

DELAWARE VALLEY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

REGIONAL TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

May 10, 2022 Meeting Highlights

This Meeting was held as a hybrid

1. Call to Order - Chairperson's Comments

Matthew Lawson (Chair, Mercer County) welcomed RTC members and called the meeting to order.

2. Deputy Executive Director's Report

DVRPC's Deputy Executive Director Patty Elkins welcomed everyone and noted that it is great to see so many people in person. Ms. Elkins noted that at our April meeting, the RTC recommended approval for 12 TIP Actions, a work program amendment changing a PA TSP Special Study for SEPTA from the Route 34 End of Line Study to a Corridor Based Transit Supportive Community Development Land Use Analysis Study and approval of the PA TMA TDM Base Program, and the Board approved all of those items. TCDI applications for the Pennsylvania side were due April 27, and we received 33 applications spread fairly evenly across the region, with each county having five to eight applications (Bucks County with 5, Chester County with 6, Delaware County with 8, Montgomery County with 7, and Philadelphia County with 7). The total request equaled \$2,840,500, with \$1.2 million available, showing that the TCDI program remains popular, and competitive.

Ms. Elkins reported that the really big news that many of you may have heard is that our Executive Director, Barry Seymour, announced his upcoming retirement at the April Board meeting. Barry has been at DVRPC since 1990, and has been Executive Director for 16 years. It is truly hard for me to imagine DVRPC without Barry at the helm. I know that there will be plenty of times to say nice things about Barry leading up to his retirement, but I'll just start by saying I am grateful for Barry's incredibly strong leadership that has included fostering a culture of collaboration, high energy and wisdom in running the multiple and complex facets of DVRPC, and consistently nurturing staff to be our best. Next steps in the process are to work with the Executive Committee of the Board to hire an executive search firm. I am hoping to provide some input into the search process and I look forward to remaining in my current position as Deputy Executive Director to support the next Executive Director. Barry will be staying on until the new Executive Director is in place, which we are aiming to happen next fall.

Ms. Elkins noted one new release: Technical Memo: Mercer County Intersection Analysis

Ms. Elkins noted some upcoming meetings: Public Participation Task Force on May 17 and the DVRPC Hybrid Board Meeting: May 26

The Next RTC meeting will be June 7, 2022.

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

No public comments were stated.

ACTION ITEMS

4. Highlights of the April 12, 2022 RTC Meeting

The highlights from the April 12, 2022 meeting of the RTC were presented for adoption.

Motion: *by June Morton, seconded by Tom Stanuikynas* that the RTC adopt:

The highlights of the April 12, 2022 RTC meeting.

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

5. Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Actions

Amani Bey (DVRPC) presented three TIP actions.

a. J22-035: Route 47, Bridges over Big Timber Creek (DB# 11371) Camden and Gloucester Counties - CON Delay and Cost Increase

NJDOT has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2022 TIP for New Jersey by changing the federal funding sources of the project, Route 47, Bridge over Big Timber Creek (DB#11371), from CRRSAA-FLEX and NHPP to Bridge Formula Program (BFP) funds, by increasing the Construction (CON) cost by \$18.062 M (Million) from \$33.1 M to \$51.162 M, and by delaying FY22 CON to FY23.

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

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

b. PA21-87: US 322, Featherbed Lane to I-95 (Section 102) (MPMS #69817), Delaware County – ROW Increase

PennDOT has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2021 TIP for Pennsylvania by

adding \$15 million (\$12,000,000 NHPP/ \$3,000,000 STATE 581) to the Right-of-Way (ROW) phase of the US 322, Featherbed Lane to I-95 (Section 102) (MPMS #69817) project in FY22.

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

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

c. PA21-88: Columbus Boulevard Tasker-Reed (MPMS #13213), Philadelphia – Add New TIIF Project to TIP

PennDOT has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2021 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a new Transportation Infrastructure Investment Fund (TIIF) project, Columbus Boulevard: Tasker-Reed (MPMS #13213) for \$1,500,000 (STATE e581) for the Construction (CON) phase in FY22. These are additional funds to the region. This project will improve traffic signal interconnections, turning lanes, and crosswalks along Columbus Boulevard on Tasker, Dickinson, and Reed Streets.

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

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

6. Request to Open Public Comment Period for the Draft Pennsylvania TIP and Conformity Determination

Jesse Buerk (DVRPC) explained that federal law and planning regulations require the development of a Long-Range Plan (LRP) and Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) in order for the metropolitan region to be eligible to receive federal transportation funds. The creation of the LRP and TIP are to be done by the MPO in cooperation with the state and transit operators, and must provide opportunity for input and comment by the public. A minimum 30-day public comment period must be conducted prior to a formal action to adopt the LRP and TIP.

Motion: by *Tonyelle Cook-Artis*, seconded by *Matthew Edmond*, that the RTC recommend the Board authorize:

Staff to open a minimum 30-day public comment period for the purpose of gathering public and agency comments on the Draft FY 2023 TIP for Pennsylvania and the Draft Conformity Determination of the *Connections 2050* Long-Range Plan and Draft FY 2023 TIP for Pennsylvania; to issue proper public notifications; to publish the draft documents on the Internet; to make copies available at certain public libraries; and to hold public meetings.

Motion passed, with an abstention from Michael Clemmons (PPTF).

7. DVRPC FY23 Work Program Downtown Bicycle and Pedestrian Plans for Burlington County

Sarah Moran (DVRPC) explained that Burlington County and DVRPC staff requests to amend the FY2023 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) and the FY2022 TIP for New Jersey (TIP Action NJ22-036, DB #D2301) by replacing the project, Burlington Township/Florence Township Connector Road Planning Study, with the Downtown Bicycle and Pedestrian Plans for Burlington County Study (to be assigned the same UPWP project number 23-52-190), and update the project scope/description in the UPWP and TIP, as appropriate. There is no change to schedule, cost, and funding source.

Motion: by *Tom Stanuikynas*, seconded by *June Morton*, that the RTC recommend the Board amend:

The FY2023 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) and the FY2022 TIP for New Jersey (TIP Action NJ22-036, DB #D2301) by replacing the project, Burlington Township/Florence Township Connector Road Planning Study, with the Downtown Bicycle and Pedestrian Plans for Burlington County Study (to be assigned the same UPWP project number 23-52-190), and update the project scope/description in the UPWP and TIP, as appropriate.

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

8. DVRPC's Travel Options Program (TOP) Project Selections

Amy Bernknopf (DVRPC) explained that DVRPC's Travel Options Program (TOP) funds innovative transportation demand management (TDM) projects to provide better access to more travel options across the region and welcomes capital projects, operating projects, and education and marketing campaigns. For the FY23-24 TOP round, there were \$1.835 million federal funds available for PA TOP projects and \$400,000 federal funds for NJ TOP projects. Applicants went through a two-stage application process (Expression of Interest and formal application). The application period opened on February 22, 2022 and closed on March 19, 2022. DVRPC accepted applications only from those with a project that will meet at least 2 of the 5 Regional

TDM Plan core goals, have a clearly identified issue and strategy, and will be able to measure the impacts on travel behavior change.

Motion: by *Tom Shaffer*, seconded by *Kellie Bellina*, that the RTC recommend the Board approve:

The list of selected FY23-24 TOP non-construction projects totaling \$1.882 million which consists of: New Jersey - \$319,833 (\$178,959 STBGP-PHILA/\$76,908 CMAQ/\$63,967 Local) and Pennsylvania - \$1,562,332 (\$1,249,866 CMAQ Transfer STP-STU/\$312,466 Local); and the list of selected construction projects totaling \$1.662 million, which consists of: New Jersey - \$272,000 (\$217,600 STBGP-PHILA/\$54,400 Local) and Pennsylvania - \$1,390,260 (\$1,112,208 CMAQ/\$278,052 Local) from the future FY25-26 TOP round, accordingly:

- \$739,500 (\$591,600 CMAQ/\$147,900 Local) for the Woodland Avenue Trolley Portal Complete Streets Project (MPMS #TBD) in the City of Philadelphia;
- \$650,760 (\$520,608 CMAQ/\$130,152 Local) for the Eastern DelCo Bikeway Implementation Program (MPMS #TBD) in Upper Darby Township, Lansdowne Borough, and East Lansdowne Borough of Delaware County; and
- \$272,000 (\$217,600 STBGP-PHILA/\$54,400 Local) for the Gateway to Downtown Collingswood Borough (DB #TBD) of Camden County

Further, amend the FY2022 NJ TIP and FY2021 PA TIP by adding the construction projects to the TIP in FY24 (TIP Actions NJ22-039 and PA21-90).

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

9. NJ22-038: Recommended Safe Routes to School Program Projects

Dan Snyder (DVRPC) explained that staff requests to amend the FY2022 TIP for New Jersey (TIP Action NJ22-038) by adding seven (7) projects, totaling \$4.013 million TA-FLEX funds, from the DVRPC NJ region to the Safe Routes to School Program (DB #99358) in the Statewide Program, accordingly:

- \$358,000 for Lawrenceville Elementary School Pedestrian Safety Improvements in Lawrenceville Township, Mercer County;
- \$256,000 for Phase 2 of the Busansky/Emmons Schools Multimodal Improvements in Pemberton Township, Burlington County;
- \$422,000 for the Peach Road and Victory Drive Intersection Improvements in Bellmawr Borough, Camden County;
- \$1.2 million for the Installation of Missing Sidewalks in Haddon Heights Borough, Camden County;
- \$675,000 for the Echelon Center Pedestrian Improvements in Voorhees Township, Camden County;

- \$470,000 for the Gibbsboro Road and Berlin Road Intersection Improvements in Clementon Borough, Camden County; and
- \$632,000 for the Clayton Middle and High School Sidewalk and ADA Improvements in Clayton Borough, Gloucester County.

Motion: by *Monica Etz*, seconded by *Kellie Bellina*, that the RTC recommend the Board amend:

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- \$1.2 million for the Installation of Missing Sidewalks in Haddon Heights Borough, Camden County;
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- \$470,000 for the Gibbsboro Road and Berlin Road Intersection Improvements in Clementon Borough, Camden County; and
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Motion passed. All votes were cast in favor of the motion.

10. Appointment of Nominating Committee for FY2023 DVRPC Regional Technical Committee Officers

Patty Elkis (DVRPC) explained a Nominating Committee will be selected to solicit candidates for Chair and Vice-Chair of the RTC for FY2023 (July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023). The Nominating Committee will be facilitated by a DVRPC staff member and consist of a voting member from PA and a voting member from NJ. At the June 2022 RTC meeting the Nominating Committee will recommend candidates and elections will take place.

Motion: by *Michael Kolber*, seconded by *Jim Mosca*, that the RTC approve:

The FY 2023 officer Nominating Committee of Patty Elkis, Matt Lawson, and Rich Brahler.

BRIEF REPORTS

11. NewBus Burlington-Camden-Gloucester, a NJ TRANSIT Bus Network Redesign project

R.J. Palladino (NJ Transit) explained that NJ TRANSIT has recently launched NewBus Burlington-Camden-Gloucester, a bus network redesign project. NewBus BCG is assessing the performance of 27 bus routes as well as demographic and emerging developments in travel patterns to improve service for current and future riders. NJ TRANSIT will give an update on the project goals and timeline.

PRESENTATION ITEMS

12. Future Cities Student Presentation

The winning team from the Queen of Angels school presented their 2022 Future Cities Regional Planning Award project.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

13. One Minute Reports

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

14. Old and New Business

15. Meeting Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 11:25 AM

The next scheduled meeting of the RTC is **Tuesday, June 7 , 2022.**

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)
Janice Venables
(not represented)
(not represented)
(not represented)
Jim Mosca
(not represented)
Jonathan Korus
Rich Brahler
Tom Stanuikynas (in person)
Andrew Levecchia
Brian Styche
Tom Shaffer (in person)
Jackie Huston
Matthew Lawson (in person)
Matt Edmond (in person)
David Kanthor
Nick Baker (in person)
(not represented)
June Morton (in person)
Peter Rykard
Michael Kolber
Tonyelle Cook-Artis
Blanca Quinde
Rohan Hepkins
Kellie Bellina (in person)
Michael Clemmons
Bonita Cummings

Representative

(not represented)
Kelvin MacKavanagh (in person)
(not represented)
(not represented)
(not represented)
(not represented)
Renee Androckitis
(not represented)
Jacqui Baxter-Rollins
Cheryl Kastrenakes
Ronda Urkowitz
Rob Henry
(not represented)
(not represented)
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Other Member Representatives and Guests

NJDEP
NJ Transit
NJ Transit
Montgomery County
Gloucester County
City of Philadelphia Department of Streets
Montgomery County Planning Commission
Burlington County
PennDOT
PennDOT
PPTF
Public Participation Task Force
City of Philadelphia
Queen of Angels School

David Caulfield (in person)
RJ Palladino
Eric Derer
Matthew Popek
Nick Cressman
Nathan Powers
Lauren Sendel-Grant
Carol Thomas
Crystal Heshmat
David Alas
Mary Ann Sandone
Eva Hayes
Martine DeCamp
Thomas and Julie Gennaro
and student team

DVRPC Staff

Patty Elkis (in person)
Greg Krykewycz (in person)
Logan Axelson
Stacy Bartels
Kwan Hui
Mike Boyer (in person)
Jesse Buerk (in person)
Rick Murphy
Amani Bey
Maridarlyn Gonzalez (in person)
Alison Hastings (in person)
Dan Snyder (in person)
Amy Bernknopf (in person)
Sarah Moran (in person)
Tom Edinger (in person)
Joe Natale
Gina Myers
Matt Gates
Mike Ruane
Ian Schwarzenberg
Glenn McNichol
Meijun Liu
Van Doan
Kayla Bancone
Ryan Gallagher
Karen Cilurso
Sean Greene
Joe Banks
Brett Fusco
Shoshana Akins
John Coscia, Jr.
Renee Wise (in person)

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