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

### **September 30, 2015**

### Agenda Item:

# 5. Adoption of the DVRPC FY2016-2019 TTransportation Improvement Program (TIP) for New Jersey

From: Lori Howard County: Burlington Zip Code: 08054

Date Received: September 22, 2015

**Comments/Questions:** 

I am writing because I am asking for the future TIPs you consider the number of travelers in your decision to fund projects. All of the old TIPs that I have found did not include Centerton Bridge, although it has been the worst bridge in the county and one of the most traveled. I am wondering why this bridge is not considered a priority by the county. The Smithville bridge currently has annual daily traffic of 3,800 and has a higher deficiency rating than other bridges which need repair, such as the Centerton Bridge, Hanover Street Bridge, and Fork Landing Bridge off of 73. I realize that funding issues are hard, but I just don't know why the Centerton Bridge has been left out of the priority list for all of these years. I am sorry that I missed public comment for the TIP. If there are other options to fund the bridge in the future, I ask that it be considered. The county is proposing to demolish the Centerton Bridge. The additional traffic on 295 is causing delays on the ramps and traffic issues, also the additional traffic on 295 will make that bridge need to be replaced sooner than probably planned. Thank you

## Response:

Thank you for your comment, which was forwarded to the project manager. A more detailed response is pending.

From: Robert Styger County: Burlington Zip Code: 08045

Date Received: September 19, 2015

**Comments/Questions:** 

rebuild this bridge. I don't like risking my life on Highway 295.

#### Response:

Thank you for your comment, which was forwarded to the project manager. A more detailed response is pending.

From: Joan Treske County: Burlington Zip Code: 08046

Date Received: September 19, 2015

**Comments/Questions:** 

Why wasn't the Centerton Bridge on the 2014- 2017 Transportation Improvement

Program (TIP)?

#### Response:

Thank you for your comment, which was forwarded to the project manager. A more detailed response is pending.

From: Sheri Sleyzak County: Burlington Zip Code: 08046

Date Received: September 27, 2015

**Comments/Questions:** 

I hope to see the reconstruction of the Centerton Bridge which connects Willingboro to Mt. Laurel. And I support TIP for this reason as well as all future construction and projects needed in the state.

#### Response:

Thank you for your comment, which was forwarded to the project manager. A more detailed response is pending.

## PUBLIC COMMENTS SUBMITTED BETWEEN JULY 22, 2015 AND SEPTEMBER 29, 2015

From: Steve Schon County: Chester

Date Received: July 22, 2015

**Comment/Question:** 

Dear DVRPC Board Members,

Thank you for taking action in late June to create a "line item" for the Circuit in the Pennsylvania TIP and for allocating federal funds and private dollars to help complete 11 segments in Pennsylvania. This action demonstrates a regional commitment to completing the Circuit. I appreciate your positive endorsement of the Circuit. I look forward to hearing how New Jersey will do something similar in the coming months.

From: Gerard Dwyer County: Philadelphia

Date Received: July 22, 2015

Comment/Question:

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**From:** Aislinn Pentecost-Farren

County: Philadelphia

Date Received: July 22, 2015

**Comment/Question:** 

Dear DVRPC Board Members,

Thank you for supporting circuit trails! You took action in late June to create a "line item" for the Circuit in the Pennsylvania TIP and to allocate federal funds and private dollars to help complete 11 segments in Pennsylvania. This action demonstrates a regional commitment to completing the Circuit.

I am a young professional living in Philadelphia and I bike as my primary means of transportation. Transit is second. I appreciate when public officials are forward thinking and support issues I believe in. Thank you!

From: Diane Rurode

County: Berks

Date Received: July 22, 2015

**Comment/Question:** 

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From: Lawrence Moyer

County: Monroe

Date Received: July 23, 2015

**Comment/Question:** 

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From: Chris Cominetto County: Camden

Date Received: July 23, 2015

Comment/Question:

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From: Steve Gentles County: Montgomery

Date Received: July 23, 2015

**Comment/Question:** 

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From: Terry Clopper-Chaves

**County:** Montgomery

Date Received: July 24, 2015

Comment/Question:

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11 segments in Pennsylvania. This action demonstrates a regional commitment to completing the Circuit. I appreciate your positive endorsement of the Circuit. I look forward to hearing how New Jersey will do something similar in the coming months.

From: Andrea Finn County: Chester

Date Received: July 24, 2015

**Comment/Question:** 

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From: Dianne McNally County: Chester

Date Received: July 25, 2015

Comment/Question:

Dear DVRPC Board Members.

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Bike paths throughout the Delaware Valley are critical to everyone to improve health, reduce our use of unrenewable resources such as oil and to improve safety. It is unfortunate that I no longer feel safe riding on roads that are used by motor vehicles but drivers are so much more distracted than they were years ago. I see drivers texting, talking on phones, using earphones and not necessarily paying attention to the road.

Thank you for advancing this project!

From: Julie Slavet County: Philadelphia

Date Received: July 26, 2015

**Comment/Question:** 

Dear DVRPC Board Members,

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From: Eric Durante County: Centre

Date Received: July 27, 2015

**Comment/Question:** 

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From: Janet Miller County: Philadelphia

Date Received: July 28, 2015

**Comment/Question:** 

Dear DVRPC Board Members,

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From: Mark Fallon County: Philadelphia

Date Received: July 30, 2015

Comment/Question:

Dear DVRPC Board Members.

Thank you for taking action in late June to create a "line item" for the Circuit in the Pennsylvania TIP and for allocating federal funds and private dollars to help complete 11 segments in Pennsylvania. This action shows that our region is committed to safe, healthy, multi-modal transportation and recreation. Thanks again for giving bikes and pedestrians a leg up in funding.