



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

**September 10, 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. Ms. Quinde asked RTC members to observe a moment of silence in honor of the events of September 11, 2001.

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

John Ward, DVRPC's Deputy Executive Director noted that at their July meeting, the Board approved all the action items that the RTC recommended to them which included 4 TIP Amendments, approval of two regional trails grants, the TIP/LRP Project Benefit Criteria, and a request to open a public comment period for the Draft CEDS which the RTC will be asked to recommend for Board approval today.

Mr. Ward reminded all of DVRPC's recipients of Pass-Through funding for the Transit Support Program, the Supportive Regional Highway Planning Program and GIS Program to please submit your invoices.

Mr. Ward reported on an interesting invitation he received to attend a workshop on the Pennsylvania Hyperloop Study. The study is a result of PA HR-1057, a resolution by the PA House directing the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission, in consultation with PennDOT, to conduct a study for the potential of a hyperloop system that would run from Pittsburgh, to Philadelphia, with a stop in Harrisburg, as well as a northeast extension that would operate between Harrisburg and Scranton. This is a three phase study that started in May 2019 and is scheduled to run to April 2020. Hyperloop is a futuristic mode of transport with pods moving through a vacuum tube propelled by magnetic propulsion. The pods, carrying either passengers or freight are expected to be able to travel in excess of 600 mph. It's interesting to see how PA might play in this arena and if I hear of anything interesting, I promise to keep you all in the loop.

Mr. Ward noted some recent publications including: US 202 Section 100 Operations Analysis; Pottstown Region Traffic Analysis; Delaware Valley Helicopter Inventory East Whiteland Train Station Feasibility Study; Woolwich Environmental Resource Inventory; Route 15 Trolley Modernization: Operations Analysis for Eastern Girard Avenue; Fiscal Year 2020 Unified Planning Work Program (now in Spanish)

Mr. Ward called the RTC's attention to a number of upcoming meetings, including: IREG – September 11, UWAG – September 18, Central Jersey Transportation Forum – September 18 *Somerset County Fire Academy, Hillsborough Township*, Regional Aviation Committee – September 19, Brownfields Basics – September 20, DVRPC Board Meeting **and Retreat** – September 26 *Grounds for Sculpture Auditorium, Hamilton, NJ*, RCEDF – October 7, *Uncovering Opportunity in Historic Burial Grounds and Cemeteries The Conservatory at West Laurel Hill Cemetery*.

**The Next RTC Meeting is Tuesday, October 8, 2019.**

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

No public comments were stated.

**ACTION ITEMS**

**4. Highlights of the July 9, 2019 RTC Meeting**

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

Motion: *by James Mosca, seconded by Barbara Holcomb* that the RTC adopt the highlights of July 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. PA19-76: MacDade Boulevard Closed Loop Signal System (MPMS #64790), Delaware County - Add Project Back into TIP**

PennDOT has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2019 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding the construction phase for the MacDade Boulevard Closed Loop Signal System (MPMS #64790) project back into the TIP in the amount of \$5,200,000 (FY19: \$1,369,000 CAQ/Toll Credit; FY20: \$1,129,000 CAQ/Toll Credit; FY21: \$2,702,000 CAQ).

**b. PA19-77: US 202, Markley Street Improvements (Section 510) (MPMS #80021), Montgomery County – Add Project Back into TIP**

PennDOT has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2019 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding the construction phase for the US 202 Markley Street Improvements (MPMS #80021) project back into the TIP in the amount of \$10,957,000 (FY20: \$6,478,000 NHPP/\$1,620,000 State 581, and FY21: \$2,287,000 NHPP/\$572,000 State 581).

Motion: *by James Mosca, seconded by Matthew Edmond*, that the RTC recommend the Board approve:

TIP Action PA19-76, PennDOT's request that DVRPC amend the FY2019 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding the construction phase for the MacDade Boulevard Closed Loop Signal System (MPMS #64790) project back into the TIP in the amount of \$5,200,000 (FY19: \$1,369,000 CAQ/Toll Credit; FY20: \$1,129,000 CAQ/Toll Credit; FY21: \$2,702,000 CAQ).

TIP Action PA19-77, PennDOT's request that DVRPC amend the FY2019 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding the construction phase for the US 202 Markley Street

Improvements (MPMS #80021) project back into the TIP in the amount of \$10,957,000 (FY20: \$6,478,000 NHPP/\$1,620,000 State 581, and FY21: \$2,287,000 NHPP/\$572,000 State 581).

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

**c. PA19-78: Regional Traffic Management Center (RTMC) General Contract (MPMS #110494), Montgomery County – Cost Increase**

Deputy Executive Director John Ward reported that this action is being tabled until the October 8, 2019 RTC meeting.

**d. PA19-79: ADA Ramps 2020 (Various MPMS #s), Various Counties – Add New Projects to TIP**

PennDOT has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2019 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding three new projects to the TIP in the total amount of \$22,701,000 and program accordingly: ADA Ramps 2020 Bucks and Montgomery Counties (MPMS #12842) in the amount of \$300,000 State 581 for the Preliminary Engineering phase (\$195,000 State 581 in FY19; \$105,000 State 581 in FY20), and \$7,501,000 STU for the Construction phase (\$130,000 STU in FY25; \$4,935,000 STU in FY27; \$2,436,000 STU in FY30) for a total amount of \$7,801,000; ADA Ramps 2020 Chester and Montgomery Counties (MPMS #12885) in the amount of \$200,000 State 581 for the Preliminary Engineering phase in FY19, and \$3,800,000 STU for the Construction phase (\$188,000 in FY25; \$3,612,000 STU in FY27) for a total amount of \$4,000,000; and ADA Ramps 2020 Philadelphia (MPMS #12886) in the amount of \$400,000 State 581 for the Preliminary Engineering phase (\$195,000 State 581 in FY19; \$205,000 State 581 in FY20), and \$10,500,000 for the Construction phase (\$188,000 STU in FY25; \$4,747,000 STU in FY27; \$5,565,000 in FY30) for a total amount of \$10,900,000.

**e. PA19-80: Broad Street over Loading Dock (Bridge) (MPMS #92147), City of Philadelphia – Add New Project to TIP**

Background/Analysis/Issues: PennDOT has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2019 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding the Broad Street over Loading Dock (Bridge) (MPMS #92147) project to the TIP in the amount of \$25,201,000 accordingly: \$750,000 NHPP for the Utility phase in FY19, \$750,000 for the Right of Way phase (\$144,000 NHPP/\$8,000 STP in FY19 and \$598,000 NHPP in FY20), and a total of \$23,701,000 for the Construction phase (\$763,000 NHPP/\$1,787,000 STU in FY19; \$4,164,000 NHPP/\$958,000 STU/\$9,000 STP in FY20; \$5,000,000 NHPP/\$1,151,000 STP in FY21; \$52,000 STP in FY22; \$1,471,000 NHPP in FY24; and \$8,346,000 NHPP in FY25).

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

TIP Action PA19-79, PennDOT's request that DVRPC amend the FY2019 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding three new projects to the TIP in the total amount of \$22,701,000 and program accordingly: ADA Ramps 2020 Bucks and Montgomery Counties (MPMS #12842) in the amount of \$300,000 State 581 for the Preliminary Engineering phase (\$195,000 State 581 in FY19; \$105,000 State 581 in FY20), and \$7,501,000 STU for the

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

**6a. DVRPC FY 2020 Work Program Amendment: PA 309 Connector Section HT3 Traffic Forecasts**

Matt Gates, DVRPC, explained that PennDOT has requested DVRPC to prepare 2025 and 2045 daily and AM and PM peak hour traffic forecasts for Phase III of the PA 309 Connector Project (Section HT3) in Montgomery and Bucks Counties for both No-Build and Build alternatives.

Motion: by *Richard Brahler*, seconded by *Matthew Edmond*, that the RTC recommend the Board approve:

Amending the FY2020 Work Program to include the PA 309 Connector Section HT3 project.

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

**6b. FY2020 Work Program Amendment: Add Direct Bus Expansion Feasibility project, remove Philadelphia Mills bus transfer hub project**

Amy Bernknopf, DVRPC, explained that SEPTA has requested to replace the Philadelphia Mills bus transfer hub project in the FY 20 UPWP with the Direct Bus Expansion Feasibility project. SEPTA no longer requires support to evaluate candidate locations for a Philadelphia Mills bus transfer hub because the transit agency has already acquired property that has solidified their plans in the area. SEPTA is considering expanding Direct Bus service as part of its planned systemwide bus network reconsideration, and has requested DVRPC planning support to identify corridors within its service area where future limited stop service would be valuable and successful. Like Roosevelt Boulevard, many transit corridors that are likely to be suitable for Direct Bus service are also state highways, requiring coordination with PennDOT and with other capital projects consistent

with the principles of PennDOT Connects. The report will result in a prioritized concept plan for expansion of SEPTA's Direct Bus (BRT lite) limited stop bus network, within the City of Philadelphia and in DVRPC's suburban counties.

Motion: by *Cathy Popp-McDonough*, seconded by *Barbara Holcomb*, that the RTC recommend the Board approve:

Amending the FY2020 Work Program and add the Direct Bus Expansion Feasibility project and remove the Philadelphia Mills bus transfer hub project.

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

#### **7. Adoption of the Conformity Finding of the DVRPC *Connections 2045* Long-Range Plan, FY 2019 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for Pennsylvania, and Draft FY 2020 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 2019 TIP for Pennsylvania, and Draft FY 2020 TIP for New Jersey.

Motion by: *June Morton*, seconded by *Barbara Holcomb* that the RTC adopt:

The conformity finding of the *Connections 2045* Long-Range Plan, FY 2019 Transportation Improvement Program for Pennsylvania, and FY 2020 TIP for New Jersey in the DVRPC planning area.

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

#### **8. Adoption of the Draft DVRPC FY2020 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for New Jersey (FY20-FY23) with Recommended Changes**

Kwan Hui, 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 TIP is required to cover a minimum of four federal fiscal years (FY) of programming and must be consistent with the Long-Range Plan. DVRPC TIP documents for both New Jersey and Pennsylvania cover a longer planning and programming horizon (10 years for NJ; 12 years for PA) to better understand expected resources and provide the region with a more realistic timeframe for advancement of TIP projects, as well as more realistic project costs. DVRPC undertakes a major TIP Update every year for the four New Jersey or five Pennsylvania counties; and the PA and NJ TIPs are updated on alternating years. At this time, staff is presenting the Draft DVRPC FY2020 TIP for New Jersey (FY20-FY23) with Recommended Changes for adoption by the DVRPC Board. The List of Recommended Changes is one of the attachments in this packet.

Motion by: *Matthew Lawson*, seconded by *Andrew Levecchia* that the RTC adopt:

The Draft DVRPC FY2020 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for New Jersey (FY20-FY23) with recommended changes as the region's official selection of transportation projects for federal funding, by passing the appropriate Resolution.

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

## **9. Request to Adopt the FY 2019 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS)**

Karen Cilurso, DVRPC, explained that *Growing Greater Philadelphia* was developed to satisfy the federal requirement for a regional Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS), and will serve as the required five-year revision of the regional CEDS originally adopted by the U.S. Economic Development Administration in 2009 and updated in 2014. *Growing Greater Philadelphia* covers the nine-county DVRPC region and includes background demographic, economic, and land use data; identifies regional strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats; discusses economic resilience; identifies regional economic development goals, objectives, and strategies; and identifies potential performance measures that will be tracked in future years to measure progress made toward achieving the regional goals.

Motion by: *Thomas Shaffer*, seconded by *Andrew Levecchia* that the RTC adopt:

*Growing Greater Philadelphia*: Greater Philadelphia's Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy.

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

## **10. Proposed RTC Meeting Dates for 2019**

The proposed RTC meeting dates for calendar year 2020 were presented for approval.

Motion: by *Barbara Holcomb*, seconded by *Andrew Levecchia* that the Regional Technical Committee approve:

The proposed RTC meeting dates for calendar year 2020.

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

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

### **11. Work Program Development**

John Ward reported on the FY 2021 Work Program development schedule.

### **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 11:34 PM.

The next scheduled meeting of the RTC is **Tuesday, October 8, 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)  
Robert Fogel  
Jim Mosca  
(not represented)  
(not represented)  
Rich Brahler  
Carol Thomas  
Andrew Levecchia  
Brian Styche  
Tom Shaffer  
(not represented)  
Matthew Lawson  
Matthew Edmond  
David Kanthor  
Nick Baker  
Angela Dixon  
June Morton  
Peter Rykard  
(not represented)  
Barbara Holcomb  
Blanca Quinde  
(not represented)  
Cathy Popp-McDonough  
Bryan Proska

### **Representative**

(not represented)  
Kelvin McKavanaugh  
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Jennifer Crobak  
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## **ATTENDANCE (cont'd)**

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

Stephen Fowler – NJDOT

Tom Kellie McFarlane – DRPA

David Caulfield – NJDEP

Nathan Powers – Philadelphia Streets

John Caperilla – Cedarville Engineering Group

Thomas Stanuikynas – Burlington County Bridge Commission

Max Inkrote – Larson Design Group

Bill Comer – SEPTA CAC

### **DVRPC Staff**

John Ward

Patty Elkis

Elizabeth Schoonmaker

Mike Boyer

Betsy Mastaglio

Sean Greene

Rick Murphy

Matt Gates

Amy Bernknopf

Van Doan

Kristen Scudder

Sarah Moran

Joe Natale

Brett Brown

Shoshana Akins

Logan Axelson

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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