



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

May 7, 2019 Meeting Highlights

DVRPC Conference Room, Philadelphia, PA

1. Call to Order - Chairperson's Comments

Barbara Holcomb (Chair, DRPA) welcomed RTC members and called the meeting to order.

2. Deputy Executive Director's Report

John Ward, DVRPC Deputy Executive Director, reported that at their April meeting, the Board approved all the action items that the RTC recommended to them plus one on which the RTC did not act. That action was the TMA Assistance and MAP Grant FY20 Work Programs. Those Work Programs were reviewed and approved by the PA TMA Policy committee after the RTC met. Since the PA TMA Policy Committee is essentially made up of PA RTC members their approval actually acted as a surrogate for an RTC vote and was presented to the Board in that fashion.

Mr. Ward noted that on April 2, DVRPC opened a competitive funding round for the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) Program for DVRPC's five Pennsylvania counties. The program makes \$25 million available for projects that will improve air quality and/or reduce traffic congestion. Applications are due to DVRPC by COB June 28. Public agencies and public-private partnerships are eligible to apply for the funds. In order to qualify for funds, all applicants must meet with DVRPC staff for a mandatory one-on-one meeting sometime before Friday, May 31, 2019. More information on the CMAQ Program can be found on DVRPC's website at www.dvrpc.org/cmaq.

Mr. Ward noted a recent DVRPC publication; South Philadelphia Transportation Center Concept Development Study.

Mr. Ward called the RTC's attention to a number of upcoming meetings, including: Public Participation Task Force meeting -May 15, DVRPC Board meeting -May 23, Regional Community and Economic Development Forum- May 30.

The Next RTC Meeting is Tuesday, June 11, 2019.

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

Public comments were stated by Liz Sewell of the Rails to Trails Conservancy and Betsy McBride, Committee Chairwoman from Pennsauken Township. Both commenters expressed support for the trail projects and thanked the RTC for considering the grants for these trails.

ACTION ITEMS

4. Highlights of the April 9, 2019 RTC Meeting

The highlights from the April 9, 2019 meeting of the RTC were presented for adoption.

Motion: *by Jim Mosca, seconded by Jonathan Korus* that the RTC adopt the highlights of April 9, 2019.

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

5. DVRPC Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Actions

Kwan Hui, DVRPC, presented 4 TIP actions.

a. PA19-57: Seven Stars Road over French Creek (CB# 190) (Act 13) (MPMS #113098), Chester County – Add New Project to TIP

Chester County is requesting that DVRPC amend the FY2019 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a new bridge project, Seven Stars Road over French Creek (CB# 190) (MPMS #113098), to the TIP for a total of \$1,750,000, using Chester County's Act 13 allocation, programmed as follows: FY19 \$50,000 Act 13 and FY20 \$125,000 Act 13 for the Preliminary Engineering phase; FY21 \$175,000 (\$125,000 Act 13 for the Final Design phase, \$25,000 Act 13 for the Utility phase, \$25,000 Act 13 for the Right-of-Way phase); FY22 \$1,400,000 Act 13 for the Construction phase. These funds are additional to the region.

b. PA19-58: 2019 Philadelphia ADA Ramps (MPMS #12824), City of Philadelphia - Add New Project to TIP

PennDOT has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2019 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a new project, 2019 Philadelphia ADA Ramps (MPMS #12824), and programming the total amount of \$7,400,000 for the Preliminary Engineering phase (\$400,000 STU/Toll Credit in FY19) and the Construction phase (\$7,000,000 STU/Toll Credit in FY19).

Motion: *by Brian Styche, seconded by David Kanthor*, that the RTC recommend the Board approve:

TIP Action PA19-57, Chester County's request that DVRPC amend the FY2019 TIP for Pennsylvania adding a new bridge project, Seven Stars Road over French Creek (CB# 190) (MPMS #113098), to the TIP for a total of \$1,750,000, using Chester County's Act 13 allocation, programmed as follows: FY19 \$50,000 Act 13 and FY20 \$125,000 Act 13 for the Preliminary Engineering phase; FY21 \$175,000 (\$125,000 Act 13 for the Final Design phase, \$25,000 Act 13 for the Utility phase, \$25,000 Act 13 for the Right-of-Way phase); FY22 \$1,400,000 Act 13 for the Construction phase. These funds are additional to the region.

TIP Action PA19-58, PennDOT's request that DVRPC amend the FY2019 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a new project, 2019 Philadelphia ADA Ramps (MPMS #12824), and programming the total amount of \$7,400,000 for the Preliminary Engineering phase

(\$400,000 STU/Toll Credit in FY19) and the Construction phase (\$7,000,000 STU/Toll Credit in FY19).

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

c. PA19-59: PA 309, 5-Points Intersection Improvements (71A) (Old US 202, 5-Points Intersection Improvements (71A)) (MPMS #63493) – Add Project Back into TIP

PennDOT has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2019 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding the Utility and Construction phases of the PA 309, 5-Points Intersection Improvements (71A) (Old US 202, 5-Points Intersection Improvements (71A)) (MPMS #63493) project back into the TIP in FY19 for \$8,500,000 (\$500,000 State 581 for the Utility phase and \$8,000,000 NHPP/Toll Credit for the Construction phase).

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

TIP Action PA19-59, PennDOT's request that DVRPC amend the FY2019 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding the Utility and Construction phases of the PA 309, 5-Points Intersection Improvements (71A) (Old US 202, 5-Points Intersection Improvements (71A)) (MPMS #63493) project back into the TIP in FY19 for \$8,500,000 (\$500,000 State 581 for the Utility phase and \$8,000,000 NHPP/Toll Credit for the Construction phase).

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

d. NJ18-080: Route 130, Charleston Road/Cooper Street (CR 630) to Crafts Creek (DB #12415), Burlington County – Cost Increase

NJDOT has requested that DVRPC modify the FY2018 TIP for New Jersey by increasing the FY19 CON cost of the project, Route 130, Charleston Road/Cooper Street (CR 630) to Crafts Creek (DB #12415), by \$10,700,000 NHPP funds from \$16,960,000 (\$16,013,000 NHPP/\$947,000 DEMO-RS) to \$27,660,000 (\$26,713,000 NHPP/\$947,000 DEMO-RS).

Motion: by *Carol Thomas*, seconded by *Matt Lawson*, that the RTC recommend the Board approve:

TIP Action NJ18-080, NJDOT's request that DVRPC modify the FY2018 TIP for New Jersey by increasing the FY19 CON cost of the project, Route 130, Charleston Road/Cooper Street (CR 630) to Crafts Creek (DB #12415), by \$10,700,000 NHPP funds from \$16,960,000 (\$16,013,000 NHPP/\$947,000 DEMO-RS) to \$27,660,000 (\$26,713,000 NHPP/\$947,000 DEMO-RS).

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

6. Project Selections for the New Jersey Transportation Alternatives Set Aside Program (TA-SA) and Safe Routes to School Program (SRTS)

Dan Snyder, DVRPC, explained that the New Jersey (NJ) Transportation Alternative Set-Aside Program (TA-SA) is a competitive federal program established to provide funds for community based "nontraditional" surface transportation projects designed to strengthen

the cultural, aesthetic, and environmental aspects of the nation's intermodal system. 30 TA-SA applications requesting approximately \$19.3 million total were received from the DVRPC NJ region. DVRPC and NJDOT committee members evaluated these applications by using an agreed upon selection criteria from NJDOT. Six (6) projects, totaling \$3,753,000, are recommended from the DVRPC NJ region for TA-SA. The NJ Safe Routes to School Program (SRTS) is a competitive federal program established for projects and activities that support and encourage students to walk and ride bicycles to school. 15 SRTS applications requesting approximately \$6.6 million total from the DVRPC NJ region were submitted. DVRPC and NJDOT committee members evaluated these applications by using an agreed upon selection criteria from NJDOT. Four (4) projects, totaling \$1,868,000, are recommended from the DVRPC NJ region for SRTS.

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

The list of Transportation Alternative Set-Aside Program (TA-SA) and Safe Routes to School Program (SRTS) projects identified. Further, amend the DVRPC FY2018 TIP and NJDOT STIP for NJ by adding six (6) TA-SA projects in the amount of \$3,753,000 Statewide TAP to the Transportation Alternatives Program (DB #X107) and by adding four (4) SRTS projects in the amount of \$1,868,000 Statewide TAP to the Safe Routes to School Program (DB #99358) (TIP Action NJ18-081).

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

7. DVRPC Regional Trails Program Phase VII Grant Awards

Shawn Megill-Legendre, DVRPC, explained that in fall 2018 DVRPC launched Phase VII of the Regional Trails Program, a competitive funding round open to trail projects across the DVRPC region. Applications were due in December and subsequently analyzed for eligibility, technical merit, cost-effectiveness, and quality. A selection committee, comprised of county, state agency, and Circuit Trails Coalition representatives, reviewed the projects and met on January 31 to establish funding priorities. Twenty-two projects totaling \$3,667,500 were approved in March 2019. Three additional projects listed below are recommended for awards based on follow-up field views and conversations with project sponsors:

1. Chester Creek Trail Levee Walk (construction), City of Chester – \$249,700
2. Bridge over US 130 and adjoining trail (design), Pennsauken Twp. – \$175,000
3. D&R Canal Gap - Trenton Wellness Loop to Union Street (design), D&R Greenway Land Trust - \$150,000

Motion: by *Andrew Levecchia*, seconded by *Tom Shaffer*, 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.

8. Appointment of Nominating Committee for FY2020 DVRPC Regional Technical Committee Officers

John Ward, DVRPC, explained that a Nominating Committee will be selected to solicit candidates for Chairman and Vice Chairman of the RTC for FY2020 (July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020). The Chairman for FY2020 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 2019 RTC meeting. The nominating committee will be comprised of Barbara Holcomb, Monica Etz, and John Ward.

Motion by: *Andrew Levecchia, seconded by Matt Edmond* that the RTC approve:

The appointment of the nominating committee for the FY20 RTC Chairman and Vice Chairman.

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

PRESENTATION ITEM

9. PennDOT I-76 Integrated Corridor Management (I-76-ICM) Program

Jay Roth and Brian DePan, Jacobs Engineering, explained that the I-76-ICM Program is located along the I-76 (Schuylkill Expressway) corridor between the Pennsylvania Turnpike (I-276) and US 1. The objective for this project is to implement various measures to reduce congestion and improve safety in the I-76 corridor (expressway and arterials). Solutions are anticipated to include a combination of multi-modal measures that will allow for the ability to dynamically manage recurring and non-recurring congestion based on prevailing and predicted traffic conditions.

INFORMATION ITEMS

10. Ben Franklin Bridge South Walkway Project Update – Video

Barbara Holcomb, DRPA, introduced the video and gave a short background on the project. The video was played and showed the DRPA/PATCO project engineer giving a tour of the newly expanded and improved south pedestrian walkway, currently under construction. Opening in a few weeks, the new walkway will widen the existing pedestrian walkway and replace the stairwell that was previously on the Camden side of the bridge with a fully ADA compliant ramp.

11. Infrastructure (PM2) and System Performance (PM3) for the Performance Based Planning and Programming (PBPP) Appendix of the DVRPC FY2018 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for New Jersey and the PBPP Chapter of the DVRPC FY2019 TIP for Pennsylvania

Rick Murphy, DVRPC, explained that the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21) and subsequent Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act require State DOTs and MPOs to establish and use a performance-based approach to transportation decision making. He discussed the requirement to add language detailing

progress towards meeting targets of the Infrastructure (PM2) and System Performance (PM3) Performance Measures in the DVRPC FY2018 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for New Jersey, and the DVRPC FY2019 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for Pennsylvania.

PRESENTATION ITEM

12. South Philadelphia Transportation Center Study

Amy Bernknopf and Thom Stead, DVRPC, explained that they worked with the City of Philadelphia and SEPTA to determine the feasibility of creating a new transit facility in South Philadelphia east of Broad Street, where 9 bus routes currently terminate and layover, but SEPTA does not own a facility. This presentation shared approaches and recommendations including a parcel analysis, survey work, bus operations planning, and transit facility designs.

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 11:46 AM.

The next scheduled meeting of the RTC is **Tuesday, June 11, 2019.**

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
US EPA - Region III
US Department of Housing and Urban Development

Representative

Monica Etz
David Caulfield
(not represented)
(not represented)
(not represented)
(not represented)
Sachin Shankar
Jim Mosca
(not represented)
Jonathan Korus
Rich Brahler
Carol Thomas
Andrew Levecchia
Brian Styche
Thomas Shaffer
Jackie Huston
Matthew Lawson
Matthew Edmond
David Kanthor
Nathan Powers
Angela Dixon
(not represented)
Peter Rykard
(not represented)
Barbara Holcomb
Megan Massey
(not represented)
Brian McFadden
Frances Harwell
Liz Feinberg
Representative
(not represented)
Kelvin MacKavanaugh
(not represented)
(not represented)
Tim Lidiak
(not represented)
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Ronda Urkowitz
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ATTENDANCE (cont'd)

Other Member Representatives and Guests

Michael Holva – PennDOT 6-0
Jay Roth – Jacobs Engineering
Brian DePan – Jacobs Engineering
Matthew Popek – Montgomery County Planning Department
Kellie McFarlane – DRPA
Stephen Fowler – NJDOT
Dave Kuhn - GPI
John Caperilla – Cedarville Engineering Group
Liz Sewell - Rails to Trails Conservancy
Betsy McBride - Committee Chairwoman from Pennsauken Township
Bill Comer – SEPTA CAC

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