DELAWARE VALLEY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

REGIONAL TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

June 9, 2015 Meeting Highlights

DVRPC Conference Room, Philadelphia, PA

1. Call to Order - Chairperson's Comments

Rich Brahler (Chair, Bucks County) welcomed RTC members 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 May 12, 2015.

Mr. Ward noted that DVRPC is celebrating its 50th 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.

In May 1966 the "matching" New Jersey legislation was signed by Governor Hughes on June 18th 1966 but it differed some from the Pennsylvania legislation of a year ago which created DVRPC. The primary difference was in voting majorities and a provision that was eventually removed before the Governor signed the legislation that would have given the New Jersey Governor veto power over all DVRPC actions.

In May 1975 the Board meeting was held in DVRPC offices at 1819 JFK Blvd. The Board adopted the 1975 - 1981 Highway Capital Program for the Delaware Valley and reaffirmed the 1985 Long-Range Transportation Plan. One of the comments from PennDOT urged that there be an early amendment to the Capital Program to identify some funding for bikeway construction.

In May 1985 the Board met at DVRPC offices in the Bourse Building at 5th and Market Sts. and adopted a resolution certifying that the transportation planning process for the Philadelphia-Trenton urbanized area is being carried out in conformance with all applicable federal requirements. The Board approved the submission of comments to PennDOT regarding the DEIS for the proposed I-95 Completion Program to improve I-95's access for Philadelphia's Central Waterfront (Ben Franklin to Walt Whitman Bridges)

In May 1995 Chairman Raymond Akers from NJ called the meeting to order and announced the retirement of George Fasic from Chester County. The Board approved the release of the Draft 2020 Aviation System Plan for the Delaware Valley for public comment and urged that a regional airport authority approach be included in the final document. The Board also heard a presentation on the status of a new program called Intelligent Transportation Systems.

In May 2005 the Board held its first meeting in the American College of Physicians Building. The Board approved PENNDOT's request to amend the FY 2005 TIP for Pennsylvania by flexing $215.5 million in federal highway funds to the FTA for use by SEPTA, to fund two new projects: "SEPTA Preventative Maintenance and "SEPTA Vehicle

Overhaul Program. PA Governor Rendell requested this action because a stable long-term funding source for transit had not been designated by the PA Legislature. The Board adopted the Destination 2030 Long Range Plan, the FY 2006 TIP for New Jersey and Air Quality Conformity for those documents.

Mr. Ward reminded RTC members to mark their calendars for DVRPC's 50th Anniversary event on June 30th at Dilworth Plaza. There will be a press event at 9:30 and photo-op for Board Members. Confirmed attendees include: PennDot Secretary Richards, Bucks Co. Commissioner Diane Ellis- Marseglia, Camden City Mayor Dana Redd, and Mayor Michael Nutter has been invited. A photo campaign is taking place and individuals are requested to post on social media photos that represent *"What Do You Love About Greater Philadelphia"*.

Mr. Ward noted that PennDOT's ARLE Program application period will be open until June 30, 2015. Additionally the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development's Multi Modal Transportation Fund Program application period is currently open until July 31, 2015

Mr. Ward called attention to some new reports including: Data Snapshot Series 3, Number 4: Immigration: Spotlight on Immigrant Business Owners: Cheltenham, Cherry Hill, Millbourne.

Mr. Ward noted that there is an Information Resources Exchange Group meeting on June 10, a Regional Aviation Committee Meeting on June 18, a Strategies for Older Suburbs and Regional Comprehensive Economic Development Forum joint meeting June 19, and a Regional Traffic Incident Management Conference on June 23.

Mr. Ward called the RTC's attention to the fact that this is Rich Brahler's last meeting as RTC Chair. Mr. Ward thanked Mr. Brahler for doing a great job and stepping up and taking over this position at the RTC this year. DVRPC appreciates his service.

Mr. Ward reminded RTC members that the next RTC meeting will be taking place on **Tuesday, July 7, 2015.**

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

Sue Herman (Residents for Regional Traffic Solutions) had a question about TIP Amendment 5c. She asked if the new traffic signal equipment would use traffic adaptive signal technology and if it will be interconnected with the traffic signals along the Newtown Bypass. Jim Mosca (PennDOT) indicated he would get her an answer.

ACTION ITEMS

4. Highlights of the Meeting of May 12, 2015

The highlights from May 12, 2015 meeting of the RTC were presented for adoption.

> Motion: *by Matthew Lawson, seconded by Barbara Holcomb to adopt the highlights for the May 12, 2015 RTC meeting.*

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

5. DVRPC Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Actions

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

a. PA15-46: Montgomery County Act 13 Local Bridges, (Various MPMS #s), Montgomery County

Montgomery County has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2015 - 2018 TIP for Pennsylvania by deleting the $1,825,000 Easton Road over Branch of the Tacony Creek (County Bridge #268) (MPMS #104185) local bridge replacement project from the TIP and adding a new $1,825,000 local bridge project to the TIP, Morris Avenue Bridge over Mill Creek (County Bridge #8) (MPMS #15796). The funding levels, funding sources and programming years are exactly the same for both bridges. $100,000 Act 13 for PE in FY15; $200,000 Act 13 for FD in FY15, $25,000 Act 13 for ROW in FY16; and $1,500,000 local for CON in FY17. The County is using $325,000 of their 2014 Act 13 allocation plus $1,500,000 of local County funds. These are additional funds to the region. The improvements will remove the structural deficient (SD) status of the bridge structure.

> Motion: *by Matthew Edmonds, seconded by Edward Williams* to recommend the Board approve the following TIP Action:

PA15-46, Montgomery County's request that DVRPC amend the FY2015 - 2018 TIP for Pennsylvania by deleting the $1,825,000 Easton Road over Branch of the Tacony Creek (County Bridge #268) (MPMS #104185) local bridge replacement project from the TIP and adding a new $1,825,000 local bridge project to the TIP, Morris Avenue Bridge over Mill Creek (County Bridge #8) (MPMS #15796). The funding levels, funding sources and programming years are exactly the same for both bridges. $100,000 Act 13 for PE in FY15; $200,000 Act 13 for FD in FY15, $25,000 Act 13 for ROW in FY16; and $1,500,000 local for CON in FY17. The County is using $325,000 of their 2014 Act 13 allocation plus $1,500,000 of local County funds. These are additional funds to the region. The improvements will remove the structural deficient (SD) status of the bridge structure.
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> Motion passed. All votes were cast in favor of the motion.

b. PA15-47: Chester County Act 13 Local Bridges, (Various MPMS #s), Chester County – Add Proposed New Projects to the TIP

Chester County has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2015 - 2018 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding two new local bridge projects to the TIP for preliminary engineering, final design, right-of-way, and construction in FY15 and FY16, in the amount of $1,630,000 (using $405,000 of the 2014 allocation of Act 13 funds, combined with $1,225,000 of local County funds). These are additional funds to the region.

> Motion: *by Randy Waltermyer, seconded by Jim Mosca* to recommend the Board approve the following TIP Action:

PA15-47, Chester County's request that DVRPC amend the FY2015 - 2018 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding two new local bridge projects to the TIP for preliminary

engineering, final design, right-of-way, and construction in FY15 and FY16, in the amount of $1,630,000 (using $405,000 of the 2014 allocation of Act 13 funds, combined with $1,225,000 of local County funds). These are additional funds to the region.

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

c. PA15-48: Newtown-Yardley Road Intersection Improvements, (MPMS #57639), Bucks County – Federalize Project

PennDOT has requested that DVRPC modify the FY2015 - 2018 TIP for Pennsylvania by federalizing (add federal funds to) the Newtown-Yardley Road Intersection Improvements project, by replacing $918,000 State 581 funds with federal STU funds for the construction phase in FY15. In order to establish FHWA as the lead environmental reviewing agency, federal funds must be programmed on the project. There is no cost change to this project.

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

PA15-48, PennDOT's request that DVRPC modify the FY2015 - 2018 TIP for Pennsylvania by federalizing (add federal funds to) the Newtown-Yardley Road Intersection Improvements project, by replacing $918,000 State 581 funds with federal STU funds for the construction phase in FY15.

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

6. Fiscal Year 2016 Planning Work Program Amendments

a. Pennsylvania Turnpike Traffic Forecasts

Matt Gates (DVRPC) explained that the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission and their consultants, RK&K, are conducting a feasibility study of highway improvements between the Norristown and Bensalem interchanges (Exits 333 to 351). This project will use DVRPC's regional travel demand model to prepare daily and AM and PM peak hour traffic forecasts to support that effort.

Motion*: by Matt Edmonds, seconded by Jim Mosca* to recommend that the Board amend the FY 2016 Work Program to include *Pennsylvania Turnpike Traffic Forecasts*.

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

b. PennDOT Supplemental Traffic Counts

Scott Brady (DVRPC) explained that PennDOT has requested DVRPC conduct additional traffic counts in FY16.

Motion: by *Jim Mosca, seconded by Matt Lawson* to recommend that the Board amend the FY 2016 Work Program to include *PennDOT Supplemental Traffic Counts.*

7. DVRPC Regional Trails Grant Program 2: PA Grant Awards – Phase I

Chris Linn (DVRPC) explained that this is the first phase of awards for the Regional Trails Program Round 2. The awards will fund design, construction and right-of-way analysis for Circuit projects. Projects funded for design will be included in a Circuit TIP Line Item which will be created

Motion*: by Thomas Shaffer, seconded by Ed Williams* to recommend that the Board 1) approve the Regional Trails Program grant awards; and 2) amend the Circuit Line Item (MPMS #TBD) into the FY2015 TIP for PA (TIP Action PA15-49) with $911,000 Local funds ($811,000 William Penn Funds/$100,000 County contribution) for design in FY16. $5 million CMAQ ($2,500,000 in FY19 and $2,500,000 in FY20) is available for construction of CMAQ eligible trail segments. Projects may be assigned individual MPMS #'s and drawn from the Line item at the appropriate time.

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

8. Annual Self-Certification of the Regional Transportation Planning Process

John Ward (DVRPC) explained that federal regulations require that Metropolitan Planning Organizations self-certify that the Regional Transportation Planning Process is carried out in conformance with applicable federal regulations. Staff requested an RTC recommendation for Board approval.

> Motion*: by Barbara Holcomb, seconded by Andrew Levecchia* that the RTC recommend DVRPC Board approval of the annual self-certification of the regional planning process.

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

9. Election of Fiscal Year 2016 Regional Technical Committee Officers

Rich Brahler (Bucks County) explained that the RTC Chairman for FY16 must be a voting member from New Jersey, and the Vice Chairman must be a voting member from Pennsylvania. On behalf of the nominating committee Mr. Ward recommended the election of Edward Williams (City of Camden) as Chair and Thomas Shaffer (Delaware County) as Vice Chair. Mr. Ward requested a vote to open nominations from the floor.

No nominations were taken from the floor.

> Motion*: by Andrew Levecchia, seconded by Randy Waltermyer,* to approve Edward Williams (City of Camden) as Chair of the RTC for FY16 and Thomas Shaffer (Delaware County) as the FY16 RTC Vice Chairman.

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

PRESENTATION ITEMS

10. Montgomery County Turnpike Interchange Study

Brian O'Leary and Matthew Edmonds of the Montgomery County Planning Commission explained that to encourage reinvestment in its business parks along the Pennsylvania Turnpike, Montgomery County conducted a land use and transportation study focusing on potential land use changes, Turnpike interchange improvements, and new Turnpike interchange locations.

11. World Meeting of Families/Papal Visit to Philadelphia - Transportation Update

Michael Pitts (World Meeting of Families) provided an update on the transportation planning taking place ahead of the Papal visit.

INFORMATION ITEMS

12. One Minute Reports

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

13. Old Business and New Business

14. Meeting Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 12:07 PM.

The next scheduled meeting of the RTC is Tuesday, July 7, 2015.

ATTENDANCE

Voting Members	Representative
NJ Department of Transportation	Monica Etz
NJ Department of Environmental Protection	Ruth Foster
NJ Department of Community Affairs	(not represented)
NJ Governor's Appointee	(not represented)
NJ Office for Planning Advocacy	Alan Miller
PA Department of Community and Economic Development	(not represented)
PA Department of Environmental Protection	Patrick Patterson
PA Department of Transportation	James Mosca
PA Governor's Appointee	(not represented)
PA Governor's Policy Office	(not represented)
Bucks County	Rich Brahler
Burlington County	Carol Thomas
Camden County	Andrew Levecchia
Chester County	Randy Waltermyer
Delaware County	Tom Shaffer
Gloucester County	Rick Westergaard
Mercer County	Matthew Lawson
Montgomery County	Matt Edmonds
City of Philadelphia – City Planning Commission	Alan Urek
City of Philadelphia – Department of Streets	Nicholas Baker
City of Philadelphia – Mayor's Office of Transportation	Angela Dixon
City of Camden	Edward Williams
City of Chester	(not represented)
City of Trenton	Diana Rogers
Delaware River Port Authority	Barbara Holcomb
New Jersey Transit Corporation	Lou Millan
Port Authority Transit Corporation	(not represented)
Southeastern PA Transportation Authority	Zoe Robertson
Public Participation Task Force (NJ)	Harry Fox
Public Participation Task Force (PA)	(not represented)

Non-Voting Members	Representative
Delaware River Joint Toll Bridge Commission	(not represented)
Delaware Valley Goods Movement Task Force	(not represented)
Federal Highway Administration - NJ Division	(not represented)
Federal Highway Administration - PA Division	(not represented)
Federal Transit Administration - Region III	(not represented)
Greater Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce	(not represented)
NJ Turnpike Authority	(not represented)
New Jersey TMAs	William Ragozine
Pennsylvania TMAs	(not represented)
Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission	(not represented)
Philadelphia Regional Port Authority	(not represented)
Pottstown Urban Transit	(not represented)
Select Greater Philadelphia	(not represented)
South Jersey Port Corporation	(not represented)
South Jersey Transportation Authority	(not represented)
Transportation Operations Task Force	(not represented)
US EPA - Region II	(not represented)

ATTENDANCE (cont'd)

US EPA - Region III   (not represented)
US Department of Housing and Urban Development   (not represented)

Other Member Representatives and Guests
Elizabeth Smith – SEPTA
Jackie Huston – Gloucester County
Joe Romano – Larson Design Group
Bill Comer – Resident of Philadelphia
Sue Herman – Residents for Regional Traffic Solutions
Brian Blacker – Chester County Planning Commission
Samantha Altschuler – NJDEP
Anthony Collora – NJDEP
David Kanthor – Philadelphia City Planning Commission
Brian O'Leary – Montgomery County Planning Commission
Michael Pitts – World Meeting of Families
Jeanette Brugger – Mayor's Office of Transportation and Utilities

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