

**DELAWARE VALLEY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
PLANNING COORDINATING COMMITTEE/
REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
May 8, 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

John Ward (DVRPC), sitting in for Don Shanis, provided an update on pertinent information, including the April 26, 2012 Board meeting.

ACTION ITEMS

3. Highlights of the Meeting of April 10, 2012

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

Motion: by Jessica Savidge-Lucas, seconded by Matthew Edmond to adopt the highlights for the April 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--69: Exton Train Station Rehabilitation (MPMS# 93588), SEPTA – Proposed New Project

SEPTA has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2011-2014 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding the Exton Train Station Rehabilitation project (MPMS# 93588) into the TIP with a \$919,785 (\$735,828 Section 5309-S/ \$153,297 State Section 1516 / \$30,660 local) FY12 engineering and design phase. Funds will be provided by PennDOT's Statewide Keystone Corridor Line Item of FTA Section 5309-S funds and State Section 1516.

Motion: by Natasha Manbeck, seconded by Linda Guarini to recommend the Board amend the FY2011-2014 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding the Exton Train Station Rehabilitation project (MPMS# 93588), into the TIP with a \$919,785 (\$735,828 Section 5309-S/ \$153,297 State Section 1516 / \$30,660 local) FY12 engineering and design phase.

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

b. PA11-70: Additional Design Start Funding Provided to the DVRPC Region, Various Counties

PennDOT has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2011-2014 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding \$15,425,000 of state 581 design funds in FY12 to three TIP projects which have been deferred due to lack of sufficient funding in the region. These state funds must be encumbered in FY12, and the action advances two projects that have been on the DVRPC "Illustrative Unfunded List" for the last 2 years. This action reflects an effort to make sure projects are in the design pipeline should there be a new revenue source, and a statewide initiative has made FY12 state funds available to PennDOT Districts throughout the state.

Funds have been made available to advance preliminary engineering and/or final design for the following projects in the DVRPC region:

1. US 322 Final Design (MPMS #14747), Delaware County
2. US 1 Expressway Reconstruction (MPMS #93446), Bucks County
3. Adams Avenue Connector (MPMS #17782), City of Philadelphia

Motion: by Thomas Shaffer, seconded by Ray Green to recommend the Board amend the FY2011-2014 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding \$15,425,000 of state 581 design funds in FY12 to three TIP projects which have been deferred due to lack of sufficient funding in the region.

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

c. NJ12-18: Bridge Replacement, Future Projects (DB #08381), Statewide

NJDOT has made a request to amend the FY2012-2015 Statewide TIP (STIP) for New Jersey by deleting a project from the four year Statewide program: FY12-FY15: Bridge Replacement, Future Projects (DB# 08381) which currently has \$22,402,000 federal bridge funds in FY12. The FY12 funds will not be used this fiscal year for specific bridge projects, and elimination of this funding does not impact advancement of proposed improvements. As part of a series of multiple funding shifts demonstrated in NJDOT fiscal constraint charts (attached), some of which accommodate a federal and state funding swap between NJDOT and NJ TRANSIT, the funds removed from the Bridge Replacement program help contribute to additional resources for the Statewide Resurfacing Program.

Motion: by Matthew Lawson, seconded by Jessica Savidge-Lucas to recommend the Board amend the FY2012-2015 Statewide TIP (STIP) for New Jersey by deleting a project from the four year Statewide program: FY12-FY15: Bridge Replacement, Future Projects (DB# 08381) which currently has \$22,402,000 federal bridge funds in FY12.

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

d. NJ12-19: Resurfacing, Federal (DB #99327A) Various

NJ DOT has made a request to amend the FY2012-2015 TIP for New Jersey by adding funding for Resurfacing, Federal project (DB# 99327A) for the engineering and construction phase in the amount of \$17,322,000 NHS (FY14 \$10,584,000 NHS/FY15 \$4,416,000 NHS/FY16 \$2,322,000 NHS). NJDOT is refocusing efforts on advancing resurfacing projects and additional funding is being programmed to fund that effort. Currently there is no funding programmed in the four year TIP period of the DVRPC Resurfacing, Federal Program. This action increases the four year programming by \$15,000,000, and FY16 programming by \$2,322,000, for a total addition of \$17,322,000 during the five year period from FY12 to FY16. The resurfacing locations for these future year funds are yet to be identified.

e. NJ12-20: Route 168, Newton Lake Dam (DB #01323), Camden

NJ DOT has requested that DVRPC modify the FY2012-2015 TIP for New Jersey by increasing design funding for Route 168, Newton Lake Dam (DB# 01323), in FY12 by \$600,000 STP funds. An updated cost estimate had been developed.

Motion: by Ed Williams, seconded by Andrew Levecchia to recommend the Board amend the FY2012-2015 TIP for New Jersey by adding funding for Resurfacing, Federal project (DB# 99327A) for the engineering and construction phase in the amount of \$17,322,000 NHS (FY14 \$10,584,000 NHS/FY15 \$4,416,000 NHS/FY16 \$2,322,000 NHS); and that the Board modify the FY2012-2015 TIP for New Jersey by increasing design funding for Route 168, Newton Lake Dam (DB# 01323), in FY12 by \$600,000 STP funds.

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

4. Approval of Two Congestion Management Process (CMP) Supplemental Commitment Tables

Two small SOV capacity-adding projects require RTC action to be included in the Draft PA 2013 TIP. Jesse Buerk (DVRPC) asked the RTC to recommend the Board approve the table of supplemental commitments for each project to meet CMP regulations. The projects are the Boot Road Extension and French Creek Parkway-Phase 1.

Motion: by Natasha Manbeck, seconded by Thomas Shaffer, to recommend the Board approve the table of supplemental commitments for each project to meet CMP regulations.

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

6. Appointment of Nominating Committee for Fiscal Year 2013 (FY13) DVRPC Planning Coordinating Committee/Regional Transportation Committee (PCC/RTC) Officers

Carol Thomas (Chairperson – Burlington County) introduced a nominating committee to recommend a slate of candidates for Chairman and Vice Chairman for the PCC/RTC for FY13 (July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013). This committee will consist of Carol Thomas, Don Shanis, and Stephen Buckley (City of Philadelphia – Mayor’s Office of Transportation). The Chairman for FY13 must be a voting member from Pennsylvania, and the Vice Chairman must be a voting member from New Jersey. The committee will report these candidates and elections will take place at the June 2012 PCC/RTC meeting.

Motion: by Jessica Savidge-Lucas, seconded by Andrew Levecchia, to approve the appointment of the nominating committee for FY13 PCC/RTC Chairman and Vice Chairman.

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

PRESENTATION ITEM

7. Modeling Economic Impact of Transportation Investments and Improvements- Three Models

Jon Kugel (DVRPC) described that in FY10, DVRPC surveyed the field of economic impact modeling software to determine if there was appropriately priced software available “off the shelf.” This project developed as a result of that effort to take an in-depth look at two of the most promising software packages; plus a third low cost option.

INFORMATION ITEMS

8. Update on Hard Shoulder Running Workshop

On May 3, 2012 DVRPC hosted an FHWA workshop on hard shoulder running to acquaint the region’s planners and engineers on the concept. Stan Platt (DVRPC) provided a brief summary of the workshop highlights.

9. Darby Borough Open House and Transportation Expo

John Ward (DVRPC) announced that the Delaware County Planning Department and DVRPC are organizing a community outreach event in conjunction with the Darby Borough Grade Crossing Study from 5:00-7:30PM on June 6, 2012. The event will feature exhibits and experts covering all aspects of transportation present in the community.

10. DVRPC Community Investment Index: Invitation to Agency Launch Event

Greg Krykewycz (DVRPC) updated the committee on the Community Investment Index web project, and extended an invitation to a pre-public launch presentation and site demonstration for planning partners on May 22nd.

11. One Minute Reports

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

12. Old Business and New Business

Matt Edmond requested information about the DVRPC Regional Trails Grant Program, and which specific programs were voted on by the Board. Details of this Board Action Item can be found in the April 2012 Board Highlights.

13. Meeting Adjournment

The May 8, 2012 PCC/RTC Meeting was adjourned at 11:55am.

The next scheduled meeting of the PCC/RTC is Tuesday, June 12, 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
 Edward Williams
 (not represented)
 (not represented)
 Thomas Shaffer
 Mary Weikel
 Jessica Savidge-Lucas
 Matthew Lawson
 Matt Edmond
 Thomas A. Wospil
 (not represented)
 (not represented)
 Lou Millan
 (not represented)
 Ray Green
 Linda Guarini
 Anthony Santaniello
 Michelle Webb
 Stephen Buckey
 Zoe Robertson

Representative

Glenn F. Reibman
 Kelvin MacKavanagh
 (not represented)
 (not represented)
 (not represented)
 (not represented)
 (not represented)
 (not represented)
 William Ragozine
 (not represented)
 (not represented)
 Don Steele
 (not represented)
 (not represented)
 (not represented)
 (not represented)
 (not represented)
 Martin Kotsch

ATTENDANCE (cont'd)

Other Member Representatives and Guests

Eric Powers – NJ DOT
Joseph Russo - DCPD
Patricia Ellis - City of Philadelphia – Mayor's Office of Transportation and Utilities
B. Chadwick – Cheltenham citizen

DVRPC Staff

Matthew West
Rick Murphy
Rich Bickel
Erin McCann
Jean McKinney
Greg Krykewycz
Candy Snyder
Jon Kugel
Chris Puchalsky
Elizabeth Schoonmaker
Stan Platt
Jesse Buerk

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