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

**June 11, 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. Ms. Holcomb thanked DVRPC Deputy Executive Director John Ward and DVRPC for their support and assistance in serving as RTC Chair. Ms. Holcomb expressed that she has enjoyed serving as Chair and congratulated the incoming Chair on the upcoming appointment.

**2. Deputy Executive Director's Report**

John Ward, DVRPC's Deputy Executive Director started by first saying a big thank you to Barbra Holcomb, DRPA, on the day of her last meeting as Chair. Mr. Ward expressed his gratitude for the excellent job she has done keeping the RTC Meetings running smoothly and orderly. He indicated that she has provided the right mix of professionalism and humor. He appreciated all her help and leadership and hopes to see her continue on as a member of the RTC.

Mr. Ward reported that at their April meeting, the Board approved all the action items that the RTC recommended to them which included 4 TIP Amendments and approval of 6 NJ TA-SA Program Projects, 4 NJ Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Program Projects and three Regional Trails Program grant awards.

Mr. Ward reminded the Committee that the deadline for applications for the competitive CMAQ Program in Pennsylvania is quickly approaching. 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. By now all applicants should have met with DVRPC staff for the mandatory one-on-one meeting and should be putting the final touches on their applications. More information about the program can be found on DVRPC's website at [www.dvrpc.org/cmaq](http://www.dvrpc.org/cmaq).

Mr. Ward noted that several national organizations are beginning to gather their thoughts on the next Surface Transportation legislation. He indicated that he has seen things from NARC, Transportation for America, and TRB that discuss transportation reauthorization principles from a national perspective, support for commitment to the Interstate System, support for investing in public transportation, and funding options. This is also something that DVRPC will be keeping our eye on and may weigh in on through NARC. He offered that if any RTC members have any thoughts on this topic and which issues the region should be considering and addressing he's happy to hear from them

Mr. Ward noted some recent DVRPC publications; Burlington County Highway Master Plan and, Improving Safety and Stormwater along Cobbs Creek Parkway: 60th Street to 70th Street.

Mr. Ward called the RTC's attention to a number of upcoming meetings, including: Central New Jersey Transportation Forum – June 11, IREG – June 12, Classic Towns Trolley Tour – June 13, Regional Safety Task Force/Futures Group Joint Meeting – June 19, Regional Aviation Committee – June 20, DVRPC Board Meeting – June 27.

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

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

No public comments were stated.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

### **4. Highlights of the May 7, 2019 RTC Meeting**

The highlights from the May 7, 2019 meeting of the RTC were presented for adoption.

*Motion: by Matt Lawson, seconded by Matt Edmond that the RTC adopt the highlights of May 7, 2019.*

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

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

Jesse Buerk, DVRPC, presented 5 TIP actions.

#### **a. PA19-64: Outdoor Advertising Control (MPMS #113257), Various Counties –Add a New Project to TIP**

PennDOT has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2019 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a new project, the Outdoor Advertising Control (MPMS #113257) project, by programming a \$600,000 Right-of-Way phase in FY19 for \$266,000 STU and FY20 for \$334,000 STU.

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

TIP action PA19-64, PennDOT's request that DVRPC amend the FY2019 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a new project, the Outdoor Advertising Control (MPMS #113257) project, by programming a \$600,000 Right-of-Way phase in FY19 for \$266,000 STU and FY20 for \$334,000 STU.

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

**b. PA19-65: I-95 Philadelphia to Scudder Falls (MPMS #92582), Bucks County –Add Project Back into the TIP**

PennDOT has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2019 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding the construction phase for the I-95 Philadelphia to Scudder Falls (MPMS #92582) project back into the TIP in the amount of \$8,000,000 (FY20: for \$608,000 State 581, FY21: \$7,316,000 State 581, and FY22: for \$76,000 State 581). The total estimated construction for this project is \$40,596,000.

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

TIP Action PA19-65, PennDOT's request that DVRPC amend the FY2019 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding the construction phase for the I-95 Philadelphia to Scudder Falls (MPMS #92582) project back into the TIP in the amount of \$8,000,000 (FY20: for \$608,000 State 581, FY21: \$7,316,000 State 581, and FY22: for \$76,000 State 581). The total estimated construction for this project is \$40,596,000.

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

**c. PA19-66: 59th Street over AMTRAK (Bridge) (MPMS #98229), City of Philadelphia – Draw Funding Down from Line Item**

PennDOT has requested, on behalf of the City of Philadelphia, that DVRPC amend the FY2019 TIP for Pennsylvania by drawing funding down in the amount of \$28,140,000 from the County Bridge Line Item (MPMS #95447) for the 59th Street over AMTRAK (Bridge) (MPMS #98229) project, by programming \$2,040 for preliminary engineering (FY20: \$816,000 State 183/\$204,000 Local, FY21: \$816,000 State 183/\$204,000 Local); \$2,000,000 (\$1,600,000 State 183/\$400,000 Local) for final design in FY23; \$4,100,000 (\$3,280,000 State 183/\$820,000 Local) for utility in FY23; and \$20,000,000 (\$16,000,000 State 183/\$4,000,000 Local).

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

TIP Action PA19-66, PennDOT's request, on behalf of the City of Philadelphia, that DVRPC amend the FY2019 TIP for Pennsylvania by drawing funding down \$28,140,000 from the County Bridge Line Item (MPMS #95447) for the 59th Street over AMTRAK (Bridge) (MPMS #98229) project, by programming \$2,040 for preliminary engineering (FY20: \$816,000 State 183/\$204,000 Local, FY21: \$816,000 State 183/\$204,000 Local); \$2,000,000 (\$1,600,000 State 183/\$400,000 Local) for final design in FY23; \$4,100,000 (\$3,280,000 State 183/\$820,000 Local) for utility in FY23; and \$20,000,000 (\$16,000,000 State 183/\$4,000,000 Local).

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

**d. PA19-67: Railroad Grade Crossing projects (Various MPMS #s), Various Counties – Add a New Project to TIP**

PennDOT has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2019 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding three Statewide Railroad Grade Crossing projects in the amount of \$628,000 for construction, Chambers Road Grade Crossing (MPMS #103215), Thompson Road

Railroad Warning Devices (MPMS #16169), Highland Avenue Railroad Preemption (MPMS #113251). These are additional funds to the region.

Motion: by *Peter Rykard*, seconded by *Corey Brown*, that the RTC recommend the Board approve:

TIP action PA19-67, PennDOT's request that DVRPC amend the FY2019 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding three Statewide Railroad Grade Crossing projects in the amount of \$628,000 for construction, Chambers Road Grade Crossing (MPMS #103215), Thompson Road Railroad Warning Devices (MPMS #16169), Highland Avenue Railroad Preemption (MPMS #113251). These are additional funds to the region.

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

**e. PA19-68: Bethel Road Roundabout (MPMS #111021), Delaware County – Add a Preliminary Engineering Phase**

PennDOT has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2019 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a \$579,000 sHSIP/Toll Credit Match Preliminary Engineering phase to the Bethel Road Roundabout (MPMS #111021) project in FY19

Motion: by *Corey Brown*, seconded by *Rich Brahler*, that the RTC recommend the Board approve:

TIP action PA19-68, PennDOT's request that DVRPC amend the FY2019 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a \$579,000 sHSIP/Toll Credit Match Preliminary Engineering phase to the Bethel Road Roundabout (MPMS #111021) project in FY19.

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

**6. Request to Open a Public Comment Period for the Draft FY2020 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for New Jersey; and the Draft Conformity Finding of the Long-Range Plan (LRP) and TIPs**

Kwan Hui, DVRPC, explained that staff is requesting to open a public comment period on the Draft FY2020 TIP for New Jersey, Draft Conformity Determination for the *Connections 2045* LRP, the Draft FY2020 TIP for New Jersey, and the FY2019 TIP for Pennsylvania, with proper public notification, as well as to publish the Draft TIP and Draft Conformity Finding documents, to post them on the Internet, to make copies available at certain public libraries, and to hold public meetings.

Motion: by *Matt Lawson*, seconded by *Mark Remsa*, that the RTC recommend the Board authorize:

Staff to open a public comment period for the purpose of gathering public and agency comments on the Draft FY2020 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for New Jersey and the Draft Conformity Determination of the *Connections 2045* Long-Range Plan (LRP), the Draft FY2020 TIP for New Jersey and FY2019 TIP for Pennsylvania; to issue proper public notifications; to publish the draft documents on the Internet; to make copies available at certain public libraries; and to hold public meetings.

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

## **7. DVRPC Self-Certification of the Metropolitan Transportation Planning and Programming Process**

John Ward, DVRPC, explained that federal regulations for metropolitan planning (23 CFR 450 and 49 CFR 613) require the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) to certify to the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) concurrent with the submittal of the proposed TIP to the FHWA and FTA, that its transportation planning and programming process is being conducted in accordance with all applicable requirements.

Motion: by *Matt Edmond*, seconded by *Matt Lawson*, that the RTC recommend the Board certify:

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.

## **8. Election of Fiscal Year 2020 Regional Technical Committee Officers**

John Ward, DVRPC, explained that the RTC Chair for FY20 must be a voting member from New Jersey, and the Vice Chair must be a voting member from Pennsylvania. Monica Etz (NJDOT) indicated that the nominating committee recommended the election of Blanca Quinde (NJ Transit) as Chair and Peter Rykard (City of Chester) as Vice Chair. Mr. Ward asked for any nominations from the floor. None were offered.

Motion by: *Monica Etz*, seconded by *Rich Brahler* that the RTC approve:

The nomination of Peter Rykard as Vice Chair of the RTC for FY20.

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

Motion by: *Monica Etz*, seconded by *Jim Mosca* that the RTC approve:

Blanca Quinde (NJ Transit) as Chair of the RTC for FY20 and Peter Rykard (City of Chester) as the FY20 RTC Vice Chair.

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

## **PRESENTATION ITEMS**

### **9. Community Impacts of Multifamily Development**

Derek Lombardi and Brad Lane, DVRPC, explained that demand for multifamily housing in Greater Philadelphia and across the nation is surging based on a number of interconnected demographic and socioeconomic trends. DVRPC's Community Impacts of Multifamily Development study was undertaken to help regional stakeholders better understand the potential transportation, economic, and community impacts of various types of multifamily development. The presentation highlighted key demographic and travel behavior characteristics of multifamily residents.

#### **10. 2020 Census Participant Statistical Areas Program (PSAP) Update**

Ben Gruswitz, DVRPC, explained that DVRPC has completed an update of Census Bureau statistical geographies in partnership with our member counties. This presentation explained our approach to reviewing and revising census tracts, block groups, and census designated places--key small area geographies for reporting data from the 2020 Decennial Census, as well as the next decade's data from the American Community Survey (ACS) and Census Transportation Planning Products (CTPP).

#### **11. US 202 Operations Analysis**

Karen Whitaker, DVRPC, explained that US 202 Section 100 traverses Chester and Delaware counties, and it serves as a local arterial and vital link to the State of Delaware. DVRPC worked with the project steering committee to develop operational improvement scenarios for US 202 Section 100 from Matlack Street to Skiles Boulevard. This presentation provided an overview of existing traffic conditions, as well as described the scenarios tested and results of the analysis.

#### **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 12:02 PM.

**The next scheduled meeting of the RTC is Tuesday, July 9, 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  
Ruth Foster  
(not represented)  
(not represented)  
(not represented)  
(not represented)  
Sachin Shankar  
Jim Mosca  
(not represented)  
Jonathan Korus  
Rich Brahler  
Mark Remsa  
Andrew Levecchia  
Brian Styche  
Corey Brown  
(not represented)  
Matthew Lawson  
Matthew Edmond  
David Kanthor  
Nick Baker  
Angela Dixon  
(not represented)  
Peter Rykard  
(not represented)  
Barbara Holcomb  
Blanca Quinde  
(not represented)  
Catherine Popp-McDonough  
Frances Harwell

### **Representative**

(not represented)  
Kelvin MacKavanaugh  
(not represented)  
(not represented)  
Tim Lidiak  
(not represented)  
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## **ATTENDANCE (cont'd)**

### **Other Member Representatives and Guests**

Brian Donovan – Chester County Planning Commission

Eric Quinn – Chester County Planning Commission

Stephen Fowler – NJDOT

David Caulfield – NJDEP

Nathan Powers – Philadelphia Streets

Nayo Shell – Philadelphia Streets

Brandon Andrews - PCPC

Bill Comer – SEPTA CAC

### **DVRPC Staff**

John Ward

Patty Elkis

Elizabeth Schoonmaker

Greg Krykewycz

Dave Anderson

Karen Whitaker

Ben Gruswitz

Derek Lombardi

Brad Lane

Andrew Svekla

Mike Ruane

Glenn McNichol

Christina Arlt

Tom Keenan

Amy Bernknopf

Brett Fusco

Katie Nash

Elise Turner

Karen Cilurso

Mike Boyer

Kwan Hui

Jesse Buerk

Rick Murphy

Alison Hastings

Natalie Cramer

Tom Edinger

Najah Jackson

Renee Wise

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