

DELAWARE VALLEY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

BOARD COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting of July 27, 2017

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

Membership Present

Representative

New Jersey Department of Community Affairs	Sean Thompson
New Jersey Department of Transportation	Richard Hammer
	David Kuhn
New Jersey Governor's Appointee	Thomas Huth
Pennsylvania Department of Transportation	James Mosca
Pennsylvania Governor's Appointee	Gina Burritt
Pennsylvania Governor's Policy & Planning Office	(not represented)
Bucks County	Diane Ellis-Marseglia
Chester County	Brian O'Leary
Delaware County	John McBlain
	Linda Hill
Montgomery County	Matt Edmond
Burlington County	Mark Remsa
	Carol Thomas
Camden County	Andrew Levecchia
Gloucester County	Theresa Ziegler
Mercer County	Leslie Floyd
City of Chester	Peter Rykard
City of Philadelphia	Mark Squilla
	Michael Carroll
	Christopher Puchalsky
City of Camden	June Morton
City of Trenton	(not represented)

Non-Voting Members

Federal Highway Administration New Jersey Division	Calvin Edghill
Pennsylvania Division	(not represented)
U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Region III	(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	(not represented)
Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Association	Liz Smith

New Jersey Transit Corporation
New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection
Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection
Delaware River Port Authority
Port Authority Transit Corporation
New Jersey Office of Planning Advocacy
Pennsylvania Department of Community and
Economic Development

Lou Millan
(not represented)
(not represented)
(not represented)
Rohan Hepkins
Gerard Scharfenberger

Michael Shorr

DVRPC Co-Counsel

Pennsylvania Co-Counsel
New Jersey Co-Counsel

Andy Bockis
Tom Coleman

DVRPC Staff

Barry Seymour, John Ward, Patty Elkis, Alison Hastings, Elizabeth Schoonmaker, Mike Boyer, Shawn Megill-Legendre, Chris Linn, Tom Keenan, Jackie Davis, Dave Anderson, Van Doan, Brett Fusco, Kwan Hui, Rick Murphy, Greg Krykewycz, Karin Morris, Shoshana Akins, Ken Peters, Jesse Buerk, Elise Turner, Najah Jackson, and Renee Wise.

Guests

PennDOT 6-0
NJDOT
NJDOT
CH Planning
TSTC
Coopers Ferry Partnership
GPI
Residents for Regional Traffic Solutions, Inc.
Bicycle Coalition of Greater Philadelphia
Bicycle Coalition of Greater Philadelphia
Bicycle Club of Philadelphia

Jonathan Korus
Mike Russo
Peter Horotsy
Richard Asirifi
Dana Dobson
Bridgete Quinn
Joe Orth
Sue Herman
Sarah Clark Stuart
John Boyle
Tim Carey

Call to Order - Chair's Comments

Chair Richard Hammer called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m. and asked if there was any press in the room.

Public Comments on Agenda and Non-Agenda Items

Public comments were stated by Sarah Clark Stuart of the Bicycle Coalition of Greater Philadelphia reaffirming the comments submitted earlier in the week in support of the regional trails grant awards action and TIP action 2b (American Street Streetscape (TIGER)). Tim Carey of the Bicycle Club of Philadelphia thanked Board members for supporting trails, especially for the new trail in Camden, New Jersey.

Action Items

1. Minutes of Meeting of June 22, 2017

The Board adopted the following **motion**:

MOTION by Mr. Squilla, seconded by Mr. Mosca, to approve the minutes of June 22, 2017.

2. Transportation Improvement Program (TIP Actions)

Rick Murphy, DVRPC Senior Capital Program Coordinator, Office of Capital Programs, presented the following TIP actions to the Board:

2a. PA17-48: US 422, Resurfacing (PM2), (MPMS #86924), Montgomery County

PennDOT has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2017 – 2020 TIP for Pennsylvania by funding a construction cost increase to the US 422, Resurfacing (PM2) project, MPMS #86924, in the total amount of \$6,000,000 (\$564,000 STU additional to FY17 CON and \$5,436,000 STU additional to FY20 CON). This would increase the total estimated cost for the project to \$16,613,000.

This project involves pavement preservation and bridge rehabilitation on a 4.4-mile section of US 422 from West of Royersford Road to West of Sanatoga Road in Lower Pottsgrove and Limerick Townships, Montgomery County. Additional tasks include drainage work and safety enhancements such as pavement markings, signage, guiderail, and rumble strips. This project is part of a larger preservation effort on the US 422 Corridor in the region. Treatments have recently been completed east and west of this project's limits.

The project was originally scheduled to be let under the FY2015 TIP and the construction phase was approved for \$18,772,000. However, as part of development of the FY2017 TIP, only \$9,000,000 was carried for advance construction conversion. Due to delays in the design for the project, construction funding was not obligated under the FY2015 TIP and the let date was moved to FY2017. As a result, full funding must now be programmed for the construction phase in FY2017.

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 adopted the following **motion**:

MOTION by Mr. Edmond, seconded by Mr. O'Leary, that the Board approve the following TIP action:

PA17-48, PennDOT's request that DVRPC amend the FY2017 – 2020 TIP for Pennsylvania by funding a construction cost increase to the US 422, Resurfacing (PM2) project, MPMS #86924, in the total amount of \$6,000,000 (\$564,000 STU additional to FY17 CON and \$5,436,000 STU additional to FY20 CON).

**2b. PA17-49: American Street Streetscape (TIGER), (MPMS #70243),
City of Philadelphia**

The City of Philadelphia has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2017 – 2020 TIP for Pennsylvania by funding a construction cost increase to the American Street Streetscape (TIGER) project, MPMS #70243, in the total amount of \$12,621,000 (\$4,079,000 STU/\$3,444,000 Local funds additional to FY18 CON and \$4,079,000 STU/\$1,019,000 Local funds additional to FY20 CON). This would increase the total estimated cost for the project to \$32,584,000. Funding for this project leverages a \$5,000,000 Federal TIGER grant, \$17,055,000 in additional Federal funds, and \$10,529,000 of local funding from the City of Philadelphia.

This approximately two-mile project includes roadway reconstruction, signal improvements, roadway realignment, and streetscape improvements to American Street between Indiana Avenue and Girard Avenue in the City of Philadelphia. Additional funding is needed to complete full depth reconstruction of the street in order to provide street and sidewalk grading that is consistent with current ADA standards as well as to provide additional curbing for protected bike lanes. Increased costs associated with the addition of Green Stormwater Infrastructure (GSI) elements to the project will be funded with 100% local funds provided by the Philadelphia Water Department.

The streetscape project will include roadway improvements, as well as the removal of the rail and concrete rail bed in the center of American Street in order to install a stormwater management system utilizing a vegetated swale. The roadway will be reconstructed to change the typical section to accommodate a dedicated bike lane, street parking, and a sidewalk for pedestrians. This is an industrial corridor with plentiful local truck traffic and the new typical section was designed to maintain existing freight access and operations along the corridor. The project includes realignment of the American Street and Girard Avenue intersection, as well as other intersection improvements such as signal and lighting upgrades. Traffic signal improvements are expected at two intersections, American Street/Lehigh Avenue and American Street/Second Street. The signal at Lehigh Avenue will be modified to account for the addition of bike lanes. All intersections throughout the corridor will be upgraded with ADA-compliant curb ramps. The ramps will be installed on bumpouts, where applicable, and will include the ramps crossing American Street and all side roads. Lighting will be improved throughout the entire project limits, including intersections. This will include the installation of new "City of Philadelphia Center City-style" pedestrian lights, overhead roadway lighting, or a combination of both light fixtures.

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.

Public comments were received from the Bicycle Coalition of Greater Philadelphia in support of this project.

Favorable recommendation was received by the Regional Technical Committee.

The Board adopted the following **motion**:

MOTION by Mr. Squilla, seconded by Ms. Morton, that the Board approve the following TIP action:

PA17-49, the City of Philadelphia's request that DVRPC amend the FY2017 – 2020 TIP for Pennsylvania by funding a construction cost increase to the American Street Streetscape (TIGER) project, MPMS #70243, in the total amount of \$12,621,000 (\$4,079,000 STU/\$3,444,000 Local funds additional to FY18 CON and \$4,079,000 STU/\$1,019,000 Local funds additional to FY20 CON).

3. DVRPC Regional Trails Program New Jersey Grant Awards

Shawn Megill-Legendre, DVRPC Senior Research Analyst, Office of Energy and Climate Change Initiatives & Office of Environmental Planning, explained that the following Circuit Trail projects were developed in conjunction with their respective county planning partners and local sponsors. Funding has been proposed to study or and/or design the following projects through DVRPC's Regional Trails Program with support from the William Penn Foundation. Pending approval, grants will be issued for the following projects:

1. Riverbirch Trail (design), Cooper's Ferry Partnership – \$50,000
2. Lawrence Hopewell Trail – Dyson Tract Segment (alternatives analysis), Lawrence Township – \$15,600
3. Union Transportation Trail – East Windsor Township Segment (study and preliminary engineering), East Windsor Township – \$135,000

A public comment was received from the Bicycle Coalition of Greater Philadelphia in support of this project and a desire that these funds be used to leverage DVRPC's efforts and the investment of the William Penn Foundation. It was also expressed that additional funding for trails is necessary. Executive Director Barry Seymour noted that DVRPC has leveraged these funds at an almost 10 to one ratio. In terms of additional funds for the New Jersey counties CMAQ will be open soon and \$6 million will be available for projects, including trails. For the first time for the TIP DVRPC has dedicated a \$1 million line item for trails.

Favorable recommendation was received from the Regional Technical Committee.

The Board adopted the following **motion**:

MOTION by Ms. Morton, seconded by Ms. Floyd that the Board approve:

These 3 Regional Trails Program Grant awards.

PRESENTATION ITEMS

4. Pennsylvania State Transportation Commission Outreach Survey Results

Jim Mosca, PennDOT, explained that the Pennsylvania State Transportation Commission's six-week public comment period for the 2019 Twelve Year Program (TYP) Update began in March and concluded in April 2017. During the comment period, the public had the opportunity to take an online survey and participate in an online public meeting. All public feedback received was analyzed to better understand public priorities and transportation trends. Mr. Mosca presented the findings.

5. Connections 2045 Long-Range Plan Update

Brett Fusco, DVRPC Assistant Manager for Long-Range Planning, explained that DVRPC staff has been working with the RTC Long-Range Plan Working Group over the past year to develop a financial plan to identify priority investments for the region. Mr. Fusco provided an overview of the financial plan, including a discussion of how funding was allocated and projects were selected, to help the region achieve the goals set forth in the policy section of the Long-Range Plan. Brian O'Leary, Chester County, noted that though system expansion is not possible for this Plan, as the population grows it will be necessary to consider system expansion for future plans.

6. Overview of the Draft FY18 NJ TIP

Elizabeth Schoonmaker, DVRPC Associate Director, Transportation, provided an overview of the FY18 Draft NJ TIP.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

7. One Minute Reports

Rohan Hepkins, PATCO, reported that PATCO is continuing to look at reopening Franklin Square Station. There are currently 13 PATCO stations that are ADA accessible and there is an effort underway to make sure all stations are ADA accessible over the next four years. The replacement of the renovated PATCO cars is still underway and about 50 percent have been replaced. PATCO will be celebrating its 50th anniversary in 2019 and events and festivities are being planned.

Lou Millan, NJ Transit, reported that NJ Transit is in its third week of service changes as a result of Amtrak's work in New York and so far things are going smoothly

Calvin Edghill, FHWA NJ, reported that the TNI Committee pushed forward a bill and a budget might be ready by October 1. The bill incorporates the TIGER program and increases it by \$50 million. The bill may exceed the authorized amount by \$1 or \$2 million.

James Mosca, PennDOT, reported that Secretary Richards was just named Chair of the PA Turnpike Commission.

Mark Squilla, City of Philadelphia, reported that Eleanor Sharp was named as Executive Director of the Planning Commission in Philadelphia. Ten bus stations are being constructed on Roosevelt Boulevard. Construction is expected to start in the next few months and finish by October. The direct bus program is starting in the fall and travel times will be greatly reduced.

Richard Hammer, NJDOT, reported that NJDOT just finished the fiscal year. The Transportation Trust Fund shutdown is over and 102 days of TTF funding was lost. Regardless of this the largest capital construction budget was delivered. Mr. Hammer reported that David Kuhn is leaving NJDOT. Mr. Hammer thanked Mr. Kuhn for his service and wished him well. Mike Russo will be taking over as Assistant Commissioner. Mr. Kuhn thanked Mr. Hammer and the DVRPC Board for their collaboration and professionalism.

Diane Ellis-Marseglia, Bucks County, reported that the county just preserved the 200th and 201st farm in the county.

Brian O'Leary, Chester County, reported that the Commercial Landscapes Study was just completed.

Matt Edmond, Montgomery County, reported that Commissioner Arkoosh recently went to Washington, D.C. and met with White House officials and assistant chiefs to talk about transportation funding and its importance for our region.

Mark Remsa, Burlington County, reported that the Burlington County freeholders developed a special committee to look at ways to take advantage of growth and economic expansion in the Burlington City, Burlington Township, and Florence Township areas.

8. Executive Director's Report

a. DVRPC 2017 Board Retreat

Mr. Seymour reported that the DVRPC Board Retreat will be taking place on September 28 at the Camden Aquarium. The Board meeting will begin at 9:00 a.m. and there will be a workshop to follow from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. A tour

of Camden will follow and the day will finish at 3:00 p.m. Attendance is limited to Board members, agency staff, and senior DVRPC staff. DVRPC staff is meeting next week for a workshop to discuss what we are trying to achieve, what does success look like, and what we should be doing. We would like to hear from the Board about your ideas for new partners, work program ideas, and thoughts around the Board itself. Agendas and materials will be out to you soon.

b. Draft Vision and Mission Statement

Mr. Seymour called the Board's attention to DVRPC's draft vision and mission statement and a Power Point was presented along with a handout.

c. Proposed Non-Profit Subsidiaries

Mr. Seymour noted that he will be holding follow up meetings with County staff to discuss creation of non-profit subsidiaries.

d. PADEP Draft Plan for Volkswagen Settlement

Mr. Seymour reported that in response to the PADEP's settlement decision DVRPC sent a letter suggesting that the money should go to the areas with the worst air quality, highest population, greatest risk to health, and the areas where the greatest impact from the funds could be seen. The letter is included in the Board packets.

e. Transportation Plans Update Terms

Mr. Seymour noted that a bill has been put forward from Congressman Kevin McCarthy advocating to change the update terms for transportation plans from 4-5 years to 10 years. DVRPC sent a response letter in support of the current update terms.

f. Hyper Loop Proposal

Mr. Seymour called the Board's attention to a proposal from Tesla's Elon Musk to create a Hyper Loop. This high speed tunnel would have vehicles moving over 700 miles an hour. An article on this idea is in the Board packets.

g. Roxborough Added to Classic Towns

Mr. Seymour reported that Roxborough was recently added to DVRPC's Classic Towns program.

h. Upcoming Committee or Task Force meetings

Mr. Seymour noted that there is no Board meeting in August. There is a Mega-Region Northeast Workshop in August, being held by FHWA. On September 13

there is an IREG meeting as well as a Transportation Operations Task Force meeting on September 18, a Regional Safety Task Force meeting on September 20, and Regional Aviation Committee meeting on September 21. On September 6 DVRPC is holding a TIP public meeting and there is a Long-Range Planning public meeting on September 18. On October 18 DVRPC is holding a Changing Lanes meeting and Mayor Kenney and Secretary Richards will be present. There is also Breaking Ground meeting on March 22.

i. New Releases

Mr. Seymour called the Board's attention to some new DVRPC releases including: Ivy Ridge Station Plan and the TIP Handbook.

11. Committee Reports

The following committee reports were provided for the Board's review:

- (1) Regional Technical Committee
- (2) Public Participation Task Force
- (3) Regional Community and Economic Development Forum
- (4) Healthy Communities Task Force
- (5) Downtown Delivery Symposium

OLD BUSINESS

No old business was stated.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business was stated.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:47 a.m. on a **MOTION** by Mr. Squilla, seconded by Mr. O'Leary.

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Renee Wise, Recording Secretary