



**DELAWARE VALLEY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION**  
**REGIONAL TECHNICAL COMMITTEE**  
**November 14, 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 October meeting, the Board approved all the action items that the RTC recommended to them including three critical documents that DVRPC is required to produce: Air Quality Conformity Analysis, the Long-Range Plan and the NJ TIP. DVRPC has been asked by FHWA to host a day-and-a-half-long Transportation Performance Management (TPM) Workshop on November 29 and 30. The workshop is designed to facilitate the development of performance-based planning and programming. FHWA has developed new technical assistance tools for State DOTs, MPOs, and transit operators that can be used to develop strategies to institutionalize TPM within their organizations. MAP-21 and the FAST Act established a set of performance measures in areas such as safety, congestion, system reliability, freight movement, and transportation asset condition for pavement, bridge and transit assets. State DOT's and MPO's are required to set targets for each of those measures to show how their planning and programming processes would result in investments that would allow their systems to perform at desirable levels. In January, Staff will be bringing to the RTC and Board a recommendation to set our Safety PM targets to be consistent with our state DOT's. Another requirement is the inclusion of the PM and targets in TIPs and LRPs. That requirement kicks in later this year so the PA TIP update will need to address this issue.

Mr. Ward updated the RTC on a big highway construction project that will have a significant impact on both states; the PA Turnpike/I-95 Interchange. Upon the completion of the Interchange, there will be for the first time, a direct connection between these two highways. The interchange should be open to traffic about this time next year. One of the impacts to both states will be the interstate numbering designations of the effected roadways. I-95 in Pennsylvania will be routed up to the new Interchange with I-276 (PA Turnpike), It will go east through the new interchange and along the PA Turnpike, across the Delaware River Bridge of the NJ Turnpike Connector to New Jersey. I-95 will continue east along the connector to NJ Turnpike Exit 6 and then north along the NJ Turnpike; so I-276 will no longer exist east of this interchange. The existing portion of I-95 north of the PA Turnpike will be re-designated as I-295 East/West up to the PA/NJ State Line (Scudder Falls bridge). Then I-295 E/W will change to I-295 North/South and serve as an extension of existing I-295 North/South in New Jersey that runs down to the Delaware Memorial Bridge. Mr. Ward noted that he wanted to remind RTC members of this because tomorrow DVRPC has been invited to a meeting with the PA Turnpike, NJ

Turnpike, NJ DOT, and many others to begin to discuss the execution of their re-designation signing plans and to determine the key messages and schedule of information that will be disseminated to the public.

Mr. Ward called the RTC's attention to some upcoming meetings including: Regional Safety Task Force November 28, DVRPC Board December 6, Transportation Operations Task Force December 11, Information Resources Exchange Group December 13, Public Participation Task Force December 14, and Regional Aviation Committee December 21.

Mr. Ward noted that the next RTC meeting is on **Tuesday, January 9, 2018.**

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

No public comments were stated.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

### **4. Highlights of the Meeting of October 10, 2017**

The highlights from the October 10, 2017 meeting of the RTC were presented for adoption.

*Motion: by Matt Lawson, seconded by Jim Mosca that the RTC adopt the minutes of October 10, 2017*

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

### **5. DVRPC Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Actions**

#### **a. PA17-62: King Road Bridge over Herkaken Creek (County Bridge #54), (MPMS #110091), Bucks County – Add New Project to the TIP**

Kwan Hui, DVRPC, explained that Bucks County has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2017 – 2020 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a new \$2,000,000 sSTP funded bridge project, King Road Bridge over Herkaken Creek (County Bridge #54), (MPMS #110091) to the TIP for PE (\$300,000 sSTP) in FY18; FD (\$300,000 sSTP) in FY19; UTL (\$20,000 sSTP) in FY 20; ROW (\$30,000 sSTP) in FY20; and CON (\$1,350,000 sSTP) in FY21. These are additional funds to the DVRPC region made available by PennDOT to PA counties that implemented the new \$5 Registration Fee that was a component of the PA Act 89 funding structure (described further below). PennDOT has offered flexibility for this new funding mechanism by allowing the local match to be provided via the county funding provided for the County bridge project that is being advanced with the \$5 Registration Fee revenues. Bucks County has already begun using revenues collected from the \$5 registration fee to fund several county bridges, including the Valley Park Road Bridge in Plumstead Township, the Church Road Bridge in Haycock Township, the North 4<sup>th</sup> Street Bridge in Quakertown Borough, the Woodhill Road Bridge in Upper Makefield Township, and the Hill Road Bridge in East Rockhill Township as their match projects. The combined total cost of these bridges exceeds \$2,500,000 which more than meets the fifty percent match requirement.

Motion: by *Rich Brahler*, seconded by *Tom Shaffer* that the RTC recommend the Board approve:

TIP Action PA17-62, Bucks County's request that DVRPC amend the FY2017 – 2020 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a new \$2,000,000 sSTP funded bridge project, King Road Bridge over Herkaken Creek (County Bridge #54), (MPMS #110091) to the TIP for PE (\$300,000 sSTP) in FY18; FD (\$300,000 sSTP) in FY19; UTL (\$20,000 sSTP) in FY 20; ROW (\$30,000 sSTP) in FY20; and CON (\$1,350,000 sSTP) in FY21.

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

**b. PA17-63: Masonry Stone Arch Bridges – Group T, (MPMS #104794), Various Counties – Add New Project to the TIP**

Kwan Hui, DVRPC, explained that PennDOT has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2017 – 2020 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a new district-wide group of five structurally deficient (SD) and two non-SD bridges in Chester, Delaware, Montgomery, and Philadelphia counties in the total amount of \$10,150,000 including a \$150,000 State 185 funded FD phase in FY17, and a \$10,000,000 CON phase (\$2,500,000 STP/\$2,000,000 STU/\$1,125,000 State 185 in FY18 and \$3,000,000 STU/\$500,000 STP/\$875,000 State 185 in FY19).

Motion: by *Jim Mosca*, seconded by *Jonathan Korus* that the RTC recommend the Board approve:

TIP Action PA17-63, PennDOT's request that DVRPC amend the FY2017 – 2020 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a new district-wide group of five structurally deficient (SD) and two non-SD bridges in Chester, Delaware, Montgomery, and Philadelphia counties in the total amount of \$10,150,000 including a \$150,000 State 185 funded FD phase in FY17, and a \$10,000,000 CON phase (\$2,500,000 STP/\$2,000,000 STU/\$1,125,000 State 185 in FY18 and \$3,000,000 STU/\$500,000 STP/\$875,000 State 185 in FY19).

- Mansion Road over the South Branch of French Creek;
- Bryn Mawr Avenue over a Branch of Meadow Brook Creek;
- Bryn Mawr Avenue over Meadow Brook Creek;
- Byberry Road over Southampton Creek;
- Greenwood Avenue over a Branch of Rock Creek;
- Eagleville Road over Eagleville Run; and
- Frankford Avenue over Pennypack Creek.

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

**c. PA17-64: Comprehensive ATMS of I-76 Parallel Arterial Corridors Design Support Agreements (Green Light-Go), (MPMS #109843 & #109844), City of Philadelphia & Montgomery County – Add New Projects to the TIP**

Kwan Hui, DVRPC, explained that PennDOT has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2017 – 2020 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding two new Green Light-Go projects, Comprehensive ATMS of I-76 Parallel Arterial Corridors Design Support Agreements, in the total amount of \$3,000,000 State Appropriations 073 (Green Light-Go). \$1,500,000 for the PE phase in FY18 in the City of Philadelphia (MPMS #109843) and \$1,500,000 for the

PE phase in FY18 in Montgomery County (MPMS #109844). These are additional funds to the region.

**d. PA17-65: District 6 TSMO Support Contract (Green Light-Go), (MPMS# 109842), Various Counties – Add New Project to the TIP**

Kwan Hui, DVRPC explained that PennDOT has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2017 – 2020 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a new Green Light-Go project in the amount of \$2,000,000 State Appropriations 073 (Green Light-Go) for the PE phase in FY18, District 6 TSMO Support Contract – MPMS #109842. These are additional funds to the region.

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

TIP Action PA17-64, PennDOT's request that DVRPC amend the FY2017 – 2020 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding two new Green Light-Go projects, Comprehensive ATMS of I-76 Parallel Arterial Corridors Design Support Agreements, in the total amount of \$3,000,000 State Appropriations 073 (Green Light-Go). \$1,500,000 for the PE phase in FY18 in the City of Philadelphia (MPMS #109843) and \$1,500,000 for the PE phase in FY18 in Montgomery County (MPMS #109844). These are additional funds to the region.

and

TIP Action PA17-65, PennDOT's request that DVRPC amend the FY2017 – 2020 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a new Green Light-Go project in the amount of \$2,000,000 State Appropriations 073 (Green Light-Go) for the PE phase in FY18, District 6 TSMO Support Contract – MPMS #109842. These are additional funds to the region.

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

**e. PA17-66: I-76, Regional Travel Information, (MPMS #80093), Various Counties – Cost Increase**

Kwan Hui, DVRPC, explained that PennDOT has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2017 – 2020 TIP for Pennsylvania by increasing the CON phase of the I-76, Regional Travel Information, (MPMS #80093), by \$8,529,000 and programming the increased amounts as follows: FY18: \$3,108,000 NHPP/\$2,402,000 STU/\$1,377,000 State 581; FY19: \$716,000 NHPP/\$598,000 STP/\$328,000 State 581.

**f. PA17-67: US 202, Township Line Road to Morris Road (61N), (MPMS #63490), Montgomery County - Cost Increase**

Kwan Hui, DVRPC, explained that PennDOT has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2017 – 2020 TIP for Pennsylvania by increasing the UTL phase of the US 202, Township Line Road to Morris Road (61N) project, (MPMS #63490), by \$9,649,000 and programming the increased amounts as follows: FY19: \$5,000,000 NHPP/\$1,250,000 State 581; FY20: \$2,719,000 NHPP/\$680,000 State 581.

Motion: by *Jonathan Korus*, seconded by *Matt Edmond* that the RTC recommend the Board approve:

TIP Action PA17-66, PennDOT's request that DVRPC amend the FY2017 – 2020 TIP for Pennsylvania by increasing the CON phase of the I-76, Regional Travel Information, (MPMS #80093), by \$8,529,000 and programming the increased amounts as follows: FY18: \$3,108,000 NHPP/\$2,402,000 STU/\$1,377,000 State 581; FY19: \$716,000 NHPP/\$598,000 STP/\$328,000 State 581.

and

TIP Action PA17-67, PennDOT's request that DVRPC amend the FY2017 – 2020 TIP for Pennsylvania by increasing the UTL phase of the US 202, Township Line Road to Morris Road (61N) project, (MPMS #63490), by \$9,649,000 and programming the increased amounts as follows: FY19: \$5,000,000 NHPP/\$1,250,000 State 581; FY20: \$2,719,000 NHPP/\$680,000 State 581.

**g. PA17-68: Bridge Replacement Brownsville Road, (MPMS #78516), Bucks County – Add FD Back into the TIP**

Kwan Hui, DVRPC, explained that PennDOT has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2017 – 2020 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding the Final Design (FD) phase back into the TIP in the amount of \$1,400,000 by programming \$700,000 State 185 in FY18 and \$700,000 State 185 in FY19.

Motion: by *Rich Brahler*, seconded by *Brian Styche* that the RTC recommend the Board approve:

TIP Action PA17-68, PennDOT's request that DVRPC amend the FY2017 – 2020 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding the Final Design (FD) phase back into the TIP in the amount of \$1,400,000 by programming \$700,000 State 185 in FY18 and \$700,000 State 185 in FY19.

**6. Fiscal Year 2018 Planning Work Program Amendments**

**a. Regional Trails Program Capital Funding Grant**

Chris Linn, DVRPC, explained that on November 2, 2017 the William Penn Foundation Board approved a grant of \$6.6 million dollars to DVRPC to replenish the Regional Trails Program's capital fund. This funding will be used to support the planning, design and construction of Circuit Trail projects throughout the 9-county region. Through this project, DVRPC will continue to work with county staff and Circuit Coalition partners to prepare Circuit Trail concepts for design and construction funding over a three-year period beginning in January 2018. The program will focus on working with DVRPC's member governments to leverage Regional Trails Program dollars with federal, state and local funds to complete construction of the 800-mile Circuit Trails network.

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



The DVRPC FY 2018 Work Program to include the *Regional Trails Program Capital Funding Grant*.

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

**b. Delaware River Watershed Initiative Data/GIS Work Group**

Christina Arlt, DVRPC, explained that this Work Program Amendment will allow DVRPC staff to convene a Data/GIS/Modeling group to prioritize data needs, share knowledge, expand capacity and collaborate to provide technical mapping, modeling, and spatial analyst assistance to support the Delaware River Watershed Initiative (DRWI). This work will be funded by a grant from the William Penn Foundation in the amount of \$275,000

Motion by: *Matt Lawson, seconded by Tom Shaffer* that the RTC recommend the Board amend:

The DVRPC FY 2018 Work Program to include the *Delaware River Watershed Initiative Data/GIS Work Group*.

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

**PRESENTATION ITEMS**

**7. The Transportation Demand Management (TDM) Plan for the Fort Washington Office Park**

Rob Henry and Ashley Nuckles of the Greater Valley Forge TMA, explained this TCDI grant program funded project. The TDM Plan looks to enhance multi-modal transportation as a revitalization/modernization effort within the Fort Washington Office Park in Upper Dublin Township. Discussion centered on mechanisms used to develop the Plan and recommendations for encouraging the use of alternative modes of transportation and behavioral change amongst employees and future residents.

**8. New Jersey Statewide Freight Plan**

Stephen Chiaramonte, WSP, explained that NJDOT has developed a FAST Act-compliant Statewide Freight Plan that builds upon previously completed work, identifying discrete projects that will serve as a blueprint for future transportation investments. A high-level summary of the plan included discussion of inclusive stakeholder outreach, network performance, and priority project locations.

**9. MIT#30: Age-Friendly Communities**

Karin Morris, DVRPC, presented the latest in our municipal implementation tool brochure series, on tangible ways municipal and county planners and policymakers can make communities better for aging. Creating age-friendly communities is a new goal under the Advance Equity and Foster Diversity principle of *Connections 2045*.

## **INFORMATION ITEMS**

### **10. FY 2019 Work Program Development Status**

Deputy Executive Director John Ward provided an update on the status of the FY 2019 Work Program.

### **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 12:03 PM.

The next scheduled meeting of the RTC is **Tuesday, January 9, 2018.**

## **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

### **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  
Phila Port  
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  
David Caulfield  
(not represented)  
(not represented)  
(not represented)  
(not represented)  
(not represented)  
Jim Mosca  
(not represented)  
Jonathan Korus  
Rich Brahler  
Carol Thomas  
Andrew Levecchia  
Brian Styche  
Thomas Shaffer  
(not represented)  
Matthew Lawson  
Matt Edmond  
David Kanthor  
Nick Baker  
Angie Dixon  
June Morton  
Peter Rykard  
(not represented)  
Barbara Holcomb  
Lou Millan  
Rohan Hepkins  
Fritz Ohrenschall  
Brian Traylor

### **Representative**

(not represented)  
Kelvin MacKavanaugh  
(not represented)  
(not represented)  
(not represented)  
(not represented)  
(not represented)  
Bill Ragozine  
Cecile Charlton  
(not represented)  
(not represented)  
(not represented)  
(not represented)  
(not represented)  
(not represented)  
(not represented)  
(not represented)

## **ATTENDANCE (cont'd)**

US EPA - Region III

(not represented)



**Other Member Representatives and Guests**

Stephen Fowler – NJDOT

Nathan Powers – Philadelphia Streets Department

Jennifer Walsh – HDR

Al Federico – Kimley-Horn

Ashley Nuckles – GVFTMA

Rob Henry – GVFTMA

Stephen Chiaramonte – WSP

Alexis Williams - STV

Bill Comer – SEPTA CAC

**DVRPC Staff**

John Ward

Patty Elkis

Elizabeth Schoonmaker

Kwan Hui

Rick Murphy

Jesse Buerk

Karin Morris

Mike Boyer

Christina Arlt

Shoshana Akins

Natalie Cramer

Alison Hastings

Greg Krykewycz

Chris Linn

Shawn Megill-Legendre

Tom Keenan

Glenn McNichol

Najah Jackson

Renee Wise

---

The Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission (DVRPC) fully complies with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Civil Rights Restoration Act of 1987, Executive Order 12898 on Environmental Justice, and related nondiscrimination statutes and regulations in all programs and activities. DVRPC's website, [www.dvrpc.org](http://www.dvrpc.org), may be translated into multiple languages. Publications and other public documents can be made available in alternative languages and formats, if requested. DVRPC public meetings are always held in ADA-accessible facilities and in transit-accessible locations when possible. Auxiliary services can be provided to individuals who submit a request at least seven days prior to a meeting. Requests made within seven days will be accommodated to the greatest extent possible. Any person who believes they have been aggrieved by an unlawful discriminatory practice by DVRPC under Title VI has a right to file a formal complaint. Any such complaint may be in writing and filed with DVRPC's Title VI Compliance Manager and/or the appropriate state or federal agency within 180 days of the alleged discriminatory occurrence. For more information on DVRPC's Title VI program, or to obtain a Title VI Complaint Form, please call (215) 238-2871 or email.