

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS
RELATED TO DVRPC BOARD ACTION ITEMS

July 28, 2022

2a. Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Action

**PA21-94: US 202, Morris Road to Swedesford Road (65S) (MPMS #63491),
Montgomery County**

From: Daniel Trubman
County: Philadelphia
Zip Code: 19118
Date Received: 7/18/2022

Comment: If the project managers can't build what they promised with their approved budget they should scale back the project (i.e. add fewer new paved lanes) instead of begging for a bailout. This \$5 million should be spent on better projects.

Draft Response: Thank you for your comment. Your comment was forwarded to the DVRPC Board, DVRPC Office of Capital Programs, PennDOT, and the Montgomery County Planning Commission.

One of the most common reasons for highway construction change orders is unforeseen field conditions with what is encountered underground. This is a fairly large complicated project with a large amount of excavation required for utility relocations, structures, and the reconstruction of the roadway. While completing these operations, unsuitable soils were encountered requiring over-excavation and replacement with suitable soils.

Several significant change orders were directed to replace and rehabilitate several box culverts, and cross-pipes within the project limits. There was not a need for this work in the original design, however, over the decades of the design process these facilities continued to deteriorate and once the project went into the construction phase the need to address these issues became evident.

The last significant change order was the decision to change the pavement design through the signalized intersections along the corridor from an asphalt pavement design to a concrete pavement design. There are several reasons for this decision. Concrete pavements out-last bituminous pavements by decades. Concrete pavements maintain a smoother ride at signalized intersections because they are not subject to rutting which is a very common problem due to the routine braking of many heavy vehicles. Maintenance activities at signalized intersections are complicated and risky due to the traffic approaching from multiple directions. A longer life pavement reduces maintenance operations, costs, and inconveniences to the motoring traffic.

2b. Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Action

PA21-95: US 1 and PA 352 Interchange, Intersection, and Roadway Improvements (MPMS #15251), Delaware County

From: Luke Vacha

County: Delaware

Zip Code: 19063

Date Received: 7/18/2022

Comment: Is there a plan somewhere of what the changes are more specifically?

Draft Response: Thank you for your comment. Your comment was forwarded to the DVRPC Board, DVRPC Office of Capital Programs, PennDOT, and the Delaware County Planning Commission.

Please see the project website for the details concerning the proposed project improvements. <https://pa352us1delco.com>