

DELAWARE VALLEY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
REGIONAL TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

June 7, 2022 Meeting Highlights

This Meeting was held ONLINE ONLY

1. Call to Order - Chairperson's Comments

Matthew Lawson (Chair, Mercer County) welcomed RTC members and called the meeting to order.

2. Deputy Executive Director's Report

DVRPC's Deputy Executive Director Patty Elkis welcomed everyone to the June 7th RTC meeting. Ms. Elkis noted that we decided to do this meeting as all virtual rather than hybrid, because it takes a lot of extra effort to hold a hybrid meeting and it was unclear how many members would make it here in person. For future meetings, we will look at the COVID situation and take note of people's preferences, and figure out whether to hold the meeting as hybrid or virtual only. My current thinking is to hold four meetings a year as a hybrid, hoping more people will attend in person on those selected dates, as I think there is value in seeing each other in person, having one on one conversations, and generating positive energy; this only works when people do actually attend in person. It is really hard to predict what the future COVID situation will be and people's comfort level and willingness to travel here in person, so I am going to take it month by month for now.

Ms. Elkis reported that at our May meeting, the RTC recommended approval for three TIP Actions, a work program amendment changing a study for Burlington County from the Burlington Township/Florence Township Connector Road Planning Study to the Downtown Bicycle and Pedestrian Plans for Burlington County, approval of the TOP Project Selections and the New Jersey Safe Routes to School Program selections, and authorization to Open a Public Comment Period for the Draft PA TIP and Draft Conformity Findings for the LRP and PA TIP; the Board approved all of those items.

Ms. Elkis noted that there is a minor issue related to traffic counts and our work program. DVRPC staff have been working with PennDOT Bureau of Planning Research and Program Center staff on a minor administrative change to task language in our FY2023 Travel Monitoring Program Area (23-53-010). This change will add additional detail to our tasks under that program area to undertake cyclical traffic counts for PennDOT, to clarify that DVRPC can and does conduct a greater share of traffic classification counts in relation to traffic volume counts compared to other MPOs and RPOs that participate in PennDOT's statewide counting program. This change does not affect the program's budget, and is an administrative change to allow us to be assigned our normal number of count locations by PennDOT. We will insert this language into the UPWP for clarity:

"DVRPC will conduct traffic counts for PennDOT at assigned locations, with at least 40% being classification counts, if the total assignment cannot be reached then the

percentage of classification counts will be increased until total assignment amount is reached even with 100% being classification counts.” Ms. Elkis noted that if there are any questions about this, DVRPC’s Josh Rocks, our Manager of the Office of Travel Monitoring, is available to respond.

Ms. Elkis called the RTC’s attention to the fact that we have released an RFP to hire an Executive Search firm for the next Executive Director, and those proposals are due 6/22.

Ms. Elkis noted several new releases including: FY2021 Annual Report (an interactive online review of our 2021 work), Connections 2050 Explorer (summarizes the Connections 2050: Plan for Greater Philadelphia in a highly graphic web interface, detailing key regional trends and forces; population and employment forecasts; the Plan's vision, goals, key strategies, a summary of the financial plan; and considerations for implementation), Transportation Safety Analysis and Plan (TSAP) (The Road Safety Plan for the Greater Philadelphia Region), Cultivating Camden: A Status Report.

Ms. Elkis noted some upcoming meetings including: PA TIP & Air Conformity - Public Meeting - June 16 at 7:00 p.m., Board Meeting: June 23, and the Joint Regional Safety Task Force/IREG meeting - June 23 at 1:00 p.m.

The Next RTC meeting will be July 12, 2022.

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

No public comments were stated.

ACTION ITEMS

4. Highlights of the May 10, 2022 RTC Meeting

The highlights from the May 10, 2022 meeting of the RTC were presented for adoption.

Motion: *by Rich Brahler, seconded by Jim Mosca that the RTC adopt:*

The highlights of the May 10, 2022 RTC meeting.

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

5. Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Actions

Kwan Hui (DVRPC) presented eight TIP actions.

5a. NJ22-046: Washington Turnpike, Bridge over West Branch of Wading River (DB #15324), Burlington County – Add DES, Delay CON, & Change CON Fund Source

NJDOT has requested that DVRPC modify the FY2022 TIP for New Jersey by adding a \$1 million (M) Bridge Formula Program Off-System Bridge (BFP-OS-BRDG) funded Final Design (DES) phase in FY23, delaying FY23 Construction (CON) to FY25, and replacing the STBGP-OS-BRDG CON funds with BFP-OS-BRDG for the project, Washington Turnpike, Bridge over West Branch of Wading River (DB #15324). BFP-OS-BRDG is a new federal-aid funding category that was established under the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) to replace, rehabilitate, preserve, protect, and construct bridges that are off the federal-aid system.

Motion: by *Tonyelle Cook-Artis*, seconded by *Carol Thomas*, that the RTC recommend the Board approve TIP action:

NJ22-046, NJDOT's request that DVRPC modify the FY2022 TIP for New Jersey by adding a \$1 million (M) Bridge Formula Program Off-System Bridge (BFP-OS-BRDG) funded Final Design (DES) phase in FY23, delaying FY23 Construction (CON) to FY25, and replacing the STBGP-OS-BRDG CON funds with BFP-OS-BRDG for the project, Washington Turnpike, Bridge over West Branch of Wading River (DB #15324).

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

b. NJ22-047: Trenton Amtrak Bridges (DB#99362), City of Trenton – Add Project Back into the TIP

NJDOT has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2022 TIP for New Jersey by adding the project, Trenton Amtrak Bridges (DB #99362), back into the TIP for a \$3.2 M Bridge Formula Program (BFP) funded Right-of-Way (ROW) phase in FY23 and a \$56 M BFP funded CON phase in FY25. BFP is a new federal-aid funding category that was established under the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) to replace, rehabilitate, preserve, protect, and construct bridges on public roads.

Motion: by *Michael Kolber*, seconded by *Matthew Lawson*, that the RTC recommend the Board approve TIP action:

NJ22-047, NJDOT's request that DVRPC amend the FY2022 TIP for New Jersey by adding the project, Trenton Amtrak Bridges (DB #99362), back into the TIP for a \$3.2 M Bridge Formula Program (BFP) funded Right-of-Way (ROW) phase in FY23 and a \$56 M BFP funded CON phase in FY25.

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

c. NJ22-048: Route 73, Granite Avenue to Route 41 (DB #18383), Burlington County – Study & Development Graduate/Add New Project to TIP

NJDOT has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2022 TIP for New Jersey by adding an \$11.6 M Study and Development graduate project, Route 73, Granite Avenue to

Route 41 (DB #18383), into the TIP, as follows: \$1 M NHPP for FY23 Preliminary Engineering (PE), \$1 M NHPP for FY24 Final Design (DES), \$2 M NHPP for FY25 Right-of-Way (ROW), and \$7.6 M NHPP for FY26 Construction (CON).

d. NJ22-049: Route 206, Bridge over Springers Brook (DB #16335), Burlington County – Study & Development Graduate/Add New Project to TIP

NJDOT has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2022 TIP for New Jersey by adding a \$13.62 M Study and Development graduate project, Route 206, Bridge over Springers Brook (DB #16335), into the TIP, as follows: \$1 M BFP for FY23 PE, \$2.05 M BFP for FY24 DES, \$1.4 M BFP for FY25 ROW, and \$9.17 BFP for FY26 CON.

e. NJ22-050: CR 545 (Farnsworth Avenue), Bridge over Robbinsville Secondary Branch (Conrail) (DB #17411), Burlington County – Study & Development Graduate/Add New Project to TIP

NJDOT has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2022 TIP for New Jersey by adding a \$10.45 M Study and Development graduate project, CR 545 (Farnsworth Avenue), Bridge over Robbinsville Secondary Branch (Conrail) (DB #17411), into the TIP, as follows: \$1.5 M BFP for FY23 PE, \$1.45 M BFP for FY24 DES, \$500,000 BFP for FY25 ROW, and \$7 M BFP for FY26 CON.

f. NJ22-051: Route 64, Bridge over Amtrak (DB #15317) Mercer County – Study & Development Graduate/Add New Project to TIP

NJDOT has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2022 TIP for New Jersey by adding a \$33.673 M Study and Development graduate project, Route 64, Bridge over Amtrak 7 M BFP for FY23 PE, \$3.8 M BFP for FY25 DES, \$2.045 M BFP for FY26 ROW, and \$25.128 M NHPP for FY28 CON.

Motion: by *Monica Etz*, seconded by *Kellie Bellina*, that the RTC recommend the Board approve TIP actions:

NJ22-048, NJDOT's request that DVRPC amend the FY2022 TIP for New Jersey by adding an \$11.6 M Study and Development graduate project, Route 73, Granite Avenue to Route 41 (DB #18383), into the TIP, as follows: \$1 M NHPP for FY23 PE, \$1 M NHPP for FY24 DES, \$2 M NHPP for FY25 ROW, and \$7.6 M NHPP for FY26 CON.

NJ22-049, NJDOT's request that DVRPC amend the FY2022 TIP for New Jersey by adding a \$13.62 M Study and Development graduate project, Route 206, Bridge over Springers Brook (DB #16335), into the TIP, as follows: \$1 M BFP for FY23 PE, \$2.05 M BFP for FY24 DES, \$1.4 M BFP for FY25 ROW, and \$9.17 BFP for FY26 CON.

NJ22-050, NJDOT's request that DVRPC amend the FY2022 TIP for New Jersey by adding a \$10.45 M Study and Development graduate project, CR 545 (Farnsworth

Avenue), Bridge over Robbinsville Secondary Branch (Conrail) (DB#17411), into the TIP, as follows: \$1.5 M BFP for FY23 PE, \$1.45 M BFP for FY24 DES, \$500,000 BFP for FY25 ROW, and \$7 M BFP for FY26 CON.

NJ22-051, NJDOT's request that DVRPC amend the FY2022 TIP for New Jersey by adding a \$33.673 M Study and Development graduate project, Route 64, Bridge over Amtrak (DB #15317), into the TIP, as follows: \$2.7 M BFP for FY23 PE, \$3.8 M BFP for FY25 DES, \$2.045 M BFP for FY26 ROW, and \$25.128 M NHPP for FY28 CON.

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

g. A21-91: PA 309, Sellersville Bypass, Resurfacing (PM1) (MPMS #86923), Bucks County – CON Increase

PennDOT has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2021 TIP for Pennsylvania by increasing the FY22 CON phase for the PA 309, Sellersville Bypass, Resurfacing (PM1) project (MPMS #86923), by \$6,396,000 (\$5,117,000 NHPP/\$1,279,000 State 581) from \$5,992,000 NHPP to \$12,388,000 (\$11,109,000 NHPP/\$1,279,000 State 581). The total CON estimate is \$20,353,000.

Motion: by *Rich Brahler*, seconded by *Tonyelle Cook-Artis*, that the RTC recommend the Board approve TIP action:

PA21-91, PennDOT's request that DVRPC amend the FY2021 TIP for Pennsylvania by increasing the FY22 CON phase for the PA 309, Sellersville Bypass, Resurfacing (PM1) project (MPMS #86923), by \$6,396,000 (\$5,117,000 NHPP/\$1,279,000 State 581) from \$5,992,000 NHPP to \$12,388,000 (11,109,000 NHPP/\$1,279,000 State 581). The total CON estimate is \$20,353,000.

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

h. PA21-92: MLK Drive over Schuylkill River (Bridge) (MPMS # 108129), City of Philadelphia – CON Increase, Advance CON, & Change CON Fund Source

PennDOT has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2021 TIP for Pennsylvania by advancing the construction (CON) phase to FY22, changing the fund source from federal STU/State 183/local funds to 100% federal BRIP, and increasing the CON cost by \$5,887,000 from the FY22-25 CON cost of \$13,113,000 (10,490,000 STU/\$1,967,000 183/\$656,000 LOC) to \$19,000,000 BRIP for FY22 CON.

Motion: by *David Kanthor*, seconded by *Jonathan Korus*, that the RTC recommend the Board approve TIP action:

PA21-92, PennDOT's request that DVRPC amend the FY2021 TIP for Pennsylvania by advancing the construction (CON) phase to FY22, changing the fund source from federal STU/State 183/local funds to 100% federal BRIP, and increasing the CON cost

by \$5,887,000 from the FY22-25 CON cost of \$13,113,000 (10,490,000 STU/\$1,967,000 183/\$656,000 LOC) to \$19,000,000 BRIP for FY22 CON.

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

6. DVRPC FY 2023 Work Program Amendment: FTA Transit-Oriented Development Grant - Norristown High Speed Line – King of Prussia Extension Value Capture/Multimodal Accessibility Study

Kellie Bellina (SEPTA) explained that on December 15, 2020, SEPTA was selected to receive \$360,000 under the FTA FY 2020 Pilot Program for Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) Planning to perform the King of Prussia Rail Extension Value Capture/Multimodal Accessibility Study. The purpose of the TOD Pilot Program is to fund comprehensive planning that supports economic development, ridership, multimodal connectivity and accessibility, increased transit access for pedestrian and bicycle traffic, and mixed-use development near transit stations.

Motion: by *Tonyelle Cook-Artis*, seconded by *Matthew Edmond*, that the RTC recommend the Board amend:

The FY23 Work Program to add the *FTA Transit-Oriented Development Grant - Norristown High Speed Line – King of Prussia Extension Value Capture/Multimodal Accessibility Study* to the UPWP as a requirement from the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) per the FY 2020 Pilot Program for Transit-Oriented Development Planning requirements.

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

7. FY23 Pennsylvania Project Selection for the Transportation and Community Development Initiative (TCDI) Program

The Transportation and Community Development Initiative (TCDI) provides grants to local governments, transit agencies, and Transportation Management Associations (TMA) to undertake initiatives that strive to implement the region's long-range plan, Connections 2050, and enhance or improve the efficiency of the regional transportation system. Awardees may receive up to \$100,000 for single municipal projects and \$175,000 for multi-municipal projects. To ensure projects are right-sized, there is also a soft award floor of \$50,000.

Motion: by *Rich Brahler*, seconded by *Kellie Bellina*, that the RTC recommend the Board approve:

The list of recommended FY2023 TCDI Pennsylvania projects and authorizes the Executive Director to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with each selected

project sponsor and if applicable, contract with a qualified consultant to undertake the project in accordance with the scope of work and awarded amount.

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

8. DVRPC Self-Certification of the Metropolitan Transportation Planning and Programming Process

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 *Andrew Levecchia*, seconded by *Tom Shaffer*, 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 and Executive Orders.

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

9. Election of Fiscal Year 2023 Regional Technical Committee Officers

The RTC nominating committee presented a slate of candidates for FY 2023: Jonathan Korus as Chair and Tom Stanuikynas as Vice Chair.

Motion: by *Jim Mosca*, seconded by *Andrew Levecchia*, that the RTC recommend approve:

The recommended slate of RTC officers for FY 2023.

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

DISCUSSION ITEMS

10. Update to the DVRPC 2015 Land Use File

Mark Gatti (DVRPC) explained that since 1990, the DVRPC Land Use file has been updated every five years. With the 2020 update delayed due to the pandemic, this discussion laid out plans to restart the collection of this valuable data layer.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

11. One Minute Reports

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

12. Old and New Business

13. Meeting Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 11:28 AM

The next scheduled meeting of the RTC is **Tuesday, July 12 , 2022.**

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
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)
Janice Venables
(not represented)
(not represented)
(not represented)
Jim Mosca
(not represented)
Jonathan Korus
Rich Brahler
Tom Stanuikynas
Andrew Levecchia
Brian Styche
Tom Shaffer
Jackie Huston
Matthew Lawson
Matt Edmond
David Kanthor
Nick Baker
Kelley Yemen
(not represented)
Peter Rykard
Michael Kolber
Tonyelle Cook-Artis
Blanca Quinde
Rohan Hepkins
Kellie Bellina
Mary Ann Sandone

Representative

(not represented)
Kelvin MacKavanagh
(not represented)
Eugene Porochniak
(not represented)
Renee Androckitis
(not represented)
(not represented)
Rob Henry
(not represented)
(not represented)
(not represented)
(not represented)
(not represented)
(not represented)
(not represented)
(not represented)
(not represented)
(not represented)
(not represented)

Other Member Representatives and Guests

Montgomery County Planning Commission
Montgomery County Planning Commission
Montgomery County Planning Commission
Burlington County
Mercer County Planning Department
Mercer County Planning Department
Residents for Regional Traffic Solutions
Partnership TMA
McMahon Associates`
Dewberry

Matthew Popek
Laureen Sendel-Grant
Andrew Turner
Carol Thomas
Matthew Zochowski
Lalithanjali Kesava Pillai
Susan Herman
Jacqui Baxter-Rollins
Brian Donovan
Jack Kanarek

DVRPC Staff

Patty Elkis
Greg Krykewycz
Kwan Hui
Mike Boyer
Jesse Buerk
Rick Murphy
Maridarlyn Gonzalez
Alison Hastings
Tom Edinger
Gina Myers
Mike Ruane
Sean Greene
Betsy Mastaglio
Karin Morris
Derek Lombardi
Elise Turner
Mark Gatti
Cassidy Boulan
Shawn Megill Legendre
Najah Jackson
Josh Rocks
Spencer Gober
Glenn McNichol
Kim Korejko
Karen Cilurso
Sean Greene
Chris Pollard
Renee Wise

The Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission (DVRPC) fully complies with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Civil Rights Restoration Act of 1987, Executive Order 12898 on Environmental Justice, and related nondiscrimination statutes and regulations in all programs and activities. DVRPC's website, www.dvrpc.org, may be translated into multiple languages. Publications and other public documents can be made available in alternative languages and formats, if requested. DVRPC public meetings are always held in ADA-accessible facilities and in transit-accessible locations when possible. Auxiliary services can be provided to individuals who submit a request at least seven days prior to a meeting. Requests made within seven days will be accommodated to the greatest extent possible. Any person who believes they have been aggrieved by an unlawful discriminatory practice by DVRPC under Title VI has a right to file a formal complaint. Any such complaint may be in writing and filed with DVRPC's Title VI Compliance Manager and/or the appropriate state or federal agency within 180 days of the alleged discriminatory occurrence. For more information on DVRPC's Title VI program, or to obtain a Title VI Complaint Form, please call (215) 238-2871 or email.