



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

June 8, 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 for the New Jersey members today is Primary Election Day so don't forget to get out and vote.

Mr. Ward reported that the Board approved all the action items that the RTC recommended to them including the approval of six TIP amendments, approval of the projects selected to receive funding from the FY20 CMAQ Program for NJ, and approval of the projects selected to receive funding from the Travel Options Program. Mr. Ward noted that at our April meeting, the RTC approved the Travel Options Program Grants, but it was determined that there were still some questions about the eligibility to use CMAQ funds for some of the projects. That item was pulled from the April Board agenda to get the issues worked out. After addressing the issues, the action went back on the Board Agenda for May and was approved by the Board.

Mr. Ward thanked Peter Rykard for an excellent year serving as the RTC Chair. Mr. Ward noted that Mr. Rykard did a great job running all the meetings. Mr. Ward expressed a heartfelt goodbye to the RTC and noted that it would be his last RTC Meeting. Mr. Ward noted that he will be retiring next week and he thanked all the RTC members and DVRPC staff who are involved with preparing, developing and attending these monthly meetings. Mr. Ward noted that he is sure the RTC will provide the same support and participation for Patty Elkis that the RTC has given me over the last about nine years that I have been doing this. It has been a good run and I've enjoyed seeing you all each month. It is a little disappointing that we haven't been together for the last 15 months but I appreciate everyone's ability to adapt to these virtual meetings and still get the business of DVRPC done. Mr. Ward wished everyone good luck, best wishes, and to stay safe and keep doing great things for our region.

Mr. Ward noted some recent DVRPC publications including: Municipal Management of Extreme Heat, Montgomery County PA Turnpike Interchange Report, and Economic Sectors Analysis Presentation.

Mr. Ward noted some upcoming virtual meetings including: Information Resource Exchange Group -June 9, Breaking Ground: Ensuring Equitable and Engaging Virtual

Meetings – June 9, Breaking Ground 2021: Ensuring Equitable Broadband Access – June 14, and the Board and Executive Committee Meeting – June 24.

Mr. Ward noted that the next Regional Technical Committee (RTC) meeting is **July 6**.

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

No public comments were stated.

ACTION ITEMS

4. Highlights of the May 11, 2021 RTC Meeting

The highlights from the May 11, 2021 meeting of the RTC were presented for adoption.

Motion: by Jonathan Korus seconded by Tonyelle Cook-Artis that the RTC adopt the highlights of the May 11, 2021 RTC meeting.

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

5. Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Actions

Katie Nash (DVRPC) presented seven TIP actions.

a. PA21-42: ADA Ramps (MPMS #12842 and 12824), Various Counties – Remove Funding

PennDOT has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2021 TIP for Pennsylvania by removing the construction (CON) phases of the ADA Ramps 2020 Bucks and Montgomery Counties project (MPMS #12842) (FY21: \$1,978,000 STU/Toll Credit; FY22: \$5,978,000 STU/Toll Credit) and the 2019 Philadelphia ADA Ramps project (MPMS #12824) (FY21: \$1,000,000 STU/Toll Credit; FY22: \$1,426,000 STU/Toll Credit; FY23: \$4,000,000 STU/Toll Credit; and FY24: \$1,000,000 STU/Toll Credit) from the TIP. The ADA Ramps 2020 Bucks and Montgomery Counties (MPMS #12842) CON phase will go from \$7,956,000 STU/Toll Credit to \$0 and the 2019 Philadelphia ADA Ramps (MPMS #12824) CON phase will go from \$7,426,000 STU/Toll Credit to \$0. Each of these projects were Let for construction, fully funded, and regularly authorized, under the previous FY2019 TIP and the FY2021 TIP programmed funding is no longer needed.

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

PA21-42, PennDOT's request that DVRPC amend the FY2021 TIP for Pennsylvania by removing the construction (CON) phases of the ADA Ramps 2020 Bucks and Montgomery Counties project (MPMS #12842) (FY21: \$1,978,000 STU/Toll Credit; FY22: \$5,978,000 STU/Toll Credit) and the 2019 Philadelphia ADA Ramps project (MPMS #12824) (FY21: \$1,000,000 STU/Toll Credit; FY22: \$1,426,000 STU/Toll Credit; FY23: \$4,000,000 STU/Toll Credit; and FY24: \$1,000,000 STU/Toll Credit)

from the TIP.

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

b. PA21-43: PA 309 Connector: Allentown Road to Souderton Pike (HT2) (MPMS #77211), Montgomery County – Increase CON Funding in 1st Four Years

PennDOT has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2021 TIP for Pennsylvania by reprogramming \$9,662,000 of the construction (CON) phase and then increasing the CON phase by \$6,250,000 in the 1st four years of the TIP. The total CON estimate is \$41,209,000.

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

PA21-43, PennDOT's request that DVRPC amend the FY2021 TIP for Pennsylvania by reprogramming \$9,662,000 of the construction (CON) phase and then increasing the CON phase by \$6,250,000 in the 1st four years of the TIP. The first part of this action is reprogramming \$9,662,000 by removing \$9,514,000 NHPP/\$148,000 State 581 match (FY22: \$1,442,000 NHPP; FY23: \$4,993,000 NHPP/\$127,000 State 581; FY24: \$2,993,000 NHPP; and FY25: \$86,000 NHPP/\$21,000 State 581) and then adding \$4,779,000 STP/\$4,735,000 STU/\$148,000 State 581 (FY22: \$1,949,000 STP/\$86,000 STU/\$148,000 State 581; \$2,830,000 STP/\$1,656,000 STU; FY24: \$2,993,000 STU). The second part of this action is to increase the CON phase by \$6,250,000 by increasing FY21 by \$6,200,000 STU/\$1,550,000 State 581; FY22: \$1,200,000 STU/\$300,000 State 581 and then decrease FY26 by \$2,400,000 STU/\$600,000 State 581).

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

c. PA21-44: Montgomery Avenue Bridge over Amtrak at 30th Street (CB) (MPMS #57276), City of Philadelphia – Increase CON Funding in 1st Four Years

PennDOT has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2021 TIP for Pennsylvania by increasing funding in the 1st four years of the TIP by advancing construction (CON) funding in FY21 and FY22 by \$4,900,000 (FY21: \$1,098,000 STU/\$862,000 BOF/\$368,000 State 183/\$122,000 Local; FY22: \$1,075,000 STU/\$885,000 BOF/\$368,000 State 183/\$122,000 Local) and by adding a previously obligated utility (UTL) phase back into the TIP in FY21 in the amount of \$980,000 (\$784,000 BOF/\$147,000 State 183/\$49,000 Local). The CON phase is also being reduced by \$4,900,000 (\$3,887,000 STU/ \$33,000 BOF/ \$735,000 State 183/\$245,000 Local) in FY25, which is in the 2nd four years and not part of the federal TIP.

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

PA21-44, PennDOT's request that DVRPC amend the FY2021 TIP for Pennsylvania by increasing funding in the 1st four years of the TIP by advancing construction (CON)

funding in FY21 and FY22 by \$4,900,000 (FY21: \$1,098,000 STU/\$862,000 BOF/\$368,000 State 183/\$122,000 Local; FY22: \$1,075,000 STU/\$885,000 BOF/\$368,000 State 183/\$122,000 Local) and by adding a previously obligated utility (UTL) phase back into the TIP in FY21 in the amount of \$980,000 (\$784,000 BOF/\$147,000 State 183/\$49,000 Local). The CON phase is also being reduced by \$4,900,000 (\$3,887,000 STU/ \$33,000 BOF/ \$735,000 State 183/\$245,000 Local) in FY25.

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

d. PA21-45: Mattson Road over the West Branch of the Chester Creek (MPMS #103528), Delaware County – Add New Project to TIP

PennDOT is requesting, on behalf of Delaware County, that DVRPC accept into the FY2021 TIP for Pennsylvania, and its additional funding, a new \$2,000,000 sSTP funded bridge project, Mattson Road over the West Branch of the Chester Creek, (MPMS #103528), by programming the following phases: PE (\$350,000 sSTP) in FY21; FD (\$300,000 sSTP) in FY22; ROW (\$20,000 sSTP) in FY22, UTL (\$15,000 sSTP) in FY22, and CON (\$1,112,000 sSTP in FY22 and \$203,000 sSTP in FY23). These are additional funds to the DVRPC region made available by PennDOT to Pennsylvania counties that implemented the \$5 Registration Fee that was a component of the PA Act 89 funding structure.

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

PA21-45, PennDOT's request, on behalf of Delaware County, that DVRPC accept into the FY2021 TIP for Pennsylvania, and its additional funding, a new \$2,000,000 sSTP funded bridge project, Mattson Road over the West Branch of the Chester Creek, (MPMS #103528), by programming the following phases: PE (\$350,000 sSTP) in FY21; FD (\$300,000 sSTP) in FY22; ROW (\$20,000 sSTP) in FY22, UTL (\$15,000 sSTP) in FY22, and CON (\$1,112,000 sSTP in FY22 and \$203,000 sSTP in FY23).

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

e. PA21-46: Moredon Road Bridge (CB #44) (Act 13) (MPMS #103381), Montgomery County – Add New Project to TIP

Montgomery County has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2021 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a new \$3,870,000 bridge project, Moredon Road Bridge (CB #44) (Act 13), (MPMS #103381), to the TIP using the County's remaining Act 13 balance from previous years' allocations and also using funds from the County's \$5 vehicle registration fee revenue to fully fund the project and program the project as follows: FY21: \$200,000 Act 13 for Preliminary Engineering; FY22: \$200,000 Act 13 for Final Design; FY23: \$20,000 Act 13 for Right-of-Way; FY24: \$50,000 Act 13 for Utility; FY24: \$1,030,000 Act 13 for Construction; and FY25: \$2,370,000 Local (\$5 Fee) for Construction. These are additional funds to the region.

f. PA21-47: Regional Rail RRX Safety Enhancements Program (MPMS #116233), Various Counties – Add New Project to TIP

SEPTA has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2021 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a new \$5,000,000 Regional Rail Grade Crossing Safety Enhancements Program (MPMS #116233) using \$3,335,000 from FHWA's Commuter Authority Rail Safety Improvement (CARSI) grant and \$1,611,000 State 1514/\$54,000 Local funds from MPMS #107011, SEPTA's Safety and Security Improvements Program from the Transit element of the TIP, as the match. The CARSI funds are additional funds to the region.

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

PA21-46, Montgomery County's request that DVRPC amend the FY2021 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a new \$3,870,000 bridge project, Moredon Road Bridge (CB #44) (Act 13), (MPMS #103381), to the TIP and program the project as follows: FY21: \$200,000 Act 13 for Preliminary Engineering; FY22: \$200,000 Act 13 for Final Design; FY23: \$20,000 Act 13 for Right-of-Way; FY24: \$50,000 Act 13 for Utility; FY24: \$1,030,000 Act 13 for Construction; and FY25: \$2,370,000 Local (\$5 Fee) for Construction. These are additional funds to the region.

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

g. PA21-48: Vehicle Overhaul Program (MPMS #60638), SEPTA – Reduce Funding

SEPTA has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2021 TIP for Pennsylvania by reducing the Capital Asset Construction (CAP) phase of the Vehicle Overhaul Program (MPMS #60638) in FY21 by \$21,777,000 (\$10,793,000 Section 5307/\$6,629,000 Section 5337/\$4,215,000 State 1514/\$140,000 Local). The FY21 CAP phase is being reduced from \$104,453,000 (\$42,080,000 Section 5337/\$23,632,000 Section 5307/\$13,950,000 CARES/\$23,992,000 State 1514/\$799,000 Local) to \$86,676,000 (\$35,451,000 Section 5337/\$12,839,000 Section 5307/\$13,950,000 CARES/\$19,777,000 State 1514/\$659,000 Local)

Motion: by *Tonyelle Cook-Artis*, seconded by *Jonathan Korus*, that the RTC recommend the Board approve TIP action:

PA21-48, SEPTA's request that DVRPC amend the FY2021 TIP for Pennsylvania by reducing the Capital Asset Construction (CAP) phase of the Vehicle Overhaul Program (MPMS #60638) in FY21 by \$21,777,000 (\$10,793,000 Section 5307/\$6,629,000 Section 5337/\$4,215,000 State 1514/\$140,000 Local). The FY21

CAP phase is being reduced from \$104,453,000 (\$42,080,000 Section 5337/\$23,632,000 Section 5307/\$13,950,000 CARES/\$23,992,000 State 1514/\$799,000 Local) to \$86,676,000 (\$35,451,000 Section 5337/\$12,839,000 Section 5307/\$13,950,000 CARES/\$19,777,000 State 1514/\$659,000 Local).

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

6. Request to Open Public Comment Period for the Draft *Connections 2050* Long-Range Plan (LRP), Draft FY2022 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for New Jersey, and the Draft Conformity Determination of the Draft *Connections 2050* LRP, Draft FY2022 TIP for New Jersey, and the FY2021 TIP for Pennsylvania

Kwan Hui (DVRPC) explained that staff is requesting to open a public comment period for the purpose of gathering public and agency comments on the Draft *Connections 2050* Long-Range Plan for Greater Philadelphia (LRP), Draft FY2022 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for New Jersey, and the Draft Conformity Determination of the Draft *Connections 2050* LRP, Draft FY2022 TIP for New Jersey, and the FY2021 TIP for Pennsylvania, with proper public notification, as well as to publish the Draft LRP, Draft TIP, and Draft Conformity Finding documents, to post them on the Internet, to make copies available at certain public libraries (as appropriate), and to hold public meetings, which will likely be held online.

Motion: by *Tom Stanuikynas*, seconded by *Jim Mosca*, that the RTC recommend the Board authorize:

Staff to open a public comment period for the purpose of gathering public and agency comments on the Draft *Connections 2050* Long-Range Plan (LRP), Draft FY2022 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for New Jersey, and the Draft Conformity Determination of the Draft *Connections 2050* LRP, Draft FY2022 TIP for New Jersey, and the FY2021 TIP for Pennsylvania, with proper public notification, as well as to publish the Draft LRP, Draft TIP, and Draft Conformity Finding documents, to post them on the Internet, to make copies available at certain public libraries (as appropriate), and to hold public meetings, which will likely be held online.

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

7. 2050 Population and Employment Forecasts

Ben Gruswitz (DVRPC) explained that as a part of our long-range planning activities, DVRPC is required to maintain forecasts with at least a 20-year horizon, or to the horizon year of the long-range plan. The 2050 population and employment forecasts are a key component of the forthcoming *Connections 2050* Plan (due to be brought to the DVRPC Board for adoption in September 2021). These forecasts will be used in the 2050 Plan and 2022 NJ TIP air quality conformity analysis, which will begin its analysis period on June 24, 2021.

Motion: by *Tom Stanuikynas*, seconded by *Matt Lawson*, that the RTC recommend the Board approve:

The 2050 Population and Employment Forecasts.

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

8. DVRPC Self-Certification of the Metropolitan Transportation Planning and Programming Process

Federal regulations for metropolitan planning (23 CFR 450 and 49 CFR 613) require the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) to certify to the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) concurrent with the submittal of the proposed TIP to the FHWA and FTA, that its transportation planning and programming process is being conducted in accordance with all applicable requirements.

Motion: by *Monica Etz*, seconded by *Michael Clemmons*, that the RTC recommend the Board certify:

That the DVRPC Metropolitan Transportation Planning and Programming Process is in conformance with federal regulations implementing the FAST Act, MAP-21, the Clean Air Act Amendments, and other federal legislation and Executive Orders as per resolution number B-FY21-005.

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

9. Election of Fiscal Year 2022 Regional Technical Committee Officers

John Ward (DVRPC) explained that the Chairman for FY2022 must be a voting member from New Jersey and the Vice Chairman must be a voting member from Pennsylvania. Mr. Ward indicated that the nominating committee recommended the election of Matthew Lawson (Mercer County) as Chair and Jonathan Korus Vice Chair. Mr. Ward asked for any nominations from the floor. None were offered.

Motion: by *Andrew Levecchia*, seconded by *David Kanthor*, that the RTC approve:

The nomination of Matthew Lawson (Mercer County) as FY22 RTC Chair and Jonathan Korus (PennDOT District 6) as Vice Chair.

Motion: by *Andrew Levecchia*, seconded by *David Kanthor* to approve:

The new slate of officers for the FY22 Regional Technical Committee.

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

PRESENTATION ITEMS

9. Municipal Management of Extreme Heat

Adam Beam (DVRPC) explained that warming temperatures combined with increased urban development have resulted in unbearable heat for many of the region's residents. Vulnerable populations—including persons with disabilities, the elderly, racial and ethnic minorities, and the poor—bear the brunt of the ill effects. This brochure summarizes the causes of current and future extreme heat, the impacts of extreme heat on vulnerable populations and infrastructure, and how municipalities can mitigate, prepare for, and respond to extreme heat events.

10. Sidewalk Gap Analysis

Aaron Frint (DVRPC) and Logan Axelson (DVRPC) presented an analysis of sidewalk gaps that builds upon the regional sidewalk dataset recently collected by DVRPC. They demonstrated the interactive web map showing the results of the preliminary analysis, and discuss integration into other current and future work program projects.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

11. One Minute Reports

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

12. Old and New Business

13. Meeting Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 12:11 PM

The next scheduled meeting of the RTC is Tuesday, July 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
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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
(not represented)
(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)
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Michael Kolber
Tonyelle Cook-Artis
Blanca Quinde
Rohan Hepkins
Brian McFadden
Michael Clemmons
Noah Levine

Representative

(not represented)
Kelvin McKavanaugh
Brian Goodson
Gene Porochniak
(not represented)
Renee Androckitis
(not represented)
(not represented)
Rob Henry
(not represented)
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ATTENDANCE (cont'd)

Other Member Representatives and Guests

Matt Popek – Montgomery County
Rena Pinhas – Delaware County
Carol Thomas – Burlington County
Cathy Spahr – Delaware County
Mark Morley – Delaware County
John Haak – Philadelphia City Planning Commission
Samantha Safara – HDR, Inc.

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