



DELAWARE VALLEY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

REGIONAL TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

March 11, 2014 Meeting Highlights

DVRPC Conference Room, Philadelphia, PA

1. Call to Order - Chairperson's Comments

Andrew Levecchia (Chairperson, Camden County) welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order.

2. Deputy Planning Director's Report

John Ward (DVRPC) announced that the Board approved all of the Action Items recommended by the committee at the RTC meeting on February 11, 2014 including approval of the FY15 Budget. DVRPC is funded to work on the RTC's Work Program projects for next year.

Mr. Ward reminded the RTC member Counties and Cities that are currently receiving Pass-through funding from the TSP and SRHP Programs to submit their invoices.

Mr. Ward noted that PennDOT's Central Office has awarded two projects to the region under their Congested Corridors Program. The first project was implementation of adaptive traffic signal systems on Newtown Bypass and on Street Road in Bucks County. The second project was for operational improvements in the I-95/I-476 interchange area in Delaware County.

Mr. Ward called the RTC's attention to NJDOT's Strategic Highway Safety Plan Kick-off Webinar, which took place yesterday and last Wednesday. The webinar also served as an invitation to a one-day workshop on April 22 to gather input from the state's safety stakeholders on critical safety issues.

Mr. Ward noted that there are two new federal funding opportunities:

1) TIGER VI, in which \$600 million is available for National Infrastructure Investments. The obligation deadline for TIGER VI is September 30, 2016. There is \$35 million available for planning and eligible applicants include state and local governments, transit agencies, port authorities, and MPOs. Mr. Ward asked RTC members to consider possible opportunities for coordination of planning grants but asked that RTC members inform DVRPC if they are submitting for a capital project. The application deadline for that is April 28.

2) Advancing Transportation Planning Through Innovation and Research makes \$1.5 million available for planning. The objective of this funding is to support research and development that could lead to innovative changes and revolutionary advances for transportation planning. The application deadline for this funding is April 23.

Mr. Ward noted that some new reports have recently been published by DVRPC, including Neshaminy Mall Transit Center Evaluation and Concept Plan and Transportation, and Community Development Initiative: Improving One Community at a Time.

Mr. Ward called RTC members' attention to the fact that there is a Transportation Operations Task Force meeting taking place on March 17.

Mr. Ward noted that the next RTC meeting will be taking place on April 8.

RTC Chair Andrew Levecchia welcomed new faces Regine Saintilien from Trenton City Planning and Kate Schramm from the Pennsylvania Governor's Office to the RTC.

3. Public Comment on Any Agenda and Non-Agenda Item

There were no public comments.

ACTION ITEMS

4. Highlights of the Meeting of February 11, 2014

The highlights from February 11, 2014 meeting of the RTC were presented for adoption.

Motion: by Barbara Holcomb, seconded by Jim Mosca to adopt the highlights for the February 11, 2014 RTC meeting.

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

5. DVRPC Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Actions

Rick Murphy (DVRPC) presented four TIP amendments for consideration.

a. PA13-66: Approval of Act 89 FY14 Additional State Revenue Projects and Studies (Various MPMS#s), Various Counties

PennDOT has requested that DVRPC approve the list of projects and studies selected for funding via the Pennsylvania Act 89 Additional State Highway and Bridge Revenue for FY14, and amend the FY2013 - 2016 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding new projects and new breakout projects to the PA TIP in FY14, as well as modifying the TIP by adding a project phase, increasing project cost, or advancing a project phase for other projects.

Motion: by Rich Brahler, seconded by Randy Waltermeyer to recommend the Board approve the following TIP Action:

PA13-66, the list of projects and studies selected as part of Pennsylvania Act 89 Additional State Highway and Bridge Revenue for FY14, and amend the FY2013 - 2016 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding new projects and new breakout projects to the PA TIP in

FY14, as well as modify the TIP by adding a project phase, increasing project cost, or advancing a project phase for other projects. Further, two new break-out projects totaling \$16,650,000 can be added to the TIP to advance construction in FY14 due to State and Federal funds freed up by the additional Act 89 funds.

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

**b. PA13-67: All-Weather Pavement Markings Program 2014, (MPMS# 99717)
Montgomery County – Add a Proposed New Project**

PennDOT has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2013 - 2016 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a new project, All-Weather Pavement Markings Program 2014, (MPMS# 99717), to the TIP in the amount of \$380,000 NHPP funds for construction in FY14.

Motion: by Leo Bagley, seconded by Andrew Stober to recommend the Board approve the following TIP Action:

PA13-67, PennDOT's request that DVRPC amend the FY2013-2016 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a new project, All-Weather Pavement Markings Program 2014, (MPMS# 99717), to the TIP in the amount of \$380,000 NHPP funds for construction in FY14.

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

**c. PA13-68: Statewide Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) Funding,
(Various MPMS#s) Various Counties – Add Proposed New Projects**

PennDOT has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2013 - 2016 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding four new Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) funded projects to the TIP in the amount of \$5,500,000 HSIP funds for design/build and construction in FY14.

Motion: by Leo Bagley, seconded by Randy Waltermeyer to recommend the Board approve the following TIP Action:

PA13-68, PennDOT's request that DVRPC amend the FY2013-2016 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding four new HSIP funded projects to the TIP in the amount of \$5,500,000 HSIP funds for design/build and construction in FY14.

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

**d. NJ14-17: CR 545 and Old York Road (CR 660), Roundabout (DB# D1405)
Burlington County - Add Proposed New HSIP Project**

Burlington County has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2014 - 2017 TIP for New Jersey by adding a new \$1,900,000 HSIP funded project, CR 545 and Old York Road (CR 660), Roundabout, (DB# D1405) for construction in FY14.

Motion: by Carol Thomas, seconded by Barbara Holcomb to recommend the Board approve the following TIP Action:

NJ14-17, Burlington County's request that DVRPC amend the FY2014 - 2017 TIP for New Jersey by adding a new \$1,900,000 HSIP funded project, CR 545 and Old York Road (CR 660), Roundabout, (DB# D1405) for construction in FY14.

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

e. NJ14-18: Route 45, Mullica Road to Route 322, (DB# D1406) Gloucester County - Add Proposed New Project

Gloucester County has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2014 - 2017 TIP for New Jersey by adding a new \$800,000 STP-STU funded project, Route 45, Mullica Road to Route 322, (DB# D1406) for construction in FY14.

Motion: by Jessica Lucas, seconded by Carol Thomas to recommend the Board approve the following TIP Actions:

NJ14-18, Gloucester County's request that DVRPC amend the FY2014 - 2017 TIP for New Jersey by adding a new \$800,000 STP-STU funded project, Route 45, Mullica Road to Route 322, (DB# D1406) for construction in FY14.

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

6. Fiscal Year 2014 Planning Work Program Amendments

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. Norristown High Speed Line King of Prussia Extension Alternatives Analysis – Supplement 1

Chris Puchalsky (DVRPC) presented a new project, which will provide additional technical support to SEPTA for the EIS on the King of Prussia Extension of the Norristown High Speed Line. This includes additional TIM 2.0 runs of alternatives and analysis using the FTA STOPS model."

Motion: by Leo Bagley, seconded by Thomas Shaffer, to recommend the Board amend the FY2014 Planning Work Program to add the Norristown High Speed Line King of Prussia Extension Alternatives Analysis – Supplement 1.

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

7. FY 15 Transportation Management Association Assistance Grant Program and Mobility Alternatives Program Work Program Approvals

Sarah Oaks (DVRPC) explained that the six TMAs in the DVRPC Region submitted draft work programs for review by the TMA Policy Committee, which met on February 6. The comment period on these work programs concluded on Feb 21. Work programs have been revised according to comments and are now ready for full RTC approval. Staff reviewed the overall program and presented summaries of work programs.

Motion: by Thomas Shaffer, seconded by Aissia Richardson, to recommend the Board approve the TMA work program submissions.

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

In addition, 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 are also ready for full RTC approval.

Motion: by Aissia Richardson, seconded by Thomas Shaffer, to recommend the Board approve the Mobility Alternatives Program work program submissions.

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

PRESENTATION ITEMS

8. RTAC Transit Program Update for FY2014 and FY2015

Greg Krykewycz (DVRPC) presented an update on the Regional Transit Advisory Committee (RTAC) and on the status of projects selected by the RTAC for study in FY2014, and discussed plans for the FY2015 call for projects that will be coming later this spring.

9. Bordentown Township Redevelopment Proposed Connector Road

Mike Becker (DVRPC) presented the results of a study, which analyzed potential improvements to truck circulation through the township from major highways.

10. Resilience in the Face of Climate Change

This presentation gave a very brief overview of the expected impacts of climate change on the region, and presented two examples of recent projects intended to prepare for these impacts. Rob Graff (DVRPC) provided a brief overview of the issues, Erik Johanson (SEPTA) presented a FTA-funded project addressing the impacts of extreme weather on the Norristown Line of SEPTA's Regional Rail System, and Chris Linn (DVRPC) presented on a FHWA-funded project to assess the vulnerability to climate change for two regional transportation corridors in New Jersey.

INFORMATION ITEMS

11. One Minute Reports

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

12. Old Business and New Business

No old business or new business was stated.

13. Meeting Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 12:09 PM.

The next scheduled meeting of the RTC is Tuesday, April 8, 2014.

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

Representative

Andrew Clark
 (not represented)
 (not represented)
 (not represented)
 Kate Meade
 Lisa Worden
 Patrick Patterson
 James Mosca
 Kate Schramm
 Linda Guarini
 Rich Brahler
 Carol Thomas
 Andrew Levecchia
 Randy Waltermeyer
 Thomas Shaffer
 Jessica Lucas
 Matthew Lawson
 Leo Bagley
 Alan Urek
 Michelle Webb
 Andrew Stober
 Edward Williams
 (not represented)
 Regine Saintilien
 Barbara Holcomb
 Lou Millan
 (not represented)
 Zoe Robertson
 Harry Fox
 Aissia Richardson
Representative
 (not represented)
 Kelvin MacKavanagh
 (not represented)
 Jonathan Crum
 (not represented)
 (not represented)
 (not represented)
 William Ragozine
 (not represented)
 Don Steele
 (not represented)
 (not represented)
 (not represented)
 (not represented)
 (not represented)

ATTENDANCE (cont'd)

Transportation Operations Task Force	(not represented)
US EPA - Region II	(not represented)
US EPA - Region III	(not represented)
US Department of Housing and Urban Development	(not represented)

Other Member Representatives and Guests

Norm Hetrick – PA DCED
Nicholas Baker – Philadelphia Streets Department
Bill Comer – Resident
Dennis Winters – Clean Air Council
Sue Herman – Citizen of Bucks County

DVRPC Staff

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John Ward
Patty Elkis
Chris Puchalsky
Candy Snyder
Rick Murphy
Elizabeth Schoonmaker
Chris Linn
Sarah Oaks
Julia Strapp
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Kevin Murphy
Matt Gates
Cassidy Boulan
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Logan Axelson
Dave Anderson
Karin Morris
Reuben MacMartin

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