



**DELAWARE VALLEY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
REGIONAL TECHNICAL COMMITTEE**

March 12, 2013 Meeting Highlights

DVRPC Conference Room, Philadelphia, PA

1. Call to Order - Chairperson's Comments

Michelle Webb (Chairperson, City of Philadelphia Department of Streets) welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order.

2. Deputy Planning Director's Report

John Ward (DVRPC) began by announcing the Board approved all the Action Items recommended by the committee at the RTC meeting on February 5, 2013.

Mr. Ward announced that RTC member Kelvin MacKavanagh was recently recognized with a special award by the American Short Line and Regional Railroad Association for his assistance before, during, and after Hurricane Sandy.

Mr. Ward stated that DVRPC is announcing a new round of New Freedom project selection for Pennsylvania. This FY15 round will be a one-year program that will close out the SAFETEA-LU version of the program.

Mr. Ward also stated that the PA JARC applications are currently under review by PennDOT, and are expected to be before the RTC at the April 2013 meeting.

Lastly, Mr. Ward informed the RTC of a new DVRPC report, and then announced the dates of several upcoming meetings.

3. Public Comment on Any Agenda Item

There were none.

ACTION ITEMS

4. Highlights of the Meeting of February 5, 2013

The highlights from February 5, 2013 meeting of the RTC were presented for adoption.

Motion: by Leo Bagley, seconded by Jim Mosca to adopt the highlights for the February 5, 2013 RTC meeting.

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

5. DVRPC Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Actions

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

a. PA13-22: Transit and Regional Rail Station Program, (MPMS# 77183), SEPTA

SEPTA has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2013-2016 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding the 23rd and Venango Streets and 35th and Allegheny Streets Bus Loop Rehabilitation projects to the Transit and Regional Rail Station Program, MPMS# 77183, by using funds made available through value engineering and low bid savings. This action would advance projects that are on the Illustrative Unfunded list.

Motion: by Andrew Stober, seconded by Leo Bagley, to recommend the Board amend the FY2013-2016 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding the 23rd and Venango Streets and 35th and Allegheny Streets Bus Loop Rehabilitation projects to the Transit and Regional Rail Station Program, MPMS# 77183, by using funds made available through value engineering and low bid savings.

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

b. PA13-23: Expressway Service Patrol - Suburban Counties (2013 - 2016), (MPMS# 92182), Various Counties

PennDOT has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2013-2016 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a project back in to the TIP, the Expressway Service Patrol 2013-2016, Suburban Counties project, MPMS# 92182, in the amount of \$6,000,000 STU for FY13 implementation.

Motion: by Linda Guarini, seconded by Randy Waltermeyer, to recommend the Board amend the FY2013-2016 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a project back in to the TIP, the Expressway Service Patrol 2013-2016, Suburban Counties project, MPMS# 92182, in the amount of \$6,000,000 STU for FY13 implementation.

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

c. PA13-24: Sedgley Avenue Bridge Over Conrail (MPMS#s TBD), City of Philadelphia

The City of Philadelphia has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2013-2016 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a new \$2,167,166.33 project to the TIP, the Sedgley Avenue Bridge over Conrail project by programming \$180,000 Act 13 for preliminary engineering and \$120,000 Act 13 for final design in FY13 and \$1,867,166.33 Act 13 construction in FY14. These are additional funds to the region.

Motion: by Andrew Stober, seconded by Barbara Holcomb, to recommend the Board amend the FY2013-2016 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a new \$2,167,166.33 project to the TIP, the Sedgley Avenue Bridge over Conrail project by programming \$180,000 Act 13 for preliminary engineering and \$120,000 Act 13 for final design in FY13 and \$1,867,166.33 Act 13 construction in FY14.

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

d. NJ12-56: Burlington County Roadway Traffic Signal Upgrade and System Interconnect (DB# D1303), Burlington County

Burlington County has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2012 – 2015 TIP for New Jersey by adding a new \$1,030,000 project, Burlington County Roadway Traffic Signal Upgrade and System Interconnect (DB# D1303), for construction in FY13. Funds will be made available by other projects that have schedules which have slipped to next year or later, or additional obligation authority made available to DVRPC by NJDOT.

e. NJ12-57: Burlington County Roadway Safety Improvements (DB# D0302), Burlington County

Burlington County has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2012 – 2015 TIP for New Jersey by adding a \$856,000 project back in to the TIP, the Burlington County Roadway Safety Improvements (DB# D0302) for construction in FY13. Funds will be made available by other projects that have schedules which have slipped to next year or later, or additional obligation authority made available to DVRPC by NJDOT.

f. NJ12-59: Paratransit Vehicles (Various DB#s), Various Counties
Camden County Bus Purchase (DB# D0601)
Mercer County Bus Purchase (DB# D1011)

NJ Transit has requested on the behalf of the Camden County Senior Citizen United Community Services (SCUCS), the South Jersey Transportation Authority (SJTA), and Mercer County Transportation Resources to Aid the Disadvantaged

and Elderly (TRADE) that DVRPC amend the FY2012 – 2015 TIP for New Jersey by increasing the funding for Camden County Bus Purchase (DB# D0601) and adding Mercer County Bus Purchase (DB# D1011) back into the TIP by a total of \$891,000 STP-STU in FY13 for SCUCS, SJTA, and TRADE paratransit services. Camden County SCUCS requests \$198,000; the SJTA requests \$495,000; and Mercer County TRADE requests \$198,000 to purchase three (3) vans each, which will replace a total of nine (9) existing vans. The total amount requested (\$891,000 STP-STU funds) includes a 10 percent (10%) NJTransit administration cost of \$81,000. STP-STU funds will be flexed (transferred) by NJDOT and NJ Transit to the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) for SCUCS, SJTA, and TRADE. Funds will be made available by other projects that have schedules which have slipped to next year or later, or additional obligation authority made available to DVRPC by NJDOT. These vehicles will provide residents in Camden and Mercer Counties as well as Gloucester County (SJTA) a combination of fixed route, subscription, and demand responsive services for a variety of trip purposes, particularly to employment services.

g. NJ12-58: Ben Franklin Bridge Walkway Cameras and Call Stations (DB# D1304), DRPA/PATCO

The Delaware River Port Authority/Port Authority Transit Corporation (DRPA/PATCO) has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2012 – 2015 TIP for New Jersey by adding a new \$400,000 STP-STU project, Ben Franklin Bridge Walkway Cameras and Call Stations (DB# D1304), for construction in FY13. Funds will be made available by other projects that have schedules which have slipped to next year or later, or additional obligation authority made available to DVRPC by NJDOT.

Motion: by Barbara Holcomb, seconded by Carol Ann Thomas, to recommend the Board amend the FY2012 – 2015 TIP for New Jersey by adding a new \$1,030,000 project, Burlington County Roadway Traffic Signal Upgrade and System Interconnect (DB# D1303), for construction in FY13; amend the FY2012 – 2015 TIP for New Jersey by adding a \$856,000 project back in to the TIP, the Burlington County Roadway Safety Improvements (DB# D0302) for construction in FY13; amend the FY2012 – 2015 TIP for New Jersey by increasing the funding for Camden County Bus Purchase (DB# D0601) and adding Mercer County Bus Purchase (DB# D1011) back into the TIP by a total of \$891,000 STP-STU in FY13 for SCUCS, SJTA, and TRADE paratransit services; and amend the FY2012 – 2015 TIP for New Jersey by adding a new \$400,000 STP-STU project, Ben Franklin Bridge Walkway Cameras and Call Stations (DB# D1304), for construction in FY13.

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

6. **Fiscal Year 2013 Planning Work Program Amendment**

To respond to the needs of member governments and agencies, work program changes and additions are brought to the RTC to permit the timely undertaking of technical activity.

a. **Glassboro – Camden Line Ridership Forecast**

The possibility of improved transit service in South Jersey has been studied numerous times since the PATCO line originally opened. The largest tangible outcome is the New Jersey Riverline, which opened in 2004 and has exceeded expectations. The success of the Riverline has spurred additional studies, including a 2009 Alternative Analysis on the corridor between Glassboro, NJ, in Gloucester County and Camden, NJ, in Camden County. Other studies include a study of bus rapid transit (BRT) in the Rt. 42/55 Corridor and several transit-oriented development studies around possible rail stations. This study will follow up on the 2009 Alternatives Analysis which determined that a Light Rail Transit (LRT) line from Glassboro to Camden is promising.

The Delaware River Port Authority (DRPA) recently awarded STV, Inc. a contract to do an environmental impact statement (EIS) and conceptual engineering on the Glassboro-Camden Line (GCL). DVRPC will work as a sub-consultant to perform ridership forecasting for the GCL and to provide other planning support as required.

Motion: by Ed Williams, seconded by Andrew Levecchia, to recommend the Board amend the DVRPC FY 2013 Planning Work Program to include the Glassboro – Camden Line Ridership Forecast project.

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

b. **Philadelphia Food Funders Strategic Plan and Funding Scan**

The Convergence Partnership, a collaborative of six national funders (California Endowment, Kaiser Permanente, Kresge Foundation, Nemours, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, and the W. K. Kellogg Foundation), awarded the Delaware Valley Grantmakers' Philadelphia Food Funders a \$60,000 grant to promote and support multi-field, equity-focused environmental and policy change efforts. The grant will support a three-part project to create a strategic plan for the Philadelphia Food Funders, undertake a policy scan on efforts to reduce childhood obesity and develop an outreach plan to highlight the funders' efforts.

The Greater Philadelphia Food Funders is a regional affinity group based at the Delaware Valley Grantmakers (DVG) – Philadelphia's regional

grantmakers membership organization. The Food Funders consists of 120 philanthropic professionals who have self-identified as having an interest in funding food system work. Participants represent the broad spectrum of philanthropy: independent foundations, family foundations, grantmaking public charities, corporate foundations, government funders, and individual donors. Their common denominator is working to create more equitable access to healthy foods and economic opportunity around healthy foods.

DVG wants to contract with DVRPC to undertake two of the three-part project; specifically the strategic plan for the Food Funders and the funding scan that identifies the region's most successful efforts to reduce childhood obesity. This project builds off of DVRPC's recent work with the William Penn Foundation managing a financial and technical assistance program that benefited food system stakeholders, and staff's recent leadership position coordinating the Food Funders.

Motion: by Aissia Richardson, seconded by Jessica Savidge-Lucas, to recommend the Board amend the DVRPC FY 2013 Planning Work Program to include the Philadelphia Food Funders Strategic Plan and Funding Scan project.

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

7. FHWA Adjusted Urbanized Area

The Census Bureau recently completed its update of Urbanized Areas based on the 2010 Census. FHWA allows the states, in cooperation with regional and local governments, to adjust (expand) the urbanized areas. The Adjusted Urbanized Area is used to determine the Federal Functional Classification of roadways. Eligibility for some Federal transportation programs is based in part on the Federal Functional Class. Matt Gates (DVRPC) presented DVRPC's proposed adjustments to the Urbanized Area and asked the RTC to recommend Board approval.

Motion: by Jim Mosca, seconded by Randy Waltermeyer, to recommend the Board approve the FHWA Adjusted Urbanized Boundary for the DVRPC region.

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

8. Memorandums of Understanding (MOUs) with Lehigh Valley Planning Commission (LVPC) and Reading Area Transportation Study (RATS)

Because portions of the Pottstown and Allentown Urbanized Areas extend across MPO boundaries, DVRPC has maintained Memorandums of Understanding with LVPC and RATS regarding the transportation planning and programming responsibilities for these Urbanized Areas. These MOUs are updated every 10 years following the definition of new Urbanized Areas by the Census Bureau. Matt Gates (DVRPC) presented the updated MOUs and asked the RTC to recommend Board approval.

Motion: by Randy Waltermeyer, seconded by Carol Ann Thomas, to recommend the Board approve Memorandums of Understanding with Lehigh Valley Transportation Study and Reading Area Transportation Study.

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

9. Fiscal Year 2014 Pennsylvania Transportation Management Association (TMA) Assistance Grant Program Application Approval

The six Pennsylvania TMAs in the DVRPC Region submitted draft work programs for review by the TMA Policy Committee, which met on February 7, 2013. The review period on these work programs concluded on February 15, 2013. Work programs have been revised according to comments and are now ready for full RTC approval. Sarah Oaks (DVRPC) asked the RTC to recommend that the Board approve and forward to PennDOT for their approval the FY14 TMA Assistance Grant work programs.

Motion: by Aissia Richardson, seconded by Linda Guarini, to recommend the Board approve and forward to PennDOT for their approval the FY 2014 TMA Assistance Grant work programs for a total grant of \$192,000 each (\$153,600 CMAQ, \$38,400 local match) to the Bucks County, Chester County, Delaware County, Greater Valley Forge, Partnership, and Central Philadelphia TMAs, for a total program of \$1,152,000 (\$921,600 CMAQ, \$230,400 TMA match).

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

10. Fiscal Year 2014 Pennsylvania Mobility Alternatives Program Work Program Approval

For FY14 there are seven applications for funding under the Mobility Alternatives Program, the DVRPC-managed effort for TDM outreach and education about alternatives to SOV travel to employers and commuters. These work programs were reviewed by the DVRPC's TMA Policy Committee and are ready for full RTC approval. Sarah Oaks (DVRPC) asked the RTC to recommend that the Board approve and

forward to PennDOT for their approval the FY 2014 Mobility Alternatives Program grant requests.

Motion: by Aissia Richardson, seconded by Jim Mosca, to recommend the Board approve and forward to PennDOT for their approval the FY 2014 Mobility Alternatives Program grant requests for the Bucks County TMA, the TMA of Chester County, the Delaware County TMA, the Greater Valley Forge TMA, the Partnership TMA, The Clean Air Council, SEPTA, and DVRPC for a program total of \$816,000 (\$652,800 CMAQ, \$163,200 contractor match).

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

PRESENTATION ITEMS

11. PhillyFreightFinder: Freight Mapping and Data Platform for the Delaware Valley

Mike Ruane (DVRPC) presented DVRPC's new freight web mapping application. The application is a unique, regional tool that provides increased opportunities for data sharing across the Delaware Valley. The application provides capacity and activity information on 19 types of freight facilities in 7 categories, offering a better understanding of the freight network in the Delaware Valley.

12. Data Snapshots Series: Immigration in Greater Philadelphia

Christina Arlt (DVRPC) presented a Data Snapshot that examines the foreign-born population in Greater Philadelphia, which has grown and changed rapidly since 1990. Greater Philadelphia's population is becoming more diverse, and immigration has helped many communities in the region replenish population losses.

INFORMATION ITEMS

13. One Minute Reports

RTC Members and guests provided updates on the activities of their agencies.

14. Old Business, New Business, Public Comment on Any Non-Agenda Item

A request was made to make all RTC meeting materials available to the public prior to the meeting.

14. Meeting Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 12:05PM.

The next scheduled meeting of the RTC is Tuesday, April 9, 2013.

ATTENDANCE**Voting Members**

NJ Department of Transportation
 NJ Department of Environmental Protection
 NJ Department of Community Affairs
 NJ Governor's Appointee
 NJ Office for Planning Advocacy
 PA Department of Community and Economic Development
 PA Department of Environmental Protection
 PA Department of Transportation
 PA Governor's Appointee
 PA Governor's Policy Office
 Bucks County
 Burlington County
 Camden County
 Chester County
 Delaware County
 Gloucester County
 Mercer County
 Montgomery County
 City of Philadelphia – City Planning Commission
 City of Philadelphia – Department of Streets
 City of Philadelphia – Mayor's Office of Transportation
 City of Camden
 City of Chester
 City of Trenton
 Delaware River Port Authority
 New Jersey Transit Corporation
 Port Authority Transit Corporation
 Southeastern PA Transportation Authority
 Public Participation Task Force (NJ)
 Public Participation Task Force (PA)

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
 NJ Turnpike Authority
 New Jersey TMAs
 Pennsylvania TMAs
 Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission
 Philadelphia Regional Port Authority
 Pottstown Urban Transit
 Select Greater Philadelphia
 South Jersey Port Corporation
 South Jersey Transportation Authority
 Transportation Operations Task Force
 US EPA - Region II
 US EPA - Region III
 US Department of Housing and Urban Development

Representative

Andy Clark
 (not represented)
 (not represented)
 (not represented)
 Katherine Meade
 Lisa Worden
 (not represented)
 James Mosca
 Norm Hetrick
 Linda Guarini
 Rich Brahler
 Carol Thomas
 Andrew Levecchia
 Randy Waltermeyer
 Tom Shaffer
 Jessica Savidge-Lucas
 Matthew Lawson
 Leo Bagley
 (not represented)
 Michelle Webb
 Andrew Stober
 Ed Williams
 (not represented)
 (not represented)
 Barbara Holcomb
 (not represented)
 (not represented)
 Zoe Robertson
 Harry Fox
 Aissia Richardson
Representative
 (not represented)
 Kelvin MacKavanagh
 (not represented)
 Camille Otto
 (not represented)
 (not represented)
 (not represented)
 William Ragozine
 (not represented)
 Don Steele
 (not represented)
 (not represented)
 (not represented)
 (not represented)
 Paul Heck
 (not represented)
 (not represented)
 Martin Kotsch
 (not represented)

ATTENDANCE (cont'd)

Other Member Representatives and Guests

Sue Herman - Residents for Regional Traffic Solutions, Inc.

Dennis Winters – Clean Air Council

Nick Rogers – Clean Air Council

Gregory Becoat – US EPA

DVRPC Staff

Rich Bickel

John Ward

Patty Elkis

Chris Puchalsky

Matthew West

Elizabeth Schoonmaker

Rick Murphy

Kwan Hui

Greg Krykewycz

Allison Hastings

Jane Meconi

Sarah Oaks

Matt Gates

Mike Ruane

Christina Arlt

Renee Wise

Ted Dahlburg

Karen Cilurso

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