

**DELAWARE VALLEY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION**  
**REGIONAL TECHNICAL COMMITTEE**  
**January 6, 2015 Meeting Highlights**  
**DVRPC Conference Room, Philadelphia, PA**

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

Leo Bagley (Chairperson, Montgomery County) welcomed RTC members, wished everyone a happy New Year, and called the meeting to order.

**2. Deputy Executive 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 November 12, 2014.

Mr. Ward noted that DVRPC is celebrating its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year and with that in mind he will be mentioning something from the past at each RTC meeting -This Month in DVRPC History. Fifty years ago DVRPC was located at 51<sup>st</sup> and Parkside Avenue in Philadelphia and the Acting DVRPC Board Chairman was Eric von Hauswolff (PA State Highway Dept.). DVRPC's Executive Director was David Longmaid and some early Board actions included:

- Participation of New Jersey
- Development of a Regional Planning Program
- Establishment of a "Technical Planning Committee" (now known as the RTC)
- Review of a grant application for the Kirkwood-Lindenwold Line
- Personnel actions
- New office space
- Contracts (accounting services, equipment - typing/copying, banks, etc)
- New computer configuration
- Traffic Counts, Aerial Photos, development of the travel model

RTC members will see a new logo for this year, reorganization/redesigning of our website, a photo day, throwback Thursday, a social media plan, a timeline, and more.

Mr. Ward clarified that staff is developing and refining work scopes for DVRPC's FY 2016 Work Program. The draft document was distributed to the Board at the December Board Retreat and released for public comment.

Mr. Ward noted that the Board Retreat took place on December 11<sup>th</sup> where Regional Awards for Excellence were presented. The award recipients were as follows:

- **Regional Leader of the Year:** Mayor Nutter
- **Regional Economic Development Program of the Year:** Philadelphia Energy Solutions, - employs more than 1,000 people and produces over 14 million gallons a day of refined petroleum products
- **Regional Transportation Program of the Year:** PennDOT - primarily for its efforts to secure additional transportation funding,

- **Region's Land Use Project of the Year:** Pop-Up Parks, including PA Horticultural Society (PHS), Camden Night Gardens, and Spruce St. Harbor Park
- **Regional Environmental Program of the Year:** New Jersey Conservation Foundation for its work to preserve the Franklin Parker Preserve a former 9,770 acre cranberry farm in Woodland Township, Burlington County

Mr. Ward noted that he participated in the NJ DOT Safety Service Patrol's 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Event in December.

Mr. Ward called attention to some new reports including: Transportation and Community Development Initiative (TCDI): Improving One Community at a Time (Newsletter), Analysis of Crashes in the Delaware Valley, 2010 – 2012, Municipal Implementation Tool MIT #026: The Pop Up Economy.

Mr. Ward noted that there is a Strategy for Older Suburbs Roundtable meeting on January 9, a Delaware Valley Goods Movement Task Force meeting on January 16, and a Transportation Operations Task Force meeting on January 26.

Mr. Ward reminded RTC members that the next RTC meeting will be taking place on **Tuesday, February 10.**

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

No public comments were stated.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

### **4. Highlights of the Meeting of November 12, 2014**

The highlights from November 12, 2014 meeting of the RTC were presented for adoption.

*Motion: by Barbara Holcomb, seconded by Matthew Lawson to adopt the highlights for the November 12, 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 ten TIP amendments for consideration.

#### **a. NJ14-53: Route 47, Grove St. to Route 130, Pavement, (DB# 12305), Gloucester County – Delay & Cost Increase of All Phases**

NJDOT has requested that DVRPC modify the FY2014 - 2017 TIP for New Jersey by delaying all phases and increasing costs that will result in an overall project cost increase of \$5,050,000 from \$26,200,000 STP to \$31,250,000 STP, accordingly: delay PE from FY14 to FY15 and increase the PE cost by \$1,650,000 from \$1,000,000 STP to \$2,650,000 STP; delay DES from FY15 to FY17 and increase the DES cost by \$800,000 from \$1,700,000 STP to \$2,500,000 STP; delay ROW from FY15 to FY17 and increase the ROW cost by \$100,000 from \$2,400,000 STP to \$2,500,000 STP; and delay CON from FY17 and FY18 to FY20 and increase the

overall CON cost by \$2,500,000 from \$21,100,000 STP to \$23,600,000 STP.

Motion: *by Edward Williams, seconded by Alan Miller* to recommend the Board approve the following TIP Action:

NJ14-53, NJDOT's request that DVRPC modify the FY2014 - 2017 TIP for New Jersey by delaying all phases and increasing costs that will result in an overall project cost increase of \$5,050,000 from \$26,200,000 STP to \$31,250,000 STP, accordingly: delay PE from FY14 to FY15 and increase the PE cost by \$1,650,000 from \$1,000,000 STP to \$2,650,000 STP; delay DES from FY15 to FY17 and increase the DES cost by \$800,000 from \$1,700,000 STP to \$2,500,000 STP; delay ROW from FY15 to FY17 and increase the ROW cost by \$100,000 from \$2,400,000 STP to \$2,500,000 STP; and delay CON from FY17 and FY18 to FY20 and increase the overall CON cost by \$2,500,000 from \$21,100,000 STP to \$23,600,000 STP.

**b. PA15-16: Chalfont Pedestrian Facilities (SRTSF) - Round 1, (MPMS# 87088), Bucks County – Add Project Back in to the TIP**

PennDOT has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2015 - 2018 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a project back in to the TIP, Chalfont Pedestrian Facilities (SRTSF) - Round 1, (MPMS# 87088), for \$579,734 SRTSF funds in FY16 for construction. This project was inadvertently omitted from the TIP. It was awarded with \$719,734 federal Safe Routes to School (SRTSF) funding in May of 2009, and \$140,000 has been obligated for Preliminary Engineering in the previous TIP.

Motion: *by Rich Brahler, seconded by Lisa Worden* to recommend the Board approve the following TIP Action:

PA15-16, PennDOT's request that DVRPC amend the FY2015 - 2018 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a project back in to the TIP, Chalfont Pedestrian Facilities (SRTSF) - Round 1, (MPMS# 87088), for \$579,734 SRTSF funds in FY16 for construction. This project was inadvertently omitted from the TIP. It was awarded with \$719,734 federal Safe Routes to School (SRTSF) funding in May of 2009, and \$140,000 has been obligated for Preliminary Engineering in the previous TIP.

**c. PA15-17: Approval of Automated Red-Light Enforcement (ARLE) Round 5 (2014 Funding) Projects, (Various MPMS #s), Various Counties – Add New Proposed Projects to the TIP**

PennDOT has requested that DVRPC approve the list of projects selected as part of PennDOT's Automated Red-Light Enforcement (ARLE) Program Round 5 and amend the FY2015 - 2018 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding the projects to the PA TIP in FY15 for construction. The DVRPC region was awarded a total of \$4,541,427 of State Appropriation 244 funding, for 14 projects. \$3,500,000 is for projects in the City of Philadelphia; \$205,520 is for projects in Bucks County; \$483,757 is for projects in Chester County; \$33,150 is for projects in Delaware County; and \$319,000 is for projects in Montgomery County. These are additional funds to the region.

Motion: *by Edward Williams, seconded by Andrew Stober* to recommend the Board approve the following TIP Action:

PA15-17, PennDOT's request to approve the list of projects selected as part of PennDOT's Automated Red-Light Enforcement (ARLE) Round 5 program and amend the FY2015 - 2018 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding these projects to the PA TIP in FY15 for construction. The DVRPC region was awarded a total of \$4,541,427 of State Appropriation 244 funding, for 14 projects.

**d. PA15-18: Rock Hill Road Advance ROW, (MPMS# 104153), Montgomery County –Add Proposed New Project to the TIP**

PennDOT has requested to amend the FY2015 - 2018 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a new break-out project to the TIP, Rock Hill Road Advance ROW, (MPMS# 104153), for \$248,000 State 581 funds in FY15 for Right-of-Way (ROW).

**e. PA15-19: Culvert Replacement Group K, (MPMS# 92310), Bucks County – Add Project Back in to the TIP**

PennDOT has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2015 - 2018 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a project back in to the TIP, Culvert Replacement Group K, (MPMS# 92310), for \$4,000,000 State 581 funds in FY15 for Construction. The project was programmed on the previous FY2013-2016 TIP with state funds, but funds were never encumbered.

**f. PA15-20: Culvert Replacement Group L, (MPMS# 92311), Various Counties – Add Project Back in to the TIP**

PennDOT has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2015 - 2018 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a project back in to the TIP, Culvert Replacement Group L, (MPMS# 92311), for \$200,000 State 581 funds for Utility in FY15 and \$5,000,000 State 581 funds for Construction in FY15 (\$487,000), FY16 (\$300,000), FY17 (\$3,960,000) and FY18 (\$253,000). The project was programmed on the previous FY2013-2016 TIP with Act 89 funds, but funds were never encumbered.

*Motion: by Thomas Shaffer, seconded by Rich Brahler to recommend the Board approve the following TIP Actions:*

PA15-18, PennDOT's request that DVRPC amend the FY2015 - 2018 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a new break-out project to the TIP, Rock Hill Road Advance ROW, (MPMS# 104153), for \$248,000 State 581 funds in FY15 for Right-of-Way.

PA15-19, PennDOT's request that DVRPC amend the FY2015 - 2018 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a project back in to the TIP, Culvert Replacement Group K, (MPMS# 92310), for \$4,000,000 State 581 funds in FY15 for Construction. The project was programmed on the previous FY2013-2016 TIP with state funds, but funds were never encumbered.

PA15-20, PennDOT's request that DVRPC amend the FY2015 - 2018 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a project back in to the TIP, Culvert Replacement Group L, (MPMS# 92311), for \$200,000 State 581 funds for Utility in FY15 and \$5,000,000 State 581 funds for Construction in FY15 (\$487,000), FY16 (\$300,000), FY17 (\$3,960,000) and FY18 (\$253,000). The project was programmed on the previous FY2013-2016 TIP with Act 89 funds, but funds were never encumbered.

**g. PA15-21: Main Street Grade Crossing, (MPMS# 103217), Delaware County – Add Proposed New Project to the TIP**

PennDOT has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2015 - 2018 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a Preliminary Engineering (PE) Phase to the project, Main Street Grade Crossing, (MPMS# 103217), for \$750,000 State 581 funds in FY15. This project has already been awarded \$337,653 RRX funds for Construction in FY18 from the 2015 Statewide Rail-Highway Grade Crossing Program.

**h. PA15-22: North Broad Streetscape Improvements, (MPMS #74807), Montgomery County – Add Project Back in to the TIP**

PennDOT has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2015 - 2018 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a project, North Broad Streetscape Improvements, MPMS# 74807, back in to the TIP in the amount of \$142,148 (\$100,148 SXF/\$42,000 Local) for Construction in FY15.

**i. PA15-23: American Cities/Safe Routes to School – Phase 3, (MPMS# 74828), City of Philadelphia – Add Final Design Back in to the TIP**

The City of Philadelphia has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2015 - 2018 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a Final Design phase back in to the TIP in the amount of \$400,000 (\$320,000 SXF/ \$80,000 Local) in FY15.

*Motion: by Barbara Holcomb, Nick Baker to recommend the Board approve the following TIP Actions:*

PA15-21, PennDOT's request that DVRPC amend the FY2015 - 2018 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a Preliminary Engineering (PE) Phase to the project, Main Street Grade Crossing, (MPMS# 103217), for \$750,000 State 581 funds in FY15. This project has already been awarded \$337,653 RRX funds for Construction in FY18 from the 2015 Statewide Rail-Highway Grade Crossing Program.

PA15-22, PennDOT's request that DVRPC amend the FY2015 - 2018 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a project, North Broad Streetscape Improvements, MPMS# 74807, back in to the TIP in the amount of \$142,148 (\$100,148 SXF/\$42,000 Local) for Construction in FY15.

PA15-23, City of Philadelphia's request that DVRPC amend the FY2015 - 2018 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a Final Design phase back in to the TIP in the amount of \$400,000 (\$320,000 SXF/\$80,000 Local) in FY15. These are additional funds to the region.

**j. PA15-24: Bridge Bundling 2015, (MPMS# 104369), Various Counties – Add Proposed New Program in to the TIP**

PennDOT has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2015 – 2018 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a new program to the TIP, Bridge Bundling 2015, (MPMS# 104369), for \$4,700,000 Spike STP (sSTP) funds in FY15 and FY16, accordingly: \$250,000 for Preliminary Engineering in FY15, \$450,000 for Final Design in FY15, \$25,000 for Utility in FY15, \$25,000 for ROW in FY15, and \$3,950,000 for Construction in FY16. These are additional funds to the region.



Motion: *by Rich Brahler, seconded by Thomas Shaffer* to recommend the Board approve the following TIP Action:

PA15-24, PennDOTs request that DVRPC amend the FY2015 - 2018 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a new program in to the TIP, Bridge Bundling 2015, (MPMS# 104369), for \$4,700,000 Spike STP (sSTP) funds in FY15 and FY16, accordingly: \$250,000 for Preliminary Engineering in FY15, \$450,000 for Final Design in FY15, \$25,000 for Utility in FY15, \$25,000 for ROW in FY15, and \$3,950,000 for Construction in FY16. These are additional funds to the region.

#### **6a. Fiscal Year 2015 Work Program Amendment: Broad Street Subway (BSS) Extension Ridership Forecasts**

Brad Lane (DVRPC) explained that the Philadelphia Industrial Development Corporation (PIDC) is responsible for The Navy Yard, a 1,200-acre mixed-use property located on the site of the former Philadelphia Naval Shipyard complex. The Navy Yard currently has 5.5 million square feet of occupied space, and will have 6.5 million additional square feet of space when fully developed. Access to The Navy Yard is a major concern, with limited auto access and a lack of high quality transit service. Additionally, the urban form of future development will be influenced by the modal character of transportation options. This study will examine the potential for high quality transit service to the Navy Yard.

Motion: *by Andrew Stober, seconded by Lisa Worden* that the RTC recommend the Board add *Broad Street Subway (BSS) Extension Ridership Forecasts* to DVRPC's FY 2015 Unified Planning Work Program.

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

#### **7. DVRPC Fiscal Year 2016 Work Program**

John Griffies (DVRPC) explained that the Draft Planning Work Program for FY 2016 was approved by the Board for distribution and review, with the public comment period closing on January 12, 2016. DVRPC staff is in the process of responding to comments that have been received and are working to resolve any open issues. After Board adoption, relevant revisions will continue to be incorporated into the Work Program and the Final document will be produced. The RTC is being asked to recommend that the Board adopt the Final FY 2016 Planning Work Program, pending the resolution of any outstanding comments and issues.

Motion: *by Barbara Holcomb, seconded by Jessica Lucas*, that the RTC recommend the Board adopt DVRPC's FY 2016 Unified Planning Work Program.

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

### **PRESENTATION ITEMS**

#### **8. Exploring the decrease in driving in the region**

Chris Puchalsky (DVRPC) explored whether driving is decreasing in the region and if the millennials are giving up on cars. This presentation examined some regional data on driving in the Delaware Valley and explores some of the reasons behind these trends.

## **INFORMATION ITEMS**

### **9. Travel Model Update**

Brad Lane (DVRPC) explained that the Office of Modeling and Analysis has recently completed a minor update to its Travel Demand Model. This update includes newer demographics, tolls, and transit fares and a refinement to DVRPC's Park and Ride model. Mr. Lane provided a brief presentation of the model and a highlight of the new model's validation results.

### **10. DVRPC 2015 Competitive CMAQ Program for New Jersey**

Sean Greene (DVRPC) explained that DVRPC will open a competitive application round for CMAQ funding in New Jersey in January 2015. Details were provided at the meeting, and will be posted on the DVRPC web page under "Funding Opportunities" upon the opening date.

### **11. New Jersey Problem Statement Development and Prioritization**

Zoe Neaderland (DVRPC) presented information on DVRPC's new approach to feeding the NJ DOT project development pipeline. DVRPC has undertaken an internal effort to prepare a tool to help develop prioritized problem statements from the recommendations coming out of DVRPC studies.

### **12. Public Open House: SEPTA Fiscal Year 2016 Capital Budget Development**

Sharon Bancroft (SEPTA) noted that SEPTA would be hosting a public open house on January 14, 2015 on its Fiscal Year 2016 Capital Budget Development.

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

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

### **13. Old Business**

### **15. New Business**

### **16. Meeting Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 11:51 AM.

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

### **Representative**

Monica Etz  
(not represented)  
(not represented)  
(not represented)  
Alan Miller  
Lisa Worden  
(not represented)  
James Mosca  
(not represented)  
(not represented)  
Rich Brahler  
(not represented)  
(not represented)  
Randy Waltermeyer  
Tom Shaffer  
Jessica Lucas  
Matthew Lawson  
Leo Bagley  
Nick Baker  
  
Andrew Stober  
Edward Williams  
(not represented)  
Diana Rogers  
Barbara Holcomb  
Lou Millan  
(not represented)  
Sharon Bancroft  
Harry Fox  
(not represented)

### **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

### **Representative**

(not represented)  
Kelvin MacKavanagh  
(not represented)  
(not represented)  
(not represented)  
(not represented)  
(not represented)  
(not represented)  
William Ragozine  
(not represented)  
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## **ATTENDANCE (cont'd)**

US EPA - Region III  
US Department of Housing and Urban Development

(not represented)  
(not represented)

### **Other Member Representatives and Guests**

John Manzoni – STV Inc.  
Jeffrey Wilkerson – City of Trenton  
Bill Comer – Resident of Philadelphia  
Vince Voltaggio – Gloucester County

### **DVRPC Staff**

John Ward  
Patty Elkis  
Chris Puchalsky  
Elizabeth Schoonmaker  
Kwan Hui  
Rick Murphy  
Zoe Neaderland  
Sean Greene  
Brad Lane  
Will Stevens  
Matt Gates  
Ben Gruswitz  
Mike Boyer  
John Coscia, Jr.  
Ted Dahlburg  
Brett Fusco  
Greg Krykewycz  
Sarah Oaks  
Enos Han  
Elise Turner  
Julia Strapp  
Amy Bernknopf  
Jesse Buerk  
Renee Wise

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