

DELAWARE VALLEY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

BOARD COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting of July 23, 2015

Location: Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission
190 N. Independence Mall West
Philadelphia, PA 19106

Membership Present

New Jersey Department of Community Affairs
New Jersey Department of Transportation
Pennsylvania Department of Transportation
New Jersey Governor's Appointee
Pennsylvania Governor's Appointee
Pennsylvania Governor's Policy & Planning Office
Bucks County
Chester County

Delaware County
Montgomery County

Burlington County
Camden County

Gloucester County
Mercer County
City of Chester
City of Philadelphia
City of Camden
City of Trenton

Representative

Sean Thompson
David Kuhn
James Mosca
Chris Howard
(not represented)
Nedia Ralston
Diane Ellis-Marseglia
Michele Kichline
David Ward
(not represented)
Valerie Arkoosh
Jody Holton
Carol Ann Thomas
Lou Cappelli
Andrew Levecchia
Christina Velazquez
Leslie Floyd
William Payne
Denise Goren
Mayor Dana Redd
(not represented)

Non-Voting Members

Federal Highway Administration
New Jersey Division

Calvin Edghill

Pennsylvania Division

Daniel Walston

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development,
Region III

(not represented)

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region II

(not represented)

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region III

(not represented)

Federal Transit Administration, Region III

Tony Cho

Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority	Elizabeth Smith
New Jersey Transit Corporation	Lou Millan
New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection	(not represented)
Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection	(not represented)
Delaware River Port Authority	Barbara Holcomb
Port Authority Transit Corporation	Ben Cornelius
New Jersey Office of Planning Advocacy	(not represented)
Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development	(not represented)

DVRPC Co-Counsel

Pennsylvania Co-Counsel	Andrew Bockis
New Jersey Co-Counsel	Thomas Coleman

DVRPC Staff: Barry Seymour, John Ward, Patty Elkis, Chris Puchalsky, Elizabeth Schoonmaker, Alison Hastings, Julia Strapp, Rick Murphy, Kwan Hui, Taghi Ozbeki, Paul Smith, Tom McGovern, Amy Bernknopf, Reuben MacMartin, Matt Gates, Kevin Murphy, Van Doan, Zoe Neaderland, Rob Graff, Mike Boyer, Brett Fusco, Liz Compitello, Karen Cilurso, , and Renee Wise.

Guests

City of Camden	Vincent Basara
City of Camden	Novella Hinson
City of Camden	Candice Jefferson
NJDOT	Karalas Ranganathan
NJDOT	Dante Sadama
NJDOT	David Bizinger
PennDOT	Linda Guarini
Gloucester County	Jackie Huston
CCCTMA	William Ragozine
PIDC/The Navy Yard	Will Agate
World Meeting of Families	Michael Pitts
Residents for Regional Traffic Solutions	Sue Herman
Pennoni Associates, Inc.	Don Shanis
Cooper's Ferry Partnership	Anthony Perno

Call to Order - Chair's Comments

Chair Mayor Dana Redd called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. and asked if there was any press in the room. The Chair expressed her pleasure in representing DVRPC as the new Board chair.

Public Comments on Agenda and Non-Agenda Items

No public comments were stated.

Action Items

1. Minutes of Meeting of June 25, 2015

The Board adopted the following **motion** with one abstention from Mayor Dana Redd:

MOTION by Mr. Kuhn, seconded by Mr. Payne, to approve the minutes of June 25, 2015.

2. Transportation Improvement Program (TIP Actions)

Elizabeth Schoonmaker, DVRPC Manager, Office of Capital Programs, presented the following TIP actions to the Board:

2a. NJ14-92: Route 130, Raccoon Creek Bridge Replacement and Pavement Rehabilitation, (DB #98344), Gloucester County

NJDOT has requested that DVRPC modify the FY2014 - 2017 TIP for New Jersey by increasing the construction (CON) cost of Route 130, Raccoon Creek Bridge Replacement and Pavement Rehabilitation (DB #98344) by \$47,399,000 from \$53,001,000 NHPP funds (\$30,755,000 in FY15 /\$22,246,000 in FY16) to \$100,400,000 (\$66,400,000 NHPP/\$34,000,000 Equity Bonus) in FY15. The result of this action would allow this project to completely authorize the entire \$100,400,000 CON phase this federal fiscal year 2015 instead of cash flowing it into FY16, as well as update the project description in the TIP. Note that the \$932,000 NHPP funded FY14 Right-of-Way phase was obligated in FY14, and NJDOT has prepared a Financial Management Plan that justifies the revised cost estimate.

The total construction cost estimate that was originally prepared by NJDOT was found significantly understated as a result of new geotechnical data that showed the bridge replacement project needing further significant improvements. The bridge structural and roadway design had to be modified, and some operational and geometric improvements will now be included as a result of this discovery.

Located in Logan Township near the Commodore Barry Bridge and US 322/130 interchange, the existing outdated metal vertical-lift U.S. Route 130 over Raccoon Creek Movable Bridge will be replaced by an elevated, fixed span bridge with a large footprint. The superstructure, deck on all approach spans, and substructure of the bridge are currently in poor condition. This project will include associated road and drainage improvements, such as four retaining walls, sign structures, lighting, and to address flooding issues, a raised roadway profile of Route 130. In addition, an overpass will be constructed to connect Main Street and Island Road for public access to the

fishing pier and parking lot that will also be created adjacent to Raccoon Creek as part of this project. The existing bridge operator's house will be demolished, and the property will be landscaped. U.S. Route 130 will be widened to provide outside and inside shoulders in each direction separated by a concrete barrier curb. An acceleration on-ramp lane at Barker Avenue will be provided for motorists to access Route 130 NB, while the existing Sheets Avenue at Route 130 unsignalized intersection will close, and a gated access road for only emergency vehicles will be provided near Sheets Avenue. Lastly, an ingress/egress access road between High Hill Road and the U.S. Route 130 over Raccoon Creek Movable Bridge for the Gloucester County Improvement Authority's DREAM Park equestrian facility, a traffic signal at High Hill Road/Rt. 130, and at the south of the bridge, a gated utility access road will be constructed for relocated sewer and electric facilities.

Financial constraint will be maintained by making adjustments to another existing TIP project whose schedule or costs has changed. All projects listed contribute to fiscal constraint.

Public comments were received from the Bicycle Coalition of Greater Philadelphia questioning the complete streets design elements of this project and whether there would be pedestrian connections to the approaches. A response followed indicating that no bicycle or pedestrian traffic will be allowed on Route 130 between the interchanges of US 322 and I-295, although other improvements on connecting roads will improve bicycle and pedestrian circulation in the area.

Favorable recommendation was received from the Regional Technical Committee.

The Board unanimously adopted the following **motion**:

MOTION by Mr. Kuhn, seconded by Ms. Ralston, that the Board approve the following TIP action:

NJ14-92, NJDOT's request that DVRPC modify the FY2014 - 2017 TIP for New Jersey by increasing the construction (CON) cost of Route 130, Raccoon Creek Bridge Replacement and Pavement Rehabilitation (DB #98344) by \$47,399,000 from \$53,001,000 NHPP funds (\$30,755,000 in FY15 /\$22,246,000 in FY16) to \$100,400,000 (\$66,400,000 NHPP/\$34,000,000 Equity Bonus) in FY15. The result of this action would allow this project to completely authorize the entire \$100,400,000 CON phase this federal fiscal year 2015 instead of cash flowing it into FY16, as well as update the project description in the TIP.

2b. NJ14-93: Route 76/676, Bridge Deck Replacements, (DB #11326), Camden County

NJDOT has requested that DVRPC modify the FY2014 - 2017 TIP for New Jersey by increasing the Route 76/676, Bridge Deck Replacements (DB #11326) overall construction (CON) cost by \$11,915,000 from \$35,085,000 NHPP to \$47,000,000 NHPP funds and by delaying CON from FY15 to FY19 (\$8,000,000), FY20 (\$7,000,000), and FY21 (\$32,000,000), as well as update the project description in the TIP. The \$35,085,000 NHPP funds from FY15 will serve as a resource for the Gloucester County project, Route 130, Raccoon Creek Bridge Replacement and Pavement Rehabilitation (DB #98344), FY15 CON phase.

Construction needs to be delayed because a new structure (I-76 over Nicholson Road) has been added to the project, and pre-construction phases, such as Concept Development, must first be completed. Originally, this project would replace the bridge decks on the following three structures:

- I-76 NB over the Main Branch of Newton Creek
- I-76 SB over the Main Branch of Newton Creek
- I-76 over the South Branch of the Newton Creek, Klemm Avenue and Conrail.

However, Concept Development (CD) was re-initiated for one of the structures, I-76 over the South Branch of the Newton Creek, Klemm Avenue and Conrail, which will now require a superstructure replacement. As a result, this project will encompass the superstructure replacement and three bridge deck replacements (I-76 NB/SB over the Main Branch of Newton Creek and I-76 over Nicholson Road). It has also resulted in two new projects that are related to this project, will appear in the Draft FY2016 – 2019 NJ TIP, and must also complete Concept Development: Route 76, Bridges over Route 130 (DB #11326A) and Route 676, Bridges over North Branch of Newton Creek (DB #14322). Concept Development reports for all three projects are expected to be completed towards the end of this calendar year 2015. Pavement resurfacing will still be conducted throughout this project (DB #11326).

Financial constraint will be maintained. All projects listed contribute to fiscal constraint.

Favorable recommendation was received from the Regional Technical Committee.

Barbara Holcomb, DRPA, asked what is the expected completion date. Elizabeth Schoonmaker responded that construction would begin in FY19 and is expected to be completed in 2021.

The Board unanimously adopted the following **motion**:

MOTION by Ms. Thomas, seconded by Mr. Kuhn, that the Board approve the following TIP action:

NJ14-93, NJDOT's request that DVRPC modify the FY2014 - 2017 TIP for New Jersey by increasing the Route 76/676, Bridge Deck Replacements (DB #11326) overall

construction (CON) cost by \$11,915,000 from \$35,085,000 NHPP to \$47,000,000 NHPP funds and by delaying CON from FY15 to FY19 (\$8,000,000), FY20 (\$7,000,000), and FY21 (\$32,000,000). The \$35,085,000 NHPP funds from FY15 will serve as a resource for the Gloucester County project, Route 130, Raccoon Creek Bridge Replacement and Pavement Rehabilitation (DB #98344), FY15 CON phase.

3a. DVRPC FY 2016 Work Program Amendment: Roosevelt Blvd. Multimodal Study Modeling

Chris Puchalsky, DVRPC Deputy Director of Transportation Planning, explained that the improvement of transportation operations on Roosevelt Blvd has long been a priority of the City of Philadelphia and city residents. After winning a TIGER grant, the City of Philadelphia is making effort to develop both interim year and long-range multimodal corridor improvement alternatives. DVRPC will prepare and use its regional travel simulation model to support that effort. The regional model will be used to produce ridership forecasts and mobility measures for each proposed alternatives and develop demand inputs for the microsimulation study to be carried by the consultant team retained by the City. A total of \$263,500 is available to support DVRPC's work.

Favorable recommendation was received from the Regional Technical Committee.

The Board unanimously adopted the following **motion**:

MOTION by Ms. Goren, seconded by Mr. Mosca, that the Board amend:

The DVRPC Fiscal Year 2016 Work Program to include the "Roosevelt Blvd. Multimodal Study Modeling."

3b. DVRPC FY 2016 Work Program Amendment: SHRP2-C11 – Assessing Tools Estimating Wider Economic Benefits of Transportation

Chris Puchalsky, DVRPC Deputy Director, Transportation Planning, explained that DVRPC applied for and was awarded a \$125,000 User Incentive grant from Strategic Highway Research Program's Implementation Assistance Program, to assess a suite of economic analysis tools for estimating wider economic benefits of transportation projects. The C11 tools measure the impact of reliability, intermodal connectivity, and accessibility changes due to transportation improvements. DVRPC will compare results to more advanced, but more expensive, economic analysis results from TREDIS software.

Favorable recommendation was received from the Regional Technical Committee.

The Board unanimously adopted the following **motion**:

MOTION by Ms. Goren, seconded by Ms. Arkoosh, that the Board amend:

The DVRPC FY 2016 Planning Work Program to include “SHRP2-C11 – Assessing Tools Estimating Wider Economic Benefits of Transportation.”

3c. DVRPC FY2016 Work Program Amendment: Rooftop Solar Challenge: Solar Ready II

Elizabeth Compitello, DVRPC Senior Research Analyst, Office of Energy and Climate Change Initiatives, explained that the U.S. Department of Energy issued a Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) in December 2012 for the “The Rooftop Solar Challenge II.” The Rooftop Solar Challenge II is a program intended to deploy—at regional and national scales—innovative, local-government level solutions for eliminating market barriers and lowering the non-hardware balance of system costs (“soft costs”) of grid-tied photovoltaics (PV), including 1) customer acquisition; 2) permitting, inspection, and interconnection; 3) installation labor; and 4) installer labor for arranging third-party financing.

In 2013, The Mid-America Regional Council (MARC), based in Kansas City, MO, was awarded funding through the Rooftop Solar Challenge for “Solar Ready Partnership II”. MARC has partnered with the National Association of Regional Councils (NARC), who coordinates and facilitates best practice sharing among nine regional planning council or commission (RPCs). Each RPC works to recruit 10 to 30 local governments to adopt solar-friendly best practices catered to their region. Since FY 2014, DVRPC has been working as a subcontractor to MARC as one of nine regional planning commissions participating in Solar Ready II.

Additional funds to DVRPC’s Solar Ready II project will be used to 1) support and extend existing training and technical assistance provided on zoning and permitting best practices for solar PV systems with interested municipalities, and to 2) provide funding for additional tasks through Solar Ready II. DVRPC’s additional tasks will include a) conducting outreach and education on Solarize campaigns with interested municipalities and community groups in the region, and b) developing and disseminating a Solar Friendly New Construction Checklist.

DVRPC has been awarded an additional \$15,000 to supplement the \$49,726 in funding originally awarded by the U. S. DOE through MARC. The original \$49,726 award was matched with \$24,863 in Comprehensive Planning funds. No match is required with the supplemental \$15,000 award.

William Payne, City of Chester, noted that the City of Chester is in the process of updating its zoning ordinance and that this action item is very useful and timely. Dr. Valerie Arkoosh, Montgomery County, asked which municipalities are participating in this program. Ms. Compitello responded that DVRPC has engaged some counties in Pennsylvania and in New Jersey. A total of 24 municipalities have participated in the trainings and 10 of those asked for additional information. A consortium of citizens is also involved and DVRPC is open to new partnerships going forward.

Favorable recommendation was received from the Regional Technical Committee.

The Board unanimously adopted the following **motion**:

MOTION by Mr. Payne, seconded by Ms. Kichline, that the Board amend:

The DVRPC FY 2016 Planning Work Program to include additional funding for “Rooftop Solar Challenge: Solar Ready II Program.”

Ms. Compitello also explained that there is a new initiative underway for Bucks, Chester, Delaware, and Montgomery County communities called the Regional Streetlight Procurement Program (RSLPP). The objective of the program is to get municipalities to retrofit entire street lighting systems to LED. This is meant to be done with economies of scale in purchasing and finance. A joint RFP will be completed in order to select a single pre-qualified Energy Services Company (ESCO) for project design, procurement, and installation. Energy Performance Contracts will leverage long-term, low-interest financing supported by the PennSEF program. There will be Guaranteed Savings Agreements with ESCO required to provide a guarantee of energy cost savings that exceed finance payments. There will be joint, DOE-vetted street lighting specifications for high-quality lamps that meet the application and bulk purchase using common specifications for the highest quality lamps at the lowest price. There are 46 municipalities participating, including eight in Bucks County, three in Chester County, 19 in Delaware County, and 16 in Montgomery County. It is estimated that there are 38,000 streetlights that are candidates for retrofit. In late summer an RFP will be issued and it is anticipated that the individual projects will begin in fall or winter.

Barbara Holcomb, DRPA, asked if the program could be expanded to include New Jersey communities. Lou Cappelli, Camden County, commented that New Jersey is replacing 27,000 streetlights in New Jersey with LEDs in partnership with PSE&G..

4. Year 2040 Employment Forecast Amendment: City of Philadelphia

Michael Boyer, DVRPC Manager, Office of Long-Range Planning and Economic Coordination, explained that in September 2012, DVRPC adopted employment forecasts in five-year increments through the year 2040. These forecasts will be revised region wide and extended through the year 2045 in mid-to-late 2016. Current information and recent trends indicate that employment in Philadelphia’s Lower South Planning District has already exceeded DVRPC’s adopted 2015 employment forecast, and will significantly exceed the Commission’s adopted 2040 forecast. It is critical that the most current employment data and forecasts be incorporated into the Broad Street Line Extension (BSLX) Study, which is currently underway. The Philadelphia City Planning Commission has requested that the DVRPC Board amend its adopted 2040 employment forecasts, to ensure that the BSLX Study have access to the most timely information and to ensure consistency with the long-range plan.

Favorable recommendation was received from the Regional Technical Committee.

The Board unanimously adopted the following **motion**:

MOTION by Ms. Goren, seconded by Mr. Payne, that the Board amend:

The adopted 2040 employment forecasts in five-year increments for the Lower South Planning District in the City of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, as presented; amend the 2015 employment forecast for the Central Planning District in the City of Philadelphia, as presented; and revise the adopted regional, county, and TAZ-level employment forecasts as appropriate.

5. Second Amendment to the New Jersey Memorandum of Understanding for Exchange of Program Funds for Federal Fiscal Year 2014 Through 2018

Elizabeth Schoonmaker, DVRPC Manager, Office of Capital Programs, explained that this action is a request for recommendation of adoption of the second annual amendment to a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) which was originally adopted by the DVRPC Board in September 2013 among New Jersey Transit Corporation (NJ TRANSIT), the New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT), the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority (NJTPA), the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission (DVRPC), and the South Jersey Transportation Planning Organization (SJTPO) which provided the general parameters of the exchange of program funds among those agencies for implementing capital projects in the NJ Transportation Improvement Programs (TIPs) for all three New Jersey MPO's and the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). STP sub-allocated funding (federal funds dedicated for MPO assignment) would be made available annually during federal fiscal years 2014 through 2018 for New Jersey Transit use. In return, an equal amount of State Transportation Trust Fund (TTF) funding will be made available for MPO assignment. For Fiscal Year 2016, the Second Amendment to the original MOU is proposed, with a funding level of \$8,000,000 STP-STU funding to be exchanged for State TTF funding in the DVRPC region.

The MOU requires annual amendment in order to remain consistent with the NJDOT Capital Program and state legislature appropriations. This is the second amendment to the MOU originally adopted in September 2013. The Program Funds Exchange amount may vary slightly from one year to the next depending on the exact amount of STP sub-allocation and the annual State Transportation Trust Fund (TTF) appropriation, and will also be dependent on evaluation of which funding type (federal or state) is most appropriate for a given MPO project. Projects in the DVRPC region that must remain federal or state funded necessitate a fluctuation of the annual DVRPC fund exchange amount for the next few years. Some of the historically funded STP-STU projects will advance with State TTF rather than federal funds, though review and requirements for the local program will remain the same as the federally funded MPO/Local Aid process.

Statewide in FY16, \$86 million of STP sub-allocated funding (federal funds dedicated for MPO assignment) will be made available for New Jersey Transit use. State (TTF) funding will be made available accordingly: \$8 million for DVRPC, \$70.5 million for NJTPA, and \$7.5 million for SJTPO. This exchange will not result in any net loss or gain of funds for any agency.

The entire MPO sub-allocation of STP funds will not be included in the Program Funds Exchange. The DVRPC region will retain approximately \$14.6 million in FY16 of federal STP-STU funds for appropriate use, as there are some projects that will be best implemented using federal funds. Anticipated State TTF and federal STP-STU programming for local projects in the DVRPC region is indicated in the Draft DVRPC FY2016 NJ TIP, and in NJDOT's FY2016 Draft STIP.

Favorable recommendation was received from the Regional Technical Committee.

The Board unanimously adopted the following **motion**:

MOTION by Mr. Kuhn, seconded by Ms. Thomas that the Board adopt:

The Second Amendment to the Memorandum of Understanding among New Jersey Transit Corporation (NJ TRANSIT), the New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT), the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority (NJTPA), the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission (DVRPC), and the South Jersey Transportation Planning Organization (SJTPO) for Exchange of Program Funds to reflect FY16 levels of exchange funding.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

6. One Minute Reports

Ben Cornelius, PATCO, reported that PATCO is in the midst of the last phases of the Ben Franklin Bridge improvement project. Additionally PATCO is in preparations for the Papal visit.

Elizabeth Smith, SEPTA, reported that SEPTA is making preparations for the Papal visit. SEPTA's attempt to put regional rail passes online for sale on Monday crashed the site due to demand and measures are being taken to address this. SEPTA is working with their IT consultants now and passes will not go on sale this week but SEPTA will give customers 24-hour notice before they do go up for sale. SEPTA is very focused on its Rebuilding for the Future Campaign which requires changes to service. The Trolley Routes 101 and 102 Modernization Project is running on schedule and those lines are scheduled to switch back from buses to trolleys on September 6. The 2015 Trolley Tunnel blitz is getting underway soon and will start on July 31 and run through August 16. Trolley Routes 10, 11, 13, 34, and 36 will divert to 40th and Market Streets and

commuters will then need to transfer to the Market-Frankford line to complete their trip into the city.

Calvin Edghill, FHWA NJ, reported that his office was selected for an audit on the STP and TIP processes. DVRPC was selected for the audit and Mr. Edghill noted that he will be at DVRPC's Office on August 6 for the audit.

Daniel Walston, FHWA PA, reported that he is the new Board representative from FHWA and that he is replacing Jonathan Crum, following an office reorganization.

David Kuhn, NJDOT, reported that NJDOT is in the midst of the end of the year crunch on authorizations. They will be requesting additional federal redistribution. The Route 130/Raccoon Creek is big for the agency this year. The Program Exchange helps, along with Safe Routes to School programs, TAP, CMAQ, local safety, and others.

Valerie Arkoosh, Montgomery County, reported that the Schuylkill River Towpath opens on July 28. There was a great TIP tour last week, organized by Matthew Edmond. The County is in preparations for the Pope's visit as well. The County just launched a new public safety initiative which utilizes texting to 911. This allows users to contact 911 through text, without the need for a voice call. This system runs off of cell towers and those areas that are not connected unfortunately will not get these 911 texts.

Diane Ellis-Marseglia, Bucks County, reported that the county is completing a consolidated plan for the use of CDBG funds and there is a regional planning component that is required. Ms. Marseglia is asking for assistance. Executive Director Seymour responded that DVRPC will reach out to the counties to see if DVRPC can play a role to assist in this effort.

Michelle Kichline, Chester County, reported that the county's text to 911 initiative has been successful so far. The county's economic development plan, Chester County Vista 2025, was just released. This plan won an award from the Pennsylvania Economic Development Association. It was noted that this award was won as a result of its use of unique economic development strategy and balancing progress and preservation. The county had a TIP transportation tour on July 14 which was very successful and informative. This week the county awarded \$3 million in urban center revitalization grants. At least \$500,000 of that went to Coatesville and the rest went to the county's Boroughs. The county is in the final stages of narrowing down the search for a new Executive Director of Planning and it is anticipated that a decision will be made by the end of the summer. The county Commissioner Kathi Cozzone was appointed by the Governor to the Governor's Pipeline Infrastructure Task Force.

Lou Cappelli, Camden County, reported that the Board of Freeholders approved \$19 million for South Broadway in Camden for Holtech industries. This will bring 3,000 jobs and require some redesigning of the road.

Presentation Item

7. Classic Towns Marketing Evaluation

Karen Cilurso, DVRPC, Manager, Community Revitalization, explained that the Classic Towns of Greater Philadelphia Program was developed in 2008 to help promote the region's older neighborhoods and suburbs as great places to live. An analysis of the marketing campaign from 2008-2014 was presented.

8. City of Camden Activities and Initiatives

Mayor Dana Redd, City of Camden, presented on current planning activities and initiatives in Camden City.

8. Executive Director's Report

a. Public Comments in Support of the Circuit

Mr. Seymour noted that there were over 100 comments submitted in support of the Board's June vote to help fund the Circuit. He noted that those comments could be found in the Board folders.

b. Federal Transportation Funding Bill

Mr. Seymour commented that the bill is moving forward and that there could be anywhere from a 2 month extension to a six year bill. DVRPC will continue to monitor the bill's progress and report back with any new information.

c. June 30 Anniversary Event

Mr. Seymour reported that on June 30, DVRPC held a 50th Anniversary Event at Dilworth Plaza. Mr. Seymour thanked Board members for participating and noted that there are photos from the event online and photo contest posters on the table.

d. Downtown Delivery Symposium

Mr. Seymour called the Board's attention to the Downtown Delivery Symposium which took place on July 15 at DVRPC's office. The full day event drew over 100 attendees and provided discussion, networking, and the sharing of solutions for meeting delivery demands.

e. NJ TIP Public Meetings

Mr. Seymour announced that there will be a NJ TIP, Long-Range Plan, and Air Quality Conformity public meeting today at DVRPC at 4:00 pm and another public meeting on July 30 at the Cherry Hill Library.

f. Work Program Development for FY17

Mr. Seymour noted that Work Program development will be underway soon. Board members should expect to get an official request to submit ideas in September and a full schedule of the process is in the Board packets.

g. Staff Retreat

Mr. Seymour called the Board's attention to DVRPC's Staff Retreat which will be taking place on September 18. DVRPC will be conducting team building and shared values exercises. These collective exercises will help to articulate the values of DVRPC. Once they have been fleshed out they will be shared with the Board.

h. Board Retreat

Mr. Seymour reported that the DVRPC Board Retreat will be taking place on December 9 at the Hilton, Penn's Landing. The Board meeting will begin at 4:00 pm and will be followed by dinner and awards. This year DVRPC would like to give awards for the best regional projects over the last 50 years in each of the nine counties. Mr. Seymour asked Board members to think about the most significant projects in their counties in the last 50 years and to let DVRPC staff know their selections.

i. World Meeting of Families

Mr. Seymour welcomed Michael Pitts, a consultant for the World Meeting of Families, who gave an update on the transportation planning for the Pope's visit to Philadelphia.

j. New Date for the September Board Meeting

Mr. Seymour reminded Board members that the new meeting date for the September Board meeting is Wednesday, September 30.

k. New Report Releases

Mr. Seymour reported that DVRPC has recently released some new reports including: (1) 2013 Crash Data Bulletins by County (2013) (2) Vehicle Technology Analysis for SEPTA Routes 29 and 79 (3) Citizens Guide to the Planning Process (4) Press Release on the Regional Trail Counting Program.

10. **Committee Reports**

The following committee reports were distributed to the Board for review:

- (1) Regional Technical Committee
- (2) Regional Safety Task Force
- (3) Regional Aviation Committee

OLD BUSINESS

No old business was stated.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business was stated.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:11 p.m. on a **MOTION** by Ms. Kichline, seconded by Ms. Marseglia.

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 public_affairs@dvrpc.org.

I certify that this is a true and correct copy.

Renee Wise, Recording Secretary