

DELAWARE VALLEY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

BOARD COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting of January 25, 2018

Location: Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission
190 N. Independence Mall West
Philadelphia, PA 19106

Membership Present

Representative

New Jersey Department of Community Affairs	Sean Thompson
New Jersey Department of Transportation	Gary Brune
New Jersey Governor's Appointee	Adam Sternbach
Pennsylvania Department of Transportation	James Mosca
Pennsylvania Governor's Appointee	Gina Burritt
Pennsylvania Governor's Policy & Planning Office	(not represented)
Bucks County	Diane Ellis-Marseglia
	Rich Brahler
Chester County	Brian O'Leary
Delaware County	Kevin Madden
Montgomery County	Valerie Arkoosh
	Jody Holton
Burlington County	Mark Remsa
Camden County	Andrew Levecchia
Gloucester County	(not represented)
Mercer County	Leslie Floyd
City of Chester	Peter Rykard
City of Philadelphia	Mark Squilla
	Christopher Puchalsky
City of Camden	Ed Williams
	June Morton
City of Trenton	(not represented)

Non-Voting Members

Federal Highway Administration New Jersey Division	Calvin Edghill
Pennsylvania Division	(not represented)
U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Region III	(not represented)
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region II	(not represented)
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region III	(not represented)
Federal Transit Administration, Region III	(not represented)
Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority	Liz Smith
New Jersey Transit Corporation	(not represented)

New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection	(not represented)
Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection	Pat Patterson
Delaware River Port Authority	Barbara Holcomb
Port Authority Transit Corporation	Rohan Hepkins
New Jersey Office of Planning Advocacy	Gerard Scharfenberger
Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development	Aliyah Furman

<u>DVRPC Co-Counsel</u>	
Pennsylvania Co-Counsel	Andy Bockis
New Jersey Co-Counsel	Tom Coleman

DVRPC Staff
 Barry Seymour, John Ward, Patty Elkins, Alison Hastings, Elizabeth Schoonmaker, Mike Boyer, Natalie Cramer, John Griffies, Chris Linn, Shawn Megill-Legendre, Matt Gates, Joe Banks, John Coscia, Jr., Katrina Lawrence, Amy Bernknopf, Chris King, Chris Pollard, Keith Hartington, Thom Stead, Betsy Mastaglio, Meijun Liu, Dan Snyder, Ben Gruswitz, Karen Cilurso, Will Stevens, Logan Axelson, Tom Keenan, Van Doan, Brett Fusco, Kwan Hui, Rick Murphy, Greg Krykewycz, Karin Morris, Shoshana Akins, Jesse Buerk, Elise Turner, Tom Edinger, Al Beatty, Kim Korejko, Paul Smith, Kevin Murphy, Najah Jackson, and Renee Wise.

<u>Guests</u>	
PennDOT 6-0	Jonathan Korus
NJDOT	Monica Etz
NJDOT	Cherie Shreve
NJDOT	Brian LeClaire
City of Philadelphia	Angie Dixon
Citizen	Don Shanis
DRPA	Robert Hicks
Dewberry	Gregg Fodale
RTC	Liz Sewell
Dan Nemiroff	SEPTA

Call to Order - Chair's Comments

Alternate Chair Gary Brune called the meeting to order at 10:06 a.m. and introduced himself to the Board. Mr. Brune reported that Diane Gutierrez-Scaccetti was named NJDOT Commissioner and is in the process of moving up from Florida. Mr. Brune noted he is acting as Commissioner Gutierrez-Scaccetti's alternate and has been the CFO for NJDOT for about 10 years. Additionally Mr. Brune commented that he was with the Office of Management and Budget prior to that and has dealt with transportation issues before, including work with MPOs, the TTF, and a seat on the NJTPA Board. Mr. Brune noted that former NJDOT representative Dave Kuhn worked collaboratively with the DVRPC Board and that he seeks to continue that collaboration moving forward. Executive Director Barry Seymour introduced Kevin Madden, the newly elected

Councilman and Board representative from Delaware County, and Adam Sternbach, the new Board representative from the New Jersey Governor's Authorities Unit.

Mr. Brune asked if there was any press in the room.

Public Comments on Agenda and Non-Agenda Items

No public comments were stated.

ACTION ITEMS

1. Minutes of Meeting of December 6, 2017

The Board adopted the following **motion**:

MOTION by Mr. Remsa, seconded by Mr. Levecchia, to approve the minutes of December 6, 2017.

2. Transportation Improvement Program (TIP Actions)

Elizabeth Schoonmaker, DVRPC Associate Director, Transportation, presented the following TIP actions to the Board:

a. PA17-70: US 202, DeKalb Pike, Section 610 (Design Only), (MPMS #50364), Montgomery County

PennDOT has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2017 – 2020 TIP for Pennsylvania by increasing the FD phase of the US 202, DeKalb Pike, Section 610 (Design Only) project, (MPMS #50364), by \$11,230,000 and programming the increased amounts as follows: FY18: \$2,404,000 STU/\$2,848,000 State 581; FY19: \$4,000,000 STP/\$1,000,000 State 581; FY20: \$782,000 STU/\$196,000 State 581. The total estimated cost for all phases of the US 202 Section 600 project, including Final Design, Right of Way, Utility, and Construction is approximately \$348,000,000.

The requested Final Design phase cost increase is due to additional stormwater Best Management Practices (BMPs) that are being proposed. To reduce water runoff volume and improve water quality, the travel lane widths are being reduced to 11 feet where feasible and reasonable. These proposed changes will also require right-of-way plan modifications, additional roadway and property surveys, additional geotechnical and infiltration testing, and revisions to cross sections, grading and drainage design, Erosion & Sedimentation (E&S) plans, and environmental studies and approvals. This reduction in impervious area is necessary to meet the current stormwater management regulations and requirements. The requested Final Design increase reflects the latest estimates for completion of the Plans, Specifications, and Estimates (PS&E) package and environmental updates, as well as the attainment of required permits.

This design parent project, Final Design Section 610, is part of the larger US 202, Section 600 widening and reconstruction project, which supports the widening of US

202 from two to four or five lanes, accompanied by intersection, signal and stormwater improvements at the major intersections and two additional offline intersections. The Section 600 project is divided into two Final Design sections (610 and 650) and four mainline construction sections (61S, 61N, 65S, and 65N). The limits of Section 600 are from Johnson Highway in Norristown Borough to PA 309 in Montgomery Township. This portion of the corridor project also includes the installation of a five-foot bike lane adjacent to the curb areas, the reconstruction of bridges and culverts, construction of sound walls and retaining walls, and implementation of intersection and signal improvements. An Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) consisting of video cameras/detection and Dynamic Message Signs (DMS) will also be installed in this section of the US 202 corridor.

Financial constraint will be maintained by making adjustments to other existing TIP projects whose schedules or costs have changed. All projects listed contribute to fiscal constraint.

Favorable recommendation was received from the Regional Technical Committee.

Two public comments were received. Leonard Fritz of Gloucester County asked why a "decrease in travel lane widths" requires additional right-of-way. A response followed. John Boyle of The Bicycle Coalition of Greater Philadelphia commented that the group supports bicycle facilities on this road that are physically separated from motor vehicle traffic. This could either be protected bike lanes or an off-road shared use path. A response followed.

The Board adopted the following **motion**:

MOTION by Ms. Holton, seconded by Mr. Mosca, that the Board approve the following TIP action:

PA17-70, PennDOT's request that DVRPC amend the FY2017 – 2020 TIP for Pennsylvania by increasing the FD phase of the US 202, DeKalb Pike, Section 610 (Design Only) project, (MPMS #50364), by \$11,230,000 and programming the increased amounts as follows: FY18: \$2,404,000 STU/\$2,848,000 State 581; FY19: \$4,000,000 STP/\$1,000,000 State 581; FY20: \$782,000 STU/\$196,000 State 581.

b. PA17-71: Park Road Trail, (MPMS #71198), Chester County

PennDOT has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2017 – 2020 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding the Park Road Trail project (MPMS #71198) back into the TIP for FY18 CON in the amount of \$2,500,000 CAQ/Toll Credit.

This project will construct approximately 4,250 linear feet (0.80 miles) of a 6-foot wide pedestrian trail along Park Road in Upper Uwchlan Township, Chester County. This trail segment will span from Marsh Creek State Park (operated by the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources) to Hickory Park. There currently is no sidewalk or trail along this stretch of Park Road, which forces pedestrians to use the existing

roadway. This project is the fourth and final link for Upper Uwchlan Township's Park Road Trail Project. The overall trail project (Phases I – IV) begins at PA 100 in the Village of Eagle in Upper Uwchlan Township and ends at Marsh Creek State Park. The overall length of the trail is 1.5 miles. Pre-construction phases of this project were 100% locally funded. PennDOT is requesting that the Construction phase be added back into the TIP as funds were not obligated under the previous TIP.

Financial constraint will be maintained by making adjustments to other existing TIP projects whose schedules or costs have changed. All projects listed contribute to fiscal constraint.

Favorable recommendation was received by the Regional Technical Committee.

A public comment was submitted from Leonard Fritz of Gloucester County asking why this phase is required to be included when previous phases were not. A response followed.

The Board adopted the following **motion**:

MOTION by Mr. O'Leary, seconded by Mr. Squilla, that the Board approve the following TIP action:

PA17-71, PennDOT's request that DVRPC amend the FY2017 – 2020 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding the Park Road Trail project (MPMS #71198) back into the TIP for FY18 CON in the amount of \$2,500,000 CAQ/Toll Credit.

2c. PA17-72: Ambler Pedestrian Sidewalk Improvements, (MPMS #74813), Montgomery County

PennDOT has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2017 – 2020 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding the Ambler Pedestrian Sidewalk Improvements project (MPMS #74813) back into the TIP for FY18 CON in the amount of \$355,000 STU/Toll Credit, and updating the project description to remove earmark language.

This project includes streetscape improvements in the Borough of Ambler, including curb and sidewalk reconstruction along Orange, Highland, Southern, Park, and Spring Avenues. It was originally funded with a federal earmark, which was repurposed to the US 422, (New) Expressway Bridge Over Schuylkill River (SRB) project (MPMS #70197), in July 2017 as part of a larger statewide effort to repurpose unobligated earmark balances in Pennsylvania to projects ready for authorization. Since that time, the project has progressed and PennDOT is now requesting that the Construction phase be added back into the TIP as funds were not obligated under the previous TIP.

Financial constraint will be maintained by making adjustments to other existing TIP projects whose schedules or costs have changed. All projects listed contribute to fiscal constraint.

Favorable recommendation was received by the Regional Technical Committee.

The Board adopted the following **motion**:

MOTION by Ms. Holton, seconded by Mr. O’Leary, that the Board approve the following TIP action:

PA17-72, PennDOT’s request that DVRPC amend the FY2017 – 2020 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding the Ambler Pedestrian Sidewalk Improvements project (MPMS #74813) back into the TIP for FY18 CON in the amount of \$355,000 STU/Toll Credit, and updating the project description to remove earmark language.

3. FY2018 Work Program Amendments:

a. US 422 Pottstown Bypass Traffic Forecasts

Matt Gates, DVRPC Manager, Office of Travel Trends and Forecasts, explained that DVRPC will provide PennDOT and their consultants updated traffic projections for portions of the US 422 Pottstown Bypass corridor in Chester and Montgomery counties. These forecasts are needed to complete the final reconstruction design, prepare a final noise analysis, and update the categorical exclusion evaluation. Forecasts will be prepared for an anticipated opening year of 2025 and a design year of 2045. Funding will be \$131,700 in funds from Pennsylvania TIP MPMS #14698.

Favorable recommendation was received from the Regional Technical Committee.

The Board adopted the following **motion**:

MOTION by Ms. Burritt, seconded by Mr. O’Leary that the Board amend:

The DVRPC FY2018 Work Program to include *US 422 Pottstown Bypass Traffic Forecasts*.

b. West Windsor Township Traffic Model

Matt Gates, DVRPC Manager, Office of Travel Trends and Forecasts, explained that DVRPC will prepare a customized travel demand model covering West Windsor Township in Mercer County and the surrounding municipalities. This model will be used by the Township and its consultants for traffic impact analysis other evaluations of proposed developments in the Township. Funding will be \$23,120 in funds from Arora and Associates, who are the primary consultants to the Township.

Favorable recommendation was received from the Regional Technical Committee.

The Board adopted the following **motion**:

MOTION by Ms. Floyd, seconded by Mr. Remsa that the Board amend:

The DVRPC FY2018 Work Program to include *West Windsor Township Traffic Model*.

c. Pedestrian Facilities and Planning Portal

Kim Korejko, DVRPC Manager, Data Coordination, explained that building on the Regional Sidewalk Inventory project (scheduled to begin in FY18 using other funds), DVRPC proposes to create a Pedestrian Facilities and Planning Portal. This online interface is an important component to DVRPC’s sidewalk inventory efforts over the next few fiscal years:

Phase	State	Fiscal Year and Funding Source	Timeframe
Inventory development	PA	FY2018 (18-52-090), PATIP	Winter 2018-Summer 2018
Inventory development	NJ	FY2019 and FY2020, NJTIP	Summer 2018-Fall 2019
Inventory web viewer and engagement platform development and promotion	PA & NJ	FY2018 (18-52-090), PATIP and NJTIP	Spring 2018-Fall 2019
Maintenance and planning platform development	PA	FY2018 (18-52-TBD; FY18 work program amendment), PA SPR funds	Spring 2018-Fall 2018
Maintenance and planning platform adaptation	NJ	FY2019 (19-42-020), DVRPC Bicycle & Pedestrian Planning Program	Fall 2018-Winter 2019

This portal will provide a space to allow collaboration between local and regional planning partners working on pedestrian improvements. This secure online interface will provide access to and accommodate maintenance of the regional sidewalk inventory by local entities and allow local and regional planning partners to share their pedestrian facility priorities (such as those identified in their comprehensive/master plans or those for which they seek grant funding) on an interactive map. Work will begin in Pennsylvania to support PennDOT Connects, and later be adapted as the sidewalk inventory extends into our New Jersey counties. Funding is \$85,000 Pennsylvania SPR funds

Favorable recommendation was received from the Regional Technical Committee.

A public comment was received from Dana Dobson of the Tri-State Transportation Campaign in support of this project.

The Board adopted the following **motion**:

MOTION by Mr. Levecchia, seconded by Mr. Madden that the Board amend:

The DVRPC FY2018 Work Program to include *Pedestrian Facilities and Planning Portal*.

4. Pennsylvania Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Program (TA) Regionally Selected & Statewide Recommended Projects

Joe Banks, DVRPC Senior Project Implementation Engineer, explained that the Pennsylvania Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Program (TA) is a competitive federal program established for projects that contribute to alternative transportation projects, including on- and off-road pedestrian and bicycle facilities. The three-year Pennsylvania TA provided approximately \$12 million TA funds for projects in the DVRPC region and \$55+ million statewide.

DVRPC received forty-eight (48) project applications requesting approximately \$40+ million in TA funds from the region. The projects were evaluated by the TA subcommittee using agreed upon selection criteria. The TA subcommittee has recommended 10 projects to be added to the TA Line Item (MPMS #64984) at this time totaling \$7,999,000 in regional funds. Each project will be broken out of the Line Item as an individual project at the appropriate time. Also, there are 29 projects, totaling approximately \$22.4 million to be recommended for funding through the Statewide TA selection process. In addition, the TA subcommittee recommends retaining the remaining regional TA funding balance of approximately \$4 million to be used for regionally significant projects in the future including projects in the Circuit Line Item (MPMS #105291). The TA Line Item description will be edited to indicate that approximately \$4 million will be set aside to be made available in the future for regionally significant projects. Funding is \$12,000,000 TAU funds.

Favorable recommendation was received from the Regional Technical Committee.

The Board adopted the following **motion**:

MOTION by Ms. Arkoosh, seconded by Ms. Marseglia that the Board Approve:

The list of projects identified to be funded with the DVRPC regional sub-allocation of Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Program funds, and that the list of projects be amended into the FY2017 PA TIP (TIP Action PA17-74) for \$7,999,000 TAU in the Transportation Alternatives Line Item – MPMS #64984 (funding for individual projects

will be drawn down at the appropriate time); also that the Board approve the remaining TA regional funds of approximately \$4,000,000 to be used for regionally significant projects in the future, including projects in the Circuit Line Item – MPMS #105291; and that the Board approve the TA subcommittee’s recommended statewide TA list of projects be sent to PennDOT Central Office for consideration for funding as part of the statewide TA selection process. Note that the TA Line Item - MPMS #64984 will be updated to reflect the FAST Act’s TA funding allocation to the region.

5. DVRPC Regional Trails Program New Jersey Grant Awards

Shawn Megill-Legendre, DVRPC Senior Research Analyst, Office of Energy and Climate Change Initiatives & Office of Environmental Planning, explained that three Circuit Trail projects were developed in conjunction with their respective county planning partners and local sponsors. Funding has been proposed to study, design, and/or construct the following projects through DVRPC’s Regional Trails Program with support from the William Penn Foundation. Pending approval, grants will be issued for the following projects:

1. Bridge over NJ Route 130 (feasibility study), Camden County – \$14,575
2. Cross Camden County Trail – Upper Great Egg Harbor Segment (preliminary engineering), Camden County – \$200,000
3. Stony Brook–Millstone Spur (construction), Stony Brook-Millstone Watershed Association – \$64,968

In total, \$279,543 will be granted to three projects

Mr. Seymour noted that twelve comments were received in support of this action.

Favorable recommendation was received from the Regional Technical Committee.

The Board adopted the following **motion**:

MOTION by Mr. Levecchia, seconded by Ms. Floyd that the Board Approve:

These three Regional Trails Program grant awards.

6. Adoption of DVRPC Fiscal Year 2019 Unified Planning Work Program

John Ward, DVRPC Deputy Executive Director, explained that DVRPC’s Fiscal Year (FY) 2019 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) incorporates the planning programs and support activities of DVRPC and its member governments for the period July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019. As the federally-designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Greater Philadelphia region, DVRPC is required by federal

regulation to develop a Planning Work Program. This document reflects the policy direction provided by the DVRPC Board’s UPWP Committee and input from state and federal planning partners, member governments, operating agencies, and other regional organizations.

Three key sections of the UPWP document include: (1) DVRPC’s Core Work Program, (2) Supportive Regional Highway Planning Program (SRHPP), and (3) Transit Support Program (TSP).

DVRPC staff is asking that the Board adopt the final DVRPC FY 2019 UPWP, pending the resolution of any outstanding comments and issues. On December 6, 2017, the Board authorized release of the Draft FY 2019 UPWP for distribution and review, with the public comment period scheduled to run from December 7, 2017 to January 8, 2018. DVRPC staff is in the process of receiving and responding to comments and are working to resolve any open issues. After the Board adopts the FY 2019 UPWP, relevant edits will continue to be incorporated into the UPWP. Then staff will produce the final FY 2019 UPWP and submit it to the funding agencies.

To support certain projects that the Board has selected for the DVRPC FY 2019 UPWP, TIP Actions NJ18-001 and PA17-75 are required to amend or modify the FY 2018 TIP for New Jersey and the FY 2017 TIP for Pennsylvania. These actions are summarized in Tables 1 and 2.

Table 1: TIP Action NJ18-001 for FY 2019 UPWP Projects in New Jersey

A balance of \$1,280,000 (federal) would return to the line item, DVRPC, Future Projects (DB #D026), in FY 2018 of the FY 2018 NJ TIP.

TIP Funded FY 2019 UPWP Project in New Jersey	Action	Total Cost Adjustment
Local Concept Development Projects (DB #X30A)	Increase	\$1,070,000
New Jersey Pavement Management System (DB #D1503)	Decrease/ Delete (obligated)	(\$2,000,000)
New Jersey Regional Signal Retiming Initiative (DB #D1601)	Decrease	(\$350,000)
	Total:	(\$1,280,000)
	<i>Federal:</i>	<i>\$1,280,000</i>
	<i>State:</i>	<i>\$0</i>
	<i>Local/Other:</i>	<i>\$0</i>

Table 2: TIP Action PA17-75 for FY 2019 UPWP Projects in Pennsylvania

An additional \$547,525 (\$534,500 Federal/\$13,025 State) in FY 2018 of the FY 2017 PA TIP is required to fund DVRPC FY 2019 UPWP requests in Pennsylvania.

TIP Funded FY 2019 UPWP Projects in Pennsylvania	Action	Total Cost Adjustment
DVRPC Commuter Services/Mobility Alternatives Program (Share-a-Ride) (MPMS #110460)	New MPMS # for DVRPC portion of MPMS# 17900	\$0
CMAQ Competitive Program and Project Management- DVRPC (MPMS #66461)	Increase	\$40,000 (\$32,000 CMAQ/ \$8,000 State 581)
TAP Competitive Program and Project Management – DVRPC (MPMS #66460)	Increase \$2,000 STU & Decrease \$2,000 State 581	\$0
Transportation Systems Management and Operations (TSMO) (MPMS #72738)	Increase	\$37,125 (\$30,100 CMAQ/ \$7,025 State 581)
Enhance and Maintain Travel Forecasting Tools (MPMS #86077)	Increase	\$70,400
TIP Funded FY 2019 UPWP Projects in Pennsylvania	Action	Total Cost Adjustment
Local Modeling of Proposed New PA Turnpike Interchanges (Phased) (MPMS #108512)	Increase	\$250,000
Route 422 Operations and Capacity Study (MPMS #TBD)	Add New Project/ MPMS #	\$150,000
Total:		\$547,525
<i>Federal:</i>		<i>\$534,500</i>
<i>State:</i>		<i>\$13,025</i>

*TBD is “to be determined”.

Favorable recommendation was received from the Regional Technical Committee.

Calvin Edghill, FHWA NJ, noted that FHWA is reviewing the Work Program now and that in 2014 FHWA and FTA put out a letter of emphasis areas which are Models of Regional Cooperation, Ladders of Opportunity, and Implementing the Fast Act. Mr. Edghill commented that we are required to do dynamic planning and the agenda today and the regional planning that takes place here is an example. Mr. Edghill commented that he recently presented to a group of ITS stakeholders and by 2013 NJ had 6.1 million licensed drivers with access to 7.1 million vehicles. The even bigger challenge is that

73% are using vehicles and traveling alone. We need to invest in other modes and incorporate them in our planning. Mobility on demand is very important and fractional ownership is part of this. It is the idea of having multiple households own one vehicle.

The Board adopted the following **motion**:

MOTION by Mr. Mosca, seconded by Mr. Squilla that the Board Adopt:

The final DVRPC FY 2019 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP), pending the resolution of any outstanding comments and issues. Further, approve TIP Actions NJ18-001 and PA17-75 to amend or modify the FY 2018 TIP for New Jersey and the FY 2017 TIP for Pennsylvania, as required.

7. Safety Performance Measure Targets

John Ward, DVRPC Deputy Executive Director, and Mike Boyer, DVRPC Associate Director, Planning, explained that a key feature of MAP-21 was the establishment of a performance-based planning and programming approach for investing in our nation's transportation infrastructure. This approach continues under the FAST Act. The objective of this approach is for State DOTs and MPOs to invest resources in projects that collectively will make progress toward the achievement of national goals. This effort established a set of transportation performance measures that require state DOTs and MPOs to set performance targets. MPOs can choose to set their own targets or adopt the statewide targets set by the state DOT. An overview of the safety performance measure was presented and the Board was asked to adopt the same targets as PennDOT and NJ DOT.

Mr. Seymour noted that this is very complex and as an example, in NJ the baseline compared to their target, shows that their rate of serious injury target is slated to go down but the rate of fatalities may still go up. In Pennsylvania it is the opposite, which shows how all these things are interrelated. Mike Boyer noted that these are supposed to be realistic targets and not aspirational. This is something we will be doing annually. Andrew Levecchia, Camden County, and Barbara Holcomb, DRPA, noted that the RTC discussed the safety performance measure targets extensively at the RTC and the group feels that these are the best numbers moving forward.

Favorable recommendation was received from the Regional Technical Committee

The Board adopted the following **motion**:

MOTION by Mr. Squilla, seconded by Mr. Levecchia that the Board Adopt:

Safety performance measure targets to be consistent with the Pennsylvania and New Jersey statewide targets and support the states' efforts at achieving those targets.

INFORMATION ITEM

8. Roosevelt Boulevard Direct Bus

Amy Bernknopf, DVRPC Senior Planner, Office of Transit, Bicycle, and Pedestrian Planning, Angie Dixon, City of Philadelphia, and Dan Nemiroff, SEPTA, presented about the planning and steps to implementation of the Roosevelt Boulevard Direct Bus. The Direct Bus is a new mode for SEPTA, and the agency's first application of it is on Roosevelt Boulevard.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

9. One Minute Reports

Rohan Hepkins, PATCO, reported that PATCO is celebrating its 50th Anniversary next February. Discussion is starting regarding a celebration throughout the year. With the upcoming Superbowl and possible parade PATCO is looking at how best to route people.

Barbara Holcomb, DRPA, reported that PATCO reached a milestone in 2017 by serving 500 million riders since opening in 1969. PATCO is working with SEPTA to integrate SEPTA's key card with the Freedom Card system.

Elizabeth Smith, SEPTA, reported that SEPTA closed its public comment period on the King of Prussia rail project draft EIS in December and that today there is a vote on the locally preferred alternative.

Adam Sternbach, NJ Governor's Authorities Unit, introduced himself to the DVRPC Board and noted that he is looking forward to working with the Commission.

Mark Squilla, City of Philadelphia, reported that the EV Task Force draft policy recommendations were released and there is an open house tonight to review the 18 draft recommendations. More information is available on OTIS' website. The City put out an RFI for advanced bike sharing technology. Options could be dockless bikes, improved bike tracking, integrated check outs, and more.

Brian O'Leary, Chester County, reported that demolition took place near where the new Downingtown Train Station will be, at the site of the old Sunoco Paper Mill. Transit oriented development will be going up next to the station with residential and commercial uses. This is a dramatic project for the region.

Kevin Madden, Delaware County, introduced himself to the Board and noted that he studied transportation design in college and looks forward to representing the county on the DVRPC Board.

Valerie Arkoosh, Montgomery County, reported that a friend recently took PATCO and was extremely impressed with the service and customer service provided. Montgomery county allowed its employees to wear Eagles gear prior to the last two games and the

Superbowl game and Ms. Arkoosh encouraged Board members to allow their employees to do the same.

Ed Williams, City of Camden, reported that Camden has a new Mayor, Francisco Moran. Mayor Moran was the former Director of Public Works. The City is working on its Master Plan and it will be heard by the Planning Board soon.

10. Executive Director's Report

a. Draft Trump Administration Infrastructure Plan

Mr. Seymour noted that a leaked copy of the draft Trump administration infrastructure plan brings up some interesting issues. It divides funding into different pots with half of the money going into a competitive grant program. Seventy percent of the criteria for selection of these grants relates to the ability of the project to raise non-federal funds. Another part of this is that the federal grant awards cannot exceed 20 percent of the total project cost. There are some interesting principles for infrastructure improvements as well and one would allow states to toll interstates and utilize the tolling revenue for infrastructure. Another principle for highways is the possibility of refunding the federal investment in highways to eliminate the application of federal requirements. For transit one principal is to require value capture financing as a condition for receipt of transit funds for major capital projects. We will keep an eye on this as it could have a lot of implications for us.

b. Major Metro Roundtable

Mr. Seymour reported that he recently participated in a Major Metro Roundtable in which funding for the Census was discussed. DVRPC staff drafted a letter about this which can be found in the Board packets.

c. Public Records Policy Review

Mr. Seymour called the Board's attention to the fact that DVRPC staff has formed a working group to review other bi-state organizations public records policies and determine what changes we will make to our policy.

d. Future Cities

Mr. Seymour noted that this past weekend he participated in judging the Future Cities Competition. The competition involves middle school students building a model of cities of the future. The theme this year was making the cities age-friendly. There were 47 schools participating this year and it was a lot of fun.

e. Breaking Ground Conference

Mr. Seymour called the Board's attention to the fact that March's Board meeting will be held in conjunction with the Breaking Ground meeting and will be held at the Loews Philadelphia Hotel at 9:00 a.m. He thanked Board members for agreeing to participate in the conference.

f. New Releases

Mr. Seymour reported that DVRPC has some new releases including: The DVRPC Annual Report and Planner for 2018; The Modern Trolley Station Design Guide for SEPTA; Radnor Station Connectivity Study; East Callowhill Traffic Calming Study; 5 Coastal Vulnerability Reports in NJ (Beverly City, Bordentown Township, Burlington City, Burlington Township, Delran Township); Connections 2045 Plan.

g. Healthy Communities Task Force and Quarterly Report

Mr. Seymour noted that there is a Healthy Communities Task Force meeting on January 31 and the agenda is the Board packets. The DVRPC 2nd Quarter Report is also available for the Board's review.

9. Committee Reports

The following committee reports were provided for the Board's review:

- (1) Regional Technical Committee (RTC) – Mr. Ward noted that the highlights are included in the Board packets.
- (2) Transportation Operations Task Force (TOTF) – Chris King, DVRPC Manager, Office of Transportation Operations Management, reported that at the TOTF meeting Kelly McVeigh, NJDOT, detailed the Hard Shoulder Running Pilot Program currently underway on US 1 in South Brunswick. Additionally, Todd Leiss, Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission, provided an overview of two ABC projects, one on the Northeast Extension in the Eastern portion of the state and the other on the Mainline in Western Pennsylvania. Parth Bhavsar, Rowan University, provided a high-level overview of connected and autonomous vehicles (CVTs) and some of the challenges facing DOTs as CVTs continue to be integrated into the transportation system.
- (3) Information Resources Exchange Group (IREG) – Chris Pollard, DVRPC Manager, Geospatial Application Development, reported that at the IREG meeting Frank Desendi, Manager of Geographic Information Division - PennDOT presented on the Pennsylvania Geospatial Coordinating Board and explained that it was created based on a need for coordination among geospatial data users arose. Additionally, DVRPC's Sarah Moran presented on DVRPC's bicycle level of traffic stress and connectivity analysis.
- (4) Public Participation Task Force (PPTF) – Shoshana Akins, DVRPC Public Participation Planner, reported that at the last PPTF meeting a presentation was given by Nyeema Watson, *Associate Chancellor, Office of Civic Engagement at Rutgers University*, who presented on the evolution Rutgers Camden has had with civic

engagement, highlighting the successes and setbacks the school has experienced throughout the years. Nate Adams, *Communications Chair, Young Involved Philly* Nate Adams presented on Young Involved Philly's mission for engagement and the various methods, practices, and mediums YIP has used. Lara Flynn, *Regional Representative for Southeastern PA, Sen. Casey's Office*, presented on Sen. Casey's political history with civic engagement and the Office's current methods for staying engaged with constituents. Additionally a panel discussion took place on best practices for civic engagement.

(5) Delaware Valley Goods Movement Task Force (DVGMTF) – Mr. Seymour reported that the highlights are included in the Board packets.

OLD BUSINESS

No old business was stated.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business was stated.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:36 a.m. on a **MOTION** by Mr. Levecchia, seconded by Ms. Marseglia.

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