



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

**May 6, 2014 Meeting Highlights**

**DVRPC Conference Room, Philadelphia, PA**

**1. Call to Order - Chairperson's Comments**

Andrew Levecchia (Chairperson, Camden County) welcomed new RTC attendee, Jacqueline Mandy of the Philadelphia Port Authority, 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 April 8, 2014.

Mr. Ward reminded RTC members that the deadline for submitting New Jersey TAP applications has been extended to Monday, June 30. Information on the program is available on DVRPC's website.

Mr. Ward reported that a Board Policy Analysis Committee meeting took place on May 5, 2014. The committee discussed Pennsylvania TIP updates and Long-Range Plan amendments, DVRPC's economic development strategy, performance measures, new Work Program ideas, and DVRPC's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

Mr. Ward noted that an FHWA/FTA Performance Measures Workshop was held on April 30 and May 1. The departments of transportation from New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and Delaware participated, along with several MPOs, and transit agencies.

Mr. Ward called the RTC's attention to the White House administration's new proposal for the next surface transportation bill called GROW AMERICA (Generating Renewal, Opportunity, and Work with Accelerated Mobility, Efficiency, and Rebuilding of Infrastructure and Communities throughout America). The proposed bill amounts to \$302 billion over four years.

Mr. Ward reported that there will be a Pennsylvania Safety Symposium on June 10 in Harrisburg. Additionally there will be an RTAC meeting following the RTC meeting today.

Mr. Ward called RTC members' attention to new DVRPC reports; Bordentown Township Redevelopment Proposed Connector Road; Funding Trails: A Guide to Funding Multi-Use Trails in New Jersey; and Transit Signal Priority Favorability Score: Development and Application in Philadelphia and Mercer County.

Mr. Ward reminded RTC members that there is a Regional Safety Action Plan Workshop on May 14, and a Public Participation Task Force meeting on May 15.

Mr. Ward noted that the next RTC meeting will be taking place on June 10.

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

There were no public comments.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

### **4. Highlights of the Meeting of April 8, 2014**

The highlights from April 8, 2014 meeting of the RTC were presented for adoption.

*Motion: by Jim Mosca, seconded by Barbara Holcomb to adopt the highlights for the April 8, 2014 RTC meeting.*

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

### **5. DVRPC Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Actions**

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

#### **a. PA13-74: Arcola Road Bridge Over Perkiomen Creek (CB# 155), (MPMS #16400) Montgomery County – Advance Construction**

PennDOT has requested that DVRPC modify the FY2013 TIP for Pennsylvania by advancing the construction phase in FY17 by adding a \$4,938,000 (\$3,950,000 BOF/ \$740,000 State 183/ \$248,000 Local) construction phase in FY14 and a \$2,062,000 (\$1,650,000 BOF/ \$309,000 State 183/ \$103,000 Local) construction phase in FY15 to the Arcola Road Bridge Over Perkiomen Creek (CB# 155) (MPMS #16400). This action advances construction from FY17 to FY14 and FY15 in order to address negative traffic impacts as a result of closing the Arcola Road Bridge in Upper Providence and Lower Providence Townships.

*Motion: by Leo Bagley, seconded by Linda Guarini to recommend the Board approve the following TIP Action:*

PA13-74, PennDOT's request that DVRPC modify the FY2013 TIP for Pennsylvania by advancing the construction phase in FY17 by adding a \$4,938,000 (\$3,950,000 BOF/ \$740,000 State 183/ \$248,000 Local) construction phase in FY14 and a \$2,062,000 (\$1,650,000 BOF/ \$309,000 State 183/ \$103,000 Local) construction phase in FY15 to the Arcola Road Bridge Over Perkiomen Creek (CB# 155) (MPMS #16400).

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

#### **b. PA13-75: Approval of Automated Red-Light Enforcement (ARLE) Round 4 (2013 funding) Projects (Various MPMS#s), Various Counties**

PennDOT has requested that DVRPC approve the list of projects selected as part

of PennDOT's Automated Red-Light Enforcement (ARLE) Program Round 4 and amend the FY2013 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding the selected projects in FY14, as well as modify the TIP for Pennsylvania by adding \$1,400,000 State Appropriation 244 funds to a previously awarded ARLE Round 3 project, Philadelphia Safety Improvements (MPMS #97990), for construction in FY14. The DVRPC region was awarded a total of \$7,833,000 State 244 funds, for 17 projects. \$4,950,000 is for projects in the City of Philadelphia; \$415,000 is for projects in Bucks County; \$1,245,000 is for projects in Chester County; \$514,000 is for projects in Delaware County; \$526,000 is for projects in Montgomery County; and \$183,000 is for a project in both Bucks and Montgomery Counties.

*Motion: by Michelle Webb, seconded by Randy Waltermeyer to recommend the Board approve the following TIP Action:*

PA13-75, the list of projects selected as part of PennDOT's Automated Red-Light Enforcement (ARLE) Program Round 4 and amend the FY2013 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding the selected projects in FY14, as well as modify the TIP for Pennsylvania by adding \$1,400,000 State Appropriation 244 funds to a previously awarded ARLE Round 3 project, Philadelphia Safety Improvements (MPMS #97990), for construction in FY14. The DVRPC Region was awarded a total of \$7,833,000 State 244 funds to amend 16 projects and modify one project in the TIP for FY14:

- 1) SR 313/SR 563 New Traffic Signal (MPMS #102283), Bucks County - \$160,000
- 2) SR 202 (Lower York Road) Traffic Signal Interconnect System (MPMS #102284), Bucks County - \$165,000
- 3) County Line Road Intersection Improvements (MPMS #102285), Bucks and Montgomery Counties - \$183,000
- 4) SR 132 Traffic Signal Communication System (MPMS #102288), Bucks County - \$90,000
- 5) SR 0100/Temple Road/Glocker Way Adaptive Traffic Control Management (MPMS #102292), Chester County - \$51,000
- 6) SR 0030 (Lancaster Avenue) Adaptive Signal System Upgrade (MPMS #102293), Chester County - \$564,000
- 7) SR 0030 (Lancaster Avenue) Adaptive Signal System Installation (MPMS #102294), Chester County - \$445,000
- 8) Parker Ford Safety Improvements (MPMS #102295), Chester County - \$185,000
- 9) SR 202 (Wilmington-West Chester Pike) Adaptive Signal System (MPMS #102290), Delaware County - \$432,000
- 10) SR 0452 (Pennell Road) Corridor Improvements (MPMS #102291), Delaware County - \$82,000
- 11) Spring House Adaptive Signal System (MPMS #102297), Montgomery County - \$346,000
- 12) Towamencin Township Signal System Modernization (MPMS #102298), Montgomery County - \$180,000
- 13) Traffic Calming Program (MPMS #102279), City of Philadelphia - \$1,000,000 (\$400,000 for Final Design/ \$600,000 for Construction)
- 14) Broad Street Pedestrian Crossing Improvements (MPMS #102280), City of Philadelphia - \$1,200,000 (\$400,000 Final Design/ \$800,000 Construction)

- 15) L.E.D. Street Light Improvement Program (MPMS #102281), City of Philadelphia - \$850,000 (\$260,000 Final Design/ \$590,000 Construction)
- 16) School House Lane/Kelly Drive Anti-Skid Pavement Surfaces (MPMS #102282), City of Philadelphia - \$500,000
- 17) Philadelphia Safety Improvements (MPMS #97990), City of Philadelphia -\$1,400,000

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

**c. PA13-76: Surface Treatment/Resurfacing Projects (Various MPMS#s), Various Counties**

PennDOT has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2013 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding three resurfacing projects for final design and construction in FY14 and FY15 in the amount of \$14,160,000 State 581. The DVRPC region was awarded a total of \$14,160,000 State 581 funds, for three projects. \$3,620,000 is for a project in Chester County and; \$10,540,000 is for two projects in the City of Philadelphia. These are additional funds to the region.

Motion: *by Michelle Webb, seconded by Linda Guarini* to recommend the Board approve the following TIP Action:

PA13-76, PennDOT's request that DVRPC amend the FY2013 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding three resurfacing projects for final design and construction in FY14 and FY15 in the amount of \$14,160,000 State 581. The DVRPC region was awarded a total of \$14,160,000 State 581 funds, for three projects. \$3,620,000 is for a project in Chester County and; \$10,540,000 is for two projects in the City of Philadelphia. These are additional funds to the region.

- 1) Resurfacing of Rt. 30 (MPMS #102283), Chester County - \$3,650,000  
Funds will be used to resurface Route 30 from SR 0252 (Bear Hill/Leopard Road) to the Delaware County Line in Tredyffrin and Easttown Townships.
- 2) Roosevelt Boulevard Resurfacing (MPMS #102388), City of Philadelphia - \$9,020,000  
Funds will be used to resurface Roosevelt Boulevard from Harbison Avenue to the Bucks County Line in both directions.
- 3) I-76/I-76Ramp Resurfacing (MPMS# 102389), City of Philadelphia - \$1,520,000  
Funds will be used to resurface the Schuylkill Expressway (I-76) in both directions from Grays Ferry Avenue to Oregon Avenue and to also resurface the slip ramps from 34<sup>th</sup> Street to the I-76 eastbound segment.

**6. Authorization to Open a Public Comment Period for the Amendments to the Connections 2040 Long-Range Plan, Draft FY 2015 TIP for Pennsylvania; and the Draft Conformity Finding of the Connections 2040 Long-Range Plan, FY 2014 TIP for New Jersey, and FY 2015 TIP for Pennsylvania**

Sean Greene (DVRPC) asked the RTC to recommend the Board open a 30-day public comment period to gather input on the draft Long-Range Plan and draft Transportation

Conformity Determination for the Connections 2040 Long-Range Plan, FY 2014 TIP for New Jersey, and FY 2015 TIP for Pennsylvania.

Motion: *by Barbara Holcomb, seconded by Jessica Lucas*, to recommend the Board open a 30-day public comment period to gather input on the draft Long-Range Plan and draft Transportation Conformity Determination for the Connections 2040 Long-Range Plan, FY 2014 TIP for New Jersey, and FY 2015 TIP for Pennsylvania.

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

## **7. 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. SHRP2 Freight Demand Modeling Grant**

Fang Yuan (DVRPC) explained that this project will use the fund from the SHRP2 Implementation Assistance Program to establish, pool, and standardize a portfolio of core freight data sources and data sets that supports planning, programming, and project prioritization, and to develop enhanced visualization tools that improve the availability and visibility of data among agencies and between the public and private sectors.

Motion: *by Tom Shaffer, seconded by Jessica Lucas*, to recommend the Board amend the FY2014 Planning Work Program to add the SHRP2 Freight Demand Modeling Grant.

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

## **8. Appointment of Nominating Committee for FY2015 DVRPC Regional Technical Committee Officers**

John Ward (DVRPC) introduced a nominating committee to recommend a candidate for Vice Chairman for the RTC for FY15 (July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015). This committee will consist of Jim Mosca (PennDOT), Andrew Levecchia (Camden County), and John Ward. The Chairman for FY15 must be a voting member from Pennsylvania, and the Vice Chairman must be a voting member from New Jersey. Leo Bagley has agreed to take over as Chair of the RTC and the committee will report on the candidate for Vice Chair and elections will take place at the June 2014 RTC meeting.

Motion: *by Linda Guarini, seconded by Barbara Holcomb*, to approve the appointment of the nominating committee for FY15 RTC Vice Chairman.

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

## **9. Approval of Congestion Management Process (CMP) Supplemental Commitment Tables**

Two road capacity-adding projects require RTC action for their final design phases to advance as proposed in the draft FY2015-2018 TIP for Pennsylvania. Jesse Buerk (DVRPC) asked the RTC to approve the supplemental commitment tables for the US 202, US 1 Loop Roads, and North Delaware Avenue Extension Phase 2 projects.

Motion: by *Tom Shaffer*, seconded by *Michelle Webb*, to approve the supplemental commitment tables for the US 202, US 1 Loop roads, and North Delaware Avenue Extension Phase 2 projects.

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

## **PRESENTATION ITEMS**

### **10. Status of CMP Update**

The fourth update of the CMP is underway. Zoe Neaderland (DVRPC) briefly presented the methodology of the update for additional comments, as well as two draft analysis pieces that may be useful to other efforts of RTC members. The purpose of the presentation was to keep RTC members informed and able to communicate with their Board members who will be asked to consider approving it sometime next fiscal year.

### **11. PA Multimodal Transportation Fund**

PA Act 89 of 2013 includes the creation of, and dedicated funding for, a Multimodal Transportation Fund. Both PennDOT and PA DCED are running grant programs for the use of these funds. David Bratina (PennDOT) provided insight into these programs.

## **INFORMATION ITEMS**

### **12. One Minute Reports**

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

### **13. Old Business**

### **14. New Business**

### **15. Meeting Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 11:40 AM.

**The next scheduled meeting of the RTC is Tuesday, June 10, 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**

Monica Etz  
 (not represented)  
 (not represented)  
 (not represented)  
 (not represented)  
 Lisa Worden  
 Pat Patterson  
 James Mosca  
 Kate Schramm  
 Linda Guarini  
 Rich Brahler  
 Carol Thomas  
 Andrew Levecchia  
 Randy Waltermeyer  
 Thomas Shaffer  
 Jessica Lucas  
 (not represented)  
 Leo Bagley  
 Jeannette Brugger  
 Michelle Webb  
 Patricia Ellis  
 Michael Carroll  
 Edward Williams  
 (not represented)  
 (not represented)  
 Barbara Holcomb  
 (not represented)  
 (not represented)  
 Zoe Robertson  
 (not represented)  
 (not represented)  
**Representative**  
 (not represented)  
 Kelvin MacKavanagh  
 (not represented)  
 Jonathan Crum  
 (not represented)  
 (not represented)  
 (not represented)  
 William Ragozine  
 (not represented)  
 (not represented)  
 Jacqueline Mandly  
 (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**

David Bratina – PennDOT  
Nicholas Baker – Philadelphia Streets Department  
Liz Smith – SEPTA  
Brian Styche – Chester County Planning Commission  
Bill Comer – Resident  
Dennis Winters – Clean Air Council

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