

DELAWARE VALLEY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

BOARD COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting of April 26, 2012

Location: Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission
190 N. Independence Mall West
Philadelphia, PA 19106

Membership Present

New Jersey Department of Community Affairs
New Jersey Department of Transportation
Pennsylvania Department of Transportation
New Jersey Governor's Appointee
Pennsylvania Governor's Appointee
Pennsylvania Governor's Policy & Planning Office
Bucks County

Chester County

Delaware County
Montgomery County

Burlington County
Camden County

Gloucester County
Mercer County
City of Chester
City of Philadelphia
City of Camden
City of Trenton

Non-Voting Members

Federal Highway Administration
New Jersey Division
Pennsylvania Division
U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development,
Region III

Representative

Joyce Paul
David Kuhn
James Ritzman
(not represented)
Ronald Henry
Andrew Paris
Diane Ellis-Marseglia
Lynn Bush
Terence Farrell
Ronald Bailey
John Pickett
Leslie Richards
Steve Nelson
Carol Thomas
Louis Cappelli, Jr. Esq.
Andrew Levecchia
Richard Westergaard
(not represented)
Whitney White
Rina Cutler
Edward Williams
(not represented)

Sandra Brillhart
Camille Otto

(not represented)

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region II	(not represented)
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region III	(not represented)
Federal Transit Administration, Region III	Tony Cho
Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority	Byron Comati
New Jersey Transit Corporation	Lou Millan
New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection	(not represented)
Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection	(not represented)
Delaware River Port Authority	Mark Lopez
Port Authority Transit Corporation	John Rink
Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development	(not represented)
New Jersey Office for Planning Advocacy	Katherine Meade

DVRPC Co-Counsel

Pennsylvania Co-Counsel	Andrew Bockis
New Jersey Co-Counsel	Douglas Heinhold

DVRPC Staff: Barry J. Seymour, Donald Shanis, Charles Dougherty, Tom McGovern, John Ward, Elizabeth Schoonmaker, Chris Puchalsky, Joseph Hacker, Chris Linn, Mike Boyer, Jane Meconi, and Jean McKinney.

Guests

Delaware River Joint Toll Bridge Commission	Glenn Reibman
Cross County Connection TMA	William Ragozine
New Jersey Transit	R. J. Palladino
	Tom Schulze
Residents for Regional Traffic Solutions, Inc.	Sue Herman
Pennsylvania Transit Expansion Coalition	Jon Frey
Citizen, Cheltenham Township	Bridget Chadwick
Citizens	John Scott
	Aissia Richardson

Call to Order - Chair's Comments

Chair Louis Cappelli called the meeting to order at 10:06 a.m.

Public Comments on Agenda and Non-Agenda Items

Comments were heard from John Scott, Philadelphia, on the Public Participation Plan regarding the 45-day comment period. Staff indicated that his submitted written comments were included in the public record.

Sue Herman, President, Residents for Regional Traffic Solutions, Inc. (RRTS) stated that their March 12, 2012 written comment submission regarding the January 2012 DVRPC Draft Public Participation Plan posted on the DVRPC website showed the cover page of the March 12 comments with a date stamp that read, "received March 16, 2012 Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission". This was an error which misrepresented that the comments were received after the March 14, 2012 deadline. An email dated March 13, 2012 from Jane Meconi, DVRPC Public Involvement Manager, to Ms. Herman stated; "please consider this email confirmation that DVRPC has received, by email and mail, RRTS's comments regarding the draft Public Participation Plan." Ms. Herman respectfully requests that the DVRPC remove the March 16, 2012 date stamp from the written comment submission that appears on-line and from any other copies which may have been distributed. RRTS also asks that a formal correction be issued to anyone who received the misdated document.

Barry Seymour, DVRPC Executive Director, confirmed that the RRTS comments were received on March 13, 2012 and assured Ms. Herman that the copy of these comments with the March 16, 2012 DVRPC date stamp had been removed from the DVRPC website immediately upon her request and any distributed copies had also been corrected.

Bridget Chadwick, Cheltenham Township, commented on the public involvement process for the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and distributed a letter to the Board with suggestions for a new way to present TIP information, including tables listing projects, existing conditions, and proposed improvements.

1. Minutes of Meeting of March 22, 2011

On a Motion by Mr. Kuhn, seconded by Commissioner Farrell, the minutes of March 22, 2012 were approved as distributed.

2. Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Action

Elizabeth Schoonmaker, DVRPC Manager, Office of Capital Programs, presented to the Board the following TIP Actions:

- a. **PA11-67: Approval of Automated Red-Light Enforcement (ARLE) Round 2 Projects (Various MPMS#'s), Various Counties**

PennDOT has requested that DVRPC approve the list of projects selected as part of PennDOT's Automated Red-Light Enforcement (ARLE) Round 2 program and amend the FY2011-2014 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding the projects to the PA TIP in FY12. The DVRPC region was awarded a total of \$1,851,030 of State Appropriation 244 funding. \$1,500,000 is for projects in the City of Philadelphia, \$205,000 is for a project in Delaware County, and \$146,030 is for a project in Chester County.

The Automated Red Light Enforcement (ARLE) program targets high crash intersections within the city of Philadelphia with the implementation of an automated system that records violations by drivers who run red lights in the city and are fined for their violation. The automated red-light system generates revenue from the fines received from violators. This revenue is divided equally between the City of Philadelphia and the state, which distributes the money into a grant program. Municipalities may apply for these grant moneys to pay for eligible roadway-enhancement, safety, and congestion projects. The city of Philadelphia was awarded \$1,500,000. The Traffic Engineering Unit will hire a consultant to evaluate high crash intersections throughout the City and make recommendations for low cost safety investments. The evaluation process will begin with those intersections already outfitted with Red Light Enforcement Cameras and then consider other high crash locations. Potential safety improvements include improved signage, pavement markings, green bike lane transitions and rumble strips.

Above and beyond the \$1.5 million made available to the City of Philadelphia, the DVRPC Region was awarded a total of \$351,030 to advance the following two projects:

- (1) Install Traffic Adaptive Signal Control on Route 1 (MPMS #95404), Delaware County- \$205,000 - Funding will be used to install adaptive signal control at five intersections along Baltimore Pike.
- (2) Business Route 30/US 322 Congestion/Incident Management, (MPMS #95403), Chester County- \$146,030 - Funding will be used for installation of closed circuit cameras and to upgrade two signalized intersections to allow for connection to the existing Closed Loop Traffic Signal System to assist in congestion management.

Round 2 of ARLE awarded approximately a total of \$3.0 million statewide to projects in the city of Philadelphia as well as the remaining municipalities of the State. Municipalities submitted more than 300 applications totalling

approximately \$27 million. Projects were scored by PennDOT using criteria that included project benefits and effectiveness, cost, local and regional impact, and cost sharing.

Financial constraint will be maintained as the State Appropriation 244 funds are additional funds to the DVRPC region.

The TIP's current conformity finding will not be impacted by this amendment as these projects will be included in subsequent regional emissions analysis as required by the current conformity rule.

Favorable recommendation was received from the Planning Coordinating Committee/Regional Transportation Committee (PCC/RTC) to approve TIP Action Item PA11-67.

Public comments were received in favor of TIP Action Item PA11-67.

The Board unanimously adopted the following **motion**:

MOTION by Ms. Cutler, seconded by, Mr. Henry, that the Board approve the list of projects selected as part of PennDOT's Automated Red-Light Enforcement (ARLE) Round 2 program and amend the FY2011-2014 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding the projects to the PA TIP in FY12. The DVRPC region was awarded a total of \$1,851,030 of the State Appropriation 244 funding. \$1,500,000 is for projects in the City of Philadelphia, \$205,000 is for a project in Delaware County, and \$146,030 is for a project in Chester County.

b. NJ12-12: Route 206, North of Arreton Road to North of Brown Avenue, Pavement (DB #11308), Mercer County

NJDOT has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2012-2015 TIP for New Jersey by deleting Route 206, North of Arreton Road to North of Brown Avenue, Pavement (DB# 11308) from the DVRPC TIP. The work within the DVRPC region has been completed and the current project inadvertently cites the entire project within the DVRPC region. The limits of the project have changed from Mile Post 56.7 – Mile Post 68.5 to Mile Post 60.0 – Mile Post 66.4. The project will be transferred to NJTPA. Funding has not been removed from the DVRPC region, but included in the region's fiscal constraint banks to address project shifts. The title of the project has also changed to 'Route 206 North of Wood Thrush Lane to North of Brown Ave, Pavement.' The funding that was programmed in FY14 for the DVRPC region will not leave the region.

Financial constraint will be maintained by making adjustments to other existing TIP projects whose schedules or costs have changed.

The TIP's current conformity finding will not be impacted by this amendment as project is exempt from the regional Air Quality Analysis.

c. NJ12-13: Rail-Highway Grade Crossing Program, Federal (DB #X35A1), Statewide

NJ DOT has requested that DVRPC modify the FY2012-2015 TIP for New Jersey by increasing funding for the Rail-Highway Crossing (RHC) Program, Federal project (DB# X35A1), by \$9,000,000 RHC funds from FY13-FY21, by adding \$1,000,000 to the engineering and construction phase of DVRPC's portion each year from FY13-FY21. NJ DOT has increased their long-term focus on rail crossing safety resulting from the *Rail Safety Short-Term Action Plan*.

Financial constraint will be maintained by making adjustments to other existing TIP projects whose schedules or costs have changed.

The TIP's current conformity finding will not be impacted by this amendment as project is exempt from the regional Air Quality Analysis.

Favorable recommendation was received from the PCC/RTC that the Board approve TIP Action Item NJ12-12 and NJ12-13.

No public comments were received.

The Board unanimously adopted the following **motion**:

MOTION by Ms. Thomas, seconded by Mr. Kuhn, that the Board approve the following TIP Actions

- (1) TIP Action NJ12-12, NJDOT's request to amend the FY2012-2015 TIP for New Jersey by deleting Route 206, North of Arreton Road to North of Brown Avenue, Pavement (DB# 11308) from the DVRPC TIP. The funding for the projects does not leave the region.
- (2) TIP Action NJ12-13, NJDOT's request to modify the FY2012-2015 TIP for New Jersey by increasing funding for the Rail-Highway

Crossing Program, Federal project (DB# X35A1), by \$9,000,000 RHC funds from FY13-FY21, by adding \$1,000,000 to the engineering and construction phase of DVRPC's portion each year from FY13-FY21.

d. NJ12-14: County Route 528 Roundabout (DB #1204), Burlington County

Burlington County has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2012-2015 TIP for New Jersey by adding a new project to the TIP, County Route 528 Roundabout (DB# D1204), and programming construction in FY13 (\$1,000,000 HSIP).

Burlington County is proposing to construct a modern roundabout, in Chesterfield Township, at the intersection of County Route 528 (Bordentown-Chesterfield Road) and County Route 660 (Old York Road), which was the site of a tragic school bus accident that resulted in one fatality and 14 seriously injured. The proposed roundabout would replace the existing skewed intersection alignment which is stop controlled on the Old York Road approaches. The posted speed limit on all approaches to the intersection is 45 MPH. The existing roadway geometry promotes higher speeds than are appropriate for the adjacent land use, which is a mix of both suburban and rural. A roundabout is the only alternative which will reduce vehicle speeds approaching the intersection and reduce conflicts between turning vehicles. The installation of a traffic signal is not warranted at this time and will not provide the needed safety improvements.

Financial constraint will be maintained by making adjustments to other existing TIP projects whose schedules or costs have changed.

The TIP's current conformity finding will not be impacted by this amendment as this project is exempt from the regional Air Quality Analysis.

Favorable recommendation was received from the PCC/RTC that the Board approve TIP Action Item NJ12-14.

Public comments were received in favor of TIP Action NJ12-14.

The Board unanimously adopted the following **motion**:

MOTION by Mr. Kuhn, seconded by Commissioner Farrell, that the Board approve TIP Action NJ12-14, Burlington County's request to amend the FY2012-2015 TIP for New Jersey by adding a new project to the TIP, County Route 528 Roundabout (DB# D1204), and programming construction in FY13 (\$1,000,000 HSIP).

e. **NJ12-15: Resurfacing and Striping of CR 610 Clayton-Williamstown Road (DB #1205), Gloucester County**

Gloucester County has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2012-2015 TIP for New Jersey by adding a new project to the TIP, Resurfacing and Striping of CR 610/Clayton-Williamstown Road (DB# D1205), and programming construction in FY12 (\$750,000 STP-STU). Funds will be made available by other projects that have schedules that have slipped to next year or later, and additional obligation authority made available to DVRPC by NJDOT.

The project will provide for resurfacing of Gloucester County Route 610/Clayton-Williamstown Road from Gloucester County Route 655 (Fries Mill Road) to Pop Kramer Road in the Borough of Clayton. The project will mill and overlay Gloucester County Route 610 Clayton-Williamstown Road, and will also include striping of the roadway to provide dedicated bicycle travel lanes in the existing shoulder. The striping will begin at 600 feet from the intersection of Gloucester County Routes 655 and 610 to link to an entrance of Scotland Run Park and an existing boat ramp. The bike lane striping will be included in the entire project length and will connect to the Clayton Mille/High School Campus.

Financial constraint will be maintained by making adjustments to other existing TIP projects whose schedules or costs have changed and by additional obligation authority given to DVRPC by NJ DOT.

The TIP's current conformity finding will not be impacted by this amendment as project is exempt from the regional Air Quality Analysis.

f. **NJ12-16: Resurfacing of CR 603 Center Street (DB #TBD), Gloucester County**

Gloucester County has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2012-2015 TIP for New Jersey by adding a new project to the TIP, Resurfacing of CR 603 Center Street (DB# D1202), and programming construction in FY12 (\$700,000 STP-STU). Funds will be made available by other projects that have

schedules that have slipped to next year or later, and additional obligation authority made available to DVRPC by NJDOT.

The project will provide for resurfacing of Gloucester County Route 603/Center Street from Chestnut Branch Bridge to Woodbury Glassboro Road (CR 553) in Mantua Township, a distance of approximately 0.65 miles. The project will consist of milling the existing pavement to a depth of 2-5 inches and resurfacing with a 2 inch variable thick Hot Mix Asphalt 12.5H64 surface course. Existing deteriorated concrete vertical curbs will be replaced where required. Ramps will be replaced to meet current ADA standards for persons with disabilities. Bicycle safe inlet grates will be installed where needed and inlet heads will be installed to comply with the current storm water regulations. Long life traffic stripes and raised pavement markers will be installed on the new pavement surface. Existing steel beam guide rail will be upgraded by maintaining, as well as, replacing the end treatments with current crashworthy end treatments. New spacer blocks and any substandard posts will be replaced. The existing vegetation under the guide rail will be maintained, and non-vegetative surface treatment will not be utilized. No new drainage will be constructed; however, the existing drainage structures near the Chestnut Branch Bridge, five total structures, have deteriorated walls and will be reconstructed.

Financial constraint will be maintained by making adjustments to other existing TIP projects whose schedules or costs have changed and by additional obligation authority given to DVRPC by NJ DOT.

The TIP's current conformity finding will not be impacted by this amendment as project is exempt from the regional Air Quality Analysis.

g. NJ12-17: Gloucester County Multi-Purpose Trail Extension (DB #D1203), Gloucester County

Gloucester County has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2012-2015 TIP for New Jersey by adding a new project to the TIP, Gloucester County Multi-Purpose Trail Extension (DB# D1203), and programming Final Design in FY12 (\$400,000 STP-STU), Right-of-Way in FY15 (\$750,000 STP-STU), and Construction in FY16 (\$1,500,000 STP-STU). Funds will be made available by other projects that have schedules that have slipped to next year or later, and additional obligation authority made available to DVRPC by NJDOT.

The project will extend the multi-purpose trail that runs from Glassboro to Williamstown along the former railroad right-of-way to the Elk Township recreational complex, and Elk Township's trail (Elephant Swamp Trail) that

runs towards Salem County. The project would not only link to the existing trail that ends at Delsea Drive in Glassboro but also look to link to other facilities such as Rowan University and the Rowan Boulevard project. The trail link to Rowan University would end on campus near Girard Avenue in Glassboro at the future site of the light rail train station that would connect to the City of Woodbury and onward to Philadelphia. A portion of the former rail right-of-way on the easterly side of Route 55 is owned largely by Elk Township. Linking to the existing Elk Township Recreational Complex would involve using the existing bridge on Whig Lane Road (CR 619) across Route 55, as well as utilizing a portion of the State highway right-of-way of Route 55 (on the other side of the existing fence away from the highway, separated from any traffic). A small trail bridge is planned across a branch of Still Run along the Route 55 right-of-way. The southerly link to the Elk Township Recreational Park connects to the Elephant Swamp Trail which extends into Salem County. The project would have the ability to link to existing and planned transit facilities such as: NJ Transit 463 Bus Route in Williamstown on an existing portion of the trail which has connections to NJ Transit's Avondale facility in Camden County (connections to Camden, Philadelphia and Atlantic City); NJ Transit 408 Bus Route in Glassboro at the project beginning of the trail on Route 47 which connects Philadelphia to Millville; the northern terminus of the planned trail at Rowan University in Glassboro would provide a future light rail connection to the City of Woodbury as well as to the Cities of Camden and Philadelphia; and a bike lane link is also planned along a light rail trail spur by the Borough of Glassboro to the Glassboro Arts District along High Street.

Financial constraint will be maintained by making adjustments to other existing TIP projects whose schedules or costs have changed and by additional obligation authority given to DVRPC by NJ DOT.

The TIP's current conformity finding will not be impacted by this amendment as project is exempt from the regional Air Quality Analysis.

Favorable recommendation was received from the PCC/RTC that the Board approve TIP Actions NJ12-15, NJ12-16, and NJ12-17.

Public comments were received in favor of TIP Action NJ12-15, NJ12-16, and NJ12-17.

The Board unanimously adopted the following **motion**:

MOTION by Ms. Thomas, seconded by Ms. Paul, that the Board approve the following TIP Actions:

- (1) TIP Action NJ12-15, Gloucester County's request to amend the FY2012-2015 TIP for New Jersey by adding a new project to the TIP, Resurfacing and Striping of CR 610/Clayton-Williamstown Road (DB# D1205), and programming construction in FY12 (\$750,000 STP-STU).
- (2) TIP Action NJ12-16, Gloucester County's request to amend the FY2012-2015 TIP for New Jersey by adding a new project to the TIP, Resurfacing of CR 603 Center Street (DB# D1202), and programming construction in FY12 (\$700,000 STP-STU).
- (3) TIP Action NJ12-17, Gloucester County's request to amend the FY2012-2015 TIP for New Jersey by adding a new project to the TIP, Gloucester County Multi-Purpose Trail Extension (DB# D1203), and programming Final Design in FY12 (\$400,000 STP-STU), Right-of-Way in FY15(\$750,000 STP-STU), and Construction in FY16 (\$1,500,000 STP-STU).

3. Authorization to Open a 30-Day Public Comment Period for the Draft FY 2013 Pennsylvania TIP, Connections Long-Range Plan Amendment, and Conformity Determination of FY 2012 New Jersey TIP, FY 2013 Pennsylvania TIP and Connections Long-Range Plan

Michael Boyer, DVRPC Manager, Office of Long-Range Planning and Economic Coordination, explained to the Board that DVRPC is required to develop a long-range plan that prioritizes transportation investments in the region over a 20-25 year period and a shorter term Transportation Improvement Program that programs funding for transportation projects.

The region is also required to demonstrate that the projects contained in the Plan and the TIP do not hinder our ability to meet federal air quality standards as outlined in the adopted State Implementation Plans.

Board action is being sought to open a 30-day public comment period for three separate, yet related documents:

- (1) The Draft FY 2013 PA TIP which programs funding for transportation projects in Pennsylvania. The federal requirement is for a 4-year fiscally-constrained program but DVRPC has extended it to a 12-year fiscally-constrained program.

- (2) Amendment to add the South Jersey Bus Rapid Transit System to the Connections long-range plan.
- (3) Draft Conformity Determination of the Connections LRP (including the South Jersey BRT), FY 2013 PA TIP, and FY 2012 NJ TIP (which is unchanged).

There will be two overlapping 30-day public comment periods: FY 2013 Pennsylvania TIP Public Comment period will run from May 3 to June 1 as will the proposed Amendment to the Connections LRP.

The Conformity Determination public comment period will run from May 7 to June 5.

Legal notice for the public comment periods will be placed in five area newspapers (the top two circulation papers (Inky, Camden Courier-Post) as well as the Gloucester County Times, and Al Dia, and Philadelphia Tribune. DVRPC will also issue a media release and notice will also be sent in an email blast to over 8,500 recipients. All materials and documentation will be available on the DVRPC web page, offices, and at 25 libraries throughout the region. People will be able to comments via email, mail or fax

There will be two public meetings (May 15 in Pennsylvania at DVRPC and May 22 in Deptford, New Jersey).

Staff will review and respond to the comments received, and recommendations will be prepared for Board adoption of the amendment to the *Connections* Plan; FY 2013 TIP for Pennsylvania; and the conformity findings for the *Connections* Long-Range Plan, FY 2013 TIP for Pennsylvania, and FY 2012 TIP for New Jersey in June, 2012.

Favorable recommendation was received from the PCC/RTC.

No public comments were received.

The Board unanimously adopted the following **motion**:

MOTION by Commissioner Farrell, seconded by Commissioner Ellis-Marseglia, that the Board authorize staff to open a minimum 30-day public comment period for the purpose of gathering public and agency comments on the proposed amendment to the *Connections* Long-Range Plan; the Draft FY 2013 TIP for

Pennsylvania; and the Draft Conformity Determination of the *Connections* Long-Range Plan, Draft FY 2013 TIP for PA, and FY 2012 TIP for New Jersey, and to issue proper public notifications, to publish the draft documents and post on the Internet, to make copies available at certain public libraries, and to hold public meetings.

4. **DVRPC Fiscal Year 2012 Planning Work Program Amendments**

a. **I-95 Interchange Enhancement Traffic Study, Phase III, Supplement 1**

Chris Puchalsky, Associate Director, Technical Services Division, Office of Modeling and analysis, explained to the Board that in 2011, traffic forecasts of several I-95 closure strategies were prepared and are now being screened to determine which warrant further evaluation and refinement in terms of construction staging, time-of-day lane closures, and mitigation measures along alternative routes. That process has identified new alternatives to test and other additional tasks for DVRPC that are necessary to complete the screening process.

The cost and source of funds is \$150,000 from PennDOT (80% Supplemental PL funds; 20% SMVF match).

Favorable recommendation was received from the PCC/RTC.

No public comments were received.

The Board unanimously adopted the following **motion**:

MOTION by Ms. Cutler, seconded by Mr. Ritzman, that the Board amend the DVRPC FY 2012 Unified Planning Work Program to include the *I-95 Interchange Enhancement Traffic Study, Phase III, Supplement 1*.

b. **US 202 Section 600 Traffic Forecast Updates**

Mr. Puchalsky explained to the Board that this project will update traffic forecasts for US 202 Section 600 under No-Build and Build alternatives. The Build Alternative will include a 5-lane cross section between Swede and Welsh Roads and a 4-lane section from Johnson Highway to Swede Road, along with intersection improvements. Forecasts will be made for 2020 and 2035 for US 202, parallel and intersecting facilities, and selected offline intersections.

The cost and source of funds is \$110,000 in funds from Pennsylvania TIP MPMS #50364.

Favorable recommendation was received from the PCC/RTC.

No public comments were received.

The Board unanimously adopted the following **motion**:

MOTION by Commissioner Farrell, seconded by Mr. Paris, that the Board amend the DVRPC FY 2013 Unified Planning Work Program to include the *US 202 Section 600 Traffic Forecast Updates*.

c. Creating a Brand and Visual Identity for the Regional Trails Network – i.e., “The Circuit”

Chris Linn, DVRPC Manager Office of Environmental Planning, explained to the Board that currently, with support from the William Penn Foundation, DVRPC is administering the Regional Trails Program to close priority gaps and complete key segments in Greater Philadelphia’s trail network. The program provides funding and technical assistance in support of trail planning, design and construction and is working to build capacity among regional partners. The three-year program is now in its second year.

As part of the program, the Foundation, DVRPC and other partners hosted a contest to “name” the region’s trail network. *The Circuit* was chosen as the network’s name from among 170 submissions in January 2012. For this project, DVRPC will manage the efforts of Maskar Design, who have been advising the Foundation on establishing *The Circuit* as a “brand” across the Greater Philadelphia region. Work will include a creative phase, with development of a visual identity that builds upon existing trail identities in the region, and a product development phase, with preparation of initial publicity products bearing the brand and logo. The work will be guided by input from DVRPC and other regional trail network stakeholders.

The visual identity will be widely available for use by government partners, trail developers, planners, advocates and other stakeholders.

The cost and source of funds is \$82,500 from the William Penn Foundation.

Favorable recommendation was received from the PCC/RTC.

N public comments were received.

The Board unanimously adopted the following **motion**:

MOTION by Ms. Cutler, seconded by Commissioner Richards, that the Board amend the DVRPC FY 2012 Planning Work Program to include Creating a Brand and Visual Identity; *The Circuit*, for the Regional Trails Network.

5. DVRPC Regional Trails Grant Program: Phase II Selected Projects

Mr. Linn, explained to the Board that the Greater Philadelphia is a region blessed with a variety of opportunities to create a connected network of multi-use trails. The Regional Trails Program, administered by DVRPC, with funding from the William Penn Foundation, aims to capitalize upon these opportunities by providing funding for targeted, priority trail design, construction and planning projects that will promote a truly connected, regional network of multi-use trails with Philadelphia and Camden as its hub.

The program aims to:

- Raise the visibility of the regional trail network overall and support catalytic projects that will advance its completion;
- Foster innovation and collaboration among organizations representing diverse interests and populations advancing the regional trails system;
- Promote “hubs” of trail-related activity that will contribute to community revitalization in urban neighborhoods;
- Provide new opportunities for safe, active transportation throughout the region;
- Create livable, bikable and walkable communities that will promote public health through active living;
- Leverage additional resources for trail development;
- Increase sponsor capacity for project management; and
- Promote the regional trail network as a unique, significant amenity for the region’s residents and visitors.

Phase II of the program provides approximately \$500,000 in funding for multi-use trail planning and feasibility studies. Individual grant awards are capped at \$60,000 and require a 20 percent match. A Request for Proposals (RFP) was posted on DVRPC’s website in mid-November and 26 requests for funding were received by the application deadline on December 16. The proposals were evaluated by a Selection Committee composed of Foundation representatives, DVRPC staff, and

regional trail funders based on program criteria established by the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) and published in the RFP.

Based on review by the Selection Committee and approval by the RTC, the following ten projects are recommended for funding:

1. Schuylkill River Greenway Association – Schuylkill River Trail Monocacy Bridge Feasibility Study – \$60,000;
2. Bucks County Commissioners – Neshaminy Creek Greenway Multi-use Trail Feasibility Study – \$60,000;
3. Burlington County Board of Chosen Freeholders c/o Resource Conservation Department – Kinkora Trail Mansfield Township Community Park Connector – \$40,000;
4. Transportation Management Association of Chester County – Paoli-Chester Valley Trail Connector – \$32,000;
5. Delaware County Planning Department – East Coast Greenway Inactive Railroad Right-of-Way Title Search – \$12,000;
6. Montgomery Township – Powerline Trail Connector – \$32,000;
7. Delaware River Waterfront Corporation – East Coast Greenway: Sugar House Casino Through Penn Treaty Park – \$60,000;
8. Philadelphia City Planning Commission and Philadelphia Parks and Recreation – Frankford Creek Greenway Feasibility Study – \$60,000 and;
9. Manayunk Development Corporation – Ivy Ridge Trail Feasibility Planning – \$60,000.
10. Lower Merion Township – Cynwyd Spur Trail Feasibility Study - \$40,000

The total grant request amount for the 10 projects is \$456,000.

The PCC/RTC recommended that the board approve the recommended projects for Phase II of the Regional Trails Grant Program assuming additional coordination with the counties and transit operators and resolution of resulting issues.

No public comments were received.

The Board unanimously adopted the following **motion**:

MOTION by Ms. Thomas, seconded by Ms. Cutler, that the Board approve the recommended projects for Phase II of the Regional Trails Grant program.

6. **Approval of the Revised List of Recommended Projects and TIP Commitment for the Pennsylvania FY 2013 Job Access and Reverse Commute (JARC) Grant Program**

Joseph Hacker, DVRPC Manager, Office of Transit, Bicycle, and Pedestrian Planning, explained to the Board that the JARC grant program funds transportation services and supportive activities that facilitate access to jobs for welfare recipients and lower income persons, as well as reverse commute trips for the general population. This is the second year for the recommended list (distributed to the Board) of JARC projects originally approved in FY11. Since the last board meeting on January 24, however, matching JARC funding amounts have been revised.

The revised FY13 JARC program, which is allocated by a federal formula, provides \$2,151,704 of FTA funds. PennDOT has revised its matching funds to \$3,700,000. However, FY12 leftover funds in the amount of \$371,785 are also added for a total southeastern Pennsylvania JARC program of \$6,223,489. This is a reduction of \$190,197 in total JARC funding since January's approval.

SEPTA has proposed to reduce JARC funded OWL services on Routes 14, 18, and 56 by \$136, 630 in order to reallocate those dollars and retain limited level of service on Route L. This proposal does not affect funding allocations for other SEPTA projects and helps support Bucks County Transport (BCT) sub-recipient services. BCT's Welfare to Work service is partially funded at \$133,761 of the requested \$252,000. This recommendation keeps the previously approved JARC list whole, rather than eliminate projects.

Favorable recommendation was received from the PCC/RTC.

No public comments were received.

The Board unanimously adopted the following **motion**:

MOTION by Mr. Pickett, seconded by Ms. Cutler that the Board approve:

1. The recommendations for revised JARC project funding;
2. TIP Action PA11-63, DVRPC's request to modify the FY2011-2014 TIP for Pennsylvania by programming the following: \$6,223,489 (FY13 \$2,151,704 JARC/FY12 \$371,785/\$3,700,000 Section 1516) for JARC projects; and
3. Should additional funding become available, every effort will be made to fund additional JARC projects.

7. Adoption of DVRPC's Participation Plan: A Strategy for Citizen Involvement

Jane Meconi, DVRPC Public Involvement Manager, explained to the Board that the DVRPC Public Participation Plan, *A Strategy for Citizen Involvement*, outlines how the Commission is meeting all federal public participation mandates through its current outreach activities, including the development of the Public Participation Task Force. This update provides an excellent opportunity for the DVRPC to reaffirm its commitment to a transparent, open, and inclusive planning process.

The Draft Plan was released for a 45-day public comment period starting on January 30, 2012 and ending on March 14, 2012. Notification for the public comment period included public notification to over 9000 citizens, business leaders, municipalities, and organizations; documentation in regional libraries; legal notices; placement on the Commission's website; and a public meeting. The public comments that were received were distributed to the Board for their review. A revised draft of the Public Participation Plan (distributed to the Board) was posted on DVRPC's website on April 2, 2012. This revised version contains an expanded evaluation process to measure DVRPC outreach for both Commission-wide initiatives as well as specific project-based public outreach.

Favorable recommendation was received from the PCC/RTC.

A public comment was received asking DVRPC to correct an incorrect date stamp on the written comments received from RRTS on the Public Participation Plan and to be diligent in replacing the copy posted on the DVRPC website any and all other copies distributed.

Another comment was received in support of the Public Participation Plan.

Mr. Seymour responded to the first public comment in that this correction had already been done.

The Board unanimously adopted the following **motion**:

MOTION by Commissioner Farrell, seconded by Mr. Henry, that the Board adopt the revised Draft DVRPC Public Participation Plan: *A Strategy for Citizen Involvement*.

8. Appointment of Nominating Committee for Fiscal Year 2013 DVRPC Board Officers

Mr. Seymour announced that a nominating committee needs to be selected to appoint candidates for Fiscal Year 2013 (July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013) DVRPC Board Officers. The Chair alternates from Pennsylvania and New Jersey and must be from Pennsylvania for FY 2013. The recommended committee is as follows:

Louis J. Cappelli, Jr., Esq., Camden County
Andrew Paris, Pennsylvania Governor's Policy and Planning Office
Diane Ellis-Marseglia, Bucks County Commissioner
Donna Lewis, Mercer County

The committee will report the candidates at the May Board Meeting and elections will take place at the June Board Meeting.

On a **motion** by Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Henry, the Board unanimously approved the recommended Nominating Committee.

9. One Minute Reports

Lou Millan, New Jersey Transit, acknowledged and thanked Michael Boyer and DVRPC for assisting NJ Transit with their Long Range Plan.

Rina Cutler, City of Philadelphia, reported that on April 1, 2012, the City of Philadelphia launched its Distracted Pedestrians Program which deals with safety concerns of pedestrian's texting while walking on the sidewalks and streets.

Leslie Richards, Montgomery County Commissioner, commented that she looks forward to working with DVRPC and the Pennsylvania Infrastructure Investment Authority (PENNVEST) on the tree planting program in the Norristown area.

Commissioner Terence Farrell, Chester County, reported that Chester County has a sustainability website that promotes examples of sustainable practices which can be found throughout the county. The website is chescopagreen.org.

Commissioner Farrell also reported that on June 6, 2012, Chester County, has scheduled an Active Transportation Forum. The Forum is being sponsored by the Chester County Planning Commission, the Cycling Coalition, and the TMAACC. The event is being held at the Church Farm School from 8:00 a.m.–2:30 p.m.

Louis Cappelli, Jr., Camden County Freeholder, commented that the project for improvements on Route 130 at the Collingswood Circle have begun. This project will help eliminate troublesome traffic conditions between Collingswood and Pennsauken and will help with pedestrian safety around the Cooper River Park.

10. PRESENTATION: New Jersey 42/55/676 Transit Alternatives Analysis

R. J. Palladino, New Jersey Transit (NJ Transit), presented Transit Alternatives Analysis for the New Jersey Routes 42, 55, and 676 in Camden and Gloucester Counties. The study examines Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) solutions designed to improve bus travel speed, reliability, and customer convenience. BRT is a combination of strategies developed for a new system for public transportation; including enhanced vehicles and enhanced stations and terminals.

The study's findings recognized: new park/rides are critical to improving access to public transit; new circulation into Philadelphia West of City Hall; need for shoulder based bus lanes in some segments of Route 42 expressway and Route 55 flyover ramp; and the need for Transit Signal Priority to help move buses quickly.

NJ Transit will continue to advance the locally preferred alternative (LPA) which includes several BRT investments including parking facilities, roadway improvements, and vehicles. The project is consistent with the DVRPC long-range goals and is able to be included in the DVRPC Plan's fiscal constraint without impacting any other projects.

Byron Comati, SEPTA, inquired if the NJ Transit's LPA had considered the congestion problem which already exists in the City of Philadelphia.

Mr. Palladino responded that NJ Transit is working with the City to discuss traffic circulation and will be very flexible to take into consideration the City's needs.

John Rink, PATCO, commented on their involvement and support with NJ Transit on this project.

11. Executive Director's Report

a. Public Participation Task Force

Mr. Seymour reported that over 140 applications for the citizen-at-large participation have been received by DVRPC and will be included in the outreach efforts. Members for the task force and citizen-at-large members have been selected. An orientation meeting is scheduled for May 30, 2012. Future meetings of the Task Force will be open to the public.

b. Right-to-Know requests and challenges

Mr. Seymour reported that a number of formal right-to-know requests have been received over the past several months. One request, in particular, will be challenged in Commonwealth Court.

c. TransitChek challenges

Mr. Seymour reported that DVRPC has a licensed agreement for the TransitChek trademark from the original founders which is now owned by Wage Works. DVRPC received a letter from Wage Works questioning the use of TransitChek trademark and the program. DVRPC will meet with Wage Works to discuss this matter.

d. Chamber of Commerce event

Mr. Seymour reported that the Chamber of Commerce is holding a *State of the Region* event on May 23, 2012 at the Hilton Hotel on City Avenue in Philadelphia. A table at the event is reserved for DVRPC and Mr. Seymour invited Board members to attend.

e. By-Laws changes

Mr. Seymour reported that he is in the process of examining the DVRPC By-Laws to amend the following: (1) incorporate the existing amendments into the text of the By-laws which identify additional non-voting participants appointed to the Board; (2) update the By-laws on meeting notices to now include notices by email and on the website; and (3) an update to rename the Planning Coordinating Committee/Regional Transportation Committee (PCC/RTC).

f. Ozone Season Kick-off

Mr. Seymour announced that April 26, 2012, begins the ozone season.

12. Committee Reports

a. Planning Coordinating Committee/Regional Transportation Committee

Donald Shanis, Deputy Executive Director reported that in addition to the previously reported items from the PCC/RTC, the committee discussed the possibility of examining the Transportation Management Association (TMA) structure. A meeting has been scheduled to discuss what projects should be eligible in the future and who should receive TMA funding.

b. Delaware Valley Goods Movement Task Force

Ted Dahlburg, DVRPC Manager, Office of Freight Planning, reported some highlights from the Delaware Valley Goods Movement Task Force meeting of April 18, 2012.

The Task Force endorsed the adoption of the DVRPC updated Public Participation Plan and heard the following presentations: (1) Camden City Truck Management; (2) Better Predicting Pavement Response to Increased Freight Loads; (3) Campbell Soup: Supply Chain Overview; and (4) Colonial Pipeline Company: Transporting Refined Petroleum Products into the Delaware Valley.

OLD BUSINESS

No old business was stated.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business was stated.

There being no further business, the meetings was adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

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