

Board Meeting Minutes

June 26, 2025 | Hybrid 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, **Eric Powers**
New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, **Keith Henderson**
New Jersey Governor's Appointee, **Ed Potosnak**
Bucks County, **Evan Stone**
Chester County, **Josh Maxwell**
Delaware County, **Gina Burritt**
Montgomery County, **Matthew Popek**
Burlington County, **Tom Stanuikynas**
Camden County, **Ilene Lampitt**
Gloucester County, **Nick Cressman**
Mercer County, **Maria Connolly**
City of Camden, **June Morton**
City of Trenton, **Lisa Serieyssol**
City of Chester, **Paul Fritz**
City of Philadelphia, **Mark Squilla**

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, **Lisa Avichal**
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, **RJ Palladino**
Port Authority Transit Corporation, **Rohan Hepkins**
Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority, **Jody Holton**

DVRPC CO-COUNSEL

Pennsylvania Co-Counsel: **Jonathan Bloom**
New Jersey Co-Counsel: **Tom Coleman**

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

Chair Josh Maxwell called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Executive Director Ariella Maron called roll and confirmed quorum.

2. Public Comments on Agenda and Non-Agenda Items

No public comments were made at this meeting.

3. Executive Director's Report

Executive Director Ariella Maron provided updates on federal funding programs and regional safety initiatives, and highlighted new funding and other resources available on DVRPC's website.

- The 2025 round of DVRPC's [Travel Options Program \(TOP\)](#) will open on July 7. To be eligible for an expression of interest, applicants must attend an information session. Registration is available on the linked website.
- The [Digital Access: Infrastructure, Tools, and Skills](#) webinar was hosted in collaboration with Technology Learning Collaborative; this meeting summary provides an overview of the regional analysis, discusses barriers, and suggests several strategies for addressing digital access issues discussed during the webinar.
- The [DVRPC Freight Centers: 2025 Update Process](#) provided details on DVRPC's methodology for the 2025 update of DVRPC's freight center designations including data sources, scoring system, and typology classification.
- The [Connectivity Analysis for US 202](#) assesses future growth scenarios along the US 202 corridor.

ACTION ITEMS

4. Meeting Minutes of May 22, 2025

ACTION: Approve minutes of the Board Meeting on May 22, 2025.

MOTION by Ms. Morton, seconded by Ms. Mulkerin. All remaining votes were cast in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

5. Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Actions

Jesse Buerk, DVRPC, Associate Director, Office of Capital Programs and Project Development presented the items to the Board. Actions C, D, E and F were voted on together. [DVRPC Board Meeting June 2025 \(Slide 2\)](#)

- a. PA25-055: Route 1 Improvements - North (Section RC2) (MPMS #93445), Bucks County – Increase CON Phase [Action Item Description](#)

ACTION: Approve TIP Action PA25-055, PennDOT's request that DVRPC amend the FFY2025 TIP for Pennsylvania by increasing the Construction (CON) Phase of the Route 1 Improvements – North (Section RC2) (MPMS #93445) project by \$11,849,000 (\$7,160,000 STU/\$3,389,000 STP/\$480,000 State 581 in FFY25 and by \$820,000 State 581 in FFY26).

MOTION by Mr. Stone, seconded by Ms. Lampitt. All votes were cast in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

- b. NJ24-108: Resurfacing, Federal (DB #99327A), Statewide – Decrease ERC Phase [Action Item Description](#)

ACTION: Approve TIP Action NJ24-108, NJDOT's request that DVRPC amend the FFY2024 S/TIP for New Jersey by decreasing the FFY25 ERC Phase of the statewide Resurfacing, Federal program (DB #D2305) by \$40 M NHPP from \$45 M NHPP to \$5 M NHPP.

MOTION by Ms. Morton, seconded by Ms. Connelly. All votes were cast in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

- c. NJ24-109: ITS Safety Program (DB #23314), Statewide – Increase ERC Phase [Action Item Description](#)

- d. NJ24-110: Safety Programs, (DB #19370), Statewide – Increase ERC Phase [Action Item Description](#)

- e. NJ24-111: Bridge Preventive Maintenance (DB #13323), Statewide – Increase EC Phase [Action Item Description](#)
- f. NJ24-112: Mobility and Systems Engineering Program (DB #13306), Statewide – Increase EC Phase [Action Item Description](#)

ACTIONS:

- Approve TIP Action NJ24-109, NJDOT's request that DVRPC amend the FFY2024 S/TIP for New Jersey by increasing the FFY25 ERC Phase of the statewide ITS Safety Program (DB #23314) by \$20.18 M HSIP from \$3 M HSIP to \$23.18 M HSIP.
- Approve TIP Action NJ24-110, NJDOT's request that DVRPC amend the FFY2024 S/TIP for New Jersey by increasing the FFY25 ERC Phase of the statewide Safety Programs (DB#19370) by \$15.536 M, by adding \$22.965 M HSIP funding and removing \$7.429 M HSIP-VRUS, from \$6.93 M HSIP to \$29.895 M HSIP and from \$11.529 M HSIP-VRUS to \$4.1 M HSIP-VRUS.
- Approve TIP Action NJ24-111, NJDOT's request that DVRPC amend the FFY2024 S/TIP for New Jersey by increasing the FFY25 EC Phase of the statewide Bridge Preventive Maintenance program (DB #13323) by \$58.5 M STBGP- FLEX from \$10 M STBGP-FLEX to \$68.5M STBGP-FLEX.
- Approve TIP Action NJ24-112, NJDOT's request that DVRPC amend the FFY2024 S/TIP for New Jersey by increasing the FFY25 EC Phase of the statewide Mobility and Systems Engineering Program (DB #13306) by \$29.2 M NHPP from \$49.991 M NHPP to \$79.191 M NHPP.

MOTIONS by Mr. Henderson, seconded by Ms. Morton. All votes were cast in favor of the motions. Motions passed.

6. Request to Open Public Comment Period for Draft Update: Connections 2050 Long-Range Plan; Draft FFY2026 DVRPC Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for New Jersey and Draft FFY2026 New Jersey State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP); and Draft Transportation Conformity Determination Finding of the Draft Update: Connections 2050 Long-Range Plan, Draft FFY2026 DVRPC TIP for New Jersey, and FFY2025 TIP for Pennsylvania

Jackie Davis DVRPC, Manager, Office of Long-Range Planning, presented the item to the Board. [Action Item Description](#) [DVRPC Board Meeting June 2025 \(Slide 20\)](#)

Board Discussion: Jody Holton, SEPTA, appreciated staff work on these documents and is looking forward to having this draft public.

ACTION: Authorize staff to open a minimum 30-day public comment period for the purpose of gathering public and agency comments on the Draft Update: Connections 2050 Long-Range Plan; Draft FFY2026 DVRPC Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for New Jersey and Draft FFY2026 New Jersey Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP); and Draft Transportation Conformity Determination Finding of the Draft Update: Connections 2050 Long-Range Plan, Draft FFY2026 DVRPC TIP for New Jersey, and FFY2025 TIP for Pennsylvania; to issue proper public notifications; to publish the draft documents on the Internet; to make copies available at certain public libraries; and to hold public meetings.

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

7. Election of Fiscal Year 2026 Board Officers and County Representatives to the Executive Committee [DVRPC Board Meeting June 2025 \(Slide 42\)](#)

Josh Maxwell, DVRPC FY2025 Chair, and Ariella Maron, DVRPC Executive Director, presented the item to the Board.

ACTION: Approve the slate of nominees for the FY2026 DVRPC Officers and County Representatives to the Executive Committee as recommended by the Nominating Committee

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

DISCUSSION ITEMS

8. **DVRPC at 60: Where We Have Been and What is to Come**

Ariella Maron, DVRPC Executive Director, presented the item to the Board.

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Board Discussion: After Ariella Maron's presentation a comment was taken from the public by Judith Robinson who brought up her concerns around sidewalk parking and an Environmental Impact Statement for Diamond Street and the proposed police station. Councilmember Squilla responded to her concerns and directed her to the council members who represent that area.

9. **Other Business**

a. **One Minute Reports**

Maria Connelly, Mercer County, reported that the county is moving forward with the Fleet Transition Study using the DVRPC CRSSA Funds. They are also working on a new mobility element.

Jody Holton, SEPTA, announced that SEPTA's Board members will be voting on a budget that includes 45% service cuts and a 21% fare increase later that day, which is necessary given the budget crisis. She thanked all the DVRPC Board members for their support. Scott Sauer, who was serving as Interim General Manager and has recently been appointed the General Manager, has been active in Harrisburg during this time and feels positive about his conversations. Ms. Holton announced a 7% growth in ridership across the system this year, with weekend ridership increasing and bus ridership outpacing 2019 numbers. [SEPTA Fiscal Year 2026 Operating & Capital Budget Hearings](#)

Kristin Mulkerin, PennDOT, shared that the State Transportation Commission has finished the public comment period for the 12-Year Program and will be sharing updates on survey results and other public input with planning partners and other relevant local entities. She noted that this is the beginning of the state's TIP/STIP update process.

Eric Powers, NJ DOT, congratulated DVRPC for their 60 years of supporting the region.

Josh Maxwell, Chester County, shared that the last 10 DVRPC Board Chairs have signed a letter in support of SEPTA to show bipartisan support throughout the region.

Tom Stanuikynas, Burlington County, thanked the Board for the opportunity to serve as Chair of DVRPC in the coming fiscal year. He thanked DVPRC staff, county partners, and past Board Chairs and other Board leaders.

Matt Popek, Montgomery County, announced Let's Get Energized, a Planning Smarter event from the Montgomery County Planning Commission on July 31, at Lansdale Borough Hall. The event will focus on the new electric vehicle model ordinance, how to build energy resiliency, and model solar ordinances. [Let's Get Energized Event](#)

Michael Shorr, PA DCED, reported that the DCED Multimodal Transportation Program closes July 31. The Mainstreet Matters Program will reopen July 1, and it will close at the end of August. DCED will also be delivering a draft of the state Housing Action Plan to the Governor on September 12. [PA DCED Grant Programs](#)

Mark Squilla, City of Philadelphia, thanked DVRPC for their 60 years of supporting the region. He also announced that, as part of the City's comprehensive planning process, the City will launch community partners and engagement stations throughout the city. Questions can be sent to phi2050@phila.gov. [City of Philadelphia's Current Comprehensive Plan](#)

Evan Stone, Buck County, congratulated Rich Brahler on his retirement after 35 years at Bucks County Planning Commission.

Nick Cressman, Gloucester County, thanked NJDOT for their Transportation Accessibility and Mobility Program. This program is being used to fund the Pureland East-West shuttle for two years. [NJDOT TAMP](#)

Rohan Hepkins, PATCO, noted that Franklin Square station was the first new station to open in Philadelphia since the Spring Garden station on the Broad Street line opened in 1977. He reported that starting July 14, PATCO stations will begin closing from midnight to 4:30 am in order to clean the stations and address concerns about people experiencing homelessness in the stations..

RJ Palladino, NJ Transit, reported that the MPO collaboration meeting hosted by NJDOT was very informative and related to some of the TIP actions approved at today's meeting. He highlighted two local partnerships between NJ Transit and DVRPC, the Pennsauken Transit Center Transit Friendly study and the Trenton Transit Center TCDI Grant. Mr. Palladino also shared that NJ Transit is operationally supporting the FIFA Club World Cup matches in New Jersey and Pennsylvania.

b. Committee Reports

- i. [Regional Technical Committee](#)
- ii. [Public Participation Task Force](#)
- iii. [Regional Safety Task Force](#)

c. Old Business

None

d. New Business

None

11. Adjournment

ACTION: Adjourn the Board meeting at 11:17 am and move into the Executive Committee.

MOTION by Ms. Morton, seconded by Mr. Squilla. All votes were cast in favor of the motion. Motion passed.