

# **DELAWARE VALLEY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION**

## **REGIONAL TECHNICAL COMMITTEE**

**November 15, 2022 Meeting Highlights**

**This Meeting was held as a VIRTUAL meeting**

### **1. Call to Order - Chairperson's Comments**

Jonathan Korus (Chair, PennDOT) welcomed RTC members and called the meeting to order.

### **2. Deputy Executive Director's Report**

DVRPC's Deputy Executive Director Patty Elkins welcomed everyone to the November 15th RTC meeting. Today's meeting is being held 100 percent by zoom, and the plan is to continue with 100 percent virtual meetings in January and February, and to go back to hybrid in March.

Ms. Elkins reported that at our October meeting, the RTC recommended approval for three TIP Actions; adoption of two FY23 UPWP Amendments, one for the Ft Washington Toll Plaza Zip Ramp Weaving Analysis for DVRPC to undertake the work, and the other to accept funding from the U.S. EDA grant to support the region's CEDS planning activities. The RTC also recommended Board approval for award adjustments to the Regional Trail Program. In addition, we heard presentations on AccessScore, the Southern Area First Responder Incident Management Task Force, and an update on SEPTA's - Bus Revolution - the authority's first comprehensive redesign of its entire bus network.

Ms. Elkins noted that the search for a new Executive Director once Barry retires is underway. Members of our Executive Committee of the Board will be conducting interviews and finalizing their selection soon, in order to present their recommendation to the entire Executive Committee shortly after for their endorsement, and then to the entire Board at the Board meeting on December 7 for final approval. The Board meeting will be held 9 - 10 and will be open to the public. The Board meeting will be followed by the Board retreat, and many partners have been invited to attend the retreat, which is being held right after the board meeting at Convene on 30 South 17th Street in Center City, and will focus on the future of DVRPC. Ms. Elkins commented that she hopes to see many RTC members in person, and that there will be a lot to learn from fellow MPO speakers, who will talk about their recent innovative initiatives, and much to talk about for DVRPC looking forward.

Ms. Elkins called the RTC's attention to some new releases including: Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Final Performance Plan (2018–2021) and Baseline Report (2022-2025); Final DVRPC FY2023 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for Pennsylvania (FY23-FY26) and DVRPC FY2023 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for Pennsylvania (FY23-FY26) – Addendum; three Community Management Plans for Forests and Trees: for the City of Trenton, the City of Camden, and for Gloucester City; a White Paper on Exploring Ferry Access on the Delaware River; and an Updated Sidewalk Gap Analysis Explorer online tool that allows the user to examine four different elements of pedestrian accessibility: 1) Street Segment Gaps in sidewalk

coverage; 2) Walk Time to Transit and Walk Time to School; 3) Rail Station Walkshed, and 4) Islands of Connectivity.

Ms. Elkis noted some upcoming meetings including:

DVRPC Board meeting -12/7, followed by the Board Retreat

Public Participation Task Force meeting 12/13 in the evening

Next RTC meeting will be January 10, 2023 - note we do not meet in December.

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

No public comments were stated.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

### **4. Highlights of the October 11, 2022 RTC Meeting**

The highlights from the October 11, 2022 meeting of the RTC were presented for adoption.

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

The highlights of the October 11, 2022 RTC meeting.

Motion passed with an abstention from the NJ DCA.

### **5. Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Actions**

Rick Murphy (DVRPC) presented three TIP actions.

#### **a. PA23-08: Wanamaker Avenue over Darby Creek (MPMS #92323), Delaware County – Increase CON Phase Funding**

PennDOT has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2023 TIP for Pennsylvania by changing the fund source from State 185/State 581 funds to federal NHPP/STU/BRIP/STP funds and increasing the Construction (CON) Phase cost by \$15,000,000, by removing \$25,460,000 (FY23: \$890,000 State 185, FY24: \$2,340,000 State 185, FY25: \$2,000,000 State 185/\$1,777,000 State 581, FY26: \$4,109,000 State 185, FY27: \$14,344,000 State 185) from the CON Phase and adding \$40,460,000 (FY23: \$7,907,000 NHPP/\$537,000 STP, FY24: \$3,500,000 STU/\$2,561,000 STP, FY25: \$5,365,000 NHPP/\$2,500,000 STU, FY26: \$14,000 BRIP, FY27: \$14,000 BRIP, FY28: \$14,000 BRIP/\$2,498,000 STU, FY29: \$1,314,000 BRIP/\$361,000 STU, FY30: \$14,000 BRIP/\$7,213,000 STU, FY31: \$14,000 BRIP/\$1,574,000 STU/\$74,000 STP, FY32: \$14,000 BRIP/\$1,574,000 STU/\$74,000 STP, FY33: \$14,000 BRIP/\$1,574,000 STU/\$74,000 STP, FY34: \$14,000 BRIP/\$1,575,000 STU/\$72,000 STP) to the CON Phase.

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

PA23-08, PennDOT's request that DVRPC amend the FY2023 TIP for Pennsylvania by changing the fund source from State 185/State 581 funds to federal NHPP/STU/BRIP/STP funds and increasing the Construction (CON) Phase cost by \$15,000,000, by removing \$25,460,000 (FY23: \$890,000 State 185, FY24: \$2,340,000 State 185, FY25: \$2,000,000 State 185/\$1,777,000 State 581, FY26: \$4,109,000 State 185, FY27: \$14,344,000 State 185) from the CON Phase and adding \$40,460,000 (FY23: \$7,907,000 NHPP/\$537,000 STP, FY24: \$3,500,000 STU/\$2,561,000 STP, FY25: \$5,365,000 NHPP/\$2,500,000 STU, FY26: \$14,000 BRIP, FY27: \$14,000 BRIP, FY28: \$14,000 BRIP/\$2,498,000 STU, FY29: \$1,314,000 BRIP/\$361,000 STU, FY30: \$14,000 BRIP/\$7,213,000 STU, FY31: \$14,000 BRIP/\$1,574,000 STU/\$74,000 STP, FY32: \$14,000 BRIP/\$1,574,000 STU/\$74,000 STP, FY33: \$14,000 BRIP/\$1,574,000 STU/\$74,000 STP, FY34: \$14,000 BRIP/\$1,575,000 STU/\$72,000 STP) to the CON Phase.

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

**b. PA23-09: Schuylkill River Swing Bridge TIGER VII (MPMS #102274), City of Philadelphia – Increase CON Phase**

PennDOT and the City of Philadelphia have requested that DVRPC amend the FY2023 TIP for Pennsylvania by increasing the Construction (CON) Phase of the Schuylkill River Swing Bridge project by \$13,594,000, through removing \$5,000,000 federal STU funds (FY24: \$2,500,000, FY25: \$2,500,000) and adding \$18,594,000 State 185 funds (FY23: \$890,000, FY24: \$2,340,000, FY25: \$1,770,000, FY26: \$3,500,000 and FY27: \$10,094,000).

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

PA23-09, PennDOT and the City of Philadelphia's request to increase the Construction (CON) Phase of the Schuylkill River Swing Bridge project by \$13,594,000, through removing \$5,000,000 federal STU funds (FY24: \$2,500,000, FY25: \$2,500,000) adding \$18,594,000 State 185 funds (FY23: \$890,000, FY24: \$2,340,000, FY25: \$1,770,000, FY26: \$3,500,000 and FY27: \$10,094,000).

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

**c. PA23-10: MLK Drive Bridge (MPMS #108129), City of Philadelphia – Increase CON Phase**

The City of Philadelphia has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2023 TIP for Pennsylvania by increasing the Construction (CON) Phase of the MLK Drive Bridge (MPMS #108129) project by \$8,260,000 (FY23: \$2,296,000 BRIP/\$25,000 STU, FY24: \$2,603,000 BRIP, FY25: \$1,814,000 BRIP, FY26: \$1,522,000 BRIP) and removing \$3,464,000 of State 183 and Local funds (FY24: \$750,000 State 183/\$250,000 LOC, FY25: \$375,000 State 183/\$125,000 LOC, FY26: \$1,473,000 State 183/\$491,000 LOC) from the CON Phase for a total project increase of \$4,796,000.

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

PA23-10, the City of Philadelphia's request to increase the Construction (CON) Phase of the MLK Drive Bridge (MPMS #108129) project by \$8,260,000 (FY23: \$2,296,000 BRIP/\$25,000 STU, FY24: \$2,603,000 BRIP, FY25: \$1,814,000 BRIP, FY26: \$1,522,000 BRIP) and removing \$3,464,000 of State 183 and Local funds (FY24: \$750,000 State 183/\$250,000 LOC, FY25: \$375,000 State 183/\$125,000 LOC, FY26: \$1,473,000 State 183/\$491,000 LOC) from the CON Phase for a total project increase of \$4,796,000.

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

## **6. Adoption of PJMCCC Charter as Educational Tier Member**

Brooke Garcher (DVRPC) explained that the PJM Cities and Communities Coalition (PJMCCC) is a standalone organization that was launched in 2018 to educate and coordinate the efforts of local governments in the PJM territory that are interested in removing and preventing barriers to decarbonization solutions in their regional wholesale electricity market. PJM is a Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC)-regulated regional transmission organization (RTO) that coordinates, controls, and monitors the electric transmission system serving all or parts of Delaware, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Maryland, Michigan, New Jersey, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Virginia, West Virginia, and the District of Columbia.

Motion: by *Gina Burritt*, seconded by *Brian Styche*, that the RTC recommend the Board adopt:

The PJM CCC Charter in the Educational Member Tier.

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

## **7. New Travel Options Program (TOP) Project – SEPTA Key Advantage**

Stacy Bartels (DVRPC) explained that the Travel Options Program (TOP) is a relatively new program of projects and activities - guided by *A New Route to Better Travel for All: The Regional TDM Plan*, which will help DVRPC and its planning partners better address fast changing TDM goals and challenges, and the need to reduce congestion and improve air quality. Through a biennial, two-part competitive search process, DVRPC seeks creative ideas that will reduce the number of single occupancy vehicles - people driving alone to work, school, or entertainment venues, or to run errands -- on the region's roadways, and improve accessibility to, and equity across, all modes of transportation.

Motion: by *Kellie Bellina*, seconded by *Kwan Hui*, that the RTC recommend the Board approve:

This new project to add to other selected projects for the FY23 and FY24 TOP grant period, for a total funding amount of \$731,568.

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

## **BRIEF REPORTS**

### **8. 2020 Decennial Census Highlights**

Ben Gruswitz (DVRPC) presented key takeaways from the initial data release of the 2020 Decennial Census. The analysis is featured in a data bulletin published last year summarizing regional, county, and municipal level change relative to prior decades.

## **PRESENTATION ITEMS**

### **9. Community Engagement in Marginalized Communities**

Marco Gorini (DVRPC) and Rosanne Lubeck (Connect the Dots) discussed challenges and lessons learned in terms of outreach and engagement from two recent projects: a Vision Zero Corridor study and the Mobility Choices research. The presentation shared different techniques and the quantity and quality of feedback gathered.

## **INFORMATION ITEMS**

### **10. Proposed Calendar Year 2023 Meeting Dates**

DVRPC Deputy Executive Director Patty Elkins reviewed the proposed calendar year 2023 meeting dates.

### **11. IIJA Update**

An update on IIJA funding opportunities and coordination activities was provided.

### **12. FY24 UPWP Update**

A status report on the development of the FY24 UPWP was provided.

## **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 12:00 PM

The next scheduled meeting of the RTC is **Tuesday, January 10, 2023.**

## **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  
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

### **Representative**

(not represented)  
Ruth Foster  
Keith Henderson  
Janice Venables  
(not represented)  
(not represented)  
(not represented)  
Jim Mosca  
(not represented)  
(not represented)  
Rich Brahler  
(not represented)  
James Winckowski  
Brian Styche  
Gina Burritt  
Jackie Huston  
Matt Lawson  
Matt Edmond  
David Kanthor  
Nick Baker  
Kelley Yemen  
(not represented)  
Peter Rykard  
Michael Kolber  
Kwan Hui  
Blanca Quinde  
(not represented)  
Kellie Bellina  
Mary Ann Sandone  
Lee Wolfe  
William Matulewicz

### **Representative**

(not represented)  
Kelvin MacKavanagh  
(not represented)  
Gene Porochniak  
(not represented)  
Renee Androckitis  
  
(not represented)  
Tracy Barusevicius  
Tim Phelps  
(not represented)  
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**Other Member Representatives and Guests**

Connect the Dots

NJDOT

Montgomery County Planning Commission

Partnership TMA

NJ Transit

Delaware County

Roseanne Lubeck

Hailey Anilonis

Matthew Popek

Jacqui Baxter-Rollins

Megan Massey

Cathy Spahr

**DVRPC Staff**

Patty Elkis

Barry Seymour

Brooke Garcher

Stacy Bartels

Marco Gorini

Ben Gruswitz

Chris Linn

Chris Mulroy

Kevin Murphy

Mel Musie

Matthew Brahms

Marissa Volk

Kim Korejko

Thom Stead

Mike Boyer

Jesse Buerk

Rick Murphy

Maridarlyn Gonzalez

Alison Hastings

Betsy Mastaglio

Elise Turner

Shawn Megill Legendre

Najah Jackson

Glenn McNichol

Ethan Fogg

Shoshana Akins

Cassidy Boulan

Ian Schwarzenberg

Brett Fusco

Renee Wise

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