

Board Meeting Minutes

July 24, 2025 | Hybrid Meeting

ATTENDANCE

BOARD MEMBERS AND VOTING ALTERNATES

New Jersey Department of Transportation, **Eric Powers**
New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, **Keith Henderson**
New Jersey Governor's Appointee, **Ed Potosnak**
Pennsylvania Department of Transportation, **Kristin Mulkerin**
Pennsylvania Governor's Policy & Planning Office, **Anthony Luker**
Pennsylvania Governor's Appointee, *vacant*
Bucks County, **Bob Harvie**, Evan Stone
Chester County, **Matt Edmond**
Delaware County, **Christine Reuther**, Gina Burritt
Montgomery County, **Scott France**, Matthew Popek
Burlington County, **Tom Stanuikynas**
Camden County, **Ilene Lampitt**
Gloucester County, **Nick Cressman**, Bill Flemming
Mercer County, **Matt Lawson**
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, **Jason Simmons**
Federal Highway Administration, PA Pennsylvania Division, **Ronnique Bishop**
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, **Pat Patterson**
Delaware River Port Authority, **Darlene Callands**
New Jersey Transit Corporation, **Louis Millan**
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 Tom Stanuikynas 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. Written public comments can be seen [here](#).

3. Executive Director's Report

Executive Director Ariella Maron provided updates on New Jersey and Pennsylvania state budgets, an update on federal funding and policy, discussed the regional collaboration on [economic opportunity in Southeast Pennsylvania](#), and highlighted upcoming DVRPC Public Comment periods and other DVRPC items.

- The Public Comment period is now open for the new draft long-range plan, [Update: Connections 2050 \(Plan\)](#), and for the draft [DVRPC FFY26 NJ TIP and draft FYF26 NJ STIP](#). The comment period will remain open until August 20. The public comment period for the [Draft Conformity Determination](#) will open on August 4 and close on September 5. DVRPC has two public meetings planned.
 - In-person meeting: Tuesday, August 5, 2025, 6:00-7:30 pm at the [Mullica Hill Library](#)
 - Hybrid meeting: Thursday, August 7, 2025, from 6:00-7:30 pm at [DVRPC's office or via Zoom](#).
- The 2025 round of DVRPC's [Travel Options Program \(TOP\)](#) opened on July 7. To be eligible for an expression of interest, applicants must attend an information session. Registration is available on the linked website.

ACTION ITEMS

4. June 26, 2025 Meeting Minutes

ACTION: Approve June 26, 2025 Board meeting minutes.

MOTION by Mr. Squilla, seconded by Ms. Reuther. Mr. Harvie abstained. 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. [DVRPC Board Meeting July 2025 \(Slide 2\)](#)

- a. PA25-057: Bucks County Electric Vehicle Charging Program (MPMS #82028), Bucks County – Add New Project to the TIP [Action Item Description](#) [Public Comment](#)

ACTION: Approve TIP Action PA25-057, Bucks County's request that DVRPC amend the FFY2025 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding the Bucks County Electric Vehicle Charging Program (MPMS #82028) into the TIP in the amount of \$2,000,000 (\$210,000 CRP for the FFY26 PE Phase; \$79,000 CRP for the FFY26 FD Phase; \$111,000 CRPU for the FFY26 FD Phase; and \$1,600,000 CRPU for the FFY26 CON Phase).

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

- b. NJ24-117: Route 168, Merchant Street to Ferry Avenue, Pavement (DB #10341), Camden County – Increase CON Phase [Action Item Description](#)

ACTION: Approve TIP Action NJ24-117, NJDOT's request that DVRPC amend the FFY2024 TIP for New Jersey by increasing the FFY25 CON Phase for the Route 168, Merchant Street to Ferry Avenue, Pavement project (DB #10341) by \$13.772 M NHPP from \$13.384M NHPP to \$27.156 M NHPP.

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

- c. PA25-058: SR 896 Safety Improvement (MPMS #85949), Chester County –Add Project Back into the TIP [Action Item Description](#)

ACTION: Approve TIP Action PA25-058, PennDOT's request that DVRPC amend the FFY2025 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding the SR 896 Safety Improvement project back into the TIP in the

amount of \$14,699,000 (\$11,670,000 HSIP/\$3,029,000 STP) for the Construction (CON) Phase in FFY25, contingent upon Interagency Consultation Group (ICG) approval.

MOTION by Mr. Edmond, seconded by Ms. Harvie. All votes were cast in favor of the motions. Motions passed.

6. DVRPC FY 2026 Work Program Amendment: Transportation Resilience Improvement Plan (TRIP) and Technical Assistance - New Jersey (4 Years)

Karin Morris DVRPC, Director of Community Planning, presented the item to the Board. [Action Item Description DVRPC Board Meeting July 2025 \(Slide 14\)](#)

Board Discussion: Matt Edmond asked if the Regional Transportation Resilience Improvement Plan (TRIP) would only include the region's New Jersey counties. Karin Morris confirmed that the Pennsylvania counties would not be included at this time, but could possibly be included in the future pending Pennsylvania funding.

ACTION: Approve amending the FY26 UPWP to add the following project: 26-33-300 – Transportation Resilience Improvement Plan and Technical Assistance - New Jersey (4 Years).

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

7. Transportation Performance Management: Transit Assets and Transit Safety Targets [Action Item Description DVRPC Board Meeting July 2025 \(Slide 21\)](#)

Greg Diebold, DVRPC, Planning Data Analyst, Office of Long-Range Planning, presented the item to the Board.

Board Discussion: Christine Ruether asked how mental health status was factored into the safety targets, noting that SEPTA cannot be responsible for the mental health of members of the public. Greg Diebold noted that the FTA excludes deaths that result from trespassing, suicide, or natural causes in their data and in target-setting, but acknowledged that mental health-related incidents are a concern for the transit agencies. Jody Holton, SEPTA, added that the agency is piloting more safety measures at some stops on the L (Market-Frankford Line).

ACTION: Agree to be consistent with the respective SEPTA, NJ TRANSIT, and DRPA/PATCO annual Transit Asset Management and Transit Safety targets, and to support the transit operators' efforts at achieving those targets.

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

8. Updated Memorandum of Understanding Between DVRPC and NJTPA [Action Item Description DVRPC Board Meeting July 2025 \(Slide 43\)](#)

Mike Boyer, DVRPC, Director of Regional Planning, presented the item to the Board.

ACTION: Approve the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between DVRPC and the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority.

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

9. Appointment of DVRPC Representatives to the NJ Transit South Jersey Passenger Advisory Committee [Action Item Description DVRPC Board Meeting July 2025 \(Slide 50\)](#)

Alison Hastings, DVRPC, Director of Operations, Communications, and Engagement, presented the item to the Board.

Board Discussion: Mr. Edmond asked whether the appointees would receive transit passes to attend meetings. Louis Millan, NJ Transit, thanked DVRPC staff for bringing the appointments to the Board.

ACTION: Appoint Keith Hartington and Bill Matulewicz to serve on New Jersey Transit's South Jersey Passenger Advisory Committee.

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

10. Updated DVRPC Mission Statement [Action Item Description](#) [DVRPC Board Meeting July 2025 \(Slide 56\)](#)

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

ACTION: Adopt a new mission statement for DVRPC that reads: “As the Metropolitan Planning Organization for Greater Philadelphia, DVRPC builds consensus for a shared regional vision; enables data-based, community-centered solutions; and helps put plans into action.”

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

DISCUSSION ITEMS

11. Overview of Draft Update: Connections 2050 Long-Range Plan

Jackie Davis, DVRPC, Manager, Office of Long-Range Planning, presented the item to the Board. [DVRPC Board Meeting July 2025 \(Slide 60\)](#)

Board Discussion: Ms. Holton noted the discrepancy between the capital needs of PA transit versus the anticipated revenue, and that that only includes reasonable maintenance and upgrade projects that would bring the system into a state of good repair.

12. Overview of Draft FFY2026 DVRPC TIP for New Jersey

Rick Murphy, DVRPC, Manager, Office of TIP Development and Maintenance, presented the item to the Board.

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13. Other Business

a. One Minute Reports

Jody Holton, SEPTA, noted that SEPTA is preparing for significant service cuts set to begin August 24 if no funding solution is reached in Harrisburg. These cuts would include the elimination of 36 bus routes and an overall 20% reduction in service. While hopeful for a resolution, SEPTA is actively updating signage, schedules, and communications to ensure riders are informed. Despite strong ridership growth and operational efficiency, the agency must move forward with these contingency plans. She thanked DVRPC and the Board members for their support and ongoing work to find funding to avoid these cuts.

Mark Squilla, City of Philadelphia, reported that the Christian to Crescent bridge extension saw more than 100,000 visitors in less than 20 days. Summertime counts are showing an average of 4,250 visitors each week, and Sunday is the most popular day with the average of 8,300 visitors. The City appreciates the support from DVRPC and the funding partners that made the project successful.

Ed Potasnak, NJ Governor Murphy announced a revision of NJPACT's (Protecting Against Climate Threats) coastal rules. Flash flooding has been a problem this summer and Governor Murphy hopes to have the updated rules adopted before he leaves office. A public comment period will be opening soon. [NJDEP Press Release](#)

Matt Edmond, Chester County, announced that the County had hired Megan Moser as Chief Experience Officer to focus on engaging constituents and working with outward-facing departments including the library system, parks, and health.

Bob Harvie, Bucks County, thanked DVRPC and the Board for approving the charging stations TIP action today, which has been in the works for 5 years. Sustainability is a priority for Bucks County and its focus on readying for the future.

Christine Reuther, Delaware County, expressed support for SEPTA in their funding crisis.

Scott France, Montgomery County, promoted an event from Montgomery County's Planning Smarter series in Lansdale from 4 to 6 pm on Thursday, July 31. It will feature new local tools for the transition to renewable energy, including tools to both encourage and regulate implementation. [MCPC Planning Smart Series](#) [Lets Get Energized Event](#)

Matt Lawson, Mercer County, shared that the county is hiring two new planners. Mr. Lawson celebrated that Mercer County has seen more engagement from NJ DOT in multimodal and complete streets project development including for the Strategic Highway Safety Plan, which is being refreshed this year.

Michael Shorr, PA DCED, provided a final reminder for DCED's CFA Multimodal Transportation Fund, which closes July 31. The Mainstreet Matters Program is accepting applications through August 31. The statewide LSA program will open up September 1. [PA DCED Programs](#)

Eric Powers, NJDOT, noted that even though the New Jersey Capital Budget has passed and that the NJTIP and STIP are out for public comment, the IIJA's replacement will determine the scope of what can be achieved. He thanked Ariella for bringing up USDOT's Requisition for Information in her Executive Director's report and encouraged everyone to consider the impact the IIJA funding had on the region.

Nick Cressman, Gloucester County, thanked DVRPC's TIP team for their work.

Kristin Mulkerin, PennDOT, echoed Eric Powers' comments and built on Jody Holton's comments in hopes of a positive budget resolution for transit in the state. PennDOT's Transportation Alternative Set Aside (TASA) program is open to applications. Draft submissions are due September 5 and final applications are due October 31. [TASA Program and Application Information](#)

Louis Millan, NJ Transit, reported that a draft of the New Jersey State Rail Plan is available online. They have responded to comments made by the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) and are waiting for FRA to accept the final draft. [NJ State Rail Plan](#)

b. Committee Reports

- i. [Regional Technical Committee](#)

c. Old Business

None

d. New Business

None

11. Adjournment

ACTION: Adjourn the Board meeting at 11:53 am and move into the Executive Committee.

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