

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

**July 8, 2014 Meeting Highlights**

**DVRPC Conference Room, Philadelphia, PA**

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

Leo Bagley (Chairperson, Montgomery County) welcomed RTC members and called the meeting to order. Mr. Bagley noted that in the past the RTC had held brainstorming sessions on DVRPC's Work Program and that he would like to hold one again, possibly in the fall.

**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 June 10, 2014 except the CMP supplemental tables which did not require Board approval. One other action that the Board took was to elect a new set of Board Officers for FY 15. The new Board Chair is Leslie Richards Commissioner from Montgomery County, the new Vice Chair is the NJ DOT Commissioner (Alternate: Dave Kuhn), the Board Secretary for FY15 will be Dana Redd, Mayor of Camden, and the Board elected Ron Henry (PA Governor's Rep) as the Treasurer.

Another important item that the Board discussed is the Final Guidance issued by US DOT on a MAP-21 requirement to include Transit Agency representation on MPO Boards.

Mr. Ward noted that the public comment period for the Draft FY15-18 TIP for PA closed on June 30. A public meeting was held at DVRPC on June 26 from 4:00-6:00 p.m. There is an additional 30-day public comment period for the Draft Amendments to the Long-Range Plan and the Draft Conformity Finding for the Draft PA TIP, the Draft Amendments to the Long-Range Plan, and the FY14 NJ TIP going on right now and will close on July 18.

Mr. Ward reported that the RTC Member Handbook is being updated and staff is working on the roster and making sure we have confirmation of the designated RTC members and their contact information.

Mr. Ward called the RTC's attention to a new report, Analytical Data Report # 021: Regional Employment Centers and Sites, 2010.

Mr. Ward reminded RTC members that there is a Delaware Valley Goods Movement Task Force meeting on July 16 and a Public Participation Task Force meeting on August 5.

Mr. Ward noted that the next RTC meeting will be taking place on September 9.

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

There were no public comments.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

### **4. Highlights of the Meeting of May 6, 2014**

The highlights from June 10, 2014 meeting of the RTC were presented for adoption.

*Motion: by Randy Waltermeyer, seconded by Thomas Shaffer to adopt the highlights for the June 10, 2014 RTC meeting.*

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

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

Kwan Hui (DVRPC) presented two TIP amendments for consideration.

#### **a. NJ14-32: Route 30, and Evesham Road Intersection Improvements, (DB #93263), Camden County – Add a Project Back into the TIP**

NJDOT has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2014 - 2017 TIP for New Jersey by adding a project back into the TIP, Route 30, and Evesham Road Intersection Improvements (DB #93263), by programming \$6,805,000 NHPP funds for construction in FY14.

*Motion: by Andrew Levecchia, seconded by Carol Thomas to recommend the Board approve the following TIP Actions:*

NJ14-32, Burlington County's request that DVRPC amend the FY2014 - 2017 STIP for New Jersey by adding a project back into the TIP, Route 30, and Evesham Road Intersection Improvements (DB #93263), by programming \$6,805,000 NHPP funds for construction in FY14.

#### **b. NJ14-33: Burlington County Centerline Safety Enhancement Project, 2014, (DB# 04314), Burlington County – Add a Proposed Project to the Line Item**

Burlington County has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2014 - 2017 TIP for New Jersey by adding a new project, Burlington County Centerline Safety Enhancement Project, 2014 to the TIP in the amount of \$1,750,000 HSIP funds for construction in FY14, as a component of the Local Safety/High Risk Rural Roads Program (DB# 04314).

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

NJ14-33, Burlington County's request that DVRPC amend the FY2014 - 2017 TIP for New Jersey by adding a new project, Burlington County Centerline Safety Enhancement Project, 2014, to the TIP in the amount of \$1,750,000 HSIP funds for construction in FY14, as a component of the Local Safety/High Risk Rural Roads Program (DB# 04314).

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

### **6. Recommendation for Adoption of the DVRPC FY 2015-2018 Transportation**

## **Improvement Program (TIP) for Pennsylvania**

Elizabeth Schoonmaker (DVRPC) explained that federal law and planning regulations require the development of a Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) in order for the metropolitan region to be eligible to receive and spend federal transportation funds. The creation of the TIP is to be done by the MPO in cooperation with the state and transit operators, and must provide opportunity for input and comment by the public. A 30-day comment period must be conducted prior to a formal action to adopt the TIP. For the Draft DVRPC FY2015 TIP for PA, staff presented an overview of the program, comments received during the public comment period, any recommended changes, and asked the RTC to recommend Board adoption of the PA TIP.

*Motion: by Jim Mosca, seconded by Zoe Robertson, that the RTC recommend the Board adopt the DVRPC FY 2015 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for Pennsylvania.*

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

## **7. Recommendation for Adoption of Connections 2040 Plan for Greater Philadelphia Amended Transportation Investments**

Mike Boyer (DVRPC) explained that Act 89 provides supplementary funding for transportation investments in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. The Connections 2040 Plan is being amended to account for additional multimodal transportation projects to be carried out over the life of the Long-Range Plan. A public comment period for the amendment is being held from June 16 through July 18 and recommends Board adoption of the Plan amendments.

*Motion: by Zoe Robertson, seconded by Barbara Holcomb, that the RTC recommend the Board adopt the Connections 2040 Plan for Greater Philadelphia Amended Transportation Investments.*

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

## **8. Recommendation for Adoption of Conformity Determination of the FY 2014–2017 TIP for New Jersey, FY2015–FY 2018 TIP for Pennsylvania, and the Connections 2040 Long-Range Plan**

Sean Green (DVRPC) explained that DVRPC is reaffirming Transportation Conformity for the FY 2014 New Jersey TIP, and demonstrating conformity for the FY 2015 Pennsylvania TIP, and *Connections 2040* Long-Range Plan (Plan). This demonstration is necessitated by a new Pennsylvania TIP and amendments to the Long-Range Plan. Since there are no additions of regionally significant, non-exempt projects to the FY 2014 New Jersey TIP or New Jersey projects in the Plan, DVRPC is reaffirming the results of the previous conformity demonstration for the New Jersey portion of the region. A public comment period is being held from June 16, 2014 to July 18, 2014. Staff presented the results of the Transportation Conformity Determination and requested that the RTC recommend Board adoption of the findings.

*Motion: by Jim Mosca, seconded by Andrew Levecchia, that the RTC recommend the Board adopt the Conformity Determination of the FY 2014-2017 TIP for New*

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

## **PRESENTATION ITEMS**

### **9. PHL Capacity Enhancement Program**

Mike McCartney (Philadelphia International Airport (PHL)) discussed the airport's Capacity Enhancement Program (CEP). The CEP is a comprehensive construction program to expand and modernize the airport. This multi-year, multibillion-dollar improvement is anticipated to improve operational efficiencies, connectivity, and every aspect of customer experience.

### **10. Direct Technical Assistance on Energy Management for Municipal Operations: Lessons Learned**

Elizabeth Compitello (DVRPC) explained that DVRPC's Circuit Rider for Energy Efficiency in Local Government Operations provided "Direct Technical Assistance" on energy management to nine municipalities in Bucks, Chester, Delaware, and Montgomery Counties. DVRPC and a technical consultant worked one-on-one with municipalities to analyze, identify, and prioritize cost-effective energy management strategies for their buildings. Staff presented the major lessons learned through this process, and provided an overview of the cost-saving energy management strategies that municipalities are employing as a result of this project.

### **11. Pennsylvania Regional Traffic Signal Retiming Initiative**

Laurie Matkowski (DVRPC) provided an overview of the Regional Traffic Signal Retiming Initiative Project for DVRPC's Pennsylvania Counties. Successfully retimed traffic signal corridors in Chester and Montgomery Counties were highlighted.

## **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 12:08 PM.

**The next scheduled meeting of the RTC is Tuesday, September 9, 2014.**

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## **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  
Ruth Foster  
(not represented)  
(not represented)  
Alan Miller  
Lisa Worden  
(not represented)  
James Mosca  
Kate Schramm  
Linda Guarini  
Rich Brahler  
Carol Thomas  
Andrew Levecchia  
Randy Waltermeyer  
Thomas Shaffer  
Jessica Lucas  
Matthew Lawson  
Leo Bagley  
Jeannette Brugger  
Michelle Webb  
Andrew Stober  
Edward Williams  
(not represented)  
Jeffrey Wilkerson  
Barbara Holcomb  
Lou Millan  
(not represented)  
Zoe Robertson  
Harry Fox  
(not represented)

### **Representative**

(not represented)  
Kelvin McKavanagh  
(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)  
(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**

Mike McCartney – Philadelphia International Airport  
Joe Serbu – PA Turnpike Commission  
Elizabeth Smith - SEPTA  
Patricia Ellis – City of Philadelphia – Mayor’s Office of Transportation  
Nicholas Baker – Philadelphia Streets Department  
Sue Herman – Residents for Regional Traffic Solutions, Inc.  
Dennis Winters – Clean Air Council/Feet First Philly

## **DVRPC Staff**

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Elizabeth Compitello  
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Mary Bell  
Greg Krykewycz  
Renee Wise

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