



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

March 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 it looks like we are flattening the curve with COVID.

Mr. Ward noted that at their February meeting, the Board approved the six TIP amendments that the RTC recommended to them. Those were the only Action Items that came before the RTC last month.

Mr. Ward reported that the U.S. Census Bureau recently published a notice in the Federal Register outlining proposed criteria for what will constitute urban areas following the 2020 Census. The Census Bureau delineates urban areas after each decennial census by applying specified criteria to census and other data to help smooth the urban boundaries. They have proposed seven new changes to help delineate urban area boundaries and are requesting comment on these changes. Several of us here at DVRPC sat through a webinar last week and we'll meet internally to discuss their proposal and determine what if any impacts there might be on DVRPC. The Census Bureau is requesting comments on these proposed changes. If you're interested in commenting or just interested in finding out more, you can just google the Federal Register for the Docket Number 210212-0021. Comments must be submitted by May 20th.

Mr. Ward noted some upcoming virtual meetings including: Futures Group Meeting - Equitable Infrastructure – 3/12, Information Resource Exchange Group – 3/12, Series of meetings in partnership with the EDA on Infrastructure: Understanding Where We Are & What We Need – 3/17, Expanding Agricultural Opportunities through Facilities and Land Trusts – 3/24, Perfecting Food Cooperative Business Models – 3/31, and the Board and Executive Committee Meeting – 3/25.

Mr. Ward noted the next RTC Meeting is **Tuesday, April 6, 2021**.

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

No public comments were stated.

ACTION ITEMS

4. Highlights of the February 9, 2021 RTC Meeting

The highlights from the February 9, 2021 meeting of the RTC were presented for adoption.

Motion: *by Jim Mosca seconded by Matt Lawson* that the RTC amend the highlights of the February 9, 2021 RTC meeting.

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

5. Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Actions

Jesse Buerk (DVRPC) presented five TIP actions.

a. PA21-26: Stone Bridge Road (Bridge) (CB #45) (MPMS #13249). Bucks County - Add CON Phase Back into TIP

PennDOT has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2021 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding the Construction (CON) phase of the Stone Bridge Road (Bridge) (CB #45), MPMS #13249, back into the TIP in FY21 in the amount of \$1,758,000 (\$1,406,000 State 183/\$352,000 Local). The total estimated cost of this project is \$1,992,000 for the pre-construction and construction phases.

b. PA21-27: PA 372. Lower Valley Road Bridge Over Officers Run (MPMS #69919). Chester County - Add PE and CON Phases Back into TIP

PennDOT has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2021 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding the Preliminary Engineering (PE) and Construction (CON) phases of the PA 372, Lower Valley Road Bridge Over Officers Run, MPMS #69919, back into the TIP in FY21 in the amount of \$3,512,000, including \$12,000 STU/Toll Credit for the PE phase and \$3,500,000 STU/Toll Credit for the CON phase. The total estimated cost of this project is \$4,452,000 for the pre-construction and construction phases.

c. PA21-28: Valley Forge Granite Block Restoration (MPMS #110884). Montgomery County - Add CON Phase Back into TIP

PennDOT has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2021 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding the Construction (CON) phase of the Valley Forge Granite Block Restoration, MPMS #110884, back into the TIP in FY21 in the amount of \$600,000 STU/Toll Credit. The total estimated cost of this project is \$600,000.

d. PA21-29: PA 41 & SR 926 Improvements (MPMS #102709). Chester County - Add FD Phase Back into TIP

PennDOT has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2021 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding the Final Design (FD) phase of the PA 41 & SR 926 Improvements project, MPMS #102709, back into the TIP in FY21 in the amount of \$450,000 STU/Toll Credit. The total estimated cost of this project is \$2,731,000.

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

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

e. PA21-30: 2020-2021 Statewide Multimodal Transportation Fund Projects (Various MPMS #s). Various Counties - Accept New Projects into TIP

PennDOT has requested that DVRPC accept the listed 2020-2021 Statewide Multimodal Transportation Fund projects, as well as their additional funds into the FY2021 TIP for Pennsylvania. These funds are additional to the region and are outside the Core Funding distributions. Four projects with the total amount of \$6,347,000 (\$3,582,000 State 41/\$2,765,000 Local) will be added to the TIP for construction.

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

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PRESENTATION ITEMS

6. PennDOT's Safety HSIP Implementation Plan

FHWA's Transportation Performance Management (TPM) program requires states and MPOs to establish performance targets designed to lower fatalities and serious injury crashes using five legislative defined metrics. States that have not made significant progress towards their safety targets must submit an HSIP implementation plan to guide future project decisions relative to federal funding. PennDOT presented an overview of their implementation plan.

7. 19th and 20th Complete Streets Corridor Study

This presentation summarized and highlighted the Philadelphia Transit Plan and the 19th and 20th Complete Streets Corridor Study. The former is a just-published document prioritizing transit corridors within the city and providing guidance for potential transit-enhancing interventions, while the latter is meant to expand initial design ideas developed as part of the Philadelphia Transit Plan for 20th Street between Market Street and Ben Franklin Parkway.

8. Ruti Bicycle Routing and Trip Planning Service

DVRPC staff provided an introduction and update on the development of a text-message based bicycle trip planning and routing service, in partnership with consultants AG Strategic. This new tool is built using DVRPC's Bicycle Level of Traffic Stress. Staff presented the tool and the engagement that has been done so far and finished with next steps for a spring release.

9. COVID-19 impacts on travel trends using PM3 Travel Time Reliability and Congestion Measures

DVRPC Staff presented on the analysis of COVID-19 impacts on travel trends using FHWA's Transportation Performance Management PM3 travel time reliability and congestion measures. State and county measures were provided comparing Year-Over-Year (2019 and 2020), along with mapping of the measures by roadway and analysis takeaways.

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 12:00 PM

The next scheduled meeting of the RTC is **Tuesday, April 6, 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

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
(not represented)
(not represented)
Rudy Rodas
(not represented)
(not represented)
Sachin Shankar
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
(not represented)
Peter Rykard
Michael Kolber
Bill Shanahan
Blanca Quinde
(not represented)
Brian McFadden
Michael Clemmons
Representative
(not represented)
Kelvin McKavanaugh
Brian Goodson
Eugene Porochniak
Timothy Lidiak
(not represented)
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Ronda Urkowitz
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ATTENDANCE (cont'd)

Other Member Representatives and Guests

Gavin Gray – PennDOT
Andrew Simpson - PennDOT
Matt Popek – Montgomery County
Tonyelle Cook-Artis – DRPA
Samantha Safara – HDR
Benita Ikirezi – City of Philadelphia

DVRPC Staff

John Ward
Barry Seymour
Patty Elkis
Greg Krykewycz
Mike Boyer
Will Stevens
Amy Bernknopf
Cassidy Boulan
Reuben MacMartin
Tom Edinger
Linda McNeffer
Alison Hastings
Katie Nash
Jesse Buerk
Rick Murphy
Kwan Hui
Elizabeth Schoonmaker
Shoshana Akins
Maridarlyn Gonzalez
Matt Gates
Derek Lombardi
Kevin Murphy
Amani Bey
Elise Turner
Renee Wise

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