

**PUBLIC COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS
RELATED TO DVRPC BOARD ACTION ITEMS**

December 12, 2013

**BOARD
AGENDA ITEM:**

2. Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Actions

**a. PA13-57: PA13-57: West Trenton Line Separation Project, (MPMS# 98235)
SEPTA**

From: James Mascaro

County: Montgomery

Zip Code: 19075

Date Received: November 27, 2013

Comment/Question: I would like to see this project approved. Reducing and/or eliminating commuter travel and freight delays will help increase ridership, improve freight delivery times and reduce car travel on our roads, all of which benefits the health and welfare of the Delaware Valley.

Response: Thank you for your comment.

From: Leonard Fritz

County: Gloucester

Zip Code: 08094

Date Received: November 26, 2013

Comment/Question: I think that this should be constructed as soon as possible. Only one question though, does this in any way have any effect or changes to any existing bridges, and if so, will they also be a part of the project?

Response: Thank you for your comment. There will be no significant effect or changes to any of the existing bridges as a result of the project. There is one under grade bridge over Reading Avenue (MP 30.47) in Pennsylvania, which will receive new bridge timbers, painting, and some minor repairs. All work will be performed in the existing right-of-way.

**b. PA13-58: PA13-58: Red Lion Road Pedestrian Crossing, (MPMS# 97975)
Montgomery County**

From: John Boyle

County: Philadelphia

Zip Code: 19102

Date Received: November 26, 2013

Comment/Question: The Bicycle Coalition of Greater Philadelphia supports this project.

Response: Thank you for your comment.

d. **NJ14-03: NJ14-03: Pearl Street Bulkhead Replacement, (DB# D1007A)
Camden County**

From: John Boyle

County: Philadelphia

Zip Code: 19102

Date Received: November 26, 2013

Comment/Question: The Bicycle Coalition of Greater Philadelphia supports this project.

Response: Thank you for your comment.

e. **NJ14-04: NJ14-04: Light Rail Resiliency, (DB# T904) NJ TRANSIT**

From: Ernest Cohen

County: Delaware

Zip Code: 19082

Date Received: November 29, 2013

Comment/Question: I am for anything that strengthens the Delaware Valley rail transit systems, particularly electrified routes.

Response: Thank you for your comment.

3. **FY2014 Work Program Amendment: New Jersey Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) Design Assistance Program**

From: Kathryn Russo

County: Camden

Zip Code: 08108

Date Received: December 4, 2013

Comment/Question: I would like to see a portion of this program be designated for pedestrian crossings near (with 1/4 mile) of schools on roads wider than 24' and field speeds (from a speed study) that are greater than 25 mph

Response: Thank you for your comment, which will be forwarded to the program's manager. The HSIP Design Assistance Program is a competitive safety program for which counties can apply. Projects will be awarded based on their safety improvement merit and must reflect eligible FHWA approved safety countermeasures. DVRPC is seeking board approval to offer HSIP funded design assistance, which was previously prohibited by the state. We encourage you to work with your county planning department to explore bringing the specific projects you think are important into the mix.

From: John Boyle

County: Philadelphia

Zip Code: 19102

Date Received: November 26, 2013

Comment/Question: The Bicycle Coalition of Greater Philadelphia supports this action. Since Bicyclists and Pedestrians account for a quarter of all traffic deaths in the region we hope that an equitable portion of the HSIP funds are awarded to improve bike/ped safety.

Response: Thank you for your comment.