



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

**June 12, 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**

John Ward, DVRPC Deputy Director, reported that the Board approved all the action items that the RTC recommended to them.

Mr. Ward called the RTC's attention to the fact that on May 16 DVRPC held a successful TIM Conference at Citizens Bank Park. Over 200 emergency responders registered for the day. Participants discussed ways to safely, effectively, and efficiently clear traffic incidents from our highways. The keynote speaker was retired Pennsylvania State Police Sergeant Robert Bemis. He is the author of a book called *Forged in Scars & Stripes: A Trooper's Victory over Critical Injury*. He shared his emotional story of recovery, living with a spinal injury; and his return to his role as a Trooper after being struck by a passing vehicle on an interstate highway while helping a motorist whose vehicle caught on fire.

Mr. Ward reported that PennDOT's P3 office held an outreach event on May 29 to educate potential participants on PennDOT's Public-Private Partnership initiative established by Act 88 of 2012 and solicit ideas for potential projects.

Mr. Ward noted that on May 30, several DVRPC staff members attended the PennDOT Connects Summit in Harrisburg along with representatives from most of the engineering districts and other MPOs in PA. PennDOT Connects is Secretary Richards' new initiative to better integrate planning into PennDOT's project development process. Participants shared their approaches and best practices.

Mr. Ward reminded the RTC that the NJ CMAQ Program is still accepting applications. This is a competitive funding program and 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 was. A very important note is that applicants must meet with DVRPC staff prior to submitting applications, which are due June 29. Up to \$5 million in CMAQ funds will be awarded; and for the first time, \$1 million of the total award is dedicated to provide for construction-ready trail projects that are part of the Circuit

Mr. Ward noted that also in NJ, the DOT's Division of Local Aid is currently accepting applications for Transportation Alternatives Set-aside Grant Program for 2018. Applications are due to NJDOT by August 23. More information can be found on their web site at: [www.state.nj.us/transportation](http://www.state.nj.us/transportation)

Mr. Ward noted a recent DVRPC publication: Modern Trolley Station Design Guide - SEPTA Suburban Transit Division Route 101 & Route102

Mr. Ward called the RTC's attention to some upcoming meetings including: Information Resources Exchange Group - June 13, Transportation Operations Task Force - June 18, Public Participation Task Force – June 26, and the DVRPC Board - June 28.

**The Next RTC Meeting is Tuesday, July 10, 2018.**

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

No public comments were stated.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

### **4. Highlights of the Meeting of May 8, 2018**

The highlights from the May 8, 2018 meeting of the RTC were presented for adoption.

*Motion: by Jim Mosca, seconded by David Kanthor that the RTC adopt the highlights of May 8, 2018*

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

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

Jesse Buerk, DVRPC, presented all six TIP actions.

#### **a. NJ18-030: River LINE Tier 4 Engine Retrofit Project, (DB #T701), NJ TRANSIT – Add Project Back Into TIP**

NJ TRANSIT has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2018 - 2027 TIP for New Jersey by adding a project, River LINE Tier 4 Engine Retrofit Project, (DB #T701), back into the TIP for \$14,000,000 unobligated prior year CMAQ funds from FY16 (\$7,500,000) and FY17 (\$6,500,000) in FY18 Capital Acquisition Phase (CAP). Per the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) direction, NJ TRANSIT is required to show funds in the TIP program year that the NJ TRANSIT grant application will submit to FTA for obligation of funds. Unlike the Highway Program, federal funds for the Transit Program are not “use it or lose it” each federal fiscal year.

*Motion: by Mark Remsa, seconded by Andrew Levecchia that the RTC recommend the Board approve:*

NJ18-030, NJ TRANSIT's request that DVRPC amend the FY2018 - 2027 TIP for New Jersey by adding a project, River LINE Tier 4 Engine Retrofit Project, (DB #T701), back into the TIP for \$14,000,000 unobligated prior year CMAQ funds from FY16 (\$7,500,000) and FY17 (\$6,500,000) in FY18 Capital Acquisition Phase (CAP).

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

**b. PA17-93: SEPTA Bus Purchase Program, (MPMS #90512), Various Counties – Increase Funding**

SEPTA has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2017 TIP for Pennsylvania by increasing the FY18 PUR (Purchase) phase of the SEPTA Bus Purchase Program, (MPMS #90512), by \$14,749,000 (9,307,000 Section 5307/\$2,492,000 Section 5339/\$2,855,000 State 1514/\$95,000 Local). Funding is being increased to reflect current program needs. These federal funds are additional to the region. There is a total of \$17,727,000 additional federal funds being added to the DVRPC TIP in FY18 due to FAST Act authorization and the Transportation, Housing and urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act of 2018.

Motion: by *Brian McFadden*, seconded by *Barbara Holcomb* that the RTC recommend the Board approve:

TIP Action PA17-93, SEPTA's request that DVRPC amend the FY2017 TIP for Pennsylvania by increasing the FY18 PUR (Purchase) phase of the SEPTA Bus Purchase Program, (MPMS #90512), by \$14,749,000 (9,307,000 Section 5307/\$2,492,000 Section 5339/\$2,855,000 State 1514/\$95,000 Local). These federal funds are additional to the region.

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

**c. PA17-94: City of Philadelphia Act 13 Bridge: Pine Road Bridge over SEPTA, (MPMS #17521), City of Philadelphia – Add New Projects to the TIP**

The City of Philadelphia has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2017 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding two new local bridge projects, Pine Road Bridge over SEPTA, (MPMS #17521), and Pine Road Bridge over Pennypack Creek, (MPMS #TBD), to the TIP for a total of \$3,600,000, using the City of Philadelphia's Act 13 allocation from 2014 and 2015, programmed as follows: Pine Road Bridge over SEPTA (MPMS #17521) – \$240,000 PE in FY18, \$160,000 FD in FY20, and \$2,000,000 CON in FY22; Pine Road Bridge over Pennypack Creek (MPMS #TBD) – \$120,000 PE in FY18, \$80,000 FD in FY20, and \$1,000,000 CON in FY22. These are additional funds to the region.

Motion: by *David Kanthor*, seconded by *Angela Dixon* that the RTC recommend the Board approve:

TIP Action PA17-94, the City of Philadelphia's request that DVRPC amend the FY2017 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a new local bridge project, Pine Road Bridge over SEPTA, (MPMS #17521) to the TIP for a total of \$2,400,000, using a portion of the City of Philadelphia's Act 13 allocation from 2014 and 2015, programmed as follows: \$240,000 PE in FY18, \$160,000 FD in FY20, and \$2,000,000 CON in FY22.

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

**d. PA17-95: PA 452, Market Street Bridge Over Northeast Corridor, (MPMS #15406), Delaware County – Increase UTL Phase**

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PennDOT has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2017 TIP for Pennsylvania by increasing the utility phase of the PA 452, Market Street Bridge Over Northeast Corridor project, (MPMS #15406), by \$5,500,000 (FY18: \$2,607,000 NHPP/\$652,000 State 185, FY19: \$1,793,000 NHPP/\$448,000 State 185).

Motion: by *Jonathan Korus*, seconded by *Tom Shaffer* that the RTC recommend the Board approve:

TIP Action PA17-95, PennDOT's request that DVRPC amend the FY2017 TIP for Pennsylvania by increasing the utility phase of the PA 452, Market Street Bridge Over Northeast Corridor project, (MPMS #15406), by \$5,500,000 (FY18: \$2,607,000 NHPP/\$652,000 State 185, FY19: \$1,793,000 NHPP/\$448,000 State 185).

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

**e. PA17-96: Route 1 Improvement Frontage Corridor (Section RC3), (MPMS #93446), Bucks County – Decrease FD Phase**

PennDOT has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2017 TIP for Pennsylvania by decreasing the final design phase of the Route 1 Improvement Frontage Corridor (Section RC3) project, (MPMS #93446), by \$6,830,000 (FY18: \$2,213,000 NHPP/\$553,000 State 581; FY19: \$3,234,000 NHPP/\$830,000 State 581).

Motion: by *Rich Brahler*, seconded by *Jonathan Korus* that the RTC recommend the Board approve:

TIP action PA17-96, PennDOT's request that DVRPC amend the FY2017 TIP for Pennsylvania by decreasing the final design phase of the Route 1 Improvement Frontage Corridor (Section RC3) project, (MPMS #93446), by \$6,830,000 (FY18: \$2,213,000 NHPP/\$553,000 State 581; FY19: \$3,234,000 NHPP/\$830,000 State 581).

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

**f. PA17-97: Cherokee Street Bridge over Valley Green Road, (MPMS #111515), City of Philadelphia – Add New Project to the TIP**

The City of Philadelphia has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2017 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a new \$2,000,000 sSTP funded bridge project, Cherokee Street Bridge over Valley Green Road, (MPMS #111515), to the TIP for PE (\$204,000 sSTP) in FY18; FD (\$136,000 sSTP) in FY19; and CON (\$1,660,000 sSTP) in FY20. 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 for the discretionary sSTP funds to be provided via the county funding provided for the County bridge project that is being advanced with the \$5 Registration Fee revenues. The City of Philadelphia has already begun using revenues collected from the \$5 registration fee to remove the Lefevre Street Bridge over the former course of the Frankford Creek. Design phases are currently underway and will be completed using City capital funds, with Construction to be funded using the \$5 registration fee funds. The total cost of the

Lefevre Street Bridge project will be approximately \$2,000,000, which meets the fifty percent match requirement.

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

TIP action PA17-97, the City of Philadelphia's request that DVRPC amend the FY2017 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a new \$2,000,000 sSTP funded bridge project, Cherokee Street Bridge over Valley Green Road, (MPMS #111515), to the TIP for PE (\$204,000 sSTP) in FY18; FD (\$136,000 sSTP) in FY19; and CON (\$1,660,000 sSTP) in FY20.

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

**6. Adoption of the Conformity Finding of the DVRPC *Connections 2045* Long-Range Plan, FY 2017 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for Pennsylvania, and FY 2018 TIP for New Jersey**

Sean Greene, DVRPC, explained that transportation conformity is a process established by the Clean Air Act to ensure that federal transportation projects and transportation investment activities are consistent with ("conform to") state commitments for meeting air quality goals. DVRPC has performed a regional emissions analysis to determine transportation conformity of the *Connections 2045* Long-Range Plan (Plan), FY 2017 TIP for Pennsylvania, and FY 2018 TIP for New Jersey.

Motion by: *Andrew Levecchia*, seconded by *Barbara Holcomb* that the Regional Technical Committee recommend Board adopt:

The conformity finding of the *Connections 2045* Long-Range Plan, FY 2017 Transportation Improvement Program for Pennsylvania, and FY 2018 TIP for New Jersey by approving Resolution BFY18-006.

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

**7. Adoption of the DVRPC FY2019-22 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for Pennsylvania (FY19-22)**

Rick Murphy, DVRPC, explained that federal law and planning regulations require the development of a Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) in order for the metropolitan region to be eligible to receive and spend federal transportation funds. The creation of the TIP is to be done by the MPO in cooperation with the state(s) and transit operators, and must provide opportunity for input and comment by the public. A 30-day comment period must be conducted prior to a formal action to adopt the TIP. DVRPC undertakes a major TIP Update every year for either the Pennsylvania portion of the region, or the New Jersey portion of the region; at this time, the PA and NJ TIPs are updated on alternating years.

Motion by: *Matt Edmond*, seconded by *Tom Shaffer* that the Regional Technical Committee recommend that the Board adopt:

The DVRPC FY2019 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for Pennsylvania (FY19-22), and Recommended Changes as the region's official selection of transportation

projects for federal funding by passing the appropriate Resolution; and further approve the proposed revisions to the Memorandum of Understanding Concerning Special Procedures for Expediting TIP Amendments and Modifications.

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

## **8. FY 2019 Project Selection for the Transportation and Community Development Initiative (TCDI) Program**

Karen Cilurso, DVRPC, explained that the Transportation and Community Development Initiative (TCDI) is an opportunity for the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission (DVRPC) to support growth in the individual municipalities of the Delaware Valley through initiatives that implement the region's long-range plan, *Connections 2045* Plan for Greater Philadelphia. Central to this effort is to ensure greater quality of life choices by providing and maintaining essential infrastructure, supporting local and regional economic development, and linking land use and transportation planning.

Motion by: *Andrew Levecchia*, seconded by *Matt Edmond* that the Regional Technical Committee recommend that the Board approve:

The list of recommended FY 2019 TCDI projects and authorize the Executive Director to enter into a contract with each selected community to undertake the project in accordance with the scope of work and budget.

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

## **9. Annual Self Certification of Regional Transportation Planning Process**

John Ward, DVRPC, explained that federal regulations require that Metropolitan Planning Organizations self- certify that the Regional Transportation Planning Process is carried out in conformance with applicable federal regulations. Staff requested an RTC recommendation for Board approval.

Motion by: Mark Remsa, seconded by Matt Edmond that the Regional Technical Committee recommend that the Board adopt:

The Resolution No. B-FY18-008 certifying that the DVRPC Metropolitan Transportation Planning and Programming Process is in conformance with federal regulations implementing the FAST Act, MAP-21, the Clean Air Act Amendments, and other federal legislation.

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

## **10. Election of Fiscal Year 2019 Regional Technical Committee Officers**

John Ward, DVRPC, explained that the RTC Chair for FY19 must be a voting member from Pennsylvania, and the Vice Chair must be a voting member from New Jersey. Jim Mosca (PennDOT) indicated that the nominating committee recommended the election of Barbara Holcomb (DRPA) as Chair and Blanca Quinde (NJ Transit) as Vice Chair. Mr. Ward asked for any nominations from the floor.



No nominations were offered from the floor.

Motion: *by Matt Lawson, seconded by Rich Brahler*, to approve:

Barbara Holcomb (DRPA) as Chair of the RTC for FY19 and Blanca Quinde (NJ Transit) as the FY19 RTC Vice Chair.

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

## **PRESENTATION ITEMS**

### **11. A Fresh Look at DVRPC Freight Centers**

Mike Ruane, DVRPC, presented an overview of the analysis and development of the new DVRPC Freight Centers. The new Freight Centers tool in PhillyFreightFinder is an exploration of the freight economy and its impact on regional development and employment patterns.

### **12. One Minute Reports**

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

John Ward, DVRPC, thanked Monica Etz (NJDOT) for her leadership as RTC Chair for Fiscal Year 2018.

### **13. Old and New Business**

### **14. Meeting Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 12:07 PM.

The next scheduled meeting of the RTC is **Tuesday, July 10, 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  
(not represented)  
(not represented)  
(not represented)  
Colleen McGurk  
(not represented)  
(not represented)  
Jim Mosca  
(not represented)  
Jonathan Korus  
Rich Brahler  
Mark Remsa  
Andrew Levecchia  
Brian Styche  
Thomas Shaffer  
Jackie Huston  
Matthew Lawson  
Matt Edmond  
David Kanthor  
Nick Baker  
Angie Dixon  
(not represented)  
Peter Rykard  
(not represented)  
Barbara Holcomb  
Blanca Quinde  
(not represented)  
Brian McFadden  
(not represented)

### **Representative**

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

Alexa Perez – FHWA PA

Edgar Lopez – FHWA PA

Bill Comer – SEPTA CAC

Nathan Powers – Philadelphia Streets Department

Amelia Fields – PCPC

## **DVRPC Staff**

Patty Elkis

Elizabeth Schoonmaker

Greg Krykewycz

Karin Morris

Mike Boyer

Tom Edinger

Elise Turner

Tom Keenan

Rick Murphy

Jesse Buerk

Kwan Hui

Amy Bernknopf

Elizabeth Compitello

Mike Ruane

Karen Cilurso

Matt Gates

Will Tsay

Al Beatty

Carrie Sauer

Karen Whitaker

Sarah Moran

Logan Axelson

Thom Stead

Natalie Cramer

Najah Jackson

Renee Wise

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