

Board Meeting Minutes

September 25, 2025 | Virtual Meeting

ATTENDANCE

BOARD MEMBERS AND VOTING ALTERNATES

New Jersey Department of Transportation, **Amy Polachak**
New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, **Keith Henderson**
New Jersey Governor's Appointee, **Ed Potosnak**
Pennsylvania Department of Transportation, **Kristin Mulkerin**, David Alas, Jonathan Korus
Pennsylvania Governor's Policy & Planning Office, **Anthony Luker**
Pennsylvania Governor's Appointee, *vacant*
Bucks County, **Scott Burton**
Chester County, **Matt Edmond**, Brian Styche
Delaware County, **Christine Reuther**, Gina Burritt
Montgomery County, **Scott France**, Matthew Popek
Burlington County, **Tom Stanuikynas**, Carol Thomas
Camden County, **Ilene Lampitt**
Gloucester County, **Nick Cressman**, Emily McGrath, Jackie Huston
Mercer County, **Matt Lawson**
City of Camden, **June Morton**
City of Trenton, **Lisa Serieyssol**
City of Chester, **Paul Fritz**
City of Philadelphia, **Martine DeCamp**

NON-VOTING REPRESENTATIVES TO THE COMMISSION

Federal Highway Administration, New Jersey Division, **Jason Simmons**
Federal Highway Administration, PA Pennsylvania Division, **Ronniq 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, *(not represented)*
Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection, *(not represented)*
Delaware River Port Authority, *(not represented)* **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 10:02 a.m. Executive Director Ariella Maron called roll and confirmed quorum.

2. Public Comments on Agenda and Non-Agenda Items

Two members of the public provided comments at this meeting. Patrick Starr, Executive Vice President of the PA Environmental Council and Chair of the Circuit Trails Coalition, thanked the DVRPC Financial Planning Subcommittee for including the Circuit Trails network as fully funded for completion in all DVRPC counties in Pennsylvania and New Jersey as part of the long-range plan update. Patrick Monahan, Regional Organizer with the Bicycle Coalition of Greater Philadelphia and Co-Chair of the Circuit Trails Coalition, made similar comments and urged the DVRPC Board to commit to passing the New Jersey TIP with Circuit Trail funding intact. Both commenters noted that this investment propels the region closer to the Circuit Trails Coalition's updated goal of achieving 550 miles of interconnected trails by 2030.

Written public comments submitted prior to the meeting can be seen [here](#).

3. Executive Director's Report

Executive Director Ariella Maron set the context for the meeting's series of votes on DVRPC's federally required planning processes, including adoption of the region's long-range plan, Update: Connections 2050, the NJ FFY26 TIP, the Conformity Determination, Annual Self-Certification, and the Language Access Plan. She emphasized the importance of the long-range plan in setting a shared vision for the region, while recognizing the challenges of implementation across multiple levels of government. Director Maron also provided updates on recent DVRPC publications: the [Southern New Jersey Freight Market Opportunity Study](#), the [Pottstown Area Safe Routes To School Plan](#), and the [Trenton Vision Zero Plan](#).

ACTION ITEMS

4. July 24, 2025 Meeting Minutes

ACTION: Approve July 24, 2025 Board meeting minutes.

MOTION by Mr. Henderson, seconded by Mr. France. 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 September 2025 \(Slide 2\)](#)

- a. PA25-060: 2025 Statewide PROTECT Fund Projects (Various MPMS #'s), Various Counties – Accept New Projects into the TIP [Action Item Description](#)

ACTION: Approve TIP Action PA25-060, PennDOT's request that DVRPC accept the listed PROTECT Distribution Fund projects and their associated funding into the FFY2025 TIP for Pennsylvania. Four projects with a total amount of \$5,525,000 in PRTCT funding will be added to the TIP for Preliminary Engineering and Construction in FFY25:

Montgomery County

- East High Street over Sprogels Run (MPMS #16651) – \$2,880,000 PRTCT

Various Counties

- Districtwide SWM/MS4 Improvements Group 1 (MPMS #57630) – \$850,000 PRTCT
- Districtwide SWM/MS4 Improvements Group 2 (MPMS #81915) – \$1,245,000 PRTCT
- Structure Hardening Group 2025 (MPMS #61936) - \$550,000 PRTCT

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

- b. PA25-061: Chester County Electric Vehicle Charging Program (MPMS #82031), Chester County – Add New Project to the TIP [Action Item Description](#)

Board Discussion: Mr. Edmond, on behalf of the Chester County Planning Commission and County Government, thanked DVRPC for this action, which will help fund the County's fleet transition and help the County realize its vision for a cleaner fleet.

ACTION: Approve TIP Action PA25-061, Chester County's request that DVRPC amend the FFY2025 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding the Chester County Electric Vehicle Charging Program (MPMS #82031) into the TIP in the amount of \$2,000,000 (\$150,000 CRPU for the FFY26 FD Phase and \$1,850,000 CRPU for the FFY26 CON Phase).

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

- c. PA25-062: Montgomery County Electric Vehicle Charging Program (MPMS #82029, Montgomery County – Add New Project to the TIP [Action Item Description](#)

Board Discussion: Mr. France thanked DVRPC for this action, noting that funding for these activities is not as readily available as it once was.

ACTION: Approve TIP Action PA25-062, Montgomery County's request that DVRPC amend the FFY2025 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding the Montgomery County Electric Vehicle Charging Program (MPMS #82029) into the TIP in the amount of \$2,000,000 (\$210,000 CRPU for the FFY26 PE Phase; \$190,000 CRPU for the FFY26 FD Phase; and \$1,600,000 CRPU for the FFY26 CON Phase).

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

- d. PA25-063: Cottman Avenue: Castor Avenue to US 1 Streetscapes and Corridor Safety (MPMS #82199 and #118100), City of Philadelphia – Add New Projects to the TIP [Action Item Description](#)

Board Discussion: Ms. DeCamp thanked DVRPC for the action to complete a needed safety and streetscaping project.

ACTION: Approve TIP Action PA25-063, PennDOT's request that DVRPC amend the FFY2025 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding two new related projects to the TIP, the Cottman Avenue: Castor Avenue to US 1 Streetscapes project (MPMS #82199) and Cottman Avenue Corridor Safety project (MPMS #118100), in the total amount of \$18,050,000 (\$14,150,000 for MPMS #82199 including \$8,070,000 (\$4,120,000 TAU/\$3,950,000 LOC) for the Construction (CON) Phase in FFY25 and \$6,080,000 (\$6,000,000 sNHPP/\$80,000 TAU) for the CON Phase in FFY26; and \$3,900,000 ASE for the Cottman Avenue Corridor Safety project (#118100) for the CON Phase in FFY25).

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

- e. PA25-064: Bellwether District Master Study (MPMS #118010), City of Philadelphia – Add New Project to the TIP [Action Item Description](#)

Board Discussion: Martine DeCamp commented that this area is in need of significant improvement, and she noted that there was a TCDI grant from DVRPC that will be used to inform some of this work.

ACTION: Approve TIP Action PA25-063, PennDOT's request that DVRPC amend the FFY2025 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding two new related projects to the TIP, the Cottman Avenue: Castor Avenue to US 1 Streetscapes project (MPMS #82199) and Cottman Avenue Corridor Safety project (MPMS #118100), in the total amount of \$18,050,000 (\$14,150,000 for MPMS #82199 including \$8,070,000 (\$4,120,000 TAU/\$3,950,000 LOC) for the Construction (CON) Phase in FFY25 and \$6,080,000 (\$6,000,000 sNHPP/\$80,000 TAU) for the CON Phase in FFY26; and \$3,900,000 ASE for the Cottman Avenue Corridor Safety project (#118100) for the CON Phase in FFY25).

MOTION by Ms. DeCamp, seconded by Mr. Luker. 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)

Chris Linn DVRPC, Manager, Office of Resilience and Environment, presented the item to the Board. [Action Item Description](#) [DVRPC Board Meeting September 2025 \(Slide 19\)](#)

ACTION: Approve amending the FY26 UPWP by adding \$1,057,741 to 26-33-300 – Transportation Resilience Improvement Plan and Technical Assistance - New Jersey (4 Years).

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

7. Adoption of the Conformity Determination of the Update: Connections 2050 Long-Range Plan, Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2026 TIP for New Jersey, and FFY2025 TIP for Pennsylvania [Action Item Description](#) [DVRPC Board Meeting September 2025 \(Slide 28\)](#)

Sean Greene, DVRPC, Manager, Office of Freight and Clean Transportation, presented the item to the Board.

ACTION: Adopt the conformity finding of the Update: Connections 2050 Long-Range Plan, FFY2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) TIP for New Jersey, and FFY2025 TIP for Pennsylvania, as well as Resolution B-FY26-001.

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

8. Adoption of the Update: Connections 2050 Long-Range Plan [Action Item Description](#) [DVRPC Board Meeting September 2025 \(Slide 52\)](#) [Public Comment](#)

Jackie Davis, DVRPC, Manager, Office of Long-Range Planning, presented the item to the Board.

Board Discussion: Matt Edmond asked for clarification between the existing Connections 2050 document which contains a policy and process manual and Update: Connections 2050, which has a summary document and appendices. Jackie Davis explained that the summary document is similar to the policy manual from Connections 2050, in addition to more detail from DVRPC's online explorer, and that the appendices content is similar to what was included in the process and analysis manual. Chair Tom Stanuikynas thanked DVRPC staff for their work on the plan.

ACTION: Adopt the Update: Connections 2050 Plan for Greater Philadelphia, as the region's official long-range plan, including its vision and goals, recommended strategies, and financial plan, as well as Resolution B-FY26-002.

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

9. Adoption of the Draft DVRPC FFY2026 Transportation Improvement Program for New Jersey and List of Recommended Changes (FFY26-FFY29) [Action Item Description](#) [DVRPC Board Meeting September 2025 \(Slide 77\)](#)

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

Board Discussion: Chair Tom Stanuikynas thanked DVRPC staff for their work on the TIP.

ACTION: Adopt the Draft DVRPC FFY2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for New Jersey (FFY26-FFY29) and Recommended Changes as the region's official selection of transportation projects for federal funding, by passing Resolution B-FY26-003.

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

10. Annual Self Certification of the Regional Transportation Planning Process [Action Item Description](#) [DVRPC Board Meeting September 2025 \(Slide 106\)](#)

Brett Fusco, DVRPC, Associate Director, Comprehensive Planning, presented the item to the Board.

ACTION: Certify that the DVRPC metropolitan transportation planning and programming process is in conformance with federal regulations implementing the IIJA, FAST Act, MAP-21, the Clean Air Act Amendments, and other federal legislation, by adopting Resolution B-FY26-004.

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

11. Adoption of the 2025 Update to DVRPC's Language Access Plan [Action Item Description](#) [DVRPC Board Meeting September 2025 \(Slide 114\)](#)

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

ACTION: Adopt DVRPC's Language Access Plan as part of the Commission's Title VI and Public Participation Programs.

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

DISCUSSION ITEMS

12. Other Business

a. One Minute Reports

Ed Potasnak, NJ Governor's Appointee, urged people in New Jersey to make a plan to vote and to know the candidates, not just from the governor's race but local elections as well.

Lisa Serieyssol, City of Trenton, thanked DVRPC for the final version of the [Trenton Vision Zero Plan](#) and remarked that the Safe Streets for All Committee and the City will be thrilled to work with the plan.

Christine Reuther, Delaware County, promoted the inaugural 10-mile race taking place in Delaware County on Sunday, September 18. The race will close Route 252 to vehicular traffic from approximately 7:30-10:30 AM.

Scott France, Montgomery County, promoted an event on the draft goals, visions, and strategies for the Montgomery County comprehensive plan, which will be adopted in 2026. The County will hold the event on Tuesday, September 30, at the Ambler Theater.

Martine DeCamp, City of Philadelphia, announced the activation of new automated speed cameras on Broad Street. The cameras are designed to reduce dangerous speeding and protect road users. The City Council will be introducing additional bills to expand these efforts. The City also celebrated the reopening of Martin Luther King Jr. Drive Bridge last Friday, which restored a critical link for commuters, cyclists, and pedestrians. It's the latest in the series of projects that reconnect major trails and provide access across the Schuylkill. The reopened bridge features a wider bridge deck and a separated, protected side path, and it will improve transportation options and make it easier to enjoy the waterfront.

Louis Millan, NJ Transit, thanked DVRPC for all their efforts, and reported that with their next bus purchase, NJ Transit will double the number of electric buses coming out of Camden.

Jody Holton, SEPTA, shared that SEPTA implemented a 20% service reduction for three weeks in late August into early September. She reported that riders were greatly affected. Service levels have been restored but at the cost of using capital funds to supplement the operating budget. This puts the agency into an even less sustainable financial position than they were in previously. In the coming months, SEPTA will be asking the DVRPC Board to make TIP amendments to accommodate this funding shift, which will reflect hard choices for the region such as deferring important capital projects.

b. Committee Reports

- i. [Regional Technical Committee](#)
- ii. [Public Participation Task Force](#)
- iii. [Delaware Valley Goods Movement Task Force](#)

c. Old Business

None

d. New Business

None

11. Adjournment

ACTION: Adjourn the Board meeting at 11:58 am and move into the Executive Committee.

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