



DELAWARE VALLEY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
REGIONAL TECHNICAL COMMITTEE
February 9, 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 noted that at their December meeting, the Board approved all actions that the RTC recommended to them including 7 TIP amendments, Adoption of the FY2022 UPWP, and a set of Performance Measure targets.

Mr. Ward introduced a couple new members that will be joining the RTC. DVRPC's by-laws provide for two voting seats on the RTC roster for our Public Participation Task Force and the Task Force has chosen, from their ranks, six members who will rotate those seats for each meeting. Since they are volunteers, we don't expect that they will be available for every meeting so they'll coordinate among themselves and select which of the six will fill the two seats for a particular month. One of the six is actually a returning member. We welcome back Michael Clemmons. Also joining us are Eva Hayes, Noah Levine, Valerie Brown, Lee Wolfe, and Mary Ann Sandone. Mr. Ward expressed a big RTC Welcome to all and thanked them for their participation. Mr. Ward also thanked Francis Harwell and Bryan Proska who just finished their terms as PPTF representatives to the RTC.

Mr. Ward noted several recent products including: Transportation Performance Management Web Page (www.dvrpc.org/tpm), Greater Philadelphia Pedestrian Portal (walk.dvrpc.org), Broadband: Part 3: Bridging the Digital Divide, Preparing Greater Philadelphia for Highly Automated Vehicles

Mr. Ward noted some upcoming virtual meetings including: A series of three Strategies Workshop for the Connections 2050 LRP, Energy & Environment – 2/10, Equity & Civic Engagement 2/16, Economy & the Built Environment 2/23, and the Board and Executive Committee Meeting 2/25.

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

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

No public comments were stated.

ACTION ITEMS

4. Highlights of the January 12, 2021 RTC Meeting

An action was proposed to amend the January 12, 2021 highlights to include the following language for the adoption of the Final FY22 Unified Planning Work Program: The RTC recommends that the Board approve 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: by Matthew Edmond seconded by David Kanthor that the RTC amend the highlights of the January 12, 2021 RTC meeting.

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

The revised highlights from the January 12, 2021 meeting of the RTC were presented for adoption.

Motion: by Matthew Lawson seconded by Brian McFadden that the RTC adopt the amended highlights of January 12, 2021.

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

5. Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Actions

Rick Murphy (DVRPC) presented six TIP actions.

a. PA21-18: Capital Asset Lease Program (MPMS #59966). SEPTA - Add New Federal Funding

SEPTA has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2021 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding \$59,166,000 of CARES Act funding, and removing \$59,166,000 (\$47,333,000 FTA Section 5337/ \$11,451,000 State 1514/ \$382,000 Local) from the Capital Asset Lease (CAL) phase in FY21 of the Capital Asset Lease program (MPMS #59966).

There is no net change in the total amount programmed. CARES Act funds are additional funds to the region.

b. PA21-19: Federal Preventive Maintenance (MPMS #60317). SEPTA - Add New Federal Funding

SEPTA has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2021 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding \$45,250,000 of CARES Act funding, and removing \$45,250,000 (\$36,200,000 FTA Section 5337/ \$9,050,000 Local) from the Operations (OP) phase in FY21 of the Federal Preventive Maintenance program (MPMS #60317). There is no net change in the total amount programmed. CARES Act funds are additional funds to the region.

Motion: by *Brian McFadden*, seconded by *William Shanahan*, that the RTC recommend the Board approve TIP actions:

PA21-18, SEPTA's request that DVRPC amend the FY2021 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding \$59,166,000 of CARES Act funding, and removing \$59,166,000 (\$47,333,000 FTA Section 5337/ \$11,451,000 State 1514/ \$382,000 Local) from the Capital Asset Lease (CAL) phase in FY21 of the Capital Asset Lease program (MPMS #59966). Funding programmed in FY21 will increase from \$0 CARES Act to \$59,166,000 CARES Act and reduce \$47,333,000 FTA Section 5337 to \$0 FTA Section 5337, reduce \$12,359,000 State 1514 to \$908,000 State 1514, and reduce \$412,000 Local to \$30,000 Local. There is no net change in the total amount programmed. CARES Act funds are additional funds to the region.

PA21-19, SEPTA's request that DVRPC amend the FY2021 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding \$45,250,000 of CARES Act funding, and removing \$45,250,000 (\$36,200,000 FTA Section 5337/ \$9,050,000 Local) from the Operations (OP) phase in FY21 of the Federal Preventive Maintenance program (MPMS #60317). Funding programmed in FY21 will increase from \$0 CARES Act to \$45,250,000 CARES Act and reduce \$36,200,000 FTA Section 5337 to \$0 FTA Section 5337, and reduce \$9,050,000 Local to \$0 Local. There is no net change in the total amount programmed. CARES Act funds are additional funds to the region.

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

c. PA21-20: SEPTA Bus Purchase Program (MPMS #90512). SEPTA - Increase Funding

SEPTA has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2021 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding \$19,954,000 (FY21: \$9,206,000 FTA Section 5339/ \$2,308,000 State 1514/ \$77,000 Local; FY22: \$2,180,000 FTA Section 5307/ \$4,826,000 State 1514/ \$157,000 Local; FY24: \$960,000 FTA Section 5307/ \$232,000 State 1514/ \$8,000 Local) to the Purchase (PUR) phase of the Bus Purchase Program (MPMS #90512).

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

PA21-20, SEPTA's request that DVRPC amend the FY2021 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding \$19,954,000 (FY21: \$9,206,000 FTA Section 5339/ \$2,308,000 State 1514/ \$77,000 Local; FY22: \$2,180,000 FTA Section 5307/ \$4,826,000 State 1514/ \$157,000 Local; FY24: \$960,000 FTA Section 5307/ \$232,000 State 1514/ \$8,000 Local) to the Purchase (PUR) phase of the Bus Purchase Program (MPMS #90512). Funding programmed in FY21 will increase from \$0 FTA Section 5339 to \$9,206,000 FTA Section 5339, \$4,136,000 State 1514 to \$6,444,000 State 1514, and \$135,000 Local to \$212,000 Local. FY22 will increase from \$14,991,000 FTA Section 5307 to \$17,171,000 FTA Section 5307, \$9,987,000 State 1514 to \$14,813,000 State 1514, and \$333,000 Local to \$490,000 State 1514. FY14 will increase from \$45,711,000 FTA Section 5307 to \$46,671,000 FTA Section 5307, \$17,420,000 State 1514 to \$17,652,000 State 1514, and \$585,000 Local to \$593,000 Local.

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

d. PA21-21: Projects of Significance (MPMS #115472), SEPTA - Increase Funding and Add New Project to Program

SEPTA has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2021 TIP for Pennsylvania by increasing funding of the Projects of Significance program (MPMS #115472) by \$40,360,000 (\$36,800,000 FTA Section 5307/ \$360,000 FTA Section 5305/ \$3,096,000 State 1514/ \$104,000 Local) in FY21 for two projects. The first is to add \$40,000,000 to fully fund and advance the King of Prussia Rail Extension 30% Design. The second is to add a new competitive FTA Transit-Oriented Development grant, the Norristown High Speed Line King of Prussia Rail Extension Value Capture/Multimodal Accessibility Study Project to the Projects of Significance program (MPMS #115472). FTA Section 5305 funds are additional to the region.

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

PA21-21, SEPTA's request that DVRPC amend the FY2021 TIP for Pennsylvania by \$40,360,000 (\$36,800,000 FTA Section 5307/ \$360,000 FTA Section 5305/ \$3,096,000 State 1514/ \$104,000 Local) in FY21 for two projects. The first is to add \$40,000,000 to fully fund and advance the King of Prussia Rail Extension 30% Design. The second is to add a new competitive FTA Transit-Oriented Development grant, the Norristown High Speed Line King of Prussia Rail Extension Value Capture/Multimodal Accessibility Study Project to the Projects of Significance program (MPMS #115472). Funding in FY21 will increase from \$9,365,000 (\$9,063,000 State 1514/\$302,000 Local) to \$49,725,000 (\$36,800,000 FTA Section 5307/\$360,000 FTA Section 5305/\$12,159,000 State 1514/\$406,000 Local). FTA Section 5305 funds are additional to the region.

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

e. PA21-22: Safety and Security Improvements (MPMS #107011), SEPTA - Add New Project to Program

SEPTA has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2021 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a new \$585,000 FTA Section 5312 funded, Mass Transit Vehicle Air Ventilation and Purification Technologies Evaluation project to the Safety and Security Improvements (MPMS #107011) program in FY21 for the Engineering/Right-of-Way/Construction (ERC) phase. SEPTA is also requesting to increase the FY21 ERC phase by \$1,000,000 (\$800,000 FTA Section 5307/ \$194,000 State 1514/ \$6,000 Local); and increase FY22 by 2,947,000 (\$2,851,000 State 1514/\$96,000 Local) to meet current program needs.

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

PA21-22, SEPTA's request that DVRPC amend the FY2021 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a new \$585,000 FTA Section 5312 funded, Mass Transit Vehicle Air

Ventilation and Purification Technologies Evaluation project to the Safety and Security Improvements (MPMS #107011) program in FY21 for the Engineering/Right-of-Way/Construction (ERC) phase. SEPTA is also requesting to increase the FY21 ERC phase by \$1,000,000 (\$800,000 FTA Section 5307/ \$194,000 State 1514/ \$6,000 Local); and increase FY22 by \$2,947,000 (\$2,851,000 State 1514/\$96,000 Local) to meet current program needs. Funding in FY21 will increase from \$23,080,000 (\$4,000,000 FTA Section 5307/\$10,900,000 CARES Act/\$742,000 FTA Section 5312/\$7,198,000 State 1514/\$240,000 Local) to \$24,665,000 (\$4,800,000 FTA Section 5307/\$10,900,000 CARES Act/\$1,327,000 FTA Section 5312/\$7,392,000 State 1514/\$246,000 Local). Funding in FY22 will increase from \$21,491,000 (\$19,898,000 State 1514/\$1,593,000 Local) to \$24,438,000 (\$22,749,000 State 1514/\$1,689,000 Local).

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

f. PA21-23: US 322, Featherbed Lane to 1-95 (Section 102) (MPMS #69817), Delaware County - Add ROW Back in to T1P and Reduce CON

PennDOT has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2021 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding the Right-of-Way (ROW) phase back in to the TIP and also reducing the construction phase. The net change for the project is an increase of \$2,932,000. The ROW phase will increase in the amount of \$11,354,000 (\$9,083,000 SXF/\$2,271,000 State 581) in FY21 and the construction phase will be reduced by \$8,422,000 (addition: \$5,912,000 STU; remove: \$12,650,000 SXF/\$1,684,000 State 581) in FY24 for the US 322, Featherbed Lane to I-95 (Section 102) project (MPMS #69817).

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

PA21-23, PennDOT's request that DVRPC amend the FY2021 TIP for Pennsylvania adding the Right-of-Way (ROW) phase back in to the TIP and also reducing the construction phase. The net change for the project is an increase of \$2,932,000. The ROW phase will increase in the amount of \$11,354,000 (\$9,083,000 SXF/\$2,271,000 State 581) in FY21 and the construction phase will be reduced by \$8,422,000 (addition: \$5,912,000 STU; remove: \$12,650,000 SXF/\$1,684,000 State 581) in FY24 for the US 322, Featherbed Lane to 1-95 (Section 102) project (MPMS #69817). Funding programmed in the FY2021 T1P for the ROW phase will increase from \$0 to \$11,354,000 (\$9,083,000 SXF/\$2,270,000 State 581) in FY21 and construction funding programmed will decrease from \$118,422,000 (FY24: \$12,650,000 SXF/\$3,162,000 State 581; FY25: \$1,000,000 STU/\$250,000 State 581; FY26: \$1,000,000 STU/\$250,000 State 581; FY27: \$8,045,000 STU/\$2,012,000 State 581; FY28: \$13,348,000 STU/\$3,337,000 State 581; FY29: \$13,348,000 STU/\$3,337,000 State 581; FY30: \$13,348,000 STU/\$3,337,000 State 581; FY31: \$13,348,000 STU/\$3,337,000 State 581; FY32: \$18,651,000 STU/\$4,662,000) to \$110,000 (FY24: \$5,912,000 STU /\$1,478,000 State 581; FY25: \$1,000,000 STU/\$250,000 State 581; FY26: \$1,000,000 STU/\$250,000 State 581; FY27: \$8,045,000 STU/\$2,012,000 State 581; FY28: \$13,348,000 STU/\$3,337,000 State 581; FY29: \$13,348,000 STU/\$3,337,000 State 581; FY30: \$13,348,000 STU/\$3,337,000 State 581; FY31: \$13,348,000 STU/\$3,337,000 State 581; FY32: \$18,651,000 STU/\$4,662,000)

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

PRESENTATION ITEMS

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

DVRPC staff presented an update on recent work developing our new ExPo program to support temporary projects, including highlights from the recent "Wheels on Windsor" pop-up bike lane project in Narberth Borough, which the program supported.

7. DVRPC's Public Participation Task Force 2021 Cohort

DVRPC staff explained that since the 1970s, DVRPC has maintained a continuous forum for the public to participate in the regional planning process. The mission of the Task Force is to provide ongoing access to our region's planning process, empower resident involvement, host a forum to learn more about upcoming projects, provide feedback on planning practices, and test out public outreach strategies. The 2021 cohort was selected in January with a membership that closely represents the region, demographically and geographically.

8. Hunting Park East Freight Access Study

DVRPC staff explained that the Hunting Park East Freight Access Study was undertaken by DVRPC to examine neighborhood freight generation patterns and to provide recommendations and strategies that support the industrial economic center while ensuring the safe and efficient movement of both people and goods. The Hunting Park East neighborhood, in the City of Philadelphia's North District, is one of a few remaining historic industrial freight centers in the city. The study findings and recommendations were presented.

9. Direct Bus Feasibility with an update on SEPTA Bus Network Redesign

DVRPC and SEPTA staff explained that SEPTA is considering expanding Direct Bus service and asked DVRPC to identify corridors within their service area where future Direct Bus service would be valuable and successful. The quantitative analysis and prioritized list of corridors, as well as additional project findings were presented. This analysis was designed to complement SEPTA's future bus network changes. The RTC received an update about the trajectory of their bus network redesign.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

10. One Minute Reports

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

11. Old and New Business

12. Meeting Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 12:06 PM

The next scheduled meeting of the RTC is Tuesday, March 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)
Sachin Shankar
Jim Mosca
(not represented)
(not represented)
Rich Brahler
Tom Stanuikynas
(not represented)
Brian Styche
Tom Shaffer
Theresa Ziegler
Matthew Lawson
Matthew Edmond
David Kanthor
Nicholas Baker
Kelley Yemen
June Morton
Peter Rykard
(not represented)
Bill Shanahan
Blanca Quinde
(not represented)
Brian McFadden
Michael Clemmons
Eva Hayes

Representative

(not represented)
Kelvin McKavanaugh
Brian Goodson
(not represented)
(not represented)
(not represented)
(not represented)
(not represented)
Ronda Urkowitz
(not represented)
(not represented)
(not represented)
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ATTENDANCE (cont'd)

Other Member Representatives and Guests

Matt Popek – Montgomery County
Tonyelle Cook-Artis – DRPA
Carol Thomas - Burlington County
Samantha Safara – HDR
Noah Levine – PPTF
Kyle Brown – City of Philadelphia
Benita Ikirezi – City of Philadelphia
Bethany Whitaker – Nelson Nygaard
Jackie Huston – Gloucester County
SEPTA – Jennifer Dougherty

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Derek Lombardi
Shawn Megill Legendre
Najah Jackson
Amani Bey
Elise Turner
Renee Wise

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