

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

April 12, 2016 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

DVRPC Deputy Executive Director John Ward welcomed new PPTF (NJ) member Ken Boyle and announced that the Board approved all the recommendations that the RTC forwarded to them from the March RTC meeting including the full TMA Assistance Grant Program. The RTC members recommended Board approval of five of the six applications outright and conditional approval of the CPTMA application pending the resolution of a couple work program items. All items were worked out prior to the Board meeting and all parties were comfortable moving forward so the Board approved all six TMA Grant applications.

Mr. Ward reported that on March 15, FHWA released the Final Rule for Safety Performance Measures and the Highway Safety Improvement Program. FHWA also hosted a webinar on April 1 to present the final Rule. Among other things, the Safety Performance Measures Final Rule requires state DOTs and MPOs to set and achieve targets for the number of fatalities and serious injuries, the rate of fatalities and serious injuries, and number of fatalities and serious injuries of non-motorized users on all public roads. The Final Rule for Statewide and Metropolitan Planning is expected to be released this summer. The Notice of Proposed Rulemaking for MAP-21 Congestion & System Performance Measures is expected any day.

Mr. Ward noted that DVRPC has a new web site design and it recently went live. Director of Human Resources, Paul Smith, provided a brief tour of the new web site.

Mr. Ward reported that DVRPC has recently released some new reports including: Greater Philadelphia Future Forces: Technical Report; 2016 Municipal Resource Guide; Safe, Clean, and Green MIT Brochure.

Mr. Ward noted that there is a Delaware Valley Goods Movement Task Force meeting on April 15, Long Rang Plan Outreach Workshops at the Camden County Boathouse April 26; Chester County Historical Society May 2; WHYY May 24, Greater Philadelphia Future Forces - May 3, and a Public Participation Task Force meeting May 5. The next DVRPC Board meeting is April 28.

Mr. Ward reminded RTC members that the next RTC meeting will be taking place on **Tuesday, May 10, 2016.**

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

No public comments were stated.

ACTION ITEMS

4. Highlights of the Meeting of March 8, 2016

The highlights from the March 8, 2016 meeting of the RTC were presented for adoption.

Motion: by Matthew Lawson, seconded by Barbara Holcomb to adopt the highlights for the March 8, 2016 RTC meeting.

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

5. DVRPC Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Actions

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

a. PA15-82: Chestnut Street Bridges, Ramps, (8) at 30th Street, (MPMS #17816), City of Philadelphia – Cost Increase

PennDOT has requested that DVRPC modify the FY2015 TIP for Pennsylvania by increasing the overall cost of Chestnut Street Bridges, Ramps, (8) at 30th Street (MPMS #17816) by \$15,500,000 and by adding pre-construction phases in FY16 and FY18, accordingly: add a Preliminary Engineering phase for \$600,000 in FY16 (\$164,351 (\$131,481 STU/\$32,870 State 185)) and in FY18 (\$435,649 (\$348,519 STU/\$87,130 State 185)); add a FY16 Final Design phase for \$2,100,000 (\$1,680,200 NHPP/\$419,800 State 185); increase the FY16 Right-of-Way phase by \$8,800,000 State 581 funds from \$1,202,000 (\$962,000 NHPP/\$240,000 State 185) to \$10,002,000 (\$962,000 NHPP/\$240,000 State 185/\$8,800,000 State 581); and increase the FY18 Construction phase by \$4,000,000 STU funds from \$38,914,000 (\$28,918,000 NHPP/\$9,996,000 STU) to \$42,914,000 (\$28,918,000 NHPP/\$13,996,000 STU). The project description will also be updated.

Motion: by David Kanthor, seconded by Barbara Holcomb that the RTC recommend the Board approve:

TIP Action PA15-82, PennDOT's request that DVRPC modify the TIP by increasing the overall cost of Chestnut Street Bridges, Ramps, (8) at 30th Street (MPMS #17816) by \$15,500,000 and by adding pre-construction phases in FY16 and FY18, accordingly: add a Preliminary Engineering phase for \$600,000 in FY16 (\$164,351 (\$131,481 STU/\$32,870 State 185)) and in FY18 (\$435,649 (\$348,519 STU/\$87,130 State 185)); add a FY16 Final Design phase for \$2,100,000 (\$1,680,200 NHPP/\$419,800 State 185); increase the FY16 Right-of-Way phase by \$8,800,000 State 581 funds from \$1,202,000 (\$962,000 NHPP/\$240,000 State 185) to \$10,002,000 (\$962,000 NHPP/\$240,000 State 185/\$8,800,000 State 581); and increase the FY18 Construction phase by \$4,000,000 STU funds from \$38,914,000 (\$28,918,000 NHPP/\$9,996,000 STU) to \$42,914,000 (\$28,918,000 NHPP/\$13,996,000 STU). The project description will also be updated.

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

b. PA15-83: Portzer Road at Old Bethlehem Roundabout, (MPMS #49315), Bucks County – Add Project Back into TIP

PennDOT has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2015-2018 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a \$1,625,000 earmark funded project, Portzer Road at Old Bethlehem Roundabout, (MPMS #49315), back into the TIP, for FY16 Preliminary Engineering (\$100,000 SXF), FY18 Final Design (\$50,000 SXF), FY18 Utility (\$100,000 SXF), FY18 Right-of-Way (\$75,000 SXF), and FY19 Construction (\$1,300,000 SXF).

Motion: *by Matt Edmond, seconded by Rich Brahler* that the RTC recommend the Board approve:

TIP Action PA15-83, PennDOT's request that DVRPC amend the TIP by adding a \$1,625,000 earmark funded project, Portzer Road at Old Bethlehem Roundabout, (MPMS #49315), back into the TIP, for FY16 Preliminary Engineering (\$100,000 SXF), FY18 Final Design (\$50,000 SXF), FY18 Utility (\$100,000 SXF), FY18 Right-of-Way (\$75,000 SXF), and FY19 Construction (\$1,300,000 SXF).

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

c. NJ16-019: Route 130, Van Sciver Parkway to Crafts Creek, (DB #12415), Burlington County – Add and Delay Phases

NJDOT has requested that DVRPC modify the FY2016 - 2019 TIP for New Jersey by adding an \$888,000 NHPP funded Right-of-Way phase in FY17 and by delaying the \$12,960,000 NHPP funded Construction phase from FY16 to FY18 (\$6,480,000) and FY19 (\$6,480,000) for the project, Route 130, Van Sciver Parkway to Crafts Creek (DB #12415). The project description will be updated, and title will change to "Route 130, Charleston Road/Cooper Street (CR 630) to Crafts Creek."

Motion: *by Carol Thomas, seconded by Andrew Levecchia* that the RTC recommend the Board approve:

TIP Action NJ16-019, NJDOT's request that DVRPC modify the FY2016 - 2019 TIP for New Jersey by adding an \$888,000 NHPP funded Right-of-Way phase in FY17 and by delaying the \$12,960,000 NHPP funded Construction phase from FY16 to FY18 (\$6,480,000) and FY19 (\$6,480,000) for the project, Route 130, Van Sciver Parkway to Crafts Creek (DB #12415). The project description will be updated, and title will change to "Route 130, Charleston Road/ Cooper Street (CR 630) to Crafts Creek."

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

d. NJ16-020: Route 295/42, Missing Moves, Bellmawr, (DB #355A), Camden County – Cost Increase

NJDOT has requested that DVRPC modify the FY2016 - 2019 TIP for New Jersey by increasing the FY16 Final Design (DES) cost by \$4,459,000 earmark (DEMO) funds from \$5,500,000 to \$9,959,000 DEMO funds for the project, Route 295/42,

Missing Moves, Bellmawr (DB #355A). The DES cost has increased due to updated cost estimates and NJDOT's decision to build the project away from the landfill by shifting the entire alignment on the western side of Route 42 to the east. As a result, the project description will be updated. Construction cost and schedule will not change. The funding source for \$4,459,000 in FY17 Construction will switch from DEMO to NHPP funds.

Motion: *by Barbara Holcomb, seconded by Andrew Levecchia* that the RTC recommend the Board approve:

TIP Action NJ16-020, NJDOT's request that DVRPC modify the FY2016 - 2019 TIP for New Jersey by increasing the FY16 Final Design (DES) cost by \$4,459,000 earmark (DEMO) funds from \$5,500,000 to \$9,959,000 DEMO funds for the project, Route 295/42, Missing Moves, Bellmawr (DB #355A). The project description will be updated, and the funding source for \$4,459,000 in FY17 Construction will switch from DEMO to NHPP funds.

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

e. NJ16-021: Route 70, Route 38 to Cropwell Road, (DB #11338), Burlington and Camden Counties – Cost Increase and Advance ROW Phase

NJDOT has requested that DVRPC modify the FY2016 - 2019 TIP for New Jersey by increasing the FY16 Final Design cost by \$4,100,000 from \$4,000,000 to \$8,100,000 NHPP funds, and by advancing the Right-of-Way (ROW) phase and increasing the ROW cost of the project, Route 70, Route 38 to Cropwell Road (DB #11338), by \$4,900,000 from \$2,000,000 in FY18 to \$6,900,000 NHPP funds in FY17. The project description will also be updated. Cost increases are due to an increase in scope that will require additional ROW acquisition.

Motion: *by Andrew Levecchia, seconded by Matt Lawson* that the RTC recommend the Board approve:

TIP Action NJ16-021, NJDOT's request that DVRPC modify the FY2016 - 2019 TIP for New Jersey by increasing the FY16 Final Design cost by \$4,100,000 from \$4,000,000 to \$8,100,000 NHPP funds, and by advancing the Right-of-Way (ROW) phase and increasing the ROW cost of the project, Route 70, Route 38 to Cropwell Road (DB #11338), by \$4,900,000 from \$2,000,000 in FY18 to \$6,900,000 NHPP funds in FY17. The project description will also be updated.

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

6. Authorization to Open a Public Comment Period for an Amendment to the Connections 2040 Long-Range Plan; Draft FY 2017 TIP for Pennsylvania; and the Draft Conformity Finding of the Connections 2040 Long-Range Plan, FY 2016 TIP for New Jersey, and Draft FY 2017 TIP for Pennsylvania

Sean Greene, DVRPC, explained that staff is requesting authorization to open a minimum 30-day public comment period for the purpose of gathering public and agency comments

on the amendment to the Connections 2040 Long-Range Plan, Draft FY 2017-2020 TIP for Pennsylvania, and the Draft Conformity Determination of the Connections 2040 Long-Range Plan, and FY 2016 TIP for New Jersey, and Draft FY 2017 TIP for Pennsylvania; to issue proper public notifications; to publish the draft documents of the respective Plan and TIPs and conformity findings on the internet; to make copies available at certain public libraries; and to hold public meetings.

Motion: by Rich Brahler, seconded by Jim Mosca that the RTC recommend the Board approve:

Opening a minimum 30-day public comment period for the purpose of gathering public and agency comments on the amendment to the Connections 2040 Long-Range Plan, Draft FY 2017-2020 TIP for Pennsylvania, and the Draft Conformity Determination of the Connections 2040 Long-Range Plan, and FY 2016 TIP for New Jersey, and Draft FY 2017 TIP for Pennsylvania; to issue proper public notifications; to publish the draft documents of the respective Plan and TIPs and conformity findings on the internet; to make copies available at certain public libraries; and to hold public meetings.

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

PRESENTATION ITEMS

7. Trail Access to Wawa Station Feasibility Study

Chris Linn (DVRPC) explained that DVRPC conducted the *Trail Access to Wawa Station* study in partnership with DCPD, SEPTA, Middletown Township and others to investigate the feasibility of developing trail connections between the Chester Creek Trail, the planned Wawa Regional Rail Station, the Franklin Mint Redevelopment Site, Wawa's Corporate Headquarters, the Octoraro rail ROW, and the Rocky Run Trail. Staff will present the preferred option chosen.

8. DVRPC Regional Cyclical Bicycle Count Program Summary, 2014/2015

Cassidy Boulan (DVRPC) shared the outcomes from DVRPC's cyclical bicycle count program, which began in 2014 and is an ongoing effort. Counts taken from 150 regional locations were shared, as well as a program summary, and next steps.

9. Regional bike planning and design: new tools, new initiatives

Greg Krykewycz (DVRPC) updated the RTC on the state of in-street bike improvements throughout the region, including examples of new treatment types constructed or in the pipeline. The RTC was also briefed on a new regional Bicycle Occupancy Permit (BOP) pilot initiative being developed with PennDOT, and an FY2017 Work Program project that will inform future project prioritization.

INFORMATION ITEMS

10. PA Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP)

Joe Banks (DVRPC) explained that the DVRPC Board, at its March meeting, approved set PA TAP applications to be funded through DVRPC's regionally allocated funding. The Board also recommended to PennDOT a set of projects to be funded through PennDOT's statewide competition. The selection process was presented.

11. One Minute Reports

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

12. Old and New Business

13. Meeting Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 12:08 PM.

The next scheduled meeting of the RTC is **Tuesday, May 10, 2016.**

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)
(not represented)
(not represented)
Patrick Patterson
James Mosca
(not represented)
Jonathan Korus
Rich Brahler
Carol Thomas
Andrew Levecchia
Randy Waltermeyer
Tom Shaffer
Jackie Huston
Matthew Lawson
Matthew Edmond
David Kanthor
Nicholas Baker
Angela Dixon
Ed Williams
(not represented)
(not represented)
Barbara Holcomb
Jennifer Adam
(not represented)
Brian McFadden
Ken Boyle
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)
(not represented)
(not represented)
(not represented)
(not represented)
(not represented)
(not represented)
(not represented)
(not represented)
Jacqueline Mandly
(not represented)
(not represented)
(not represented)
(not represented)
Steve Mazur
(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

Jesse Minsky - NJDOT

Bert Cossaboon– McCormick Taylor, Inc.

Mark Roth– McMahan Associates

Bill Comer – Resident of Philadelphia

Sue Herman – Residents for Regional Traffic Solutions, Inc.

Sarah Clark Stuart – Bicycle Coalition

John Boyle – Bicycle Coalition

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