

DELAWARE VALLEY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
REGIONAL TECHNICAL COMMITTEE
May 10, 2016 Revised 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 announced that the Board approved all the recommendations that the RTC forwarded to them from the April RTC meeting.

Mr. Ward reported that on Friday, April 22, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) published in the Federal Register, the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) to propose national performance management measure regulations that will assess the performance of the National Highway System, Freight Movement on the Interstate System, and the CMAQ Program. These Performance Measures were required by MAP-21 and re-stated in the FAST Act. Comments on this proposed Rulemaking are due to the Docket by August 20th but NJ DOT has requested comments by May 16th so that they can incorporate them into the comments that they will submit to AASHTO. We'll also share our comments with PennDOT. Mr. Ward noted that RTC members will hear a presentation later this morning by DVRPC staff on the Performance Measures required by the federal legislation and how DVRPC has been and will continue to respond to the requirements.

Mr. Ward noted that several DVRPC staff were selected in this year's class of Greater Valley Forge TMA's Top TDM Professionals under 40: Karen Cilurso, Mike Ruane, Ryan Gallagher, and Joe Banks. Mr. Ward congratulated the staff members selected.

Mr. Ward reported that DVRPC has recently released some new reports including: a set of reports on municipal energy assessments for select municipalities, 2015-2016 CMP Supplemental Projects Status Memo, Greater Philadelphia Future Forces Executive Summary Report.

Mr. Ward noted that there is a Classic Towns Trolley Tour in Delaware County on May 20, and a Connections 2045 Long-Rang Plan Outreach Workshop at WHYI on May 24. The next DVRPC Board meeting is May 26th.

Mr. Ward reminded RTC members that the next RTC meeting will be taking place on **Tuesday, June 7, 2016.**

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

No public comments were stated.

ACTION ITEMS

4. Highlights of the Meeting of April 12, 2016

The highlights from the April 12, 2016 meeting of the RTC were presented for adoption.

Motion: by Matthew Lawson, seconded by Randy Waltermeyer to adopt the highlights for the April 12, 2016 RTC meeting.

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

5. DVRPC Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Actions

a. PA15-84: Downingtown Train Station Rehabilitation, (MPMS #93586), PennDOT (Chester County) – Add Proposed New Project

This agenda item was originally proposed as an action item but was changed to an information item prior to the meeting because of some uncertainties in the project description. PennDOT coordinated with the appropriate parties and all questions were resolved; however it was still presented as an information item while the project description was being revised and resubmitted. Steve Panko (PennDOT Central Office) presented the information item with the revised project description (below). The RTC members indicated that they were comfortable with the revisions and since they expected that it would be resubmitted to the DVRPC Board as presented, a motion was made to recommend this item to the Board for approval.

A new Downingtown Station will be constructed at a location that is less than half a mile east of the existing station on US 322/ Brandywine Avenue on a section of tangent track in Downingtown Borough, as a result of the Alternative Analysis conducted by PennDOT with Amtrak, SEPTA, and local communities in 2013. The proposed new station will continue to serve Amtrak and SEPTA train service, will be ADA accessible, and will provide 500 foot long high level boarding platforms, approximately 850–950 parking spaces, bicycle and pedestrian access, site lighting and security. The existing station is an enclosed shelter with a low level platform, has 360 parking spaces, and is not ADA accessible. The details of the site configuration will continue to develop as PennDOT purchases the property and works towards the goal of creating a Transit Oriented Development (TOD) as a Public Private Partnership (P3) with a developer to be determined.

The Downingtown Station is a component of the Keystone Corridor rail service between Philadelphia and Harrisburg. Sharing some of the operating characteristics of the Northeast Corridor (NEC) main line, the Amtrak-owned and operated Philadelphia-Harrisburg segment (104 miles) is a mature passenger corridor, with frequent intercity trains (14 Amtrak round trips per average workday, which operate on the NEC beyond Philadelphia to New York from Harrisburg) and SEPTA commuter trains for part of the route between Downingtown and Philadelphia. There are 22 Amtrak stops and 42 SEPTA stops per weekday at the Downingtown Station. Amtrak ridership numbers for the station

are 61,435 riders (FY14-15). This line has multiple tracks, full electrification, and grade separation from the highway grid.

Motion: *by Randy Waltermeyer, seconded by Matthew Edmond* that the RTC conditionally recommend that the Board approve, the project with the revised project description and new map contingent on three changes being requested by Chester County: (1) that structured parking be considered, (2) that transit-oriented development be considered for the station area, and (3) that the plans be revised to remove specific parking spaces and show a general parking area instead.

PA15-84, PennDOT Bureau of Public Transportation Services and Programs' request that DVRPC amend the TIP by adding a new \$75,436,000 project, Downingtown Train Station Rehabilitation, (MPMS #93586), into the TIP, accordingly: \$7,936,000 (\$6,349,000 Section 5337/\$1,587,000 State 341) for Final Design in FY16; \$11,000,000 total for Right-of-Way in FY16 (\$8,250,000 (\$6,600,000 Section 5337/\$1,650,000 State 341) and in FY17 (\$2,750,000 (\$2,200,000 Section 5307/\$550,000 State 341); \$1,500,000 (\$1,200,000 Section 5307/\$300,000 State 341) for Utility in FY17; and a total of \$55,000,000 (\$26,000,000 Section 5337/\$18,000,000 Section 5307/\$11,000,000 State 341) for Construction in FY19. Funds will be provided by PennDOT's Statewide Keystone Corridor Line Item of the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5307/5337 and State 341 funds and are additional funds to the region.

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

b. NJ16-030: Gloucester County Multi-Purpose Trail Extension - Glassboro Elk Trail, (DB #D1203), Gloucester County – Add and Delay Phases

Gloucester County has requested that DVRPC modify the FY2016 - 2019 TIP for New Jersey by adding a \$1,000,000 FY15 STATE-DVRPC funded Right-of-Way (ROW) phase in FY16 and by delaying the \$2,000,000 STATE-DVRPC funded FY16 Construction (CON) phase to FY17. ROW was on the previous FY2014 TIP with the same cost for advancement in FY15, but the project did not encumber ROW funds in time.

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

TIP Action NJ16-030, Gloucester County's request that DVRPC modify the FY2016 - 2019 TIP for New Jersey by adding a \$1,000,000 FY15 STATE-DVRPC funded Right-of-Way (ROW) phase in FY16 and by delaying the \$2,000,000 STATE-DVRPC funded FY16 Construction (CON) phase to FY17.

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

c. NJ16-034: Streetscape Improvements along Clements Bridge Road (NJ 41), Phase 4, (DB #D1603), Barrington Borough (Camden County) – Proposed New Breakout Project

The Borough of Barrington in Camden County has requested that DVRPC amend

the FY2016 - 2019 TIP for New Jersey by adding a new break-out project, Streetscape Improvements along Clements Bridge Road (NJ 41), Phase 4

(DB #D1603), into the TIP for FY16 Construction (CON) with \$180,000 (\$163,000 DEMO/\$17,000 Local). Construction is ready for authorization and further delay in authorization will risk the de-obligation of federal FY2014 TAP funds.

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

TIP Action NJ16-034, the Borough of Barrington's request that DVRPC amend the FY2016 - 2019 TIP for New Jersey by adding a new break-out project, Streetscape Improvements along Clements Bridge Road (NJ 41), Phase 4 (DB #D1603), into the TIP for FY16 Construction (CON) with \$180,000 (\$163,000 DEMO/\$17,000 Local).

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

6. DVRPC Regional Trails Program Grant Awards

Chris Linn, DVRPC, explained that this proposed action is to award grants to 1) the Philadelphia Department of Parks and Recreation to reconstruct the Martin Luther King Drive multi-use trail and 2) Delaware County to design and engineer Phase II of the Chester Creek Trail. Both grant awards were developed in conjunction with their respective county sponsors and received support from the PA County Circuit Working Group. Funding will be provided through DVRPC's William Penn Foundation-funded Regional Trails Program.

Motion: *by Angela Dixon, seconded by Tom Shaffer* that the RTC recommend the Board approve: The two Regional Trails Grant Program awards.

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

7. Appointment of Nominating Committee for FY 2017 DVRPC Regional Technical Committee Officers

John Ward, DVRPC Deputy Executive Director, explained that a Nominating Committee will be selected to solicit candidates for Chairman and Vice Chairman of the RTC for FY2017 (July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017). The Chairman for FY2017 must be a voting member from Pennsylvania, and the Vice Chairman must be a voting member from New Jersey. The Nominating Committee will report these candidates and elections will take place at the June 2016 RTC meeting. The proposed nominating committee was comprised of Ed Williams (City of Camden), Jim Mosca (PennDOT), and Zoe Robertson (SEPTA).

Motion: *by Nicholas Baker, seconded by Richard Brahler* that the RTC approve the appointment of the nominating committee for the FY17 RTC Chairman and Vice Chairman.

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

PRESENTATION ITEMS

8. Traffic Safety Initiatives in the City of Philadelphia

Ema Yamamoto and Charlotte Castle, Philadelphia Streets Department, summarized recent initiatives, both broad and localized, in the City to elevate the importance of traffic safety in 2016 and beyond.

9. SEPTA King of Prussia Rail Project

Elizabeth Smith, SEPTA, presented an update on the King of Prussia Rail Project, a planned extension of the Norristown High Speed Line to King of Prussia. The project recently held a series of public meetings to announce a recommended Locally Preferred Alternative for the project. SEPTA is expected to release the Draft Environmental Impact Statement later this year.

10. MAP-21 Performance Measures

Zoe Neaderland and Brett Fusco, DVRPC, explained that a key feature of MAP-21 was the establishment of a performance- and outcome based program, which will continue under the FAST ACT. The objective of this performance- and outcome-based program is for States and MPOs to invest resources in projects that collectively will make progress toward the achievement of national goals. An overview was provided of the following MAP-21 performance measures which are in various states of rulemaking: pavement and bridge condition, traffic congestion and freight movement, system performance, fatalities and serious injuries, and on-road mobile source emissions for CMAQ-funded projects.

INFORMATION ITEMS

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 11:52 AM.

The next scheduled meeting of the RTC is **Tuesday, June 7, 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)

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

Monica Etz
Ruth Foster
James Requa
(not represented)
Gerard Scharfenberger
(not represented)
(not represented)
James Mosca
(not represented)
Jonathan Korus
Rich Brahler
Carol Thomas
Andrew Levecchia
Randy Waltermeyer
Tom Shaffer
(not represented)
Matthew Lawson
Matthew Edmond
David Kanthor
Nicholas Baker
Angela Dixon
Ed Williams
(not represented)
(not represented)
(not represented)
Jennifer Adam
(not represented)
Zoe Robertson
Ken Boyle
(not represented)

Representative

(not represented)
Kelvin MacKavanagh
(not represented)
Dan Walston
(not represented)
(not represented)
(not represented)
Bill Ragozine
(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

Steve Panko – PennDOT 6-0

Julian Funari – PennDOT 6-0

Elizabeth Smith - SEPTA

Fritz Ohrenschall - SEPTA

John Caperilla – Borton-Lawson

Al Federico – McCormick Taylor

Ema Yamamoto – Philadelphia Streets Department

Charlotte Castle – Philadelphia Streets Department

Bill Comer – Resident of Philadelphia

Sue Herman – Residents for Regional Traffic Solutions, Inc.

Dennis Winters – Clean Air Council

Joe Orth – Greenman Pederson, Inc.

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John Ward

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Sean Greene

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Carrie Sauer

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Dave Anderson

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Kevin Murphy

Elizabeth Schoonmaker

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