

**PUBLIC COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS
RELATED TO DVRPC BOARD ACTION ITEMS**

June 25, 2015

Agenda Item:

3b. DVRPC FY 2016 Work Program Amendment: PennDOT Supplemental Traffic Counts

From: Cheryl Graff Tumola

County: Delaware

Zip Code: 19087

Date Received: June 13, 2015

Comment/Question: It would be helpful to know where these sites are located

Response: PennDOT Bureau of Planning and Research has not yet provided definition of these sites.

4. DVRPC Circuit Funding: Phase IV Grants and PA TIP Circuit Line Item

From: The Circuit Coalition

County: n/a

Zip Code: n/a

Date Received: June 24, 2015

Comment/Question:

Dear DVRPC Board Members,

On behalf of the Circuit Coalition, I want to thank you for voting on such an important and progressive step forward in the development of the Circuit. The action that you are considering will help to sustain the expansion of the Circuit in order to meet the stated goal of the Connections 2040 Plan for Greater Philadelphia, which is to build out the full 750 miles of the Circuit over the next 25 years.

In addition, your affirmative vote to allocate the region's existing resources will not only leverage private and public investment from the William Penn Foundation and Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, respectively, but will also reflect a regional level investment and commitment toward the vision of 750 miles of completed Circuit trails; an effort that is already demonstrating positive impact for residents, visitors, the environment and the economy.

We can assure you that your action is welcomed by the region's residents. They want these trails and agree with the allocation of public dollars to support the build-out. The Bicycle Coalition of Greater Philadelphia conducted a survey in May 2015 that reports high levels of support for trails in the region. The telephone survey aimed to gather an understanding of the general population's awareness of the Circuit and their interest and support for building more trails in the region. Sixty percent of respondents said they would like to have access to a trail, or more trails within 10 minutes of their homes. Of respondents under the age of 45, that level of support rose to 72 percent. Overall, 85 percent support building more trails in their counties.

Furthermore, almost 75 percent were in favor of investing \$2 per person in public dollars annually to add new miles of trails.

Thank you for all your hard work, and we appreciate your voting in support of this important TIP amendment.

Response: Thank you for your support.