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

**July 9, 2019 Meeting Highlights**

**DVRPC Conference Room, Philadelphia, PA**

**1. Call to Order - Chairperson's Comments**

Blanca Quinde (Chair, NJ Transit) welcomed RTC members and called the meeting to order.

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

John Ward, DVRPC's Deputy Executive Director welcomed RTC's new Chair, Blanca Quinde and our new Vice-Chair, Peter Rykard. Mr. Ward thanked the new officers for their willingness to take on these new roles and help the region conduct our regional planning process. He noted that he thinks they will find this role rewarding.

Mr. Ward noted that at their June meeting, the Board approved all the action items that the RTC recommended to them which included five TIP Amendments and the Annual Self Certification of our metropolitan transportation planning process. The Board also elected new officers for FY 2020. The new Board Chair is Sean Thompson, the Director of Local Planning Services at the NJ Department of Community Affairs. Our new Vice-Chair is Councilman Mark Squilla from Philadelphia's City Council. The Board Secretary is Leslie Floyd, Mercer County Planning Director and the Treasurer is Gina Burritt, PA Governor Tom Wolf's representative to the Board.

Mr. Ward called the RTC's attention to the fact that FY20 is nine days old and that means it is time to start planning for the FY21 UPWP. DVRPC has already been doing that and DVRPC Director of Planning, Patty Elkis has been setting up our annual outreach meetings with our member governments and we will soon be reaching out to the DOT's and transit agencies to discuss planning needs for FY21. These meetings will take place in August and September. Mr. Ward encouraged RTC members to start thinking about potential planning studies for the next fiscal year. Mr. Ward noted that as in previous years DVRPC is asking RTC members to consider regional scale projects that will be beneficial to many of our stakeholders as well as the county or local scale projects. Also, as in previous years, we are not expecting increases in our federal formula planning funds so it will be important to keep your project ideas to two or three and submitted in prioritized order. Mr. Ward noted that he has been working with Jim Mosca and his PennDOT UPWP Working Group to develop an Actions and Procedures document that provides guidance to the MPOs/RPOs in Pennsylvania on the development of their work programs to make sure that all the federal and state requirements are being met. Our WP has traditionally been very consistent with this guidance and we are the only MPO in the state that prepares an annual WP.

Mr. Ward called the RTC's attention to a number of upcoming meetings, including: Goods Movement Task Force – July 10, Transportation Operations Task Force – July 18, Draft NJ TIP and Draft Transportation Conformity Public Meeting – July 29, Mercer Co. McDade Administration Building Trenton NJ 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM, Draft Transportation Conformity

Public Meeting – July 30, DVRPC Board Meeting – July 25, Public Participation Task Force – August 8.

Mr. Ward noted that he started his report by welcoming new officers and that he wants to end his report by saying goodbye and best wishes to a long-time DVRPC employee. David Anderson, whom many of you know and have worked with on various projects, will be retiring in August after 20 years at DVRPC. David is the consummate professional, his work is always of the highest quality and he is known around DVRPC as a great mentor and trainer of younger staff who somehow always happen to get grabbed up by other managers when higher level positions open up. Mr. Ward commented that DVRPC is left with big shoes to fill. Mr. Ward wished Mr. Anderson a long, healthy and happy retirement.

**The Next RTC Meeting is Tuesday, September 10, 2019.**

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

No public comments were stated.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

### **4. Highlights of the June 11, 2019 RTC Meeting**

The highlights from the June 11, 2019 meeting of the RTC were presented for adoption.

*Motion: by Barbara Holcomb, seconded by Matt Lawson that the RTC adopt the highlights of June 11, 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. PA19-72: I-95: Pavement Preservation Northbound (MPMS #92581), Delaware County – Low Bid Cost Increase**

PennDOT has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2019 TIP for Pennsylvania by increasing the Construction phase for the I-95: Pavement Preservation Northbound project, (MPMS #92581), in the amount of \$14,304,000 (FY27: \$3,218,000 NHPP/\$358,000 State 581, FY28: \$3,218,000 NHPP/\$358,000 State 581, FY29: \$3,218,000 NHPP/\$358,000 State 581, and FY30: \$3,218,000 NHPP/\$358,000 State 581) to cover a low bid cost increase. This I-95 Pavement Preservation project is sharing the cost between the DVRPC Regional TIP (MPMS #92581 for Northbound) and the PennDOT Statewide Interstate Management Program (MPMS #103744 for Southbound). The total regional cost share is \$45,071,000 (\$40,283,000 NHPP/\$4,788,000 State 581). The total Interstate Management Program cost share is \$30,457,000 (\$27,411,000 NHPP-IM/\$3,046,000 State 581-IM). The total construction estimate for the project, including the proposed low bid cost increase, is \$75,528,000.

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

TIP action PA19-72, PennDOT's request that DVRPC amend the FY2019 TIP for Pennsylvania by increasing the Construction phase for the I-95: Pavement Preservation Northbound project, (MPMS #92581), in the amount of \$14,304,000 (FY27: \$3,218,000 NHPP/\$358,000 State 581, FY28: \$3,218,000 NHPP/\$358,000 State 581, FY29: \$3,218,000 NHPP/\$358,000 State 581, and FY30: \$3,218,000 NHPP/\$358,000 State 581).

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

**b. PA19-73: Valley Forge Granite Block Restoration (MPMS #110884), Montgomery County – Add New Project to the TIP**

PennDOT has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2019 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a new project, the Valley Forge Granite Block Restoration (MPMS #110884) project, by programming a \$450,000 STU Construction phase in FY20.

This project involves the restoration of the existing granite block roadway surface in front of the National Memorial Arch in Valley Forge National Historic Park. This will provide an adequate riding surface and maintain the integrity of the contributing elements of Valley Forge National Historical Park as part of the National Memorial Arch. The north curb line will be shifted approximately ten feet south to eliminate an existing shoulder and provide a 12 foot wide, curbed westbound travel lane.

Motion: by *Matthew Edmond*, seconded by *Brian Styche* that the RTC recommend the Board approve:

TIP Action PA19-73, PennDOT's request that DVRPC amend the FY2019 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a new project, the Valley Forge Granite Block Restoration (MPMS #110884) project, by programming a \$450,000 STU Construction phase in FY20.

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

**c. PA19-74: Statewide Multimodal Transportation Fund Projects (Various MPMS #s), Various Counties – Add New Projects to the TIP**

PennDOT has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2019 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding three PennDOT Multimodal Transportation Fund Projects; the Cowpath and Orvilla Intersection Improvements project (MPMS #112221) in the amount of \$2,495,000 (\$1,919,000 State 411/\$576,000 Local); the Horseshoe Trail over Pickering Creek project (MPMS #112227) in the amount of \$1,520,000 (\$1,169,000 State 411/\$351,000 Local); and the Indego Connect project (MPMS #111181) in the amount of \$738,000 (\$568,000 State 411/\$170,000 Local) for Construction in FY19.

These funds are additional to the region.

Motion: by *Brian Styche*, seconded by *Matthew Edmond*, that the RTC recommend the Board approve:

TIP Action PA19-74, PennDOT's request that DVRPC amend the FY2019 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding three PennDOT Multimodal Transportation Fund Projects; the Cowpath and Orvilla Intersection Improvements project (MPMS #112221) in the amount of \$2,495,000 (\$1,919,000 State 411/\$576,000 Local); the Horseshoe Trail over Pickering Creek project (MPMS #112227) in the amount of \$1,520,000 (\$1,169,000 State 411/\$351,000 Local); and the Indego Connect project (MPMS #111181) in the

amount of \$738,000 (\$568,000 State 411/\$170,000 Local) for Construction in FY19.

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

**d. NJ18-089: Route 295/42, Missing Moves, Bellmawr (DB #355A), Camden and Gloucester Counties – Cost Increase**

NJDOT has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2018 TIP for New Jersey by increasing the overall construction cost of Route 295/42, Missing Moves, Bellmawr (DB #355A) by \$38,000,000 from \$160,000,000 NHPP to \$198,000,000 NHPP funds. The entire project cost from engineering and design to Right-of-Way and Utilities to Construction is over \$200 million in year-of-expenditure dollars. The cost increase reflects the project's updated cost estimate and would be consistent with the Draft FY2020 TIP for NJ.

Motion: by *Monica Etz*, seconded by *Matthew Lawson*, that the RTC recommend the Board approve:

TIP Action NJ18-089, NJDOT's request that DVRPC amend the FY2018 TIP for New Jersey by increasing the overall construction cost of Route 295/42, Missing Moves, Bellmawr (DB #355A) by \$38,000,000 from \$160,000,000 NHPP to \$198,000,000 NHPP funds.

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

**6. DVRPC Regional Trails Program Phase VII Grant Awards**

Chris Linn, DVRPC, explained that in fall 2018 DVRPC launched Phase VII of the Regional Trails Program. Two new awards have been approved by the Pennsylvania Regional Trails Committee. These awards will support, and help complete, two projects previously prioritized by the program. One-to-one match funding is expected to be provided by the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources for both projects.

1. Lower Poquessing Creek Trail A and B Feasibility Study, Philadelphia City Planning Commission – \$25,000

2. D&L Canal Trail - Bridge Street Crossing Permanent Bike and Temporary Construction easements, Pennsylvania Environmental Council – \$26,300

All funding will be provided through a capital grant to DVRPC from the William Penn Foundation.

Motion: by *Richard Brahler*, seconded by *David Kanthor*, that the RTC recommend the Board approve:

These two Regional Trails Program grant awards.

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

**7. Adopt Update to Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and Long-Range Plan Project Benefit Evaluation Criteria**

Brett Fusco and Jesse Buerk, DVRPC, explained that staff has been working with a subcommittee of the Regional Technical Committee to update criteria for evaluating new DVRPC Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and Long-Range Plan (LRP) project

candidates that would be added to either the PA or NJ TIP or LRP. Universal criteria were last adopted in 2013 and allow the same criteria to address both highway and transit funded projects, and can be used in both states in the DVRPC region. Using a set of criteria helps the region use resources most effectively using data driven considerations while balancing regional needs and meeting Long-Range Plan goals. Other considerations such as local and regional priorities, asset management system rankings, public input, political support, geographic distribution, fund eligibility, project readiness, leveraging investments, and even working to ensure a variety of project types are also factors that play into project selection. The criteria are used to evaluate all types of roadway, transit, bike/pedestrian, preservation, operational improvement, and freight projects. For specific, large-scale major regional long-range plan projects, "TIP +" factors have been developed to allow an additional level of scrutiny for adding projects to the Long-Range Plan. TIP projects which use special fund categories may have specific criteria related to the fund type (such as CMAQ or HSIP).

Motion: by *Barbara Holcomb*, seconded by *Brian Styche*, that the RTC recommend the Board adopt:

The updated TIP/LRP Project Benefit Evaluation Criteria.

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

#### **8. Request to Open a Public Comment Period for the DRAFT FY 2019 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS)**

Karen Cilurso, DVRPC, explained that staff is requesting authorization to open a public comment period to gather public and agency comments on the Draft FY 2019 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS), *Growing Greater Philadelphia*. Staff also requests authorization to publish the draft document on the internet and hold a final public meeting.

Motion by: *Matthew Edmond*, seconded by *Matthew Lawson* that the RTC authorize:

Staff to open a public comment period to gather public and agency comments on the Draft FY 2019 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS), *Growing Greater Philadelphia*. Staff also requests authorization to publish the draft document on the internet and hold a final public meeting.

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

#### **PRESENTATION ITEMS**

#### **9. Scudder Falls Bridge (I-295) Replacement Project**

Joseph Donnelly, DRJTBC, explained that the current congestion-prone, functionally obsolete Scudder Falls Bridge is being replaced with a dual-span structure carrying three thru-traffic lanes in each direction. A project update was provided.

## **10. Route 422 Operations and Capacity Study**

Keith Hartington, DVRPC, presented an overview of the US 422 Operations Model that is currently being developed. Once completed, the model will be used to analyze existing conditions and evaluate the effectiveness of future year enhancement strategies. The goal is to identify an appropriate set of discrete roadway improvements for the corridor.

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

### **11. Tactical Urbanism**

Betsy Mastaglio, DVRPC, provided examples of how tactical urbanism projects (flexible, short-term projects) are addressing long-term safety and community goals. Attendees were asked to share their thoughts on potential projects and the resources needed to advance them with the aim of identifying if there is a potential role in DVRPC's work program to assist planning partners in advancing tactical urbanism projects.

### **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 12:04 PM.

The next scheduled meeting of the RTC is **Tuesday, September 10, 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  
(not represented)  
(not represented)  
Jonathan Korus  
Rich Brahler  
Carol Thomas  
Andrew Levecchia  
Brian Styche  
Tom Shaffer  
(not represented)  
Matthew Lawson  
Matthew Edmond  
David Kanthor  
Nick Baker  
Angela Dixon  
(not represented)  
Peter Rykard  
(not represented)  
Barbara Holcomb  
Blanca Quinde  
(not represented)  
Brian McFadden  
Frances Harwell

### **Representative**

Joe Donnelly  
(not represented)  
Brian Goodson  
Jennifer Crobak  
(not represented)  
(not represented)  
(not represented)  
Ronda Urkowitz  
(not represented)  
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## **ATTENDANCE (cont'd)**

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

Kellie McFarlane – DRPA

Stephen Fowler – NJDOT

David Caulfield – NJDEP

Nathan Powers – Philadelphia Streets

Michael Alvarez- PCPC

Komeh Lansana – Delaware County Planning Department

Moriah Smith – FHWA PA

Donna Searles - Bethel Church, Woodbury, NJ

Susan Herman – Residents for Regional Traffic Solutions, Inc.

Bill Comer – SEPTA CAC

### **DVRPC Staff**

John Ward

Patty Elkis

Elizabeth Schoonmaker

Greg Krykewycz

Dave Anderson

Karen Whitaker

Ben Gruswitz

Betsy Mastaglio

Keith Hartington

Joe Natale

Brett Brown

Chris Linn

Justin Italiano

Shoshana Akins

Shawn Megill Legendre

Logan Axelson

Miles Owen

John Coscia, Jr.

Ian Schwarzenberg

Meijun Liu

Glenn McNichol

Brett Fusco

Katie Nash

Elise Turner

Karen Cilurso

Kwan Hui

Jesse Buerk

Alison Hastings

Natalie Cramer

Tom Edinger

Najah Jackson

Renee Wise

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