

DELAWARE VALLEY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
PLANNING COORDINATING COMMITTEE/
REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
February 7, 2012 Meeting Highlights
DVRPC Conference Room, Philadelphia, PA

1. Call to Order - Chairperson's Comments

Carol Thomas (Chairperson – Burlington County) welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order.

2. Deputy Executive Director's Report

Chick Dougherty (DVRPC), sitting in for Don Shanis, updated the members on the January 10, 2012 Board meeting.

ACTION ITEMS

3. Highlights of the Meeting of January 10, 2012

The highlights from the January 10, 2012 meeting of the PCC/RTC were presented for adoption.

Motion: by Barbara Holcomb, seconded by Andrew Levecchia to adopt the highlights for the January 10, 2012 PCC/RTC meeting.

Motion passed. All votes were cast in favor of the motion.

4. DVRPC Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Actions

Elizabeth Schoonmaker (DVRPC) presented five TIP amendments for consideration.

a. PA11-59: Route 13/Bristol Pike, PA 413 to Levittown Parkway Restoration (MPMS# 47392), Bucks County

PennDOT has requested that DVRPC modify the FY2011-2014 TIP for Pennsylvania by increasing the FY12 final design phase (\$700,000 STP), increasing the FY12 utilities phase (\$2,600,000 NHS), and increasing the FY12 and FY13 construction phases (FY12 \$3,821,000 STU/FY13 \$2,375,000 STU) of the Route 13/Bristol Pike, PA 413 to Levittown Parkway Restoration project (MPMS# 47392) for a total project cost increase of \$9,496,000. Additional funding is required to meet the current estimates for final design work, utility work, construction and construction inspection service associated with the project, new FHWA requirements to perform subsurface utility engineering (SUE), installation of fiber optic communications cable, and to account for inflation due to project delays. Increases are detailed in the PennDOT Project Summary contained in this package.

The project improvements include restoration of the pavement through reconstruction or resurfacing, replacement of existing storm drainage facilities, and

modernization of the existing traffic signals and guide rail. A 2002 DVRPC TCDI (Transportation and Community Development Initiative) award helped to fund a study with recommendations for a better context sensitive design for land use and roadway improvements. Traffic calming measures and context sensitive features proposed in the US Route 13 Revitalization Plan that are being incorporated into the project include addition of a wider center median for the entire project, new curbs and sidewalk for the majority of the project length, elimination of some jug handles, addition of left turn lanes at the signalized intersections, reduction of the existing 6 lane section from the PA Turnpike to the Levittown Parkway to 4 lanes, reduction of the existing posted speed limit in the section from the PA Turnpike to the Levittown Parkway, and accommodations for possible future on-street parking for the entire project.

b. PA11-60: All-Weather Pavement Markings 2012 (MPMS# 94964), Various Counties

PennDOT has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2011-2014 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a new project to the TIP: All-Weather Pavement Markings 2012 (MPMS# 94964). Funding for this project is provided through the Statewide All Weather Pavement Marker Reserve Line Item (MPMS# 59781). These are additional funds to the region. The total amount for this project is \$400,000 STP for construction in FY12.

Between 2001 and 2009 PennDOT was legislatively mandated to spend at least \$4 million per year for the installation and maintenance of all-weather pavement markings on Interstate highways and other State roadways as determined by PennDOT. Since 2010 there has been no language in the budget regarding the All-Weather Pavement Markings program. The All-Weather Pavement Markings program is included on the 2011-2014 Statewide TIP at \$4 million per year. The Bureau of Highway Safety & Traffic Engineering and the Districts desire to continue the All-Weather Pavement Markings program with an emphasis on a "maintenance first" policy that replaces missing, damaged, or ineffective lenses. Consideration of new All-Weather Pavement Markings locations will be based on the following prioritized areas: Gaps on Interstates and freeways, bridge decks greater than 200 feet (where approaches have existing RPMs), median barriers in narrow medians on the National Highway System, crash cluster areas (State-designated highways), severe fog areas, areas with low visibility at night, low visibility at night on turns, lane delineation on roads, areas that have traffic safety issues at night, high traffic areas and other locations determined by PennDOT District 6-0. This project will entail furnishing and installation of snowplowable raised pavement markers, including a holder with a reflector unit of the type indicated, or permanent, wet-reflective tape at various site locations on Highways and Ramps in Bucks, Chester, Delaware, Montgomery and Philadelphia counties.

Motion: by Rich Brahler, seconded by Jim Mosca to recommend the Board modify the FY2011-2014 TIP for Pennsylvania by increasing the FY12 final design phase (\$700,000 STP), increasing the FY12 utilities phase (\$2,600,000 NHS), and increasing the FY12 and FY13 construction phases

(FY12 \$3,821,000 STU/FY13 \$2,375,000 STU) of the Route 13/Bristol Pike, PA 413 to Levittown Parkway Restoration project (MPMS# 47392) for a total project increase of \$9,496,000; and to amend the FY2011-2014 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a new project to the TIP: All-Weather Pavement Markings 2012 (MPMS# 94964).

Motion passed. All votes were cast in favor of the motion.

c. PA11-61: State of Good Repair (MPMS# 77180), SEPTA

SEPTA has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2011-2014 TIP for Pennsylvania by increasing the scope of a project in the TIP, State of Good Repair (MPMS# 77180), to include the Norristown High Speed Line 69th Street Platform project, and to increase the Capital phase of State of Good Repair (MPMS# 77180) by \$541,000 (\$432,000 Section 5309/\$105,000 1514 Bond/\$4,000 Local) in FY12. These funds will be used for the reconstruction of the 69th Street Platform on the Norristown High Speed Line which has a total cost of \$1,500,000. \$959,000 in funding currently programmed for the Frankford & Elmwood Fire Suppression project in MPMS# 77180 State of Good Repair will be reallocated to the Norristown High Speed Line 69th Street project in order to address the entire project cost. The Frankford & Elmwood Fire Suppression project is being funded through surplus grant funding in prior fiscal years.

SEPTA's 69th Street Transportation Center in Upper Darby is a major intermodal hub where passengers can board or transfer between the Market Frankford Line, the Norristown High Speed Line, the Media Sharon Hill trolley lines, and many bus routes. The Norristown High Speed Line connects the 69th Street and Norristown Transportation Centers. At 69th Street, the platforms are located on the west side of the Terminal. Approximately 4,360 passengers board the Norristown High Speed Line at 69th Street every day. The platforms at the 69th Street Terminal date to the 1960's. Although SEPTA performs routine maintenance at the station, the platforms have exceeded their useful life. This project will provide for the replacement/reconstruction of the two island platforms, one outside platform and the head platform along with the associated support walls and foundations for the Norristown High Speed Line's 69th Street Terminal Station. The work will progress in a phased manner to maintain service and is anticipated to be complete in mid-2013.

d. PA11-62: System Improvements (MPMS# 60557), SEPTA

SEPTA has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2011-2014 TIP for Pennsylvania by increasing the scope of a project in the TIP, System Improvements (MPMS# 60557), to include the Girard Avenue Route 15 Trolley Trackage and Wire Relocation project and increasing the FY12 Capital phase by \$2,690,000. This project is a component of PennDOT's I-95 Richmond Street Relocation Project. Funds in SEPTA's MPMS# 60557 are also being increased due to an updated cost estimate of the Route 13 Chester Avenue project, located in System Improvements (MPMS# 60557), as an administrative action resulting in a total increase of

\$4,866,000 (\$3,275,000 Section 5309/\$618,000 Section 5307/\$942,000 1514 Bond/\$31,000 Local) for the System Improvements (MPMS# 60557) project.

As part of PennDOT's I-95 Girard Avenue Interchange project (MPMS# 79686), Richmond Street will be relocated approximately 50 yards east between Girard Avenue and Ann Street, in the City of Philadelphia. The relocation of Richmond Street will also require the relocation of SEPTA's Route 15 trolley street trackage and trolley wire system. The Route 15 trolley relocation will occur on Richmond Street from Ann Street to and including Girard Avenue Bridge. SEPTA has committed to provide \$2.69 million for this project, so funds are being added to provide for that commitment.

Motion: by Anthony Santaniello, seconded by Leo Bagley to recommend the Board amend the FY2011-2014 TIP for Pennsylvania by increasing the scope of a project in the TIP, State of Good Repair (MPMS# 77180), to include the Norristown High Speed Line 69th Street Platform project, and to increase the Capital phase of State of Good Repair (MPMS# 77180) by \$541,000 (\$432,000 Section 5309/\$105,000 1514 Bond/\$4,000 Local) in FY12; and to amend the FY2011-2014 TIP for Pennsylvania by increasing the scope of a project in the TIP, System Improvements (MPMS# 60557), to include the Girard Avenue Route 15 Trolley Trackage and Wire Relocation project and increasing the FY12 Capital phase by \$2,690,000.

Motion passed. All votes were cast in favor of the motion.

e. NJ12-09: Small Special Services Program (DB# T120), NJ TRANSIT

NJ TRANSIT has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2012-2015 TIP for New Jersey by increasing the scope of the Small Special Services Program (DB# T120) by adding a new project, the 655 Bus Route, by drawing down \$600,000 FY12 CMAQ funds from the Local CMAQ Initiatives program (DB# X065). Funds would be used for three years of start-up operating assistance for the new 655 Bus Route at \$200,000 per year. These FY12 funds will be used for operating assistance in FY12, FY13, and FY14, and will be flexed (transferred) from FHWA to FTA using all FY12 CMAQ funds.

This bus route was developed as an early action item of the Route 1 Bus Rapid Transit Study. The new route will link Princeton in Mercer County with Plainsboro Township in Middlesex County. The route will serve the new Princeton Medical Center, which is being relocated from Downtown Princeton to Plainsboro in May 2012. It will also serve residential and employment areas along the route, as well as the Princeton University Arts District and the Princeton Rail Station. The 655 bus route is estimated to carry 640 passenger trips on an average weekday, with 162,900 annual trips after the first year.

Operation for the 655 bus route will be funded through a proposed partnership involving two of the Metropolitan Planning Organizations (DVRPC and NJTPA),

Middlesex and Mercer Counties, private sector partners, and NJ TRANSIT. The annual cost to operate the service is estimated to be \$717,240, of which, \$166,573 (23.2%) per year will be covered by fares. The remainder will be covered by the funding partners. NJ TRANSIT is requesting that the MPO partners contribute CMAQ funding towards their respective shares of operating expenses. DVRPC's share is \$200,000 (27.9%) per year, or \$600,000 over the three year life of the CMAQ funding. NJTPA's share is \$213,000 (29.7%) or \$639,000 over the three year life of the CMAQ funding. Private sector funding's share is \$130,000 (18.1%) or \$390,000 over the three year life of the CMAQ funding. Middlesex and Mercer Counties' share is \$7,667 (1.1%) or \$23,000 over the three year life of the CMAQ funding. County funding will be split equally between Middlesex and Mercer Counties. NJ TRANSIT shall contribute two buses towards the operation.

Motion: by Barbara Holcomb, seconded by Matthew Lawson to recommend the Board amend the FY2012-2015 TIP for New Jersey by increasing the scope of the Small Special Services Program (DB# T120) by adding a new project: the 655 Bus Route by drawing down \$600,000 FY12 CMAQ funds from the Local CMAQ Initiatives program (DB# X065).

Motion passed. All votes were cast in favor of the motion.

5. 2012 New Jersey Transportation and Community Development Initiative (TCDI)

The FY 2012 TCDI funding round was kicked off in July 2011. After a call for projects and through review by committee, Karen Cilurso (DVRPC) presented the New Jersey recommended projects for FY 2012.

Motion: by Edward Williams, seconded by Jessica Savidge-Lucas to recommend the Board approve the list of recommended FY 2012 New Jersey TCDI projects and authorize the Executive Director to enter into a contract with each selected community to undertake the project in accordance with the scope of work and budget.

Motion passed. All votes were cast in favor of the motion.

6. Approval of the List of Recommended Projects and TIP commitment for the Pennsylvania FY 13 Job Access and Reverse Commute (JARC) and FY13 and FY14 New Freedom (NF) Grant Programs.

Joseph Hacker (DVRPC) presented the recommended list of projects for the Pennsylvania FY13 JARC and FY13/FY14 New Freedom programs, and asked the RTC to recommend Board approval.

Motion: by Patricia Ellis, seconded by Leo Bagley to recommend the Board approve the recommendations for New Freedom and JARC project funding; and that the Board approve TIP Action PA11-63, DVRPC's request to modify the FY2011-2014 TIP for Pennsylvania by programming the following:

\$6,410,445 (FY13 \$2,151,704 JARC/\$4,258,741 Section 1516) for JARC projects, and \$1,641,613 (FY13 \$1,322,290 FREE/\$319,323 Section 1516) for New Freedom projects; and should additional funding become available, every effort will be made to fund additional JARC projects.

Motion passed. All votes were cast in favor of the motion.

PRESENTATION ITEMS

7. Recent Products from the DVRPC Safety Program

Improving transportation safety is important to DVRPC. As part of keeping the RTC engaged in safety efforts, Kevin Murphy (DVRPC) provided a very brief overview of ten recently published or about-to-be published reports.

8. Applying DVRPC's Bluetooth Equipment for Travel Monitoring

DVRPC has recently acquired new traffic surveillance equipment that employs Bluetooth technology to provide accurate travel time and origin-destination data for vehicle applications. Scott Brady (DVRPC), David Anderson (DVRPC), and Laurie Matkowski (DVRPC) discussed the technology behind this new equipment, how it is being deployed and recent applications to monitor traffic flows.

INFORMATION ITEMS

9. FY 2013 Transportation Management Association Assistance and Mobility Alternatives Program Grant Application Draft Work Programs

Each year the Transportation Management Associations submit grant applications to PennDOT for funding their general work programs. In addition TMAs, SEPTA, and the Clean Air Council submit applications for funding for the Mobility Alternatives Program. Sarah Oaks (DVRPC) introduced the work programs and open the Public comment period.

10. One Minute Reports

PCC/RTC Members and guests will be invited to provide updates on the activities of their agencies.

11. Old Business and New Business

12. Meeting Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 11:55 am.

The next scheduled meeting of the PCC/RTC is Tuesday, March 6, 2012.

ATTENDANCE**Voting Members**

Bucks County
 Burlington County
 Camden County
 Chester County
 City of Camden
 City of Chester
 City of Trenton
 Delaware County
 Delaware River Port Authority
 Gloucester County
 Mercer County
 Montgomery County
 NJ Department of Transportation
 NJ Department of Environmental Protection
 NJ Department of Community Affairs
 New Jersey Transit Corporation
 PA Department of Environmental Protection
 PA Department of Transportation
 PA Governor's Policy Office
 City of Philadelphia – City Planning Commission
 City of Philadelphia – Department of Streets
 City of Philadelphia – Mayor's Office of Transportation
 Southeastern PA Transportation Authority

Non-Voting Members

Delaware River Joint Toll Bridge Commission
 Delaware Valley Goods Movement Task Force
 Federal Highway Administration - NJ Division
 Federal Highway Administration - PA Division
 Federal Transit Administration - Region III
 Greater Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce
 Transportation Operations Task Force
 NJ Turnpike Authority
 New Jersey TMAs
 Pennsylvania Bus Association
 Pennsylvania TMAs
 Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission
 Philadelphia Regional Port Authority
 Pottstown Urban Transit
 South Jersey Port Corporation
 South Jersey Transportation Authority
 US EPA - Region II
 US EPA - Region III

Representative

Richard Brahler
 Carol Thomas
 Andrew Levecchia
 Natasha Manbeck
 Ed Williams
 (not represented)
 (not represented)
 Lou Huffnagle
 Barbara Holcomb
 Jessica Savidge-Lucas
 Matthew Lawson
 Leo Bagley
 Eric Powers
 (not represented)
 (not represented)
 Lou Millan
 Patrick Patterson
 James Mosca
 Linda Guarini
 Anthony Santaniello
 Michelle Webb
 Patricia Ellis
 Zoe Robertson

Representative

(not represented)
 Kelvin MacKavanagh
 (not represented)
 Camille Otto
 (not represented)
 (not represented)
 (not represented)
 Ted Ritter
 (not represented)
 (not represented)
 Rob Henry
 Don Steele
 (not represented)
 (not represented)
 (not represented)
 (not represented)
 (not represented)
 Martin Kotsch

ATTENDANCE (cont'd)

Other Member Representatives and Guests

Brendan Cotter – SEPTA
Lorraine Brill – Citizen
Sue Herman – Residents for Regional Traffic Solutions, Inc.
Martin Hull – IBI Group

DVRPC Staff

Charles Dougherty
Joseph Hacker
Elizabeth Schoonmaker
Matthew West
Stan Platt
Karen Cilurso
Rick Murphy
Rich Bickel
Erin McCann
Kevin Murphy
Scott Brady
David Anderson
Laurie Matkowski
John Ward

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