

DELAWARE VALLEY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

BOARD COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting of February 26, 2015

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

Membership Present

Representative

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

Joyce Paul
Dave Kuhn
James Ritzman
Chris Howard
(not represented)
James Mosca
Diane Ellis-Marseglia
Michelle Kichline
John McBlain
Linda Hill
Jody Holton
(not represented)
Louis Cappelli
Andrew Levecchia
Richard Westergaard
(not represented)
William Payne
Rina Cutler
Edward Williams
(not represented)

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

Calvin Edghill

Pennsylvania Division

Jonathan Crum

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development,
Region III
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region II

(not represented)
(not represented)

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region III	(not represented)
Federal Transit Administration, Region III	(not represented)
Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority	(not represented)
New Jersey Transit Corporation	Lou Millan
New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection	(not represented)
Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection	Cosmo Servidio
Delaware River Port Authority	Barbara Holcomb
Port Authority Transit Corporation	Ben Cornelius
New Jersey Office of Planning Advocacy	Alan Miller
Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development	(not represented)

DVRPC Co-Counsel

Pennsylvania Co-Counsel	Andrew Bockis
New Jersey Co-Counsel	Thomas Coleman

DVRPC Staff: Barry J. Seymour, John Ward, Patty Elkis, Chris Puchalsky, Elizabeth Schoonmaker, Candy Snyder, Rick Murphy, Kwan Hui, Taghi Ozbeki, Tom McGovern, Van Doan, Sandy Clark, John Griffies, Matt Gates, Ted Dahlburg, Jane Meconi, Elise Turner, Zoe Neaderland, and Renee Wise.

Guests

Monica Etz	NJDOT
PlanPhilly	Jim Saks
CCCTMA	William Ragozine
PIDC	William Agate
PIDC	Carmen Zappile
Chester County	Randy Waltermeyer
Bucks County	Rich Brahler
Pennonni Associates	Donald Shanis
Residents for Regional Traffic Solutions, Inc.	Sue Herman

Call to Order - Chair's Comments

Chair Diane Ellis-Marseglia called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m. and asked if there was any press in the room or anyone recording the meeting.

Public Comments on Agenda and Non-Agenda Items

No public comments were stated.

Action Items

1. Minutes of Meeting of January 22, 2015

A **motion** was made by **Ms. Cutler, seconded by Mr. Kuhn**, to approve the minutes of January 22, 2015.

2. Transportation Improvement Program (TIP Actions)

Elizabeth Schoonmaker, DVRPC Capital Program Manager, presented the following TIP action to the Board.

2a. NJ14:53: Route 47, Grove St. to Route 130, Pavement, (DB# 12305), Gloucester County

NJDOT has requested that DVRPC modify the FY2014 - 2017 TIP for New Jersey by delaying all phases and increasing costs that will result in an overall project cost increase of \$5,050,000 from \$26,200,000 STP to \$31,250,000 STP for the project, Route 47, Grove St. to Route 130, Pavement, (DB# 12305), accordingly: delay Preliminary Engineering (PE) from FY14 to FY15 and increase the PE cost by \$1,650,000 from \$1,000,000 STP to \$2,650,000 STP; delay Final Design (DES) from FY15 to FY17 and increase the DES cost by \$800,000 from \$1,700,000 STP to \$2,500,000 STP; delay Right-of-Way (ROW) from FY15 to FY17 and increase the ROW cost by \$100,000 from \$2,400,000 STP to \$2,500,000 STP; and delay Construction (CON) from FY17 and FY18 to FY20 and increase the overall CON cost by \$2,500,000 from \$21,100,000 STP to \$23,600,000 STP.

Funds will provide for the restoration of 13 miles of deteriorated pavements and correct deficiencies warranted by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) on Route 47 (Delsea Drive) from Grove St. (M.P. 62.3) in Glassboro Borough continuing through Washington and Deptford Townships to the Broadway Ave. (M.P. 74.8) intersection in Westville Borough near the Brooklawn Circle. Route 47 is a north-south NJ State Highway that critically links U.S. Routes 130 and 322. Work will include intersection improvements, such as redesigning signals by adding features like pedestrian heads with countdown timers and image detection, and sidewalk construction to fill in gaps to ensure curb ramps and transit stops are part of a sidewalk network, and the replacement of substandard curb ramps with ADA compliant curb ramps or addition of ADA compliant curb ramps to locations that have an existing sidewalk or crosswalk but do not currently have a ramp.

This project was initiated by the NJDOT Division of Project Management as part of the Pavement Evaluation and Design Study conducted in May 2012, in which existing pavement conditions ranged from very poor to good within the project limits, and

cracking, rutting, debonding, potholes, and degradation were all observed along the corridor.

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

Favorable recommendation was received from the Regional Technical Committee.

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

MOTION by Mr. Kuhn, seconded by Mr. Williams, that the Board approve the following TIP action:

NJ14-53, NJDOT's request that DVRPC modify the FY2014 - 2017 TIP for New Jersey by delaying all phases and increasing costs that will result in an overall project cost increase of \$5,050,000 from \$26,200,000 STP to \$31,250,000 STP for the project, Route 47, Grove St. to Route 130, Pavement, (DB# 12305), accordingly: delay Preliminary Engineering (PE) from FY14 to FY15 and increase the PE cost by \$1,650,000 from \$1,000,000 STP to \$2,650,000 STP; delay Final Design (DES) from FY15 to FY17 and increase the DES cost by \$800,000 from \$1,700,000 STP to \$2,500,000 STP; delay Right-of-Way (ROW) from FY15 to FY17 and increase the ROW cost by \$100,000 from \$2,400,000 STP to \$2,500,000 STP; and delay Construction (CON) from FY17 and FY18 to FY20 and increase the overall CON cost by \$2,500,000 from \$21,100,000 STP to \$23,600,000 STP.

2b. PA15-16: Chalfont Pedestrian Facilities (SRTSF) - Round 1, (MPMS# 87088), Bucks County

PennDOT has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2015 - 2018 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a project back in to the TIP, Chalfont Pedestrian Facilities (SRTSF) - Round 1, (MPMS# 87088), for \$579,734 SRTSF funds in FY16 for Construction. This project was inadvertently omitted from the TIP. It was awarded with \$719,734 federal Safe Routes to School (SRTSF) funding in May of 2009, and \$140,000 has been obligated for Preliminary Engineering in the previous TIP. These are additional funds to the region.

Funds will provide for the installation of crosswalks, curbing, and sidewalks along Route 202, spanning two municipalities and benefiting one elementary school and one middle school, in Chalfont and New Britain Boroughs. The National Safe Routes to School program was signed into law in August 2005 and dedicated a total of \$612 million towards SRTS infrastructure projects and non-infrastructure activities from years 2005

to 2009. The program aims to improve students' health and well-being by enabling and encouraging them to walk and bicycle to/from school.

Financial constraint will be maintained as these funds are additional to the region.

Favorable recommendation was received from the Regional Technical Committee.

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

MOTION by Mr. Mosca, seconded by Ms. Marseglia, that the Board approve the following TIP action:

PA15-16, PennDOT's request that DVRPC amend the FY2015 - 2018 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a project back in to the TIP, Chalfont Pedestrian Facilities (SRTSF) - Round 1, (MPMS# 87088), for \$579,734 SRTSF funds in FY16 for Construction. This project was inadvertently omitted from the TIP. It was awarded with \$719,734 federal Safe Routes to School (SRTSF) funding in May of 2009, and \$140,000 has been obligated for Preliminary Engineering in the previous TIP. These are additional funds to the region.

3a. Acceptance of the 2015 Transportation Safety Action Plan

Kevin Murphy, DVRPC Principal Planner, Office of Transportation Safety and Congestion Management, explained that the Transportation Safety Action Plan (TSAP) is the region's framework for improving safety. This data-driven plan is focused on eight priority emphasis areas that were contributing factors in 97 percent of the crash fatalities that occurred from 2010 to 2012. During that time, crashes in the nine-county region claimed the lives of 1,141 people, and injured over 120,000. The plan highlights the existing safety programs of regional partners, supports important safety work at the county, state, and federal levels, and incorporates performance measures to help track progress. The plan's recommended strategies were developed in collaboration with DVRPC's Regional Safety Task Force (RSTF).

This plan update marks the fourth installment of the TSAP that the DVRPC has accepted since the first in 2006. The 2015 update builds upon prior work and also continues to implement DVRPC's long-range Connections 2040 Plan for Greater Philadelphia (DVRPC Publication 13042). This report and the accompanying Analysis of Crashes in the Delaware Valley, 2010–2012 (DVRPC Publication 14028) cover trends in the crash data and how to improve safety.

Favorable recommendation was received from the Regional Technical Committee.

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

MOTION by Ms. Cutler, seconded by Mr. Ritzman, that the Board accept:

The 2015 update to the Transportation Safety Action Plan.

4. New Jersey Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) & Safe Routes to School Program (SRTS) selected projects

John Coscia, Jr., DVRPC Manager, Office of Project Implementation, explained that the New Jersey Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) is a competitive federal program established for projects that contribute to alternative transportation, including on and off-road pedestrian and bicycle facilities. The New Jersey TAP provided approximately \$3.5 million in funding for projects in the DVRPC region.

The New Jersey Safe Routes to School Program (SRTS) is a competitive federal program established for projects and activities that support and encourage students to walk and bicycle to school. The New Jersey SRTS provided approximately \$1.2 million in funding for projects in the DVRPC region.

We received thirty-nine (39) applications requesting approximately \$29.5 million in TAP funds from our region. The projects were evaluated by the TAP subcommittee using the agreed upon selection criteria from NJDOT. The TAP Subcommittee recommended 5 projects to be selected in the DVRPC region.

We received forty (40) applications requesting just under \$14 million in SRTS funds from our region. The projects were evaluated by the SRTS subcommittee using the agreed upon selection criteria from NJDOT. The SRTS Subcommittee recommended 5 projects to be selected in the DVRPC region.

The recommended projects will be added to their respective line items in the FY2014 TIP for NJ (DB # X107 for TAP) and (DB # 99358 for SRTS), and will be broken out as individual projects at the appropriate time. There will be no impact on the TIP or long-range-plan conformity determination.

Favorable recommendation was received from the Regional Technical Committee.

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

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

The list of Transportation Alternative projects and the list of Safe Routes to School projects identified for our allocation of funds for both programs. Further that these

projects be amended into the FY 2014 TIP for NJ (TIP Action NJ14-76) in the amount of \$3,536,000 for TAP and \$1,225,200 for SRTS and be drawn from their respective Statewide line items (DB# X107 for TAP) and (DB# 99358 for SRTS) at the appropriate time for obligation.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

5. One Minute Reports

Bennett Cornelius, PATCO, reported that Eugene DePasquale has taken over as the new DRPA Board Chair. The Ben Franklin Bridge Track Rehabilitation Project is going well and there is extensive signal and electrical work still to do. There will be a new schedule released in February and that will go for six weeks. The first of the newly refurbished rail cars will enter service by the end of February.

Byron Comati, SEPTA, reported that SEPTA is in the marketplace for electrical locomotives which is part of a replacement program which is also focused on adding capacity.

Calvin Edghill, FHWA, NJ, reported that the Strategic Highway Research Program, Round 5, SHRP 2, was released last week and there are two categories. One category is renewal and the other is capacity. Applications are due February 13.

Jim Ritzman, PennDOT, reported that there are a lot of programs available and opportunities, including ARLE, Green Light Go, Bridge Bundling Programs, the Multimodal Fund, and more.

Dave Kuhn, NJDOT, reported that the renewal of the State Transportation Trust Fund has been under discussion and getting a lot of press.

Diane Ellis-Marseglia, Bucks County, reported that the county preserved its 175th farm and 14,000 acres yesterday. SEPTA will be having a conference with Bucks County staff regarding the suicide hotline signs in Bucks County.

Jody Holton, Montgomery County, reported that the Turnpike Commission and the county are working through a \$45 million agreement on an interchange at LaFayette Street and the turnpike. Design will be managed by the county and construction managed by the turnpike. In the last two weeks the county held a public hearing and the county commissioners adopted Montco 2040 Plan, the comprehensive plan for Montgomery County. Ms. Holton thanked DVRPC staff and partners for their assistance.

Louis Cappelli, Camden County, reported that Camden County recently updated its Master Plan. The county also recently completed an assessment of its bridges and

many of them are in deplorable condition. Without the money from the Transportation Trust Fund it will be very difficult to improve conditions.

Rick Westergaard, Gloucester County, reported that Gloucester County has just initiated a new Master Plan. Mr. Westergaard thanked DVRPC staff for all of their assistance with the Plan.

9. Executive Director's Report

- a. Federal Transportation Funding Proposals
- b. National Conference of Regions
- c. Mr. Seymour noted that he will be attending the National Conference of Regions in Washington, D.C. from February 8 through 10 to learn about what colleagues in Washington plan to do in the coming year.
- d. Healthy Communities Task Force
- e. Breaking Ground Conference

Mr. Seymour announced that DVRPC's Breaking Ground Conference is taking place on March 12. Speakers include Harriet Tregoning, Director of HUD's Office of Economic Resilience, and planning and retail specialist, Robert Gibbs. There will be eight breakout sessions that will focus on programs and initiatives that are building livable communities in Greater Philadelphia now and for the future. Mr. Seymour encouraged Board members and their staffs to attend.

- f. DVRPC 50 Year Timeline
- g. Policy Analysis Committee

10. Committee Reports

The following committee reports were distributed to the Board for review:

- (1) Regional Technical Committee
- (2) Public Participation Task Force

OLD BUSINESS

No old business was stated.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business was stated.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:29 a.m. on a **MOTION** by Mr. Kuhn, seconded by Ms. Cutler.

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I certify that this is a true and correct copy.

Renee Wise, Recording Secretary