

DELAWARE VALLEY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION**REGIONAL TECHNICAL COMMITTEE****March 7, 2023 Meeting Highlights****This Meeting was held as a Webinar****1. Call to Order - Chairperson's Comments**

Jonathon Korus, Chair of the RTC, welcomed RTC members and called the meeting to order.

2. Deputy Executive Director's Report

DVRPC's Deputy Executive Director Patty Elkis welcomed everyone and wished everyone well. Ms. Elkis noted that we originally thought that we would hold this meeting as a hybrid, but we were not sure if enough members would be able to make it in person so we switched to all online. Ms. Elkis commented that she does think there is value in coming together in person to catch up with people and have side bar conversations, and we want to make good use of everyone's travel time, so we are looking to hold the June 6 RTC in person, potentially followed by the LRP Financial Planning Subcommittee; April and May will continue to be all online.

Ms. Elkis noted that our February RTC meeting had a marathon session of TIP Actions, and that we broke the record for taking 70 minutes to go through them. There were 10 items, and some of them generated more than the usual amount of discussion, which is encouraged. For example, there was a request for Philadelphia to share lessons learned from their Railroad Bridges Study project; the RTC discussion about PennDOT's Systemwide Pedestrian Countdown Signals led to ongoing conversations with PennDOT and partners about how PA HSIP money is best applied to improving safety in our region; and questions around what was included in the Roosevelt Blvd Study, along with 133 comments received from the public, led us to prepare a fuller explanation of the progression of Roosevelt Blvd studies and the scopes of work included in each, that was presented to the Board. Ms. Elkis thanked everyone for all the good discussion. Ms. Elkis noted that the Board did approve all ten TIP items. Ms. Elkis encouraged those who have questions about TIP actions as you review the RTC materials, to reach out to Capital Programs staff so that they can try and get more info to inform a discussion at the RTC. Ms. Elkis noted that this is especially helpful if the concern or question is related to

a statewide program managed by PennDOT, or a transit agency program. This is not meant to preclude any questions during the RTC meeting, but if we have some advance notice of an issue, we can try and get more info to have a better discussion at the RTC.

Ms. Elkis called the RTC's attention to the fact that at the February meeting, the RTC recommended approval, granted by the Board, for Phase 9 of the Regional Trail Program awards, and Adoption of Regional Safety Targets. The RTC also heard a staff presentation on the outcomes of a Health and Air Quality Project in Trenton, and a similar study going on now in Delaware County.

Ms. Elkis noted that shortly after our February RTC meeting we received the final Certification Review report from FTA and FHWA. Ms. Elkis reported that our planning processes are fully certified as complying with the spirit and intent of the Federal metropolitan transportation planning laws and regulations, and that our process reflects significant professional commitments to deliver high quality transportation planning for our region. This is not only a reflection of the hard work of DVRPC Staff, but it's also a reflection of the commitment of all of our partners, such as RTC members who participate in so many regional coordination initiatives. Ms. Elkis thanked the RTC and our federal partners for working together to achieve a successful certification review.

Ms. Elkis commented that for future RTC meetings, she would like to schedule presentations by RTC members or other partners along with DVRPC presentations. She encouraged RTC members that if they have an idea for a future RTC presentation, please email her to discuss when we might place that on a future RTC agenda.

Ms. Elkis called the RTC's attention to one new release; Overbrook Intermodal Center. This study considers changes to station facilities that would be required to extend Trolley Route 10 from its current terminal to Overbrook Station and provide sufficient layover space for current and future bus needs. If implemented, the new station design and accompanying service changes are expected to contribute to accelerated growth in transit ridership at Overbrook Station.

Ms. Elkis noted some upcoming meetings and reminders, including:

- The FY24 round of TCDI for NJ communities is open - municipalities, counties, transit agencies and TMAs are eligible to apply, up to \$600,000 available, the guidelines are on our website, applications due April 28.
- IREG meets this Wednesday, March 8 at 10:00
- Tuesday, March 21 DVRPC is holding a Workforce Mobility Summit in our office from 8:30 - 1:30. This will be an information sharing session between partners in

the region, covering first and last mile mobility access for disadvantaged populations, and we will include presentations by leadership from many of our TMAs, break-out group brainstorming, and discussions about funding opportunities. Registration information is on our website.

- The national APA conference is in Philadelphia this April, for the first time since 2007. Many RTC members and colleagues are involved in running various aspects of the conference: DVRPC's Karin Morris oversaw the development of the popular walking and bus Orientation Tours for the conference, which provide a fantastic view of the City for visitors, and have lots of interesting planning tidbits for locals, as well. Pattie Guttenplan of MCPC oversaw the mobile workshops, a huge undertaking because all 70 proposals submitted, throughout the region, were accepted. A number of staff from all our partner agencies will attend and hopefully many of us get a chance to connect in person. It's always really nice to see a familiar face among the 4,000 planners from across the country that will descend on the Convention Center from April 1 - 4.
- The day before the conference starts, March 31, DVRPC will be hosting a Regional Planning Forum in our office attended by regional planners from around the country. We will present on how we are centering equity in various planning, infrastructure, and internal initiatives, and we will also hear from sister agencies on their initiatives.
- I am co-chair of the ULI Philadelphia Awards program, and this is an opportunity to elevate great projects by applying to the program. Applications are due March 17, and the categories include small scale or large scale developments, open space projects, programs/policies/plans, and leadership. If you know of any worthy projects, plans or people, or maybe you have a plan or program yourself that you'd like to nominate, please check out the program found here: <https://philadelphia.uli.org/events/awards/>. About 12 finalists get widely featured starting in May, and the winners are announced live at a June 15 event.
- *Board meets March 23, and this will be all online*

Next RTC meeting will be April 11, 2023 – online only

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

No public comments were stated.

ACTION ITEMS

4. Highlights of the February 7, 2022 RTC Meeting

The highlights from the February 7, 2023 meeting of the RTC were presented for adoption.

Motion: by Jim Mosca seconded by David Kanthor that the RTC adopt:

The highlights of the March 7, 2023 RTC meeting.

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

5. Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Actions

Ethan Fogg (DVRPC) presented five actions.

a. NJ22-109: Network Congestion Management in the Trenton Urbanized Area (DB #TBD2), Mercer County – Add New LCD Project into the TIP

Mercer County has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2022 TIP for New Jersey by adding a new \$1.8 M STBGP-TRENTON funded Local Concept Development (LCD) project, Network Congestion Management in the Trenton Urbanized Area (DB #TBD), to the TIP in FY23.

b. NJ22-110: Arena Drive (CR 620) and South Broad Street (CR 524) Multimodal Safety (DB #TBD3), Mercer County – Add New LCD Project into the TIP

Mercer County has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2022 TIP for New Jersey by adding a new \$1 M, STBGP-TRENTON funded Local Concept Development (LCD) project, Arena Drive (CR 620) and South Broad Street (CR 524) Multimodal Safety (DB #TBD3), to the TIP in FY23.

c. NJ22-111: Calhoun Street Extension (CR 653) and Multimodal Safety Project (DB #TBD4), Mercer County – Add New LCD Project into the TIP

Mercer County has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2022 TIP for New Jersey by adding a new \$500,000 STBGP-TRENTON funded Local Concept Development (LCD) project, Calhoun Street Extension and Multimodal Safety Project (DB #TBD□), to the TIP in FY23.

d. NJ22-112: Mercer County Intersection Improvements, Various Locations (DB #TBD), Mercer County – Add New LCD Project into the TIP

Mercer County has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2022 TIP for New Jersey by

adding a new \$600,000 STBGP-TRENTON funded Local Concept Development (LCD) project, Mercer County Intersection Improvements, Various Locations (DB #TBD5), to the TIP in FY23.

Motion: by *Michael Kolber*, seconded by *Keith Henderson*, that the RTC recommend the Board approve TIP actions:

NJ22-109, Mercer County's request amend the FY2022 TIP for New Jersey by adding a new \$1.8 M STBGP-TRENTON funded LCD project, Network Congestion Management in the Trenton Urbanized Area (DB #TBD), to the TIP in FY23.

NJ22-110, Mercer County's request to amend the FY2022 TIP for New Jersey by adding a new \$1 M STBGP-TRENTON funded LCD project, Arena Drive (CR 620) and South Broad Street (CR 524) Multimodal Safety (DB #TBD3), to the TIP in FY23.

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NJ22-112, Mercer County's request that DVRPC amend the FY2022 TIP for New Jersey by adding a new \$600,000 STBGP-TRENTON funded LCD project, Mercer County Intersection Improvements, Various Locations (DB #TBD5), to the TIP in FY23.

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

e. PA23-32: SEPTA Key (MPMS #60611), SEPTA – Add New Project into the TIP

SEPTA has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2023 TIP for Pennsylvania by increasing the FY23 Engineering/Right-of-Way/Construction (ERC) Phase of the SEPTA Key program (MPMS #60611) by \$15,000,000 (\$12,000,000 Section 5337/\$2,904,000 State 1514/\$96,000 LOC) to add the design phase of a new project, SEPTA Key 2.0 Fare Payment System, to the TIP.

Motion: by *Kellie Bellina*, 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.

6. Transportation Performance Management (TPM) Roadway Assets Condition and System Performance Targets

Mike Boyer (DVRPC) explained that federal legislation requires state departments of transportation, transit operators, and metropolitan planning organizations (MPOs) to establish and use a performance based approach for transportation decision-making to achieve national transportation goals. This includes tracking performance measures, setting data-driven targets, and selecting projects to help meet those targets in five areas: Roadway Safety, Bridge and Pavement Assets Condition, System Performance, Transit Assets, and Transit Safety. PennDOT and NJDOT have recently updated their targets for Bridge and Pavement Roadway Assets Condition (PM2) and System Performance (PM3). DVRPC staff will present on the performance under each area, as well as a recommendation for regional action on the targets.

Motion: by *Matt Lawson*, seconded by *Andrew Clark*, that the RTC recommend the Board agrees:

To be consistent with the respective PennDOT and NJ DOT Bridge and Pavement Roadway Assets Condition (PM2) and statewide System Performance (PM3) Transportation Performance Management targets and will support the state DOTs' efforts at achieving those targets.

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

PRESENTATION ITEMS

7. Update on DVRPC's Regional Housing Initiative

Andrew Svekla, Manager, Office of Smart Growth, presented. As part of DVRPC's Regional Housing Initiative, the Office of Smart Growth and the Office of Community and Economic Development are conducting a regional housing submarket analysis designed to help our planning partners better understand the region's housing challenges and evaluate potential solutions. At this meeting, the project team shared their preliminary findings and discussed how this analysis can be used to address housing affordability concerns throughout Greater Philadelphia.

8. Travel Trends/CBD Travel

Brad Lane, Principal Transportation Engineer, presented on the 2020 update of the

Travel Trends report. This presents the latest survey data on travel activity in the Delaware Valley region.

INFORMATION ITEM

9. IIJA Update

Patty Elkis (DVRPC) provided an update on new IIJA opportunities and coordination activities.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

10. One Minute Reports

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

11. Old and New Business

12. Meeting Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 12:04 PM

The next scheduled meeting of the RTC is **Tuesday, April 11, 2023.**

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

Representative

Andrew Clark
Ruth Foster
Keith Henderson
(not represented)
Donna Rendeiro
(not represented)
Sachin Shankar
Jim Mosca
(not represented)
Jonathan Korus
Rich Brahler
Tom Stanuikynas
Ilene Lampitt
Brian Styche
Tom Shaffer
Nick Cressman
Matthew Lawson
Matt Edmond
David Kanthor
Nick Baker
Kelley Yemen
(not represented)
(not represented)
Michael Kolber
Kwan Hui
Blanca Quinde
Rohan Hepkins
Kellie Bellina
Lee Wolfe
Bill Matulewicz
Eva Hayes
Mary Ann Sandone
Bonita Cummings

Representative

(not represented)
Kelvin MacKavanaugh
Jason Simmons
(not represented)
Tim Lidiak
(not represented)
(not represented)
Ronda Urkowitz
Robert Henry
Tracy Barusevicius

(not represented)
(not represented)

Pottstown Urban Transit	(not represented)
Select Greater Philadelphia	(not represented)
South Jersey Port Corporation	(not represented)
South Jersey Transportation Authority	(not represented)
Transportation Operations Task Force	(not represented)
US EPA - Region II	(not represented)
US EPA - Region III	(not represented)
US Department of Housing and Urban Development	(not represented)

Other Member Representatives and Guests

City of Philadelphia Department of Streets	Nathan Powers
Montgomery County Planning Commission	Matthew Popek
Gloucester County	Jackie Huston

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