



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

May 8, 2018 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

Patty Elkis, DVRPC Director of Planning, reported that at their April meeting, the Board approved all the action items that the RTC recommended to them plus two that we didn't see at the April RTC meeting. The first was the appointment of a nominating committee for FY2019 Board Officers. The nominating committee is comprised of Councilman Mark Squilla (City of Philadelphia), Gina Burritt (PA Governor's Appointee), Nadia Ralston (PA Governor's Policy and Planning Office), Adam Sternbach (NJ Governor's Appointee), Sean Thompson (NJ Department of Community Affairs), and Theresa Ziegler (Gloucester County). The Nominating Committee will present a slate of Board Officer Candidates at the May Board Meeting. As per our By-Laws, the Board Chair for FY2019 must be a member from PA. Ms. Elkis noted that the second action item was approval by the Board to enable the DVRPC Executive Director and staff to prepare a formal application to US EDA to become the federally-designated Economic Development District for the nine county, bi-state DVRPC region.

Ms. Elkis reminded RTC members that we currently have two Public Comment Periods open for comments: the first is the PA Draft FY2019 TIP (closes June 3), the second is proposed changes to DVRPC's Public Participation Plan, including changes to the Public Records Policy (closes May 21) and an additional one opening on May 10: Draft Air Quality Conformity Determination for the PA Draft FY2019 TIP (closes June 11).

We also recently opened two competitive funding programs. The first is the NJ CMAQ Program. Information and eligibility requirements can be found on our web site. New for this round is, all applications must be submitted via the on-line portal much like the TCDI Program. A very important note is that applicants must meet with DVRPC staff prior to submitting applications, which are due June 29. The second competitive funding program is the PA Municipal Bridge Retro Reimbursement Program. Program information and eligibility requirements can also be found on our web site. The application period closes June 1st.

Ms. Elkis noted some recent DVRPC publications including: 2018 Municipal Funding Resource, and City of Camden Access Study.

Ms. Elkis called the RTC's attention to some upcoming meetings including: Urban Waterfront Action Group - May 15, Traffic Incident Management Conference at Citizen's Bank Park - May 16, Healthy Communities Task Force - May 16, Public Participation Task

Force - May 17, DVRPC Board - May 24, PA TIP and Air Quality Conformity Public Meeting/Information Session - May 24, Regional Safety Task Force – June 7.

The Next RTC Meeting is Tuesday, June 12, 2018.

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

No public comments were stated.

ACTION ITEMS

4. Highlights of the Meeting of April 10, 2018

The highlights from the April 10, 2018 meeting of the RTC were presented for adoption.

Motion: by Barbara Holcomb, seconded by Matt Lawson that the RTC adopt the highlights of April 10, 2018

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

5. DVRPC Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Actions

Jesse Buerk, DVRPC, presented all four TIP actions.

a. NJ18-021: Route 47, Bridge over Route 295, (DB #15310), Gloucester County – Remove CON from Project/Add CON to DB #03304

NJDOT has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2018 – 2021 TIP for New Jersey by removing the \$6,900,000 STBGP funded FY18 Construction (CON) phase from the project, Route 47, Bridge over Route 295 (DB #15310), and by funding the project's CON in the line item, Bridge Deck/Superstructure Replacement Program (DB #03304) for \$6,900,000 NHPP funds in FY18. This action would continue to provide the same amount of federal funds for CON (\$6,900,000) this FY18.

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

TIP Action NJ18-021, NJDOT's request that DVRPC amend the FY2018 – 2021 TIP for New Jersey by removing the \$6,900,000 STBGP funded FY18 Construction (CON) phase from the project, Route 47, Bridge over Route 295 (DB #15310), and by funding the project's CON in the line item, Bridge Deck/Superstructure Replacement Program (DB #03304) for \$6,900,000 NHPP funds in FY18.

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

b. PA17-89: Approval of Additional Automated Red-Light Enforcement (ARLE) Round 6 (2016 Funding) Projects, (Various MPMS #s), Various Counties – Add New Proposed Projects to the TIP

PennDOT has requested that DVRPC approve the list of additional projects selected as part of PennDOT's Automated Red-Light Enforcement (ARLE) Program

Round 6 and amend the FY2017 – 2020 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding the projects to the PA TIP in FY18. This action adds an additional \$3,962,000 of State Appropriation 244 funding for 9 projects selected as part of ARLE Round 6. \$3,000,000 is for projects in the City of Philadelphia; \$409,000 is for projects in Bucks County; and \$553,000 is for projects in Chester County. These are additional funds to the region.

Motion: by *Jim Mosca*, seconded by *Nick Baker* that the RTC recommend the Board approve:

TIP Action PA17-89, PennDOT's request that DVRPC approve the list of additional projects selected as part of PennDOT's Automated Red-Light Enforcement (ARLE) Program Round 6 and amend the FY2017 – 2020 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding \$3,962,000 of State Appropriation 244 funded projects to the PA TIP in FY18

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

c. PA17-90: City ADA Ramps Project, (MPMS #96109), City of Philadelphia – Low Bid Construction Cost Decrease

PennDOT has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2017 – 2020 TIP for Pennsylvania by decreasing the CON phase of the City ADA Ramps Project, (MPMS #96109), by \$5,419,000 and decreasing the programmed CON funds as follows: FY18: \$855,000 STP/\$214,000 Local; FY19: \$3,480,000 STU/\$870,000 Local. The decrease in CON funding is the result of low bid cost savings and does not represent a change in the project's scope.

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

TIP Action PA17-90, PennDOT's request that DVRPC amend the FY2017 – 2020 TIP for Pennsylvania by decreasing the CON phase of the City ADA Ramps Project, (MPMS #96109), by \$5,419,000 and decreasing the programmed CON funds as follows: FY18: \$855,000 STP/\$214,000 Local; FY19: \$3,480,000 STU/\$870,000 Local.

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

d. PA17-91: Frankford Avenue Study, (MPMS #111067), City of Philadelphia – Add New Study to the TIP

PennDOT has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2017 – 2020 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a new \$300,000 project, the Frankford Avenue Study, (MPMS #111067), to the TIP for STUDY (\$300,000 State 581) in FY19.

Motion: by *Angela Dixon*, seconded by *Nick Baker* that the RTC recommend the Board approve:

TIP Action PA17-91, PennDOT's request that DVRPC amend the FY2017 – 2020 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a new \$300,000 project, the Frankford Avenue Study, (MPMS #111067), to the TIP for STUDY (\$300,000 State 581) in FY19.

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

6. Regional Streetlight Procurement Program Seed Fund

Elizabeth Compitello, DVRPC, explained that the Regional Streetlight Procurement Program was launched in 2015, whereby DVRPC worked with 35 municipalities in Pennsylvania to convert their street lighting systems to LED. DVRPC has applied for funding through the Pennsylvania State Energy Plan (Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection) to seed the development of a second round of the RSLPP. Through this second round, DVRPC will work with at least 15 municipalities to convert their streetlights to LED. DVRPC will use the award funds to seed the upfront cost of legal and technical support to the program, and DVRPC will recoup these costs through program user fees. By recouping DVRPC's upfront investment in the project, DVRPC will be able to fund further rounds of the RSLPP as demand allows. DVRPC staff time to develop and manage the RSLPP is included in the Smart Growth Work Program Area.

Motion by: *Matt Lawson, seconded by Tom Shaffer* that the Regional Technical Committee recommend Board approval of the Regional Streetlight Procurement Program Seed Fund.

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

Ms. Elkis asked Ms. Compitello to inform the RTC on another program geared towards solar initiatives; the SolSmart Program. Ms. Compitello explained that DVRPC is currently doing outreach to both our Pennsylvania and New Jersey municipalities on the SolSmart program, a national designation program which recognizes communities for taking action towards reducing barriers and costs to installing solar PV. If enough interest is generated, DVRPC will cooperate with our county planning partners and Sustainable Jersey to apply for a SolSmart Advisor who would provide tailored, technical assistance to the participating municipalities.

7. CMAQ Congestion Performance Measure Targets

Mike Boyer, DVRPC, explained that Congress has established a performance-based planning and programming approach to investing in our nation's transportation infrastructure. There are two CMAQ Congestion performance measures, annual peak hour excessive delay (PHED) and percentage non-SOV travel, that apply to urbanized areas of over one million that are also air quality nonattainment areas. The DVRPC region is part of both the Philadelphia and New York urbanized areas and multiple States and MPOs have been collaborating to set a single target in each of these urbanized areas. Staff will provide an overview of the target-setting process and ask for a recommendation to adopt targets for each of these measures and urbanized areas.

Motion by: *Matt Lawson, seconded by June Morton* that the Regional Technical Committee recommend that the Board adopt the State DOT and MPO collaboratively agreed upon CMAQ congestion measure targets for percentage non-SOV travel and annual peak-hour excessive delay for the Philadelphia and New York urbanized areas.

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

8. Appointment of Nominating Committee for FY2019 DVRPC Regional Technical Committee Officers

Patty Elkis, DVRPC, explained that a Nominating Committee will be selected to solicit candidates for Chairman and Vice Chairman of the RTC for FY2019 (July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019). The Chairman for FY2019 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 2018 RTC meeting.

Motion by: *Andrew Levecchia*, seconded by *June Morton* to that the RTC approve the appointment of the nominating committee for the FY19 RTC Chairman and Vice Chairman.

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

PRESENTATION ITEMS

9. Penn Wood Middle School Future Cities Competition Award Recipient

Patty Elkis, DVRPC, explained that the Philadelphia Regional Future City Competition provides a fun and exciting educational engineering program for middle school students that combines a stimulating engineering challenge with a "hands-on" application to present their vision of a city of the future. DVRPC sponsored a Regional Vision Award at this year's competition and has invited the students from Penn Wood Middle School to showcase their winning entry. Penn Wood Middle School students presented their project and answered questions.

10. Enhancing Travel and Tourism Infrastructure

Karen Cilurso, DVRPC, explained that to further understand the economic impact of tourism on our regional economy and to ensure equitable and efficient transportation access to tourist destinations, DVRPC has recently completed a data analysis and is undertaking a planning study to improve tourism and travel infrastructure.

11. DVRPC's Travel Demand Model Data Viewer

Mike Ruane, DVRPC, provided an overview of a new tool that is under development that will allow users to view, map, and graph input and output data from DVRPC's regional travel demand model in an easy to use, web based application. RTC members were encouraged to offer feedback on the data sets that would be most useful to their agencies.

12. Curbless Streets

Carrie Sauer, DVRPC, presented the traits and benefits common to curbless streets, sometimes called shared streets. Because of their unique design, staff provided an overview of the special design considerations inherent in them, and suggestions on selecting potential sites and design tools for use within candidate streets.

13. One Minute Reports

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

14. Old and New Business

15. Meeting Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 11:58 AM.

The next scheduled meeting of the RTC is **Tuesday, June 12, 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)
Colleen McGurk
(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
Blanca Quinde
(not represented)
Brian McFadden
Frances Harwell
Representative
(not represented)
(not represented)
(not represented)
Dan Walston
(not represented)
(not represented)
Bill Ragozine
(not represented)
(not represented)
Nicholas Haynes
(not represented)
(not represented)
(not represented)
(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

Stephen Fowler – NJDOT

Nathan Powers – Philadelphia Streets Department

Paul Brommer – SEPTA

Ruth Foster – NJDEP

Corey Brown – Delaware County

Lindsay Young - PhilaPort

DVRPC Staff

Patty Elkis

Elizabeth Schoonmaker

Greg Krykewycz

Karin Morris

Mike Boyer

Tom Edinger

Elise Turner

Tom Keenan

Rick Murphy

Jesse Buerk

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Elizabeth Compitello

Mike Ruane

Karen Cilurso

Matt Gates

Will Tsay

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Sarah Moran

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Thom Stead

Natalie Cramer

Najah Jackson

Renee Wise

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