

## Board Meeting Minutes

March 27, 2025 | Online Meeting

### ATTENDANCE

#### BOARD MEMBERS AND VOTING ALTERNATES

Pennsylvania Department of Transportation, **Kristin Mulkerin**  
Pennsylvania Governor's Policy & Planning Office, **Anthony Luker**  
Pennsylvania Governor's Appointee, *vacant*  
New Jersey Department of Transportation, **Megan Fackler**  
New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, **Keith Henderson**  
New Jersey Governor's Appointee, **Ed Potosnack**  
Bucks County, **Bob Harvie**  
Chester County, **Josh Maxwell**  
Delaware County, **Christine Reuther, Gina Burrit**  
Montgomery County, **Neil Makhija, Scott France**  
Burlington County, **Tom Stanuikynas**  
Camden County, **Ilene Lampitt**  
Gloucester County, **Nick Cressman**  
Mercer County, **Matt Lawson**  
City of Camden, **June Morton**  
City of Trenton, **Lisa Seriessyol**  
City of Chester, **Paul Fritz**  
City of Philadelphia, **Chris Puchalsky**

#### NON-VOTING REPRESENTATIVES TO THE COMMISSION

Federal Highway Administration, New Jersey Division, *(not represented)*  
Federal Highway Administration, PA Pennsylvania Division, *(not represented)*  
Federal Highway Administration, *(not represented)*  
Federal Transit Administration, *(2 seats, not represented)*  
U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, *(3 seats, not represented)*  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, *(2 seats, not represented)*  
New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, *(not represented)*  
New Jersey Office of Planning Advocacy, **Walter Lane**  
Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development, **Michael Shorr**  
Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection, *(not represented)*  
Delaware River Port Authority, **Darlene Callands**  
New Jersey Transit Corporation, **Louis Milan**  
Port Authority Transit Corporation, **Rohan Hepkins**  
Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority, **Jody Holton**

#### DVRPC CO-COUNSEL

Pennsylvania Co-Counsel: **Jonathan Bloom**  
New Jersey Co-Counsel: **Steve Raymond**

### 1. Call to Order, Chair's Comments, Roll Call

Chair Josh Maxwell called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m. Executive Director Maron called roll and confirmed quorum.



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## 2. Public Comments on Agenda and Non-Agenda Items

No public comments were made at this meeting. Written public comments can be found [here](#).

## 3. Executive Director's Report

Executive Director Maron provided updates on federal funding to the region, followed by a number of DVRPC program updates.

The deadline for DVRPC's FY26 [New Jersey Transportation and Community Development Initiative](#) (TCDI) applications is Monday, March 31. This grant program supports land use and transportation planning efforts that align with the region's long-range plan and have a direct connection to the transportation system. At its meeting on March 14, the Board of Trustees for the DVRPC Foundation for NJ, Inc. approved up to \$10,000 for the Inspired Safe Streets Expo project in East Trenton to improve biking and walking safety. DVRPC has released [Strategic Planning for SEPTA Surface Transit Corridors](#), a report outlining land use, site planning, and streetscape design strategies to support transit-friendly development. The report includes recommendations and case studies to guide planning and zoning discussions. Lastly, DVRPC's Office of Safe Streets is launching a [Regional Vision Zero crowd source map](#) to compile and map transportation safety issues across the region.

## ACTION ITEMS

### 4. Meeting Minutes of February 27, 2025

***ACTION:** Approve minutes of the Board Meeting on February 27, 2025.*

***MOTION** by Mr. Potosnak, seconded by Mr. Puchalsky. Mr. Maxwell abstained. All remaining votes were cast in favor of the motion. Motion passed.*

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

Rick Murphy, DVRPC, Manager, Office of TIP Development and Maintenance, presented the item to the Board. [DVRPC Board Meeting March 2025 \(Slide 1\)](#)

- a. PA25-040: PA 611 (Old York Road) over SEPTA (MPMS #16214), Montgomery County – Advance and Increase CON Phase [Action Item Description](#) [Public Comment](#)

***ACTION:** Approve TIP Action PA25-040, PennDOT's request that DVRPC amend the FY2025 TIP for Pennsylvania by increasing the Construction (CON) Phase of the PA 611 (Old York Road) over SEPTA (MPMS #16214) project by \$8,200,000. FY25 will increase by \$4,502,000 NHPP and FY26 will increase by \$9,199,000 (\$999,000 NHPP/ \$8,200,000 BRIP); and FY27 will be reduced by \$1,775,000 STU\*, FY28 by \$1,726,000 STU\*, and FY29 by \$2,000,000 STU\*. The fund increase is to match the current CON Phase estimate of \$16,390,000 (\$8,200,000 BRIP/\$5,501,000 NHPP/\$2,689,000 STU).*

***MOTION** by Mr. Harvie, seconded by Ms. Burritt. All votes were cast in favor of the motion. Motion passed.*

- b. PA25-041: North Valley Road over Amtrak (MPMS # 47979), Chester County – Delay CON Phase/Cashflow CON outside 4-Year TIP [Action Item Description](#)

***ACTION:** Approve TIP Action PA25-041, PennDOT's request that DVRPC amend the FY2025 TIP for Pennsylvania by delaying the Construction (CON) Phase of the North Valley Road over Amtrak (MPMS #47979) project by cashflowing \$8,020,000 (\$6,416,000 BRIP/\$1,604,000 State 185) from FY26 to FY33, in the total amount of \$8,754,000 (\$7,011,000 BRIP/\$1,753,000 State 185), to match the project's updated Let date of January 2028.*

***MOTION** by Mr. Cressman, seconded by Mr. Puchalsky. All votes were cast in favor of the motion. Motion passed.*

- c. PA25-042: Statewide Multimodal Transportation Fund Projects (Various MPMS #s), Various Counties – Accept New Projects into the TIP [Action Item Description](#)

**ACTION:** Approve TIP Action PA25-042, PennDOT's request that DVRPC accept the listed Statewide MTF projects, as well as their additional funds into the FY2025 TIP for Pennsylvania. Six projects for the total amount of \$12,708,000 (\$9,082,000 State 411/\$3,626,000 LOC) will be added to the TIP:

*Bucks County*

- Middletown Township School Zone Pedestrian Safety Project (MPMS #120275) – \$391,000 (\$300,000 State 411/\$91,000 LOC)

*Chester County*

- Marshallton Thorndale and Poorhouse Road Roundabout (MPMS #120278) - \$3,250,000 (\$1,975,000 State 411/\$1,275,000 LOC)

*Delaware County*

- Emerson Avenue ADA Improvements (MPMS #120279) - \$491,000 (\$319,000 State 411/\$172,000 LOC)

*Montgomery County*

- South Collegeville Road (PA 29) at Perkiomen Boulevard (MPMS # 120281) - \$1,576,000 (\$1,103,000 State 411/\$473,000 LOC)

*City of Philadelphia*

- Fairhill Neighborhood Slow Zone Phase 2 (MPMS #120282) - \$3,900,000 (\$3,000,000 State 411/\$900,000 LOC)
- Schuylkill Banks: Bartram-Passyunk Phase 2 Land Acquisition (MPMS #120298) - \$3,100,000 (\$2,385,000 State 411/\$715,000 LOC)

**MOTION** by Mr. Harvie, seconded by Mr. Puchalsky. All votes were cast in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

- d. PA25-043: Bridge Off System Projects (Various MPMS #'s), Various Counties [Action Item Description](#)

**ACTION:** TIP Action PA25-043, DVRPC staff's request to add the listed BOF projects to the FY2025 TIP for Pennsylvania. Seven projects for the total amount of \$48,664,000 BOF will be added to the TIP: Bucks County Randall Avenue Bridge over Amtrak (MPMS #13233) – \$1,430,000 BOF/Toll Credit Chester County Replacement of Harmony Hill Road over Valley Creek (MPMS #82018) - \$1,990,000 BOF/Toll Credit Replacement of Coventryville Road over French Creek (MPMS #86272) - \$2,552,000 BOF/Toll Credit Replacement of Forest Manor Road over East Branch Big Elk Creek (MPMS #78530) - \$1,492,000 BOF/Toll Credit Delaware County Pine Street over Darby Creek (MPMS #103546) - \$8,800,000 BOF/Toll Credit Montgomery County Washington Street over Norfolk Southern Railroad (MPMS # 16292) - \$9,400,000 BOF/Toll Credit City of Philadelphia Margie Street Bridge over Amtrak (MPMS #17595) – \$23,000,000 BOF/Toll Credit.

**MOTION** by Mr. Puchalsky, seconded by Ms. Burritt. All votes were cast in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

## DISCUSSION ITEMS

### 6. New Jersey State Development and Redevelopment Plan

Walter Lane, Acting Executive Director of the New Jersey Office of Planning Advocacy, presented the item to the Board. [DVRPC Board Meeting March 2025 \(Slide 15\)](#)

### 7. Update: Connections 2050: Project Evaluation and Geographic Analysis

Jackie Davis DVRPC, Manager, Office of Long-Range Planning, presented the item to the Board. [DVRPC Board Meeting March 2025 \(Slide 31\)](#)

### 8. Overview of the Board Officers and Executive Committee Nominating Process

Ariella Maron, DVRPC, Executive Director, presented the item to the Board. [DVRPC Board Meeting March 2025 \(Slide 41\)](#)

### 9. One Minute Reports

Kristin Mulkerin, PennDOT, reported that PennDOT is starting its 12-year Program process with the 2025 Transportation Performance report from the State Transportation Commission. The report is available online. There is a survey available online, and there will be an online public forum on Thursday, April 10. [\[Link\]](#)

Gina Burritt, Delaware County, shared that the County adopted its Vision Zero Safety Action Plan, and that Upper Providence is the first municipality to adopt the County's plan.

Scott France, Montgomery County, shared an article in the recent APA magazine featuring a mixed-income housing development from East Greenhill borough, Montgomery County. The project transformed a former casket factory from the 1880s into 71 units of affordable multifamily housing. The community recognized the benefits of this housing development and has welcomed the project. [\[APA Article Link\]](#)

Chris Puchalsky, City of Philadelphia, announced Mayor Parker's Housing Opportunities Made Easy (HOME) plan to build, restore, and preserve 30,000 units of homes in Philadelphia. Indego celebrates its 10th anniversary this year, with thanks to DVRPC and Greg Krykewycz, who led a study in 2008 demonstrating that bike sharing could be successful in Philadelphia. [\[Mayor Parker's HOME Plan\]](#)

Megan Fackler, NJDOT, gave an update on the New Jersey 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan, which is in the final phases of the Draft Plan review. NJDOT hopes to have the plan fully executed by the end of the summer.

Ilene Camden County, thanked DVRPC staff member Emily Goldstein and all staff involved in the Farmland Preservation Plan.

Matt Lawson, Mercer County, announced that Mercer County, in partnership with Greater Mercer TMA, will be holding a day-long transportation focused conference on May 28. The focus will be on local transportation; anyone is welcome to join.

Lisa Serieyssol, City of Trenton, reported that Trenton held its second Safe Streets for All Committee meeting. Cassidy Bouland and Jen Farris from DVRPC helped Trenton get the committee up and running.

Jody Holton, SEPTA, shared that SEPTA is still preparing its budget for the next fiscal year, which is expected to be released in April. The agency has a \$213 million operating deficit, and to reflect this, the budget proposal includes cuts to transit service. Separately, she reported that SEPTA has updated its stroller policy to improve accessibility for families, caretakers, and children. As of March 16, about 20% of Regional Rail trains have seen timing and scheduling adjustments to accommodate ridership patterns.

Louis Milan, NJTransit, reported that NJTransit has seen a significant increase in ridership on the weekends. NJTransit has been working with NJDOT on the New Jersey Long Range Transportation Plan.

Rohan Hepkins, PATCO, announced that the Franklin Square PATCO station would open on April 3. This station will be fully ADA accessible and will be the 5th PATCO station in Center City.

Darlene Callands, DRPA, shared more details on the Franklin Square PATCO Station opening and encouraged everyone to visit the station.

Michael Shorr, PA DCED, announced that the DCED [Multimodal Transportation Fund](#) is accepting applications from March 1, through July 31, for projects budgeted between \$100,000 and \$3,000,000. Act 13 applications are also open for projects including trails and recreation. The PA [Small Water and Sewer program](#) is also accepting applications in what will likely be a one-time funding opportunity.

## 10. Committee Reports

- a. [Regional Technical Committee](#)

## 9. Old Business

None

## 10. New Business

None

## 11. Adjournment

**ACTION:** *Adjourn the Board meeting at 11:15 am and move into the Executive Committee.*

**MOTION** *by Mr. Lawson, seconded by Mr. Stanuikynas. All votes were cast in favor of the motion. Motion passed.*