



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

May 9, 2017 Meeting Highlights

DVRPC Conference Room, Philadelphia, PA

1. Call to Order - Chairperson's Comments

Monica Etz (Vice Chair, NJDOT) welcomed RTC members and called the meeting to order.

2. Deputy Executive Director's Report

Deputy Executive Director John Ward reported that at their April meeting, the Board approved all the action items that the RTC recommended to them except the Sol Smart Technical Assistance Grant. The RTC approved that recommendation contingent on DVRPC actually receiving the grant. Even though DVRPC was encouraged to apply by the US DOE, we were not selected to receive the grant, therefore that action Item was pulled from the Board Agenda.

Mr. Ward called the RTC's attention to the fact that there was an action that the Board took that did not come through the RTC. The Board voted to revise the DVRPC By-Laws to establish voting procedures in the event of a cancelled Board or Executive Committee meeting. These procedures focus only on action items that would be deemed essential to carry out the immediate business of the Commission. A period of seven days after the cancelled meeting would be made available for public comment and any comments would be sent to the members. A meeting, which would be open to the public, would be scheduled after the seven days and members would be permitted to participate in person or by conference call. Items must be introduced by a proper motion and second and a quorum must exist. The votes will be memorialized in the minutes and presented for adoption at the next regular meeting.

Mr. Ward reported that in accordance with Uniform Guidance 2 CFR 200 related to receipt of federal funds, DVRPC is required to complete a Pre-Award Risk Assessment for subrecipients. A form has been prepared by DVRPC (distributed at the RTC meeting) that must be completed by any entity planning to enter into a subrecipient relationship with DVRPC. The form is intended to collect information about the entity's capacity to manage federal grant funds and must be completed annually by recipients.

Mr. Ward noted that on March 8th, bipartisan legislation to repeal the MPO Coordination Rule passed in the Senate by unanimous consent. On April 27, the U.S. House of Representatives passed legislation 417-3 to repeal the MPO Coordination Rule. House passage was the final step of the legislative process, and the bill now goes to the president for his signature.

Mr. Ward noted that there are some recent publications available, including: Transportation Strategies Every Municipality Should Consider - prepared for the Central Jersey Task Force, Environmental Resource Inventory for Lawrence Township, Mercer County, 2016-2017 CMP Supplemental Projects Status Memorandum, Networking Transportation, Building on our Strengths Evaluating Transit-Oriented Development Opportunities in Greater Philadelphia, and the Philadelphia Delivery Handbook.

Mr. Ward reminded the RTC that the DVRPC Board Meeting will take place on May 25; there is a Classic Towns Trolley Tour on May 19, a Public Participation Task Force meeting May 23, an IREG meeting June 7, and a Transportation Operations Task Force meeting June 12.

The next RTC Meeting is **Tuesday, June 13, 2017.**

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

No public comments were stated.

ACTION ITEMS

4. Highlights of the Meeting of April 11, 2017

The highlights from the April 11, 2017 meeting of the RTC were presented for adoption.

Motion: *by Jim Mosca, seconded by Barbara Holcomb* that the RTC adopt the minutes of February 14, 2017

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

5. DVRPC Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Actions

a. PA17-37: I-95, Columbia Avenue to Ann Street (GR1), City of Philadelphia, (MPMS #79686) – Add UTL and ROW Phases Back into the TIP

PennDOT has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2017 – 2020 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding UTL and ROW phases back into the TIP for the I-95, Columbia Avenue to Ann Street (GR1) project, MPMS #79686 in the total amount of \$12,100,000, including an FY17 UTL phase (\$3,600,000 NHPP/Toll Credit Match), FY17 ROW phase (\$4,250,000 NHPP/Toll Credit Match), and FY18 ROW phase (\$4,250,000 NHPP/Toll Credit Match).

Motion: *by Christopher Puchalsky, seconded by Matt Edmond* that the RTC recommend the Board approve:

TIP Action PA17-37, PennDOT's request that DVRPC amend the FY2017 – 2020 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding UTL and ROW phases back into the TIP for the I-95, Columbia Avenue to Ann Street (GR1) project, MPMS #79686 in the total amount of \$12,100,000, including an FY17 UTL phase (\$3,600,000 NHPP/Toll Credit Match), FY17 ROW phase (\$4,250,000 NHPP/Toll Credit Match), and FY18 ROW phase (\$4,250,000

NHPP/Toll Credit Match).

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

b. PA17-38: Holme Avenue over Wooden Bridge Run, (MPMS #107508), City of Philadelphia – Federalize Project

PennDOT has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2017 – 2020 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a new \$50,000 (BOF/Toll Credit Match) FY17 FD phase to the Holme Avenue over Wooden Bridge Run project, MPMS #107508, in order to federalize the project.

Motion: by *Jim Mosca*, seconded by *Chris Puchalsky* that the RTC recommend the Board approve:

TIP action PA17-38, PennDOT's request that DVRPC amend the FY2017 – 2020 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a new \$50,000 (BOF/Toll Credit Match) FY17 FD phase to the Holme Avenue over Wooden Bridge Run project, MPMS #107508, in order to federalize the project.

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

c. PA17-39: River Road at Golden Pheasant over Delaware Canal (MPMS #86244), Bucks County – Add New Project to the TIP

PennDOT has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2017 – 2020 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a new \$6,480,000 bridge project, River Road at Golden Pheasant over Delaware Canal, MPMS #86244 to the TIP for PE (\$680,000 STP/\$170,000 State 185) in FY18; FD (\$570,000 State 185) in FY19; UTL (\$110,000 State 185) in FY 19; ROW (\$98,000 State 185) in FY19, (\$118,000 State 185) in FY20, and (\$34,000 State 185) in FY21; and CON (\$4,700,000 State 185) in FY25.

Motion: by *Rich Brahler*, seconded by *Barbara Holcomb* that the RTC recommend the Board approve:

TIP Action PA17-39, PennDOT's request that DVRPC amend the FY2017 – 2020 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a new \$6,480,000 bridge project, River Road at Golden Pheasant over Delaware Canal, MPMS #86244 to the TIP for PE (\$680,000 STP/\$170,000 State 185) in FY18; FD (\$570,000 State 185) in FY19; UTL (\$110,000 State 185) in FY 19; ROW (\$98,000 State 185) in FY19, (\$118,000 State 185) in FY20, and (\$34,000 State 185) in FY21; and CON (\$4,700,000 State 185) in FY25.

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

d. NJ16-126: CR 555 (Main Road), Cumberland County line to Route 40 (Harding Highway), (DB #D1711), Gloucester County - Add New Project to the TIP

Gloucester County has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2016 - 2019 TIP for

New Jersey by adding a new \$2,500,000 STP-STU funded project, CR 555 (Main Road), Cumberland County line to Route 40 (Harding Highway), DB #D1711, to the TIP for FY17 construction. These are additional funds to the region as NJDOT will provide the DVRPC region additional obligation authority for this FY17.

e. NJ16-127: Berlin Road (CR 702), Linden Avenue to Gibbsboro Road, (DB #D1712), Camden County (Lindenwold Borough) - Add New Project to the TIP

Lindenwold Borough of Camden County has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2016 - 2019 TIP for New Jersey by adding a new \$471,000 TAPR funded project, Berlin Road (CR 702), Linden Avenue to Gibbsboro Road, DB #D1712, to the TIP for FY17 construction. These are additional funds to the region as NJDOT will provide the DVRPC region additional obligation authority for this FY17.

f. NJ16-128: Arney's Mount Trail, Phase 1, (DB #D1713), Burlington County – Add New Project to the TIP

Burlington County has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2016 - 2019 TIP for New Jersey by adding a new \$3,000,000 TAPR funded project, Arney's Mount Trail, Phase 1, DB #D1713, to the TIP for FY17 construction. These are additional funds to the region as NJDOT will provide the DVRPC region additional obligation authority for this FY17.

Motion: by *Carol Thomas*, seconded by *June Morton* that the RTC recommend the Board approve:

TIP Action NJ16-126, Gloucester County's request that DVRPC amend the FY2016 - 2019 TIP for New Jersey by adding a new \$2,500,000 STP-STU funded project, CR 555 (Main Road), Cumberland County line to Route 40 (Harding Highway), DB #D1711, to the TIP for FY17 construction.

TIP Action NJ16-127, Lindenwold Borough's request that DVRPC amend the FY2016 - 2019 TIP for New Jersey by adding a new \$471,000 TAPR funded project, Berlin Road (CR 702), Linden Avenue to Gibbsboro Road, DB #D1712, to the TIP for FY17 construction.

TIP Action NJ16-128, Burlington County's request that DVRPC amend the FY2016 - 2019 TIP for New Jersey by adding a new \$3,000,000 TAPR funded project, Arney's Mount Trail, Phase 1, DB #D1713, to the TIP for FY17 construction.

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

6. Fiscal Year 2018 Planning Work Program Amendment

a. 30th Street Station Traffic Forecasts

Matt Gates, DVRPC, explained that this project will enable DVRPC to provide traffic forecasts to PennDOT and their consultants to support a feasibility study of relocating the I-76 Eastbound off-ramp to 30th Street and Arch Street and provide two-way traffic circulation around 30th Street Station.

Motion by: *Chris Puchalsky, seconded by Rich Brahler* that the RTC recommend the Board amend:

DVRPC's FY18 UPWP to include *30th Street Station Traffic Forecasts*.

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

7. Federal Functional Classification Changes, Chester and Montgomery Counties

Matt Gates, DVRPC, explained that two technical edits will remove facilities from the Federal Functional Classification System. The French Creek Parkway was added to the system in anticipation of its construction, but is no longer an active project. Also, Evans Road in Montgomery Twp is no longer a township maintained road and is closed to through traffic.

Motion by: *Matt Lawson, seconded by Barbara Holcomb* that the RTC recommend the Board approve:

The federal functional classification changes in Chester and Montgomery Counties.

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

8. FY18 Funding Adjustment for PA TMAs and MAP Contractors

Patty Elkis, DVRPC, explained that the PA TMA Policy Committee is re-examining TMA and MAP Contractor work program tasks, performance measures and funding given the lack of change in core CMAQ funding for over ten years. This process is taking place over the next six months to propose adjustments for the next two-year, FY19-20 work programs. To recognize the more immediate need, a one-year interim solution for FY18 only is proposed for approval - \$170,000 in CMAQ funds allocated as: \$26,000 to each of the five suburban TMAs; \$11,500 to CPTMA, \$12,000 to SEPTA's MAP program, and \$16,500 to Clean Air Council's MAP program. Receipt of up to these amounts of CMAQ funding is relative to each entity's ability to provide the 20% local match.

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

The TMA Policy Committee's one-year interim solution for funding adjustments for the time period 7/1/17 – 6/30/18; and to modify the Pennsylvania TIP (TIP Action PA17-41) by increasing the Mobility Alternatives Program (MAP)/Share a Ride (SAR) program – MPMS #17900 by \$35,625 (\$28,500 CMAQ/\$7,125 Local) and increasing the Transportation Management Associations (TMA) – MPMS #48199 by \$176,875 (\$141,500 CMAQ/\$35,375 Local) in FY17

9. Appointment of Nominating Committee for FY2018 DVRPC Regional Technical Committee Officers

John Ward, DVRPC, explained that a Nominating Committee has been selected to solicit candidates for Chairman and Vice Chairman of the RTC for FY2018 (July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018). The Chairman for FY2018 must be a voting member from New Jersey, and the Vice Chairman must be a voting member from Pennsylvania. The Nominating Committee will report these candidates and elections will take place at the June 2017 RTC meeting. The proposed nominating committee was comprised of Matt Lawson (Mercer County) and Tom Shaffer (Delaware County).

Motion: by *June Morton*, seconded by *Chris Puchalsky* that the RTC approve the appointment of the nominating committee for the FY18 RTC Chairman and Vice Chairman.

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

PRESENTATION ITEMS

10. Travel Trends Update

Brad Lane, DVRPC, explained that this report assesses trends in auto vehicle trips and transit passenger trips in the Delaware Valley region. Data collected in 2015 is compared to the years 2000, 2005, and 2010.

INFORMATION ITEMS

11. DVRPC's Travel Model Update Plans

Matt Gates, DVRPC, explained that DVRPC has convened a steering committee to help us plan and prioritize enhancements to our Travel Demand Model and develop other travel tools and data over the next 5 to 10 years. Some of the tools under consideration, and the feedback received from the steering committee so far, were presented, along with an opportunity for RTC members and other planning partners to provide input and comment.

12. One Minute Reports

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

13. Old and New Business

14. Meeting Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 11:55 AM.

The next scheduled meeting of the RTC is **Tuesday, June 13, 2017.**

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 – OTIS
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
Public Participation Task Force

Representative

Monica Etz
Ruth Foster
(not represented)
(not represented)
Gerard Scharfenberger
(not represented)
(not represented)
Jim Mosca
(not represented)
Jonathan Korus
Rich Brahler
Carol Thomas
(not represented)
Brian Styche
Karen Whitaker
Jackie Huston
Matthew Lawson
Matthew Edmond
David Kanthor
Nathan Powers
Chris Puchalsky
June Morton
Peter Rykard
(not represented)
Barbara Holcomb
Jennifer Adam
(not represented)
Zoe Robertson
Ken Boyle
(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 MacKavanaugh
(not represented)
(not represented)
(not represented)
(not represented)
(not represented)
(not represented)
Bill Ragozine
Cecile Charlton
(not represented)
Jacqueline Mandly
(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

David Caulfield – NJDEP
Joe Romano – Larson Design Group
Joe Orth - GPI
Sue Herman – Residents for Regional Traffic Solutions
Bill Comer – SEPTA CAC

DVRPC Staff

John Ward
Patty Elkis
Tom McGovern
Van Doan
Elizabeth Schoonmaker
Kwan Hui
Rick Murphy
Jesse Buerk
Alison Hastings
Elise Turner
Matt Gates
Brad Lane
Greg Krykewycz
Tom Keenan
Ken Peters
Najah Jackson
Renee Wise

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