation Operations Task Force 1/20, Urban Waterfront Action Group Meeting 1/26, Board and Executive Committee Meeting 1/28.

Mr. Ward noted the next RTC Meeting is **Tuesday, February 9, 2021.**

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

No public comments were stated.

ACTION ITEMS

4. Highlights of the November 10, 2020 RTC Meeting

The highlights from the November 10, 2020 meeting of the RTC were presented for adoption.

Motion: by Jim Mosca seconded by Rich Brahler that the RTC adopt the highlights of November 10, 2020.

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

5. Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Actions

Kathrine Nash (DVRPC) presented seven TIP actions.

a. NJ20-051: Mercer County's Electronic Traffic Control Devices Inventory (DB #D1901), Mercer County – Remove a Project from TIP

Mercer County has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2020 TIP for New Jersey by removing a \$225,000 STBGP-TRENTON funded Planning Study (PLS) project,

Mercer County's Electronic Traffic Control Devices Inventory (DB #D1901), in FY21 from the TIP. The removed funds will return to the region as a resource for other projects. Just before the pandemic began, the county staff project lead left and shortly thereafter, Mercer County instituted a hiring freeze and deferred implementation of asset management system upgrades to reduce budget uncertainty. The county does not want to advance this project with such uncertainty.

Motion: by *Matthew Lawson*, seconded by *Theresa Ziegler*, that the RTC recommend the Board approve TIP action:

NJ20-051, Mercer County's request that DVRPC amend the FY2020 TIP for New Jersey by removing a \$225,000 STBGP-TRENTON funded Planning Study (PLS) project, Mercer County's Electronic Traffic Control Devices Inventory (DB #D1901), in FY21 from the TIP.

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

b. NJ20-055: Traffic Signal Adaptive/Vehicle Detection Upgrade (DB #D2012), Burlington County – Add a New Project to the TIP

Burlington County has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2020 TIP for New Jersey by adding a new \$3.8 million STBGP-PHILA funded project, Traffic Signal Adaptive/Vehicle Detection Upgrade (DB #D2012), to the TIP for FY21 Construction (CON). This is a non-complex project that the DVRPC NJ TIP Subcommittee reviewed and recommended for funding in FY21.

c. NJ20-056: CR 616 (Church Rd), Vicinity of NJ 38 to Camden County Line (DB #D2013), Camden County – Add a New Project to the TIP

Camden County has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2020 TIP for New Jersey by adding a new \$5.186 million STBGP-PHILA funded project, CR 616 (Church Rd), Vicinity of NJ 38 to Camden County Line (DB #D2013), to the TIP for FY21 CON. The cost includes construction management and inspection services. This is a non-complex project that the DVRPC NJ TIP Subcommittee reviewed and recommended for funding in FY21.

d. NJ20-057: CR 655 (Fries Mill Rd), CR 610 (Clayton-Williamstown Rd) to NJ 47 (Delsea Drive) (DB #D2015), Gloucester County – Add a New Project to the TIP

Gloucester County has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2020 TIP for New Jersey by adding a new \$3.7 million STBGP-PHILA funded project, CR 655 (Fries Mill Rd), CR 610 (Clayton-Williamstown Rd) to NJ 47 (Delsea Drive) (DB #D2015), to the TIP for FY21 CON. The cost includes construction management and inspection services. This is a non-complex project that the DVRPC NJ TIP Subcommittee reviewed and recommended for funding in FY21.

Motion: by *Andrew Levecchia*, seconded by *Carol Thomas*, that the RTC recommend the Board approve TIP actions:

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NJ20-057, Gloucester County's request that DVRPC amend the FY2020 TIP for New Jersey by adding a new \$3.7 million STBGP-PHILA funded project, CR 655 (Fries Mill Rd), CR 610 (Clayton-Williamstown Rd) to NJ 47 (Delsea Drive) (DB #D2015), to the TIP for FY21 CON.

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

e. NJ20-058: Route 295/42/I-76, Direct Connection, Contract 4 (DB #355E), Camden County – Cost Increase

NJDOT has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2020 TIP for New Jersey by increasing the total CON cost by \$99.872 million (M) from \$220.570 M (\$149.057 M NHFP-HWY/\$71.513 M NHPP) to \$320.442 M (\$131.398 M NHFP-HWY/\$189.044 M NHPP), accordingly,

1) Increase the TIP's First-Four Years by \$14.43 M from \$95.57 M (\$67.277 M NHFP-HWY/\$28.293 M NHPP) to \$110 M (\$43.339 M NHFP-HWY/\$66.661 M NHPP):

- FY22: Reduce \$32.749 M NHFP-HWY and \$12.821 M NHPP funds to zero;
- FY23: Increase \$34.528 M NHFP-HWY by \$8.811 M to \$43.339 M NHFP-HWY; and increase \$15.472 M NHPP by \$51.189 M to \$66.661 M NHPP.

2) Increase the TIP's Out-Years by \$85.442 M from \$125 M (\$68.78 M NHFP-HWY/\$56.22 M NHPP) to \$210.442 M (\$88.059 M NHFP-HWY/\$122.383 M NHPP):

- FY24: Increase \$31.78 M NHFP-HWY by \$5.602 M to \$37.382 M NHFP-HWY; and increase \$43.22 M NHPP by \$19.398 M to \$62.618 M NHPP;
- FY25: Increase \$37 M NHFP-HWY by \$13.677 M to \$50.677 M NHFP-HWY; and increase \$13 M NHPP by \$46.765 M to \$59.765 M NHPP.

Motion: by *Andrew Levecchia*, seconded by *Matthew Lawson*, that the RTC recommend the Board approve TIP action:

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

f. PA21-13: Stormwater Management Site Repair 2020 (MPMS #115622), Various Counties – Add New Breakout Project to TIP

PennDOT has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2021 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding the Stormwater Management Site Repair 2020 project (MPMS #115622) for construction in the amount of \$1,500,000 (FY22: \$750,000 State 581; FY23: \$750,000 State 581).

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

PA21-13, PennDOT's request that DVRPC amend the FY2021 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding the Stormwater Management Site Repair 2020 project (MPMS #115622) for construction in the amount of \$1,500,000 (FY22: \$750,000 State 581; FY23: \$750,000 State 581).

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

g. PA21-14: Substations and Power Improvements (MPMS #60651), SEPTA –Add New Project to TIP

SEPTA has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2021 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding the Regional Rail Wire Scan project (\$340,000 total cost) into the Substations and Power Improvements (MPMS #60651) Program of the TIP in FY21 for the Engineering/Right-of-Way/Construction (ERC) phase in the amount of \$170,000 FTA Section 5312. These are additional funds to the region. Funding in FY21 will increase from \$31,619,000 (\$9,600,000 FTA Section 5307/\$21,309,000 State 1514/\$710,000 Local) to \$31,789,000 (\$9,600,000 FTA Section 5307/\$170,000 FTA Section 5312/\$21,309,000 State 1514/\$710,000 Local).

Motion: by *Brian McFadden*, seconded by *Thomas Shaffer*, that the RTC recommend the Board approve TIP action:

PA21-14, PennDOT's request that DVRPC amend the FY2021 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding the Regional Rail Wire Scan project (\$340,000 total cost) into the Substations and Power Improvements (MPMS #60651) Program of the TIP in FY21 for the Engineering/Right-of-Way/Construction (ERC) phase in the amount of \$170,000 FTA Section 5312. These are additional funds to the region. Funding in FY21 will increase from \$31,619,000 (\$9,600,000 FTA Section 5307/\$21,309,000 State 1514/\$710,000 Local) to \$31,789,000 (\$9,600,000 FTA Section 5307/\$170,000 FTA Section 5312/\$21,309,000 State 1514/\$710,000 Local).

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

6. Adoption of DVRPC Fiscal Year 2022 Unified Planning Work Program

John Ward, DVRPC, explained that DVRPC's FY22 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) incorporates the planning programs and support activities of DVRPC and its member governments for the period July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022. As the federally-designated MPO for the Greater Philadelphia region, DVRPC is required by federal regulation to develop a UPWP. This document reflects the policy direction provided by the Board's Unified Planning Work Program Committee and input from state and federal planning partners, member governments, operating agencies and other regional organizations.

Motion: by *Matthew Lawson*, seconded by *Jim Mosca*, that the RTC recommend the Board adopt:

The Final FY22 Unified Planning Work Program, pending the resolution of any outstanding comments and issues including issues regarding the funding of the PA SRHPP through the PA TIP. Further, approve the actions to amend or modify the FY2020 TIP for New Jersey and the FY2021 TIP for Pennsylvania as required.

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

7. Transportation Performance Management Targets and Update

Mike Boyer, DVRPC, explained that federal legislation requires state departments of transportation, transit operators, and metropolitan planning organizations (MPOs) to establish and use a performance-based approach for transportation decision-making to achieve national transportation goals. This includes tracking performance measures, setting data-driven targets, and selecting projects to help meet those targets in five areas: Roadway Safety, Bridge and Pavement Condition, System Performance, Transit Assets, and Transit Safety. State DOTs and transit operators have either recently adopted or updated existing targets in all five areas. DVRPC staff will present on the performance under each area, as well as a recommendation for regional action on the targets.

a. Newly established targets for Transit Safety

- b. Revised targets for the interim reporting period for Pavement and Bridge Condition and System Performance
- c. Annual targets for Transit Assets
- d. Annual targets for Roadway Safety

a. Newly established targets for Transit Safety

Motion: by *Brian McFadden*, seconded by *Jim Mosca*, that the RTC recommend the Board adopt the following target for:

Transit Safety:

DVRPC agrees to be consistent with the respective SEPTA, NJ TRANSIT, and DRPA/PATCO initial targets for Transit Safety, and will support the transit operators' efforts at achieving those targets.

Motion passed with an abstention from Thomas Shaffer, Delaware County.

b. Revised Targets for the Interim Reporting Period for Pavement and Bridge Condition and System Performance:

Motion: by *Thomas Shaffer*, seconded by *Matthew Edmond*, that the RTC recommend the Board adopt the following action for:

Revised Targets for the Interim Reporting Period for Pavement and Bridge Condition and System Performance:

DVRPC agrees to be consistent with the revised interim PennDOT and NJDOT statewide Bridge and Pavement Condition and System Performance targets, and will support the state DOTs' efforts at achieving those targets.

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

c. Annual targets for Transit Assets:

Motion: by *Brian McFadden*, seconded by *Tonyelle Cook-Artis*, that the RTC recommend the Board adopt the following action for:

Transit Assets:

DVRPC agrees to be consistent with the respective SEPTA, NJ TRANSIT, and DRPA/PATCO annual Transit Assets targets, and will support the transit operators' efforts at achieving those targets.

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

d. Annual targets for Roadway Safety

Motion: by *Matthew Lawson*, seconded by *Michael Kolber*, that the RTC recommend the Board adopt the following action for:

Roadway Safety:

DVRPC agrees to be consistent with the PennDOT and NJDOT statewide annual Roadway Safety targets, and will support the state DOTs' efforts at achieving those targets, recognizing that DVRPC and the region will be working towards developing regional safety targets for adoption next year.

Motion passed with abstentions from Nick Baker, City of Philadelphia – Department of Streets, David Kanthor, -City of Philadelphia -Planning Commission, Kelley Yemen, City of Philadelphia -OTIS, and Matthew Edmond, Montgomery County.

PRESENTATION ITEMS

8. Update on Experimental Pop-Ups (ExPo) Program Development and Narberth Bike Lane Project

This presentation was postponed until the February 9, 2021 Regional Technical Committee (RTC) meeting.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

9. One Minute Reports

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

10. Old and New Business

11. Meeting Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 12:35 PM

The next scheduled meeting of the RTC is **Tuesday, February 9, 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

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
Theresa Ziegler
Matthew Lawson
Matthew Edmond
David Kanthor
Nicholas Baker
Kelley Yemen
(not represented)
Peter Rykard
Michael Kolber
Tonyelle Cook-Artis
Blanca Quinde
Rohan Hepkins
Brian McFadden
Michael Clemmons
Frances Harwell

Representative

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

Other Member Representatives and Guests

Matt Popek – Montgomery County
Lou Millan – NJ Transit
David Caulfield – NJ DEP
Carol Thomas - Burlington County
Samantha Safara – HDR
Rena Pinhas – City of Philadelphia
Sheila Monaghan - SEPTA

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Elizabeth Schoonmaker
Shoshana Akins
Maridarlyn Gonzalez
Marco Gorini
Matt Gates
Derek Lombardi
Tom Edinger
Elise Turner
Renee Wise

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