



## Transportation Operations Task Force (TOTF)

### *Highlights from the April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2022 Transportation Operations Task Force Meeting (Held via Zoom)*

#### 1. Welcome & Introductions

Justin Neff, the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission (DVRPC), thanked everyone for attending.

#### 2. Two Minute Agency Reports

**Federal Highway Administration:** State DOTs traditionally required to conduct a work zone process review every two years; as a result of new infrastructure bill, that will change to every five years. FHWA Certification Review to be held October 12-13 in conjunction with DVRPC.

**PATCO:** Ridership at roughly 45% of pre-COVID numbers; masks no longer a federal requirement on transit. Safety, and the perception of safety, continues to be a challenge for transit agencies.

#### 3. Construction Updates

**Burlington County Bridge Commission:** Repaving of approaches to Tacony-Palmyra Bridge to begin shortly; alternating traffic patterns to begin mid-June on Burlington-Bristol Bridge for construction.

**Delaware River Bay Authority (DRBA):** Ultra high-performance concrete overlay project on NB Delaware Memorial Bridge to be phased in after Labor Day 2022, and run to November 2023; New traffic patterns to be implemented.

**Delaware River Port Authority (DRPA):** Upcoming 3.5-year painting project on Betsy Ross and ongoing ramp closure going from WB Betsy Ross to SB I-95; Ben Franklin suspension project on schedule, to be completed in 2024; Franklin Square Station project underway, with traffic impacts expected to end by July; upcoming paving on Walt Whitman; Deck repair ongoing at Commodore Barry with upcoming paint project likely.

**Montgomery County Planning Commission:** Ridge Pike reconstruction has begun from Crescent Avenue to Philadelphia line; to be followed by Belvoir Road to Chemical Road; to be followed by School Lane to Belvoir Road; final stage to be Harmon Road from Crescent Avenue to begin construction in 2025.



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**New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT):** Current or upcoming projects: I-295/I-76/Rt. 42 Direct Connect Contract #3 and Contract #4; Rt. I-295 / Rt. 42 missing moves and Big Timber Creek Bridge widening; Rt. 70 from Rt. 38 to Copper Avenue to include upgrade of all signals; Rt. 29 within Trenton improvements to be advertised in March 2022.

**Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT):** PennDOT currently undertaking a 41 mile reconstruct of the I-95 corridor, with construction planned through 2031. Sector B, ranging from I-676 to Broad Street, is the next phase, and will include the CAP over I-95 at Penn's Landing; project to be let in Fall of 2022. Entire corridor will implement Active Traffic Management (ATM) strategies, while requiring comprehensive coordination with a multitude of local and regional partners. Early phases of Integrated Corridor Management (ICM) currently underway on I-76 between US 1 and PA Turnpike. I-476 and I-476/I-95 Interchange project to include ITS and flex lanes, with anticipated let in March 2023. Girard Point Bridge Rehab to take place from 2025 to 2030.

**Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission (PTC):** Mainline Turnpike to be widened east of the I-95 Interchange to east of Neshaminy Creek, construction expected to start Fall 2023 (D30); Reconstruction of turnpike around Bensalem Interchange to take place concurrently with D30; Reconstruction of turnpike from MP 324-326 in Chester County underway, reconstruction to begin in Spring 2023 from MP 312-316; New Lafayette Interchange to be added in Montgomery County in 2025; widening of NE extension from MP 37.4 to MP 43.3 has restarted; Fiber Optic Network being constructed from Harrisburg to NJ Border and along entire stretch of Northeast Extension; moving towards open road tolling along entire network.

**Philadelphia Streets Department:** Vision Zero/Safer Streets around Schools projects are moving forward; Cheltenham Avenue/Oregon Avenue Signal Projects are complete; additional Vision Zero projects underway.

**SEPTA:** Media-Sharon Hill Line to be closed from June 11 - July 1 for line improvement, busing will be available; Trolley Blitz, with tunnel closure to take place July 9 -July 24 to allow for heavy maintenance; July 30 to August 21 the Southwest Connection Improvement Project will result in closure of Media-Elwyn Line from 30<sup>th</sup> Street Station to 49<sup>th</sup> Street; August 22 Media-Elwyn to Wawa work to begin.

#### 4. New Business

- **Next Meeting:** July 21<sup>st</sup> and October 20<sup>th</sup>