



DELAWARE VALLEY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
REGIONAL TECHNICAL COMMITTEE
July 11, 2017 Meeting Highlights
DVRPC Conference Room, Philadelphia, PA

1. Call to Order - Chairperson's Comments

Monica Etz (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 June meeting, the Board approved all the action items that the RTC recommended to them. Additionally, the Board elected their Officers for FY18; Chair - NJ DOT, Vice Chair - City of Philadelphia, Secretary - Gloucester County, and for Treasurer - PA Governor's Appointee.

Mr. Ward reminded RTC members about the Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Program (Regional and Statewide) for Pennsylvania Counties. The application period runs from July 10th to September 22nd. This round of funding is expected to make more than \$11M available for the DVRPC Region and up to \$55M for the PennDOT Statewide program. Other than the name change, the TA Set-Aside is largely unchanged from the previous TAP. One notable change is that nonprofit organizations that oversee the administration of local transportation safety programs are now eligible project sponsors. One other new thing about the program is that project applicants must meet with a DVRPC project manager by September 1st in order to submit an application and they must notify their County Representatives. Potential applicants should start by logging on to the PennDOT webinar on Thursday and reaching out to DVRPC's Joe Banks, or Katrina Lawrence. Applicants should go to our web site to get the webinar information, a listing of County reps. and to request a meeting with DVRPC staff.

Mr. Ward noted that this year's Board Retreat will be held on September 28th at the Camden Aquarium and will have a focus on Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) development. DVRPC's Patty Elkins is scheduling outreach meetings for the Counties and Cities to begin the discussions around potential project ideas for the FY19 UPWP.

Mr. Ward called the RTC's attention to the fact that there is an adjustment to the schedule for LRP, Conformity, and NJ TIP adoption. Adoption has been pushed back to October and DVRPC is working with our partners at NJDOT and FHWA to address any issues. The public comment period for the NJ TIP will run from August 14 to September 15 and public commenting for the LRP and Conformity will run from September 1 to October 2.

Mr. Ward reported that thanks to Najah Jackson and Renee Wise the RTC member handbook has been updated and is available for RTC members.

Mr. Ward noted that there are some recent publications available, including: Mount Holly Township Municipal Public Access Plan, City of Chester Green Stormwater Infrastructure Plan, and Municipal Statistics for Southeastern PA - Analytical Data Report 025.

Mr. Ward reminded the RTC that the **Downtown Delivery Symposium** will take place on July 12, the Public Participation Task Force is on July 12, the Healthy Communities Task Force Meeting is on July 14, the Regional Safety Task Force is July 25, the DVRPC Board Meeting is July 27, Public Participation Task Force meets again on August 24, there is an Information Session For LRP, NJ TIP & Air Quality Conformity on August 29, and there is an NTI training - Ridership Forecasting with STOPS for Transit Planning September 6-8.

The next RTC Meeting is **Tuesday, September 12, 2017.**

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

No public comments were stated.

ACTION ITEMS

4. Highlights of the Meeting of June 13, 2017

The highlights from the June 13, 2017 meeting of the RTC were presented for adoption.

Motion: by Jim Mosca, seconded by Matt Lawson that the RTC adopt the minutes of June 13, 2017

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

5. DVRPC Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Actions

a. PA17-48: US 422, Resurfacing (PM2), (MPMS #86924), Montgomery County –Cost Increase

Rick Murphy, DVRPC, explained that PennDOT has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2017 – 2020 TIP for Pennsylvania by funding a construction cost increase to the US 422, Resurfacing (PM2) project, MPMS #86924, in the total amount of \$6,000,000 (\$564,000 STU additional to FY17 CON and \$5,436,000 STU additional to FY20 CON). This would increase the total estimated cost for the project to \$16,613,000.

Motion: by Crystal Gilchrist, seconded by Bill Deguffroy that the RTC recommend the Board approve:

TIP Action PA17-48, PennDOT's request that DVRPC amend the FY2017 – 2020 TIP for Pennsylvania by funding a construction cost increase to the US 422, Resurfacing (PM2) project, MPMS #86924, in the total amount of \$6,000,000 (\$564,000 STU additional to FY17 CON and \$5,436,000 STU additional to FY20 CON).

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

b. PA17-49: American Street Streetscape (TIGER), (MPMS #70243), City of Philadelphia – Cost Increase

Rick Murphy, DVRPC, explained that the City of Philadelphia has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2017 – 2020 TIP for Pennsylvania by funding a construction cost increase to the American Street Streetscape (TIGER) project, MPMS #70243, in the total amount of \$12,621,000 (\$4,079,000 STU/\$3,444,000 Local funds additional to FY18 CON and \$4,079,000 STU/\$1,019,000 Local funds additional to FY20 CON). This would increase the total estimated cost for the project to \$32,584,000. Funding for this project leverages a \$5,000,000 Federal TIGER grant, \$17,055,000 in additional Federal funds, and \$10,529,000 of local funding from the City of Philadelphia.

Motion: by *Angie Dixon*, seconded by *Matt Lawson* that the RTC recommend the Board approve:

TIP Action PA17-49, the City of Philadelphia's request that DVRPC amend the FY2017 – 2020 TIP for Pennsylvania by funding a construction cost increase to the American Street Streetscape (TIGER) project, MPMS #70243, in the total amount of \$12,621,000 (\$4,079,000 STU/\$3,444,000 Local funds additional to FY18 CON and \$4,079,000 STU/\$1,019,000 Local funds additional to FY20 CON).

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

6. DVRPC Regional Trails Program New Jersey Grant Awards

Shawn Megill-Legendre, DVRPC, explained that the following Circuit Trail projects were developed in conjunction with their respective county planning partners and local sponsors. Funding has been proposed to study and/or design the following projects through DVRPC's Regional Trails Program with support from the William Penn Foundation. Pending approval, grants will be issued for the following projects:

1. Riverbirch Trail (design), Cooper's Ferry Partnership – \$50,000
2. Union Transportation Trail – East Windsor Township Segment (study and preliminary engineering), East Windsor Township – \$135,000
3. Lawrence Hopewell Trail – Dyson Tract Segment (alternatives analysis), Lawrence Township – \$15,600

In total, \$200,600 will be granted to three projects.

Motion by: *June Morton*, seconded by *Matt Lawson* that the RTC recommend the Board approve:

These three Regional Trails Program Grant awards

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

PRESENTATION ITEMS

7. DVRPC's Regional Sidewalk Inventory Project

Kim Korejko, DVRPC, explained that to assist with planning efforts to help communities in the region become more pedestrian-friendly and accessible, DVRPC is developing a new regional sidewalk inventory and an online platform for a shared regional conversation on local and regional walkability. The activities that are planned for this project were

presented and the RTC was informed on how they can become involved in the process for this ambitious project.

8. Analysis Approaches for Vision Zero Philadelphia

Kevin Murphy and Marco Gorini, DVRPC, explained that by way of the Crash Analysis Standards and Recommendations work program project DVRPC staff conducted research and interviews with Vision Zero peer cities from the U.S. and abroad seeking data analysis methodologies to inform Philadelphia's high injury network. Findings and examples of the recommended approach were presented.

9. City of Chester Green Stormwater Infrastructure Plan

Chris Linn, DVRPC, explained that the Chester City Green Stormwater Infrastructure (GSI) Plan provides a framework for using GSI to infiltrate stormwater, reduce volume and flooding, protect water quality, and continue building a vibrant and resilient City of Chester. It is designed to assist city officials, decision-makers, community groups and residents of Chester City in better dealing with excess rainwater and stormwater runoff through the use of GSI techniques

10. DVRPC Transit Planning Program Update and FY2018 Preview

Greg Krykewycz, DVRPC, provided an update on the ongoing transit studies, including station area planning coordination with PennDOT for Keystone Line stations, and previewed new FY2018 work that will be of regional interest, such as the multi-phase Regional Transit Priority Setting project.

INFORMATION ITEMS

11. DVRPC's FY18 Planning Work Program is Now On-Line

John Griffies, DVRPC, walked RTC members through accessing the Programs, Projects and other sections of the Planning Work Program.

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 12:06 PM.

The next scheduled meeting of the RTC is [Tuesday, September 12, 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
David Caulfield
(not represented)
(not represented)
Gerard Scharfenberger
(not represented)
(not represented)
Jim Mosca
(not represented)
Jonathan Korus
Rich Brahler
Carol Thomas
Andrew Levecchia
Bill Deguffroy
Karen Whitaker
(not represented)
Matthew Lawson
Crystal Gilchrist
David Kanthor
Nathan Powers
Angie Dixon
June Morton
Peter Rykard
(not represented)
Barbara Holcomb
Jennifer Adam
(not represented)
Zoe Robertson
Brian Traylor
Lennox Hyman

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
US Department of Housing and Urban Development

(not represented)
(not represented)

Other Member Representatives and Guests

Stephen Fowler – NJDOT
Jill Marie – HDR
Lauren Van Meter – HDR
Mark Remsa - Burlington County
Al Federico – Kimley Horn
Fran O'Brien – McCormick- Taylor
Bill Comer – SEPTA CAC

DVRPC Staff

John Ward
Patty Elkis
Kwan Hui
Rick Murphy
Jesse Buerk
Chris Linn
Karin Morris
Shawn Megill-Legendre
Betsy Mastaglio
Kim Korejko
John Griffies
Mike Boyer
Marco Gorini
Kevin Murphy
Shoshana Akins
Thom Stead
Amy Bernknopf
Carrie Sauer
Will Stevens
Alison Hastings
Elise Turner
Greg Krykewycz
Tom Keenan
Ken Peters
Najah Jackson
Renee Wise

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