

DELAWARE VALLEY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION**REGIONAL TECHNICAL COMMITTEE****February 7, 2023 Meeting Highlights****This Meeting was held as a Webinar****1. Call to Order - Chairperson's Comments**

Jonathon Korus, Chair of the RTC, welcomed RTC members and called the meeting to order.

2. Deputy Executive Director's Report

DVRPC's Deputy Executive Director Patty Elkis welcomed everyone and wished everyone well.

Ms. Elkis noted that at our January meeting, the RTC recommended Board approval for 13 TIP Actions; adoption of the FY24 UPWP and TIP Amendments, and approval of a Work Program Amendment to add the Water Table Phase II project into the current work program; the Board approved all of these items. We also heard a presentation from New Jersey Transit on their new Transit Friendly Planning Guide for New Jersey communities.

Ms. Elkis reported that this month, our really big news is that our Safe Streets for All (SS4A) grant application to conduct a Regional Vision Zero Action Program was selected for funding last week. DVRPC's Kevin Murphy sent an email to RTC members, and Kevin will talk about the award later in the agenda under the IJA update. Ms. Elkis thanked Kevin for all the work he's put into making this happen and to all our regional partners for coordinating with us.

Ms. Elkis called the RTC's attention to the fact that the FHWA and FTA shared their Draft Federal Certification Review with us for factual feedback. The report includes a number of commendations, a few recommendations, and most importantly, no corrective actions. We provided factual feedback and the report will be finalized and approved by FHWA and FTA later this month.

Ms. Elkis noted that Ariella Maron began full time as Executive Director in February, and is starting to reach out to Board members and partners to schedule meet and greets at each member or partner's jurisdiction; she expects that to take 4- 6 months.

Since our last meeting, we have one new release:

Vision Zero: Cecil B. Moore Avenue

This project is part of Philadelphia's Vision Zero effort to eliminate traffic fatalities by 2050, and focuses on Cecil B. Moore Ave, a dangerous arterial in North Philly with a history of severe crashes. The study team did extensive neighborhood outreach, and some of the lessons learned from that outreach were presented at the November RTC during the presentation on Community Engagement in Marginalized Communities.

Some other reminders:

- The FY24 round of TCDI for NJ communities opened on February 1 - municipalities, counties, transit agencies, and TMAs are eligible to apply. Up to \$600,000 is available and the guidelines are on our website. An informational webinar will be held on Feb 15 at 9:30 am and registration is also on the website.
- This Thursday, February 9, we are hosting a joint meeting of DVRPC's Healthy Communities Task Force and the East Coast Greenway Alliance to explore how the built environment and intentional programming can create and support trail safety; the webinar is titled "Community Safety by Design: How We Can Support Safe and Welcoming Trails." Registration can be found on our website.
- *Board meets February 23, and we are hoping to make this in person, TBA*

Next RTC meeting will be March 7, 2023 - expecting to be in person

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

No public comments were stated.

ACTION ITEMS

4. Highlights of the January 10, 2022 RTC Meeting

The highlights from the January 10, 2023 meeting of the RTC were presented for adoption.

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

The highlights of the January 10, 2023 RTC meeting.

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

5. Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Actions

Rick Murphy (DVRPC) presented ten actions.

a. PA23-21: Transit and Regional Rail Station Program, (MPMS #77183), SEPTA– Add New Project to the TIP

SEPTA has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2023 TIP for Pennsylvania by increasing the FY23 Engineering/Right-of-Way/Construction (ERC) Phase of the Transit & Regional Rail Station Program (MPMS #77183) by \$56,050,000 All Stations Accessibility Program (ASAP) to add a new Federal Transit Administration (FTA) competitive grant award. This project will provide accessibility improvements to the 11th Street Station on the Market-Frankford Line, and the Fairmount (upper & lower), Snyder, Chinatown, and Erie Stations on the Broad Street Subway. These are additional funds to the region.

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

PA23-21, SEPTA's request that DVRPC amend the FY2023 TIP for Pennsylvania by increasing the FY23 Engineering/Right-of-Way/Construction (ERC) Phase of the Transit & Regional Rail Station Program (MPMS #77183) by \$56,050,000 ASAP to add a new Federal Transit Administration (FTA) All Stations Accessibility Program competitive grant award for accessibility improvements to the 11th Street Station on the Market-Frankford Line, and the Fairmount (upper & lower), Snyder, Chinatown, and Erie Stations on the Broad Street Subway.

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

b. PA23-22: Philadelphia Railroad Bridges Study (MPMS #119487), City of Philadelphia – Add New Project to the TIP

PennDOT has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2023 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a new \$1,950,000 (\$1,560,000 BIP/\$390,000 LOC) Philadelphia Railroad Bridges Study project, to the TIP in FY23. These are additional funds to the region.

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

PA23-22, PennDOT's request to amend the FY2023 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a new \$1,950,000 (\$1,560,000 BIP/\$390,000 LOC) Philadelphia Railroad Bridges Study project, to the TIP in FY23.

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

c. PA23-23: Great Streets Philadelphia RAISE 2022 (MPMS #119437), City of Philadelphia – Add New Project to the TIP

PennDOT has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2023 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a new \$29,320,000 federal competitive Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) project, Great Streets Philadelphia RAISE 2022, into the TIP by programming the project as follows: (FY23: \$1,200,000 LOC for Preliminary Engineering; FY24: \$2,468,000 LOC for Final Design, and FY25: \$25,000,000 RAISE/\$652,000 LOC for Construction). These funds are additional to the region.

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

PA23-23, PennDOT's request that DVRPC amend the FY2023 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding the new \$29,320,000 federal competitive RAISE project, Great Streets Philadelphia RAISE 2022, into the TIP by programming the project as follows: (FY23: \$1,200,000 LOC for Preliminary Engineering; FY24: \$2,468,000 LOC for Final Design, and FY25: \$25,000,000 RAISE/\$652,000 LOC for Construction).

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

d. PA23-24: Roosevelt Boulevard Study (MPMS #119480), City of Philadelphia – Add New Project to the TIP

PennDOT has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2023 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a new \$1,000,000 State 581 funded (FY23: \$500,000, FY24: \$250,000, FY25: \$250,000) Roosevelt Boulevard Study project to the TIP.

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

PA23-24, PennDOT's request that DVRPC amend the FY2023 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding the Roosevelt Boulevard Study project into the TIP in the amount of \$1,000,000 State 581 (FY23: \$500,000, FY24: \$250,000, FY25: \$250,000).

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

e. PA23-25: Boot Road over Amtrak (MPMS #90612), Chester County – Add Project Back into the TIP

PennDOT has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2023 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding the Boot Road over Amtrak project back into the TIP by programming \$9,000,000 (FY23: \$500,000 State 581, FY24: \$500,000 State 581, FY25: \$2,000,000 State 581, FY26: \$1,000,000 State 581, FY27: \$2,000,000 State 185, FY28: \$1,000,000 State 185, FY29: \$250,000 State 581, FY30: \$250,000 State 581, FY31: \$1,500,000 State 185) for construction.

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

PA23-25, PennDOT's request that DVRPC amend the FY2023 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding the Boot Road over Amtrak project back into the TIP by programming \$9,000,000 (FY23: \$500,000 State 581, FY24: \$500,000 State 581, FY25: \$2,000,000 State 581, FY26: \$1,000,000 State 581, FY27: \$2,000,000 State 185, FY28: \$1,000,000 State 185, FY29: \$250,000 State 581, FY30: \$250,000 State 581, FY31: \$1,500,000 State 185) for construction.

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

f. PA23-26: I-95 Central Access Philadelphia (CAP) / Waterfront Access (MPMS #106264), City of Philadelphia – Increase CON Phase

PennDOT has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2023 TIP for Pennsylvania by increasing the Construction (CON) Phase of the I-95 Central Access Philadelphia (CAP) / Waterfront Access project by \$47,420,000 (FY23: \$4,500,000 CAQ/Toll Credit, FY27: \$3,600,000 STP/Toll Credit, FY28: \$575,000 STP/ \$3,025,000 STU/Toll Credit, FY29: \$3,600,000 STP/Toll Credit, FY30: \$3,600,000 STP/Toll Credit, FY31: \$3,520,000 STP/\$6,250,000 BRIP/Toll Credit, FY32: \$6,250,000 BRIP/Toll Credit, FY33: \$6,250,000 BRIP/Toll Credit, FY34: \$6,250,000 BRIP/Toll Credit), as well as amending the project cost for MRP ID #164 in the DVRPC Long Range Plan, *Connections 2050*. This increase is due to a low bid cost increase. The total construction cost estimate is \$338,773,000.

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

PA23-26, PennDOT's request that DVRPC amend the FY2023 TIP for Pennsylvania

by increasing the CON Phase of the I-95 Central Access Philadelphia (CAP) / Waterfront Access by \$47,420,000 (FY23: \$4,500,000 CAQ/Toll Credit, FY27: \$3,600,000 STP/Toll Credit, FY28: \$575,000 STP/ \$3,025,000 STU/Toll Credit, FY29: \$3,600,000 STP/Toll Credit, FY30: \$3,600,000 STP/Toll Credit, FY31: \$3,520,000 STP/\$6,250,000 BRIP/Toll Credit, FY32: \$6,250,000/Toll Credit, FY33: \$6,250,000 BRIP/Toll Credit, FY34: \$6,250,000 BRIP/Toll Credit), as well as amending the project cost for MRP ID #164 DVRPC Long Range Plan, *Connections 2050*.

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

g. PA23-27: District 6-0 Systemwide Pedestrian Countdown Signals (MPMS #119301), Various Counties – Accept New Project into the TIP

PennDOT has requested that DVRPC accept a new District 6-0 Systemwide Pedestrian Countdown Signals project and its funding, \$7,217,000 Highway Safety Improvement Program Statewide Set-aside (sHSIP), into the TIP by programming \$2,165,000 sHSIP for Preliminary Engineering (PE) and \$5,052,000 for Construction (CON) in FY23. These are additional funds to the region.

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

PA23-27, PennDOT's request that DVRPC accept a new District 6-0 Systemwide Pedestrian Countdown Signals project and its funding, \$7,217,000 Highway Safety Improvement Program Statewide Set-aside (sHSIP), into the TIP by programming \$2,165,000 sHSIP for Preliminary Engineering (PE) and \$5,052,000 for Construction (CON) in FY23.

Motion passed with abstentions from Kelley Yemen, David Kanthor, and Nick Baker.

h. PA23-28: Roosevelt Boulevard at Southampton Road (Statewide MTF) (MPMS #118386), City of Philadelphia – Accept New Project into the TIP

PennDOT has requested that DVRPC accept the Statewide Multimodal Transportation Fund (MTF) project, Roosevelt Boulevard at South Hampton Road, as well as the project's additional funds, \$8,135,000 (\$3,000,000 State 411/\$5,135,000 LOC), into the FY2023 TIP for Pennsylvania for construction in FY23. These are additional funds to the region.

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

PA23-28, PennDOT's request that DVRPC accept the Statewide Multimodal Transportation Fund (MTF) project, Roosevelt Boulevard at South Hampton Road, as well as the project's additional funds, \$8,135,000 (\$3,000,000 State 411/\$5,135,000 LOC), into the FY2023 TIP for Pennsylvania for construction in FY23.

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

i. PA23-29: Statewide Automated Red Light Enforcement (ARLE) Grant Funded Projects, (Various MPMS #s), Various Counties – Accept New Projects into the TIP

PennDOT has requested that DVRPC accept the listed Automated Red Light Enforcement (ARLE) projects, as well as their additional funds into the FY2023 TIP for Pennsylvania. These funds are additional to the region. Six projects with the total amount of \$1,975,000 (\$1,934,000 State 244/\$41,000 LOC) will be added to the TIP for construction.

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

PA23-29, PennDOT's request that DVRPC accept the listed Statewide ARLE projects, as well as their additional funds into the FY2023 TIP for Pennsylvania. These funds are additional to the region. Six projects with the total amount of \$1,975,000 (\$1,934,000 State 244/\$41,000 LOC) will be added to the TIP for construction:

Bucks County

Intersection Safety Improvements Project (MPMS #117964) - \$757,000 State 244

Delaware County

Pedestrian Safety Improvements at West Providence (MPMS # 117917) – \$132,000 (\$107,000 State 244/\$25,000 LOC)

Montgomery County

York Road and Summit Avenue Pedestrian Crossing Improvements (MPMS # 117857) - \$91,000 (\$84,000 State 244/\$7,000 LOC)

Township Line Road-Main Street and Tenth Street-Private Drive (MPMS # 117853) – \$46,000 (\$37,000 State 244/\$9,000 LOC)

Upper Hanover Traffic Signal Modernization (MPMS # 117950) - \$495,000 State 244
Bethlehem Pike/Skipack Pike/Camp Hill Road Safety Improvements (MPMS
#117850) - \$454,000 State 244

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

**j. NJ22-105: DVRPC Carbon Reduction Program (DB #TBD), Various
Counties – Add New Regional Program to the TIP**

DVRPC Staff has requested that the DVRPC Board amend the FY2022 TIP for New Jersey by adding a new \$34.767 M DVRPC Carbon Reduction Program (DB #TBD) line item to the TIP and programming it accordingly: (FY23: \$5.102 M CR-PHILA/\$1.315 CR-TRENTON; FY24:\$2.627 M CR-PHILA/\$0.667 M CR-TRENTON; FY25:\$2.680M

CR-TRENTON/\$0.690M CR-TRENTON; FY26: \$2.734 M CR-PHILA/\$0.704 M CRTRENTON; FY27: \$2.788 M CR-PHILA/\$0.718 M CR-TRENTON; FY28: \$2.844M CRPHILA/\$0.733 M CR-TRENTON; FY29: \$2.901 M CR-PHILA/\$0.747 M CR-TRENTON; FY30: \$2.959 M CR-PHILA/\$0.762 M CR-TRENTON; FY31: \$3.018 M CRPHILA/\$0.778 M CR-TRENTON). These are additional funds to the region.

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

NJ22-105, DVRPC staff's request that DVRPC Board amend the FY2022 TIP for New Jersey by adding a new \$34.767 M DVRPC Carbon Reduction Program (DB #TBD) line item to the TIP and programming it accordingly: (FY23: \$5.102 M CRPHILA/\$1.315 CR-TRENTON; FY24:\$2.627 M CR-PHILA/\$0.667 M CR-TRENTON; FY25:\$2.680M CR-TRENTON/\$0.690M CR-TRENTON; FY26: \$2.734 M CRPHILA/\$0.704 M CR-TRENTON; FY27: \$2.788 M CR-PHILA/\$0.718 M CR-TRENTON; FY28: \$2.844M CR-PHILA/\$0.733 M CR-TRENTON; FY29: \$2.901 M CRPHILA/\$0.747 M CR-TRENTON; FY30: \$2.959 M CR-PHILA/\$0.762 M CR-TRENTON; FY31: \$3.018 M CR-PHILA/\$0.778 M CR-TRENTON). These are additional funds to the region.

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

6. DVRPC Regional Trails Program Phase 9 Grant Awards

Shawn Megill Legendre explained that in fall 2022 DVRPC launched Phase 9 of the Regional Trails Program, a competitive funding round open to multi-use trails and adjoining infrastructure projects, such as trailheads, gateways, and neighborhood connections, in qualifying census tracts within the DVRPC region. A qualifying census

tract was a tract with an above or well above regional average proportion of racial minority, ethnic minority, low-income, foreign born, and/or limited English proficient population based on DVRPC's Equity Analysis for the Greater Philadelphia Region as updated with data from 2016-2020 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates.

Motion: by *Nick Cressman*, seconded by *David Kanthor*, that the RTC recommend the Board approve:

These eleven (11) Regional Trails Program grant awards for a total amount of \$860,000

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

7. Adoption of Regional Safety Targets Update to Satisfy MPO Requirements Under the Federal Transportation Performance Management (TPM) Process

Kevin Murphy (DVRPC) explained that Roadway Safety is part of the overall Transportation Performance Management (TPM) program, which FHWA defines as a strategic approach that uses system information to make investment and policy decisions to achieve national performance goals. The Safety Performance Management (Safety PM) Final Rule supports the Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP), as it establishes safety performance measure requirements for the purpose of carrying out the HSIP and to assess fatalities and serious injuries on all public roads.

Motion: by *Nick Baker*, seconded by *Tom Stanuikynas*, that the RTC recommend the Board adopt:

The regional safety targets update and agree to plan and program roadway safety projects to meet or exceed the targets.

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

PRESENTATION ITEMS

8. Trenton Health and Air Quality Project

Sean Greene, Manager of the Office of Freight and Clean Transportation, and Amy Verbofsky, Manager of Healthy and Resilience Communities, presented. In 2022, DVRPC staff worked with the City of Trenton to review existing respiratory health and air quality data to investigate potential actions to improve environmental health of the people that live and work in the city. This presentation reviewed the goals, process, and short-term outcomes of this project and introduced a similar project underway for Delaware County in 2023.

INFORMATION ITEM

9. IIJA Update

Patty Elkis (DVRPC) provided an update on new IIJA opportunities and coordination activities.

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 12:10 PM

The next scheduled meeting of the RTC is **Tuesday, March 7, 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

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

Representative

Andrew Clark
Ruth Foster
Keith Henderson
(not represented)
Donna Rendeiro
(not represented)
(not represented)
Jim Mosca
(not represented)
Jonathan Korus
Rich Brahler
Tom Stanuikynas
Ilene Lampitt
Brian Styche
Tom Shaffer
Nick Cressman
Matthew Lawson
Matt Edmond
David Kanthor
Nick Baker
Kelley Yemen
June Morton
(not represented)
Michael Kolber
Kwan Hui
Blanca Quinde
(not represented)
Kellie Bellina
Lee Wolfe
Bill Matulewicz
Representative
(not represented)
Kelvin MacKavanaugh
(not represented)
(not represented)
(not represented)
(not represented)
Rosemary Nivar
Ronda Urkowitz
Robert Henry
Jackie Baker Rollins
Tracy Barusevicius
(not represented)

Phila Port	(not represented)
Pottstown Urban Transit	(not represented)
Select Greater Philadelphia	(not represented)
South Jersey Port Corporation	(not represented)
South Jersey Transportation Authority	(not represented)
Transportation Operations Task Force	(not represented)
US EPA - Region II	(not represented)
US EPA - Region III	(not represented)
US Department of Housing and Urban Development	(not represented)

Other Member Representatives and Guests

City of Philadelphia Department of Streets	Nathan Powers
Montgomery County Planning Commission	Matthew Popek
Gloucester County	Jackie Huston
Burlington County	Carol Thomas
Bucks County	Christian Regosch
PennDOT	David Alas

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