

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS
RELATED TO DVRPC BOARD ACTION ITEMS

May 26, 2022

Verbal comment to the Board, submitted during the meeting

From: Rev. Glenn Benson

County: Chester

Zip Code: N/A

Date Received: 5/26/2022

Comment: (Was given during the Board meeting)

Summary: The purpose of this comment is to receive justice for the violent vibrations that have destroyed homes by I-95. Rev. Benson acknowledges that PennDOT has put out a proposal for this project. He requests that everyone continue to stay involved until the completion of the project. Rev. Benson would like to be notified of any updates on the project. He stated that to his knowledge the project was supposed to start this year but that has not started yet and would like to know when the project will get started.

Draft Response: Response is pending.

From: Sarah Stuart

County: N/A

Zip Code: N/A

Date Received: 5/26/2022

Comment: (Was given during the Board meeting)

Summary: Sarah provided this comment on behalf of the Circuit Trail Coalition. She is the chair of Circuit Trail Coalition and the Executive Director of Bicycle Coalition of Greater Philadelphia. This comment was in reference to action item #3- [Authorization to Open a Public Comment Period for the Draft FY 2023 TIP for Pennsylvania and the Draft Conformity Finding of the Long-Range Plan and Pennsylvania TIP.](#)

Sarah provided an overview of the circuit trails and their status. She noted that the region is 98 miles short of their 500 miles 2025 goal and that they are campaigning to get these miles funded. She noted that this goal is aligned with the 2050 Long range Plan of 827 miles by 2040. Today they are releasing a report called [Moving the Circuit Forward](#) and this report lists trail segments and their status by county. As well as what segments are a priority. The report also has 12 policy recommendations and in those recommendations they have “programing circuit projects to the TIP.” They have found

that there is a 17% gap in what is programmed on the two TIPs (PA and NJ) and the end commitment of 4.5% from DVRPC's Long Range Plan.

They recommend/ conclude that...

1. Bike/ ped projects in the PA and NJ TIPs currently do not match allocation recommended in Connections 2050
2. \$10-20 M gap annually in bike/ ped funding
3. Recommend programming Circuit projects into the next PA TIP to reach both 500 miles & 4.5% allocation for bike/ ped projects

They, Circuit Trail Coalition, will like to work with DVRPC to make these recommendations happen.

Draft Response: Response is pending.

General public comment

From: Kathy Doud

County: Philadelphia

Zip Code: N/A

Date Received: 5/18/2022

Comment: I just want to express support for the project that will be coming to you guys on Oregon avenue. The parking lot has been an eyesore for years. The trash, oil run off from cars, the support of gasoline, and neighbor harasses people, and it needs this project so very badly! The area needs redevelopment because it is not looking very good anymore. It needs an infusion and I think the mixed use in this is great since it adds grass and not car oil run off. There is just no need for a paid parking lot in the middle of a residential area but there is a need for more housing as the city grows. I support any project you bring to 13th and Oregon! The neighborhood has never looked worse and it needs help! Approve this!!!

<https://s3.amazonaws.com/eclipse-docs-pdfs/zoning/ZP-2022-002487C.pdf?fbclid=IwAR3ldclbTwKQSxf3mGQS72MRaw1pDb9igPKcMsCg7VYzCZjYiXvyco1E9Do>

Draft Response: This comment was shared with the Board, the Philadelphia City Planning Commission (PCPC), the South District Planner within PCPC, and the Civic Design Review team. Your support in this project and engagement in the region's development is appreciated.