



DELAWARE VALLEY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

REGIONAL TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

September 8, 2015 Meeting Highlights

DVRPC Conference Room, Philadelphia, PA

1. Call to Order - Chairperson's Comments

Edward Williams (Chair, City of Camden) 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 July 7, 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.

1966: The governors of each state jointly approved an application to US Dept of Housing and Urban Development for the Commission to receive Comprehensive Regional Planning Funds. This was an important source of funds for DVRPC at that time. Two traffic counting vans were received in August and the traffic counting program was initiated in September. With "extreme regret" the Executive Committee, in August, accepted the letter of resignation from David Longmaid, the current Executive Director and in September took action to re-assign responsibilities on an interim basis until a new Ex. Dir. could be found.

1975: DVRPC's Special Committee on Health Planning met to discuss concerns about the latest draft of proposed regulations on the designation and funding of Health Systems Agencies. There was a WP Amendment to do an Eastwick Area Transportation Study which would look at the possibility of adding an Eastwick Station on SEPTA's Airport Line and an Eastwick Trolley Modernization.

1985: The Board approved a PA Highway TIP and a PA Transit TIP as separate documents.

1995: The Board approved a 2020 Intermodal Freight Plan, a 2020 Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan, and a 2020 Regional Airport System Plan as elements of the Region's 2020 Land Use and Transportation Plan.

2005: the Board approved a slate of Transportation Enhancement candidate projects to be sent to NJ DOT for consideration. DVRPC staff presented to the Board the highlights of the new federal transportation legislation called SAFETEA-LU. This 6-year program provided \$295B for highway and transit improvements and included 6,400 earmarked projects nationwide.

Mr. Ward reminded RTC members that we are starting on the development of the FY17 Work Program. Barry Seymour has been meeting with Planning Directors to begin thinking about project ideas. A Work Program workshop is scheduled as part of today's

meeting and DVRPC should be working together with RTC members to update our existing Program Areas and develop scopes for potential new projects.

Mr. Ward noted that he is working on scheduling FRA's NEC Future team for the November RTC meeting. The FRA is scheduled to release the Tier 1 Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Northeast Corridor for public comment in the fall. They have also scheduled a webinar to present the alternatives being evaluated in the Tier 1 Draft EIS for Wednesday, September 16 at 9:30 a.m. To register for the webinar, go to: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/954774484914641922>

Mr. Ward called attention to some new reports including: 1) 2013 County Crash Data Bulletins 2) Planning Matters: Be Part of the Regional Conversation 3) Regional Data Bulletin: Population Estimates, 2010-2014, DVRPC's 28-County Extended Data Service Area

Mr. Ward noted that there is an IREG meeting September 9, a Public Participation Task Force meeting September 17, a Regional Aviation Committee meeting September 17, and a Regional Safety Task Force 10th Anniversary Meeting September 29.

Mr. Ward reminded RTC members that the next RTC meeting will be taking place on **Tuesday, October 6, 2015.**

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

No public comments were stated.

ACTION ITEMS

4. Highlights of the Meeting of July 7, 2015

The highlights from July 7, 2015 meeting of the RTC were presented for adoption.

Motion: by Matt Lawson, seconded by Jim Mosca to adopt the highlights for the July 7, 2015 RTC meeting.

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

5. Fiscal Year 2016 Planning Work Program Amendments

a. Camden Food Economy Strategy Implementation

Alison Hastings (DVRPC) explained that this proposed project, funded by the Campbell Soup Company, is a continuation of the multi-year Camden Food Economy Strategy project. This project will allow for more dissemination of the report *Cultivating Camden* (currently in draft form) and provide technical assistance to various public and private sector stakeholders to implement the recommendations

Motion: by Matt Lawson, seconded by Barbara Holcomb to recommend that the Board amend the FY 2016 Work Program to include Camden Food Economy Strategy Implementation.

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

6. Recommendation for Adoption of Conformity Determination of the *Connections 2040* Long-Range Plan, FY 2015–2018 TIP for Pennsylvania, and Draft FY 2016-2019 TIP for New Jersey

Sean Greene (DVRPC) explained that DVRPC is demonstrating conformity for the *Connections 2040* Long-Range Plan (Plan), FY 2015 Pennsylvania Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), and Draft FY 2016 New Jersey TIP. This demonstration is necessitated by amendments to the Long-Range Plan, a new New Jersey TIP, and the addition of air quality significant projects to the Pennsylvania TIP. A public comment period was held from July 9, 2015 to August 10, 2015. Staff will present the results of the Transportation Conformity Determination and request that the RTC recommend that the DVRPC Board adopt the findings at the September Board meeting.

Motion: by *Andrew Levecchia*, seconded by *Theresa Ziegler* that the RTC recommend the Board adopt the Conformity Determination of the *Connections 2040* Long-Range Plan, FY 2015-2018 TIP for Pennsylvania, and Draft FY 2016-2019 TIP for New Jersey by adopting resolution FY16-001.

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

7. Recommendation for Adoption of Amendments to the *Connections 2040* Long-Range Plan

Mike Boyer (DVRPC) explained that two projects are proposed as amendments to the fiscally-constrained set of transportation investments that are included in the *Connections 2040* Long-Range Plan. They are the reopening of the PATCO Franklin Square station and the construction of a new station on SEPTA's Doylestown Regional Rail line, north of Lansdale station. Both projects are consistent with the Long-Range Plan, and will not impact transportation conformity or the fiscal constraint of the Plan. A public comment period was held from July 9th through August 10th. Staff will present the amendments and comments received during the comment period and request that the RTC recommend adoption of the amendments to the Board.

Motion by: *Barbara Holcomb*, seconded by *Matt Edmond* that the RTC recommend the Board adopt the amendments to the *Connections 2040* Long-Range Plan by adopting resolution FY16-002.

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

8. Adoption of the DVRPC FY 2016-2019 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for New Jersey

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(s) 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. DVRPC

undertakes a major TIP Update every year for either the Pennsylvania portion of the region, or the New Jersey portion of the region; at this time, the PA and NJ TIPs are updated on alternating years. For the Draft DVRPC FY2016 TIP for NJ, staff will present an overview of the program, summary of the public comment period, any recommended changes, and will ask the RTC to recommend Board adoption of the FY2016 NJ TIP.

Motion: *Andrew Levecchia, seconded by Matt Lawson* that the RTC recommend the Board adopt the DVRPC FY 2016-2019 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for New Jersey by adopting resolution FY16-003.

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

9. **DVRPC Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Actions**

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

a. **PA15-52: Lansdale Area Improvements, (MPMS #105572), SEPTA – Add Proposed New Program to TIP**

SEPTA has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2015 - 2018 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a new program, Lansdale Area Improvements (MPMS #105572), to the TIP, by adding a new \$3,880,000 (\$3,755,000 State Section 1514/\$125,000 Local) project, the 9th Street Station, and shifting the Lansdale Parking Garage from the Parking Improvement Program (MPMS #60540) to the Lansdale Area Improvements (MPMS #105572). The cost of the Lansdale Parking Garage is \$42,010,000 (\$40,655,000 State Section 1514/\$1,355,000 Local). The new program will have funding in federal fiscal years 2015 to 2018: FY15: \$3,919,000 State Section 1514/\$131,000 Local, FY16: \$7,684,000 State Section 1514/\$256,000 Local, FY17: \$18,387,000 State Section 1514/\$613,000 Local, FY18: \$14,419,000 State Section 1514/\$481,000 Local.

Motion: by *Tom Shaffer, seconded by Zoe Robertson* that the RTC recommend the Board approve TIP Action PA15-52, SEPTA's request that DVRPC amend the FY2015 - 2018 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a new program, Lansdale Area Improvements (MPMS #105572), to the TIP, by adding a new \$3,880,000 (\$3,755,000 State Section 1514/\$125,000 Local) project, the 9th Street Station, and shifting the Lansdale Parking Garage from the Parking Improvement Program (MPMS #60540) to the Lansdale Area Improvements (MPMS #105572). The cost of the Lansdale Parking Garage is \$42,010,000 (\$40,655,000 State Section 1514/\$1,355,000 Local). The new program will have funding in federal fiscal years 2015 to 2018: FY15: \$3,919,000 State Section 1514/\$131,000 Local, FY16: \$7,684,000 State Section 1514/\$256,000 Local, FY17: \$18,387,000 State Section 1514/\$613,000 Local, FY18: \$14,419,000 State Section 1514/\$481,000 Local.

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

b. **PA15-53: Statewide Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP), (Various MPMS #s), Montgomery County – Add Proposed New Projects to TIP**

PennDOT has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2015 - 2018 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding two new Statewide Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) funded projects in the amount of \$1,430,856 for construction in FY17. MPMS# 104280 – First Avenue Road Diet (\$430,856 TAP) and MPMS # 104282 –Virginia Drive Road Diet and Trail (\$1,000,000 TAP).

Motion: by *Jim Mosca*, seconded by *Randy Waltermeyer* that the RTC recommend the Board approve TIP Action PA15-53, PennDOT's request that DVRPC amend the FY2015 - 2018 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding two new Statewide Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) funded projects in the amount of \$1,430,856 for construction in FY17. MPMS# 104280 – First Avenue Road Diet (\$430,856 TAP) and MPMS # 104282 – Virginia Drive Road Diet and Trail (\$1,000,000 TAP).

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

c. PA15-54: Statewide Multimodal Transportation Funded Projects, (Various MPMS #s), Various Counties – Add Proposed New Projects to TIP

PennDOT has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2015 - 2018 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding 17 new Statewide Multimodal Transportation Funded projects in the amount of \$44,014,000 (\$16,137,112 MTF (State 411 funds)/\$27,877,024 Local) for final design and construction in FY15.

Motion: by *Matt Edmond*, seconded by *Tom Shaffer* that the RTC recommend the Board approve TIP Action PA15-54, PennDOT's request that DVRPC amend the FY2015 - 2018 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding 17 new Statewide Multimodal Transportation Funded projects in the amount of \$44,014,000 (\$16,137,112 MTF (State 411 funds)/\$27,877,024 Local) for final design and construction in FY15.

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

d. PA15-55: US 202, Markley Street Southbound (Section 500), (MPMS #16665), Montgomery County – Scope Change

PennDOT has requested that DVRPC modify the FY2015 - 2018 TIP for Pennsylvania by changing the scope and increasing the final design (FD) phase of the US 202, Markley Street Southbound (Section 500) project (MPMS #16665) by \$600,000 (\$454,000 State 581 in FY15 and \$146,000 State 581 in FY16).

Motion: by *Matt Edmond*, seconded by *Rich Brahler* that the RTC recommend the Board approve TIP Action PA15-55, PennDOT's request that DVRPC modify the FY2015 - 2018 TIP for Pennsylvania by changing the scope of this project to add extending Barbadoes Street between Lafayette Street and Washington Street, and to add upgrading the railroad grade crossings at Main Street and Marshall Street by installing new gates, signals and crossing surfaces and replacing existing traffic signals on Markley Street at the intersections of Main Street, Marshall Street and Elm Street; also

increasing the FD phase by \$600,000 (\$454,000 State 581 in FY15 and \$146,000 State 581 in FY16).

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

e. PA15-56: Willits Road Bridge Over Wooden Bridge Run, (MPMS #69909), City of Philadelphia - Federalize Project

PennDOT has requested that DVRPC modify the FY2015 - 2018 TIP for Pennsylvania by federalizing (add federal funds to) the Willits Road Bridge Over Wooden Bridge Run (MPMS #69909), by replacing \$234,000 State 581 funds with federal STP funds for the utility 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.

f. PA15-57: PA 29, Main Street Bridge Over Reading Railroad Tracks (Removal), (MPMS #57849), Montgomery County – Federalize Project

PennDOT has requested that DVRPC modify the FY2015 - 2018 TIP for Pennsylvania by federalizing (add federal funds to) the PA 29, Main Street Bridge Over Reading Railroad Tracks (Removal) project (MPMS #57849), by replacing \$105,000 State 581 funds of the FY15 right-of-way (ROW) phase with \$84,000 federal STU funds and \$21,000 State 581 funds for ROW in FY16. 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: *Matt Edmond, seconded by Rich Brahler* That the RTC recommend the Board approve TIP Action PA15-56, PennDOT's request that DVRPC modify the FY2015 - 2018 TIP for Pennsylvania by federalizing (add federal funds to) the Willits Road Bridge Over Wooden Bridge Run, by replacing \$234,000 State 581 funds with federal STP fund for the utility phase in FY15 and TIP Action PA15-57, PennDOT's request that DVRPC modify the FY2015 - 2018 TIP for Pennsylvania by federalizing (add federal funds to) the PA 29, Main Street Bridge Over Reading Railroad Tracks (Removal) project MPMS #57849, by replacing \$105,000 State 581 funds of the FY15 right-of-way (ROW) phase with \$84,000 federal STU funds and \$21,000 State 581 funds for ROW in FY16.

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

g. PA15-58: Langford Run Road (PA3/I-476/Lawrence Rd), (MPMS #104465), Delaware County - Add Proposed New Project to TIP

PennDOT has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2015 - 2018 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a new Transportation Infrastructure and Investment Fund (TIIF) project, Langford Run Road (PA3/I-476/Lawrence Road), for construction in FY15 in the amount of \$2,961,000 (\$2,000,000 TIIF/\$961,000 Other – Private Funds)

Motion by: *Tom Shaffer, seconded by Matt Edmond* that the RTC recommend the Board approve TIP Action PA15-58, PennDOT's

request that DVRPC amend the FY2015 - 2018 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a new Transportation Infrastructure and Investment Fund (TIIF) project, Langford Run Road (PA3/I-476/Lawrence Road), for construction in FY15 in the amount of \$2,961,000 (\$2,000,000 TIIF/\$961,000 Other – Private Funds).

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

h. PA15-59: Large Sign Structure Priority Repairs 1 & 2, (MPMS #105118 & 105382), Region Wide – Add Proposed New Projects to TIP

PennDOT has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2015 - 2018 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding two new projects, Large Sign Structure Priority Repairs 1 & 2, by programming \$1,146,000 STU/ Toll Credit match for construction in FY15 for MPMS #105118 (Repairs #1) and by programming \$1,254,000 STU/Toll Credit match for construction in FY15 for MPMS #105382 (Repairs #2).

Motion by: *Tom Shaffer, seconded by Jim Mosca* that the RTC recommend the Board approve TIP Action PA15-59, PennDOT's request that DVRPC modify the FY2015 - 2018 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding two new projects, Large Sign Structure Priority Repairs 1 & 2, by programming \$1,146,000 STU/ Toll Credit match for construction in FY15 for MPMS #105118 (Repairs #1) and by programming \$1,254,000 STU/Toll Credit match for construction in FY15 for MPMS #105382 (Repairs #2).

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

10. Proposed Dates for Calendar Year 2016 RTC Meetings

John Ward (DVRPC) presented the proposed dates for calendar year 2016 RTC meetings.

Motion by: *Barbara Holcomb, seconded by Matt Lawson* that the RTC approve the proposed dates for calendar year 2016 RTC meetings.

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

INFORMATION ITEMS

11. DVRPC's Activity-Based Travel Demand Model Status

Matt Gates (DVRPC) provided an update on DVRPC's Activity-Based Travel Demand Model.

12. FY17 UPWP Development Workshop

John Ward (DVRPC) and Tom McGovern (DVRPC) led a FY17 UPWP Development Workshop for RTC members.

13. One Minute Reports

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

14. **Old Business**

15. **New Business**

16. **Meeting Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 12:15 PM.

The next scheduled meeting of the RTC is **Tuesday, October 6, 2015.**

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
Ruth Foster
(not represented)
(not represented)
Alan Miller
(not represented)
(not represented)
James Mosca
(not represented)
(not represented)
Rich Brahler
Carol Thomas
Andrew Levecchia
Randy Waltermeyer
Tom Shaffer
Theresa Ziegler
Matthew Lawson
Matt Edmond
Alan Urek
Nicholas Baker
Angela Dixon
Edward Williams
(not represented)
Jeffrey Wilkerson
Barbara Holcomb
Lou Millan
Ben Cornelius
Zoe Robertson
(not represented)
Jim Hopkins

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)
Tony Cho
(not represented)
(not represented)
Bill Ragozine
(not represented)
(not represented)
Jacqueline Mandly
(not represented)
(not represented)
(not represented)
(not represented)
(not represented)
(not represented)
(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

Bill Comer – Resident of Philadelphia

Sue Herman – Residents for Regional Traffic Solutions

John Caperilla – Borton Lawson

Al Federico – McCormick Taylor

Joe Romano – Larson Design Group

Jim Saksa – Plan Philly

Christina Velazquez

DVRPC Staff

John Ward

Patty Elkis

Chris Puchalsky

Alison Hastings

Elise Turner

Betsy Mastaglio

Brett Fusco

Rick Murphy

Zoe Neaderland

Rob Graff

Thom Stead

Van Doan

Bill Laidlaw

Tom McGovern

Dave Anderson

Andrew Svekla

Elizabeth Schoonmaker

Kwan Hui

Fang Yuan

Ben Gruswitz

Will Stevens

Sean Greene

Mike Boyer

Keith Hartington

Renee Wise

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