

DELAWARE VALLEY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

REGIONAL TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

October 11, 2022 Meeting Highlights

This Meeting was held as a HYBRID meeting

1. Call to Order - Chairperson's Comments

Jonathan Korus (Chair, PennDOT) welcomed RTC members and called the meeting to order.

2. Deputy Executive Director's Report

DVRPC's Deputy Executive Director Patty Elkis welcomed everyone to the October 11th RTC meeting. This meeting is being held in person with a virtual option because we also have an afternoon meeting to discuss project ideas for the FY24 UPWP, so for those staying on, thanks for spending the day with us, whether you are here in person or joining virtually.

Ms. Elkis noted that for planning purposes, we plan to hold the November 15 through February RTC meetings as all virtual, and we will reassess things for March and beyond.

Ms. Elkis reported that at our September meeting, the RTC recommended approval for eight TIP Actions; adoption of five FY23 UPWP Amendments related to additional PL funds from the IIJA, and Performance Measures for the CMAQ program, and the Board approved all of these. In addition, Kevin Murphy presented DVRPC's application to the SS4A program for a Regional vision Zero 2050 Action Program and requested RTC that certain RTC members would actively participate in the previously identified Vision Zero Plan activities, and the RTC agreed. This did not go to the board, because the application was due mid-Sept, before the board met.

Ms. Elkis noted that this is a busy week for us and after today's two meetings of the RTC and Work Program committee, we have our Federal Certification Process on Wednesday and Thursday, Oct 12 and 13th. Representatives from FHWA and FTA, from PA, NJ and headquarters will be here reviewing DVRPC's plans and processes for compliance with federal rules and regulations, including our LRP, TIP, air quality conformance, UPWP, performance based planning and programming work, LEP and DBE, and public participation work. This includes an open meeting for the general public tomorrow evening at 5:30 (details on our website), and a discussion with our board members at 9:00 Thursday morning. This is following months of conversations with our federal partners and what's called a desk review of our documents, and the final federal certification report is anticipated in early 2023. Needless to say, we've been very busy preparing for this every 4 year meeting.

Ms. Elkis called the RTC's attention to some new releases including: Connections 2050 Municipal Implementation Toolbox - is an updated and expanded version of the online MIT containing lots of new info on items such as wireless communications facilities ordinances, suburban retrofits, highly autonomous vehicles, and development without displacement.

Arterial Typology and Speed Management Decision-Making Framework for the City of Philadelphia - the study redefines Philly's arterial roads to more accurately reflect their characteristics and scale traffic calming techniques for each type.

Ms. Elkis reminded RTC of some upcoming meetings including: Public Meeting on the DVRPC Certification Review - 10/12 at 5:30, Board meets 10/27, PPTF meets 11/2, and the HCTF meets Nov 3 to explore how the built environment intervention cans support safer and healthier communities.

Ms. Elkis noted that the next RTC meeting will be November 15. This is the third Thursday, to avoid Election Day, and because we do NOT meet in December.

3. Public Comment on Any Agenda and Non-Agenda Item

No public comments were stated.

ACTION ITEMS

4. Highlights of the September 6, 2022 RTC Meeting

The highlights from the September 6, 2022 meeting of the RTC were presented for adoption.

Motion: *by Jim Mosca, seconded by June Morton* that the RTC adopt:

The highlights of the September 6, 2022 RTC meeting.

Motion passed. All votes were cast in favor of the motion.

5. Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Actions

Rick Murphy (DVRPC) presented eight three actions.

a. PA23-01: Stockton Avenue over Aquetong Creek (CB #36) (Act 13) (MPMS #103614), Bucks County—Add New Project to TIP

Bucks County has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2023 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a new bridge project to the TIP totaling \$1,650,000 from Bucks County's Act 13 allocation: Stockton Avenue over Aquetong Creek (CB #36) (Act 13) (MPMS #103614). Funds will be programmed as follows:

- FY23: Preliminary Engineering (PE): \$50,000
- FY23: Final Design (FD): \$50,000
- FY23: Construction (CON): \$1,550,000

Motion: *by Rich Brahler, seconded by Thomas Shaffer*, that the RTC recommend the Board approve TIP action:

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- FY23 Final Design (FD): \$50,000
- FY23 Construction (CON): \$1,550,000

Motion passed. All votes were cast in favor of the motion.

b. Parking Improvements Program (MPMS #60540) SEPTA – Advance Prior Year Funding to Current Fiscal Year

SEPTA has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2023 TIP for Pennsylvania by increasing the FY23 Engineering/Right-of-Way/Construction (ERC) phase of the Parking Improvements Program (MPMS #60540) by \$18,750,000 (\$15,000,000 prior years Section 5307/\$3,629,000 State 1514/\$121,000 Local) to support the Conshohocken Station Smart Parking Garage project.

Motion: by *Matt Edmond*, seconded by *Matt Lawson*, that the RTC recommend the Board approve TIP action:

PA23-02, SEPTA's request that DVRPC amend the FY2023 TIP for Pennsylvania by increasing the FY23 Engineering/Right-of-Way/Construction (ERC) phase of the Parking Improvements Program (MPMS #60540) by \$18,750,000 (\$15,000,000 prior years Section 5307/\$3,629,000 State 1514/\$121,000 Local) to support the Conshohocken Station Smart Parking Garage project.

Motion passed. All votes were cast in favor of the motion.

c. PA23-03: Maintenance and Transportation Facilities Program (MPMS #102569), SEPTA – Add New Project to TIP/ Add Project Back Into the TIP

SEPTA has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2023 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a new federal Low or No Emission Program project, the SEPTA Depot Zero-Emission Bus (ZEB) Power Resiliency project, in the amount of \$22,400,000 FTA Section 5339C, and adding the Midvale Depot Electric Bus Infrastructure project back into the TIP in the amount of \$4,300,000 FTA Section 5339C for ERC in FY23, to the Maintenance and Transportation Facilities Program (MPMS #102569).

Motion: by *Matt Lawson*, seconded by *Kwan Hui*, that the RTC recommend the Board approve TIP action:

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Motion passed. All votes were cast in favor of the motion.

6a. DVRPC FY 2023 Work Program Amendment: Fort Washington Toll Plaza Zip Ramp Weaving Analysis

Keith Hartington (DVRPC) explained that the Pennsylvania Turnpike Authority has requested Upper Dublin Township evaluate the feasibility and weaving implications of introducing a new ramp from the Fort Washington Interchange of the Pennsylvania Turnpike to Commerce Drive in Upper Dublin Township.

Motion: by *Matt Edmond*, seconded by *Jim Mosca*, that the RTC recommend the Board approve amending the FY23 Work Program to include:

The Fort Washington Toll Plaza Zip Ramp Weaving Analysis.

Motion passed. All votes were cast in favor of the motion.

6b. Addition of U.S. EDA Grant Funds to support the region's Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS)

Karen Cilurso (DVRPC) explained that in March 2022, DVRPC secured Economic Development District (EDD) designation from the Economic Development Administration (EDA) of the U.S. Department of Commerce. While EDA is the main economic development agency of the federal government and works with EDDs throughout the country to promote regional cooperation and job growth, DVRPC is the designated liaison between EDA and our member counties and constituent communities. The primary purpose of the EDD is to implement the economic development activities and priorities set forth in the region's Community and Economic Development Strategy (CEDS).

Motion: by *Tom Stanuikynas*, seconded by *Matt Edmond*, that the RTC recommend the Board approve amending the FY23 Work Program to include:

The addition of U.S. EDA Grant Funds to support the region's Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS).

Motion passed. All votes were cast in favor of the motion.

Motion: by *June Morton*, seconded by *Michael Kolber*, that the RTC recommend the Board approve TIP action:

NJ22-073, NJ TRANSIT's request DVRPC modify the FY2022 TIP for New Jersey by increasing the program line item, Preventive Maintenance- Rail (DB #T39), by \$34.889 M (\$31.789 M SECT 5337/ \$3.1 M SECT 5307) for FY22 Capital Acquisition (CAP), from \$15.348 M to \$50.237 M.

Motion passed. All votes were cast in favor of the motion.

7. DVRPC Regional Trails Program – Award Adjustments

Shawn Megill Legendre explained that the following actions on multi-use trail projects are recommended for the Regional Trails Program by DVRPC staff in coordination with county and municipal partners.

1. Reduce existing award for rehabilitation of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive Trail by \$500,000. As a result, no award funds will be available to this project. This project is complete and costs have been covered with local and state funds.

The awardee was the City of Philadelphia.

2. Increase existing award for construction of Cobbs Creek Trail – Segment B (Phase 1) by \$500,000. As a result, a total of \$850,000 will be available to this project and project will be able to advance into construction. The awardee is the City of Philadelphia.

Motion: by *David Kanthor*, seconded by *June Morton*, that the RTC recommend the Board approve:

These two Regional Trails Program actions.

Motion passed. All votes were cast in favor of the motion.

BRIEF REPORTS

8. AccessScore

Thom Stead (DVRPC) explained that AccessScore is a web map that assesses the infrastructure and demographic characteristics around transit stations that relate to how supportive of bicycling and walking the area is and how much bicycle and pedestrian activity could be occurring there. The analysis includes Regional Rail, light rail, trolley, and subway stations throughout the Philadelphia region with service provided by SEPTA, NJ TRANSIT, and PATCO. This presentation provided an overview of the web map's functionality and demonstrate how it can be used to help identify and prioritize improvements that can strengthen pedestrian, cycling, and transit connectivity.

9. SAFR Incident Management Task Force

Chris King (DVRPC) explained that the Southern Area First Responder (SAFR) Incident Management Task Force was established in 2002 in Camden and Gloucester Counties. It generally includes response agencies from along NJ 42, NJ 55, I-676, I-76, I-295, DRPA Bridges, Atlantic City Expressway, and the NJ Turnpike. The purpose of the task force is to facilitate communication and cooperation among organizations involved in responding to traffic incidents with the goals of improving responder safety and incident clearance, and minimizing impacts on traffic.

PRESENTATION ITEMS

10. SEPTA Forward: Bus Revolution Project Update

Dan Nemiroff (SEPTA) provided an update on SEPTA's Bus Revolution, the authority's first comprehensive redesign of its entire bus network. The presentation focused on the creation of the draft preferred bus network, which is being released in October, and

highlighted the schedule for engagement through the fall and winter.

INFORMATION ITEMS

11. Proposed Calendar Year 2023 Meeting Dates

12. IIJA Update

13. FY24 UPWP Development Status

Patty Elkis (DVRPC) provided a status report on the development of the FY24 UPWP.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

14. One Minute Reports

RTC Members and guests provided updates on the activities of their agencies.

15. Old and New Business

16. Meeting Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 12:00 PM

The next scheduled meeting of the RTC is **Tuesday, November 15, 2022.**

ATTENDANCE

Voting Members

NJ Department of Transportation
NJ Department of Environmental Protection
NJ Department of Community Affairs
NJ Governor's Appointee
NJ Office for Planning Advocacy
PA Department of Community and Economic Development
PA Department of Environmental Protection
PA Department of Transportation
PA Governor's Appointee
PA Governor's Policy Office
Bucks County
Burlington County
Camden County
Chester County
Delaware County
Gloucester County
Mercer County
Montgomery County
City of Philadelphia – City Planning Commission
City of Philadelphia – Department of Streets
City of Philadelphia – OTIS
City of Camden
City of Chester
City of Trenton
Delaware River Port Authority
New Jersey Transit Corporation
Port Authority Transit Corporation
Southeastern PA Transportation Authority
Public Participation Task Force
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Non-Voting Members

Delaware River Joint Toll Bridge Commission
Delaware Valley Goods Movement Task Force
Federal Highway Administration - NJ Division
Federal Highway Administration - PA Division
Federal Transit Administration - Region III
Greater Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce
NJ Turnpike Authority
New Jersey TMAs
Pennsylvania TMAs
Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission
Phila Port
Pottstown Urban Transit
Select Greater Philadelphia
South Jersey Port Corporation
South Jersey Transportation Authority
Transportation Operations Task Force
US EPA - Region II
US EPA - Region III

Representative

(not represented)
Ruth Foster
(not represented)
Janice Venables
not represented
(not represented)
Sachin Shankar
Jim Mosca
(not represented)
(not represented)
Rich Brahler
Tom Stanuikynas
(not represented)
Brian Styche
Thomas Shaffer
Nick Cressman
Matt Lawson
Matt Edmond
David Kanthor
Nick Baker
Kelley Yemen
June Morton
Peter Rykard
Jeffrey Wilkerson
Kwan Hui
Blanca Quinde
Rohan Hepkins
Kellie Bellina
Mary Ann Sandone
Michael Clemmons
Lee Wolfe
Eva Hayes

Representative

(not represented)
Kelvin MacKavanagh
(not represented)
(not represented)
(not represented)
Renee Androckitis
Rosemary Nivar
Cheryl Kastrenakas
Tracy Barusevicius
(not represented)
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Other Member Representatives and Guests

SEPTA
PennDOT
NJDOT
Montgomery County Planning Commission
Partnership TMA
Chester County

Dan Nemiroff
David Alas
Hailey Anilonis
Matthew Popek
Jacqui Baxter-Rollins
Patricia Quinn

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Patty Elkis
Barry Seymour
Greg Krykewycz
Thom Stead
Keith Hartington
Meijun Liu
Chris King
Mike Boyer
Karin Morris
Jesse Buerk
Rick Murphy
Maridarlyn Gonzalez
Alison Hastings
Gina Myers
Sean Greene
Betsy Mastaglio
Elise Turner
Shawn Megill Legendre
Najah Jackson
Glenn McNichol
Karen Cilurso
Ethan Fogg
Shoshana Akins
Ryan Gallagher
Mike Ruane
Cassidy Boulan
Ian Schwarzenberg
Sarah Moran
Derek Lombardi
Brett Fusco
Justin Neff
Tom Edinger
Renee Wise

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