

DELAWARE VALLEY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

REGIONAL TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

July 11, 2023 Meeting Highlights

This Meeting was held as a Webinar

1. Public Comment on Any Agenda and Non-Agenda Items

No public comments were stated.

2. Highlights of the June 6, 2023 RTC Meeting

The highlights from the June 6, 2023 meeting of the RTC were presented for adoption.

Motion: by Jim Mosca seconded by Tom Shaffer that the RTC adopt the highlights of the June 6, 2023 RTC meeting.

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

RTC AGENDA ITEMS

2a. NJ22-140: Route 47, Bridge over Big Timber Creek (DB #11371), Various Counties – Add UTL Phase

The RTC recommends:

Board approval of TIP Action NJ22-140, NJDOT's request that DVRPC amend the FY2022 TIP for New Jersey by adding a \$12.337 M BFP funded Utility (UTL) Phase in FY23 to the Route 47, Bridge over Big Timber Creek (DB #11371) project.

Motion: by June Morton, seconded by Andrew Clark, that the RTC recommend the Board approve the TIP action.

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

2b. NJ22-141: Bus Acquisition Program (DB #T111), NJ TRANSIT – Increase CAP Phase

The RTC recommends:

Board approval of TIP Action NJ22-141, NJ TRANSIT's request that DVRPC amend the FY2022 TIP for New Jersey by federalizing the formerly STATE-only funded Bus Acquisition Program (DB #T111), by adding \$0.874 M FTA SECT 5339 to the FY23 Capital Asset Construction (CAP) Phase.

Motion: by *June Morton*, seconded by *Kellie Bellina*, that the RTC recommend the Board approve the TIP action.

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

2c. PA23-56: Markley and Elm Street over Stony Creek (MPMS #118237), Montgomery County – Add New Breakout Project into the TIP

The RTC recommends:

Board approval of TIP Action PA23-56, PennDOT's request that DVRPC amend the FY2023 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a new breakout project into the TIP, Markley and Elm Streets over Stony Creek (MPMS #118237), for Construction (CON) in the amount of \$9,500,000 (FY24: \$5,720,000 State 581/ \$1,800,000 State 185; FY25: \$1,980,000 State 581).

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

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

2d. PA23-57: Chester and Delaware Counties ADA Ramps (MPMS #119558), Various Counties – Add New Project

The RTC recommends:

Board approval of TIP Action PA23-57, PennDOT's request that DVRPC amend the FY2023 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a new project to the TIP, Chester and Delaware Counties ADA Ramps (MPMS #119558) in the amount of \$600,000 CRPU/Toll Credit for DES in FY23 and \$7,000,000 for CON (\$3,411,000 in FY23 and \$3,589,000 in FY24).

2e. PA23-58: PART Bus Stop Amenities (MPMS #119908), PART – Add New Project and FLEX CRPU Funding

The RTC recommends:

Board approval of TIP Action PA23-58, PART's request that DVRPC amend the FY2023 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a new project to the TIP, PART Bus Stop Amenities (MPMS #119908), for Construction (CON) in FY23 in the amount of \$850,000 CRPU; and to add the new project to MPMS #95739, Transportation Capital Improvements, of the Transit TIP, after the flexing of funds from FHWA to FTA has been completed and PART is ready to obligate funding and place it into a grant..

Actions Items 2d and 2e were presented together, the following motion applies to both items

Motion: by *Tom Shaffer*, seconded by *Brian Styche*, that the RTC recommend the Board approve the TIP actions.

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

2f. PA23-59: Capital Asset Lease (MPMS #59966), SEPTA – Decrease Funding to the Program

The RTC recommends:

Board approval of TIP Action PA23-59, SEPTA's request that DVRPC amend the FY2023 TIP for Pennsylvania by decreasing the FY24 Capital Asset Construction (CAL) Phase of the Capital Asset Lease Program (MPMS #59966) by \$30,000,000 (\$24,000,000 Section 5337/\$5,806,000 State 1514/\$194,000 Loc) to meet program needs.

2g. PA23-60: Vehicle Overhaul Program (MPMS #60582), SEPTA – Decrease Funding to the Program

The RTC recommends:

Board approval of TIP Action PA23-60, SEPTA's request that DVRPC amend the FY2023 TIP for Pennsylvania by decreasing the FY24 Capital Asset Construction (CAP) Phase of the Vehicle Overhaul Program (MPMS #60582) by \$24,530,000 (\$19,624,000 Section 5307/\$4,748,000 State 1514/\$158,000 Loc) to meet program needs.

2h. PA23-61: City Hall/15th Street Stations (MPMS #60335), SEPTA – Decrease Funding to the Program

The RTC recommends:

Board approval of TIP Action PA23-61, SEPTA's request that DVRPC amend the FY2023 TIP for Pennsylvania by decreasing the FY24 Engineering/Right-of-Way/Construction (ERC) Phase of the City Hall/15th Street Stations project (MPMS #60335) by \$10,990,000 (\$10,636,000 State 1514/\$354,000 LOC) to meet program needs

Actions Items 2f, 2g and 2h were presented jointly, the following motion applies to all three items

Motion: by *Kellie Bellina*, seconded by *Matt Edmond*, that the RTC recommend the Board approve the TIP actions.

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

2i. PA23-62: SEPTA Key (MPMS #60611), SEPTA – Increase Funding to the Program

The RTC recommends:

Board approval of TIP Action PA23-62, SEPTA's request that DVRPC amend the FY2023 TIP for Pennsylvania by increasing the FY24 Engineering/Right-of-Way/Construction (ERC) Phase of SEPTA's Key Program (MPMS #60611) by \$9,120,000 (\$6,708,000 Section 5307/\$1,623,000 State 1514/\$789,000 LOC) to align funds with program needs.

2j. PA23-63: Debt Service (MPMS #60275), SEPTA – Increase Funding to the Program

The RTC recommends:

Board approval of TIP Action PA23-63, SEPTA's request that DVRPC amend the FY2023 TIP for Pennsylvania by increasing the FY24 Debt Service (DS) Phase of SEPTA's Debt Service Program (MPMS #60275) by \$10,953,000 (\$10,600,000 State 1514/\$353,000 LOC) to align funds with program needs.

2k. PA23-64: Regional Rail Car and Locomotive Acquisition (MPMS #60638), SEPTA – Increase Funding to the Program

The RTC recommends:

Board approval of TIP Action PA23-64, SEPTA's request that DVRPC amend the FY2023 TIP for Pennsylvania by increasing the FY24 Purchase of Equipment (PUR) Phase of the Regional Rail Car and Locomotive Acquisition Program (MPMS #60638) by \$10,000,000

(\$8,000,000 Section 5337/\$1,935,000 State 1514/\$65,000 LOC) to align funds with program needs.

Actions Items 2i, 2j and 2k were presented jointly, the following motion applies to all three items

Motion: by *Thomas Schaffer*, seconded by *Jim Mosca*, that the RTC recommend the Board approve the TIP actions.

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

2l. PA23-65: Communication, Signals, and Technology Improvements (MPMS #102571), SEPTA – Increase Funding and Add New Project to the Program

The RTC recommends:

Board approval of TIP Action PA23-65, SEPTA's request that DVRPC amend the FY2023 TIP for Pennsylvania by increasing the FY24 Capital Asset Construction (CAP) Phase of SEPTA's Communication, Signals, and Technology Improvements Program (MPMS #102571) by \$40,050,000 (\$19,113,000 Section 5337/\$2,427,000 Section 5307/\$5,211,000 State 1514/\$174,000 LOC), and adding the Regional Rail's VHF Radio upgrade to the TIP to align funds with program needs.

2m. PA23-66: Safety and Security Improvements (MPMS #107011), SEPTA – Increase Funding and Add New Projects to the Program

The RTC recommends:

Board approval of TIP Action PA23-66, SEPTA's request that DVRPC amend the FY2023 TIP for Pennsylvania by increasing the FY24 Engineering/Right of Way/Construction (ERC) Phase of SEPTA's Safety and Security Improvements program by \$17,407,000 (\$8,987,000 SECT 5307/\$2,174,000 State 1514/\$6,246,000 LOC) to meet program needs and to add the Fern Rock Transportation Center Pedestrian Access project to the program.

2n. PA23-67: Track Improvement Program (MPMS #102565), SEPTA – Increase Funding and Add New Projects to the Program

The RTC recommends:

Board approval of TIP Action PA23-67, SEPTA's request that DVRPC amend the FY2023 TIP for Pennsylvania by increasing the FY24 Capital Asset Construction (CAP) Phase of SEPTA's Track Improvement Program (MPMS #102565) by \$14,080,000 LOC to meet program needs and add the Norristown Line and Airport Freight Separation project, the Removal of Abandoned Trolley Tracks project, and the Coatesville Service Restoration project to the Program.

2o. PA23-68: Maintenance and Transportation Facilities (MPMS #102569), SEPTA – Increase Funding and Add New Projects to the Program

The RTC recommends:

Board approval of TIP Action PA23-68, SEPTA's request that DVRPC amend the FY2023 TIP for Pennsylvania by increasing the FY24 Engineering/Right of Way/Construction (ERC) Phase of SEPTA's Maintenance and Transportation Facilities program (MPMS #102569) by \$37,350,000 LOC to meet program needs and add three new projects to the program: Zero Emission Bus Fleet Transition Upgrades, 1234 Market Street State of Good Repair, and Facility Furnishings Program.

Actions Items 2l, 2m, 2n and 2o were presented jointly, the following motion applies to all four items

Motion: by *Kellie Bellina*, seconded by *Brian Styche*, that the RTC recommend the Board approve the TIP actions.

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

2p. PA23-69: I-95 PA Turnpike Interchange Stage 3 - Delaware River Bridge Replacement (MPMS #TBD), Bucks County - Add New Project

The RTC recommends:

Board approval of TIP Action PA23-69, PTC's request that DVRPC amend the FY2023 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a new project into the TIP, I-95, PA Turnpike Interchange Stage 3, in the amount of \$11,300,000 using Turnpike (TPK) funding for Preliminary Engineering. The funding is broken down as follows between federal fiscal years 2023-2026: FY23: \$800,000; FY24: \$2,500,000; FY25: \$2,500,000; and FY26: \$5,500,000.

Motion: by *Rich Brahler*, seconded by *Ilene Lampitt*, that the RTC recommend the Board approve the TIP action.

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

3. DVRPC FY24 Work Program Amendment: Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) Program

The RTC recommends:

Board approval to amend the FY 2024 Work Program to include the Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) Program contingent upon DVRPC signing a cooperative agreement with EPA.

Motion: by *Ilene Lampitt*, seconded by *Kellie Bellina*, that the RTC recommend the amendment to the work program.

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

4. DVRPC FY24 Work Program Amendment: Regional Benchmarking Program

The RTC recommends:

Board approval to amend the FY2024 Work Program to include the Regional Energy Benchmarking Program Seed Fund, which has been awarded by the PA Department of Environmental Protection.

Motion: by *Tom Shaffer*, seconded by *Ilene Lampitt*, that the RTC recommend the Board approval of this project.

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

5. Transportation Performance Management (TPM) Transit Asset Management and Transit Safety Targets and Update

The RTC recommends:

that the DVRPC Board support the SEPTA, NJ TRANSIT, and DRPA/PATCO annual Transit Asset Management and Safety targets and the transit agencies' efforts at achieving those targets.

Motion: *Motion revised by Matt Edmond*, seconded by *Kelley Yemen*, that the RTC recommends Board approval of the Transit Asset Management Targets and all Transit Safety targets with the exception of SEPTA's 2023 Fatalities target, which the RTC members requested more information on, and the transit agencies' efforts at achieving those targets.

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

The next scheduled meeting of the RTC is **Tuesday, September 12, 2023, planned for in person/hybrid.**

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
Public Participation Task Force
Public Participation Task Force

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

Representative

Andrew Clark
(not represented)
Keith Henderson
(not represented)
Donna Rendeiro
(not represented)
(not represented)
Jim Mosca
(not represented)
Jonathan Korus
Rich Brahler
Tom Stanuikynas
Ilene Lampitt
Brian Styche
Tom Shaffer
(not represented)
Matthew Zochowski
Matt Edmond
David Kanthor
Nick Baker
Kelley Yemen
June Morton
Peter Rykard
Michael Kolber
(not represented)
Blanca Quinde
(not represented)
Kellie Bellina
Lee Wolfe
Bonita Cummings
Bill Matulewicz
Representative
(not represented)
(not represented)
Jason Simmons
(not represented)
(not represented)

Greater Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce
NJ Turnpike Authority
New Jersey TMAs
Pennsylvania TMAs

(not represented)
Rosemary Nivar
(not represented)
Jackie Baker Rollins
Tracy Barusevicius

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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
US Department of Housing and Urban Development

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Other Member Representatives and Guests

Montgomery County Planning Commission
Philadelphia Streets Department
Chester County Planning Commission
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Rick Murphy
Ethan Fogg
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Michael Ruane
Jared Dobkin
Alison Hastings
Karin Morris
Brad Lane
Christopher Mulroy
Nadine Snyder
Lahy Amman
Tom Edinger
Glenn McnNichol
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Brett Fusco
Ben Gruswitz
Van Doan
Betsy Mastaglio
Shawn Megill Legendre

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