

## Board Meeting Minutes

July 25, 2024 | Hybrid Meeting

### ATTENDEES & REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT

Pennsylvania Department of Transportation, **Kristin Mulkerin**  
Pennsylvania Governor's Appointee, **Jonathan Korus**  
Pennsylvania Governor's Policy & Planning Office, **David Alas**  
New Jersey Department of Transportation, **Megan Fackler**  
New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, **Keith Henderson**  
New Jersey Governor's Appointee, **Ed Potosnak**  
Bucks County, **Robert Harvie**  
Chester County, **Josh Maxwell**  
Delaware County, **Gina Burritt**  
Montgomery County, **Scott France**  
Burlington County, **Tom Stanuikynas**  
Camden County, *(not represented)*  
Gloucester County, **Nick Cressman**  
Mercer County, **Matt Lawson**  
City of Camden, **June Morton**  
City of Trenton, *(not represented)*  
City of Chester, *(not represented)*  
City of Philadelphia, **Mark Squilla**

### NON-VOTING MEMBERS

Federal Highway Administration, New Jersey Division, **Jason Simmons**  
Federal Highway Administration, PA Pennsylvania Division, **Gene Porochniak**  
Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority, **Jody Holton**  
New Jersey Transit Corporation, **Louis Milan**  
Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection, **Sachin Shankar**  
Delaware River Port Authority, **Jalila Parker, Darlene Callands**  
Port Authority Transit Corporation, **Rohan K. Hepkins**  
New Jersey Office of Planning Advocacy, **Donna Rendeiro**  
Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development, **Michael Shorr**  
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, *(not represented)*  
New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, *(not represented)*

### DVRPC CO-COUNSEL

Pennsylvania Co-Counsel: **Jonathan Bloom**  
New Jersey Co-Counsel: **Thomas Coleman**

### GUESTS

Bicycle Coalition, Patrick Monahan  
Bucks County, Richard Brahler  
Buck County, Evan Stone  
Burlington County, Carol Thomas  
Chester County, Brian O'Leary

Chester County, Brian Styche  
DCTMA, Maryann Sandone  
East Coast Greenway Alliance Circuit Trails, Daniel Paschall  
Gloucester County, Jackie Huston  
Gloucester County, Emily McGrath  
Gloucester County, Bill Flemming  
Green Family Foundation, Alison Green Imbergamo  
Herbert, Rowland & Grubic, Inc. (HRG), Eric Kaufman  
Lawrence Hopewell Trail, Doug Caum  
Liberty University, Latoya Maddox  
Montgomery County, Matt Edmond  
Montgomery County, Matt Popek  
Narberth Borough, Matt West  
NJDOT, Laura Wilton  
PECPA, Patrick Starr  
PECPA, Jordan Linhart  
PennDOT, David Alas  
PennDOT, Michelle Adolini  
PennDOT, Nick Raio  
PennDOT, Larz Delorenzi  
PennDOT, Gene Haymen  
Pennsylvania Housing Finance Agency (PHFA), Tylin Colston  
PTMA, Jacqui Baxter Rollins  
PTMA, Lucas Oshman  
PPTF Judith Fagin  
PPTF, Jerrett Johnson  
Stokes Creative Group, Darren Alfonso  
Tri-State Transportation Campaign, Darwin Keung  
UPenn, Lex Roamnezud  
Urban Engineers, Daniella Baer  
Walker Consultants, Megan Gardo  
Riverfront North, Stephanie Phillips

#### DVRPC STAFF

Alison Hastings, Alyson Dressman, Alyssa Driscoll, amani Bey, Amy Lam, Amy Verbofsky, Ariella Maron, Barbara Agbotey, Baxter Barrett, Brett Fusco, Christopher Mulroy, Dan Snyder, Derek Lombardi, Emily Goldstein, Gina Myers, Glenn McNichol, Greg Diebold, Jackie Davis, Jason Crouch, Jason Crouch, Jesse Beurk, Joe Banks, Joe Natale, John, Jonathon Alexander, Jr Coscia, Karen Cilurso, Mathew Galanas, Matt Gates, Maya Greenstein, Meijun Liu, Mike Boyer, Najah Jackson, Renee Wise, Richard Murphy, Rick Murphy, Sean Greene, Shoshana Akins, Tom Edinger, Travis Spotts, Vivek Dsouza, Wideleine Desir

## CALL TO ORDER: CHAIR'S COMMENTS

Chair Josh Maxwell called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

### Executive Director's Report

- a. *State Budgets* - The governors of both New Jersey and Pennsylvania have signed new Fiscal Year 2025 state budgets. In New Jersey's State Budget, Governor Murphy included a new 2.5% tax on corporations with over \$10 million in profits, which could raise around \$1 billion annually for NJ Transit. Governor Shapiro signed the Commonwealth's FY24-25 Budget, which did not include his proposed 1.75% increase in operational funds for transit systems. Under the new budget, public transportation will get a one time \$80.5 million infusion of state money for operating expenses, with SEPTA receiving about \$51 million.
- b. *IJJA Updates* - The Philadelphia Housing Authority received a \$21.4 million 2024 RAISE grant for the Westpark Redevelopment Infrastructure Project. Several notices of funding opportunities are either currently open or anticipated to open soon; a list is available on the DVRPC and the FHWA websites. [\[Reconnecting Communities Pilot\]](#) [\[Railroad Crossing Elimination Program\]](#) [\[SMART Grants\]](#) [\[PROTECT Grants\]](#) [\[Regional Infrastructure Accelerator Program\]](#) [\[RAISE\]](#) [\[Reduction of Truck Emissions at Port Facilities programs\]](#)

- c. *DVRPC Regional Resilience Assessment* - DVRPC and consultants are conducting a landscape assessment to understand the gap between available resources and existing needs to enhance community and infrastructure resilience. DVRPC will assess how best to bridge that gap, starting with a first round of in-depth interviews of county and city partners as well as both state DOTs, and then engage in focus groups and workshops with existing groups.
- d. *Air Quality* - This month, the region experienced a number of Ozone Action Days. To address our air quality, DVRPC and the Air Quality Partnership have a number of activities underway, including working with 6ABC Action News Weather to have the air quality index and health tips mentioned with the weather forecast; partnering with Resolve Philly/Equally Informed Philly to educate and inform underserved populations in Philadelphia on how to stay safe during Air Quality Action Days; and continuing to match funding opportunities with projects that have real air quality benefits. .

## Public Comments on Agenda and Non-Agenda Items

Two public comments were made during the meeting. First Patrick Starr, Executive Vice President of the Pennsylvania Environmental Council (PECPA), thanked DVRPC for including \$200 million in the Draft DVRPC FY2025 Pennsylvania TIP, including \$120 million from the Carbon Reduction Program to build out Circuit Trails. He looks forward to seeing a similar commitment for the next New Jersey TIP proposal. The second comment was made by Jacqui Baxte Rollins, echoing what Mr. Starr stated. [\[Comments\]](#)

## ACTION ITEMS

### 1. Meeting Minutes of June 27, 2024

*ACTION:* Approve minutes of the Board Meeting on June 27, 2024.

*MOTION* by Ms. Mulkerin, seconded by Mr. Squilla. All votes were cast in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

### 2. Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Actions

Jesse Buerk, DVRPC, Manager, Office of Capital Programs, presented the proposed TIP Actions to the Board. [PRESENTATION](#). Note that some Action Items were combined for voting purposes.

- a. NJ24-046: SJ BRT/Avandale Park Ride (DB #T630), NJ TRANSIT – Add Project Back into the TIP [Action Item Description](#)

*ACTION:* Approve TIP Action NJ24-046, NJ TRANSIT’s request that DVRPC amend the FY2024 TIP for New Jersey by adding a previous TIP project, the SJ BRT/Avandale Park & Ride (DB #T630), back into the TIP with prior year FY23 unobligated funds in the amount of \$2 M SECT 5339/5307 for the ERC phase in FY24.

*MOTION* by Mr. Lawson, seconded by Ms. Morton. All votes were cast in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

- b. NJ24-047: CR 614 (Tom Brown Road), CR 603 (Riverton Road) and New Albany Road Intersection Improvement (DB #D2201), Burlington County – Add New LCD Graduate Project into the TIP [Action Item Description](#)

*ACTION:* Approve TIP Action NJ24-047, Burlington County’s request that DVRPC amend the FY2024 TIP for New Jersey by adding a new Local Concept Development (LCD) graduate project, CR 614 (Tom Brown Road), CR 603 (Riverton Road) and New Albany Road Intersection Improvement (DB #D2201) into the TIP for Preliminary Engineering (PE), Final Design (FD) and Construction (CON) in the amount of \$5.87 M STBGP-PHILA funding.

*MOTION* by Mr. Lawson, seconded by Mr. Stanuikynas. All votes were cast in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

- c. PA23-123: Creek Road over Pickering Creek (Bridge) (MPMS #98223), Chester County – Federalize Project [Action Item Description](#)

- d. PA23-124: Spring City Road over Stony Run (Bridge) (MPMS #98224), Chester County – Federalize Project [Action Item Description](#)

**ACTIONS:**

- Approve TIP Action PA23-123, PennDOT's request, on behalf of Chester County, that DVRPC amend the FY2023 TIP for Pennsylvania by federalizing the project, Creek Road over Pickering Creek (MPMS #98223), by programming \$3,100,000 of federal BOF funding for the Construction (CON) phase in FY24.
- Approve TIP Action PA23-124, PennDOT's request, on behalf of Chester County, that DVRPC amend the FY2023 TIP for Pennsylvania by federalizing the project, Spring City Road over Stony Run (MPMS #98224), by programming \$2,900,000 of federal BOF funding for the Construction (CON) phase in FY24.

*MOTION* by Ms. Morton, seconded by Ms. Burritt. All votes were cast in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

- e. PA23-125: Ridge/Germantown Intersection Realignment - Phase 1, Perkiomen Crossing (MPMS #102273), Montgomery County – Increase CON Phase [Action Item Description](#)

*ACTION:* Approve TIP Action PA23-125, PennDOT's request that DVRPC amend the FY2023 TIP for Pennsylvania by increasing the Construction (CON) Phase of the Ridge/Germantown Intersection Realignment – Phase 1, Perkiomen Crossing (MPMS #102273) project by \$12,642,000 CAQ (\$2,498,000 in FY24; \$13,679,000 in FY25; \$4,823,000 in FY26). \$8,358,000 CAQ will also be advanced from FY27 to match the project's current construction timeline.

*MOTION* by Mr. Harvie, seconded by Mr. Cresman. All votes were cast in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

- f. PA23-126: Communication, Signals, & Technology Improvements (MPMS #102571), SEPTA – Add New Project to Program [Action Item Description](#)

A public comment was made by Jay Arzu [\[Comment\]](#)

- g. PA23-127: Safety and Security Improvements (MPMS #107011), SEPTA – Add New Project to Program [Action Item Description](#)

**ACTIONS:**

- Approve TIP Action PA23-126, SEPTA's request that DVRPC amend the FY2023 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding the Broad Street Subway City Hall Reverse Signaling project to the Communication, Signals, & Technology Program (MPMS #102571).
- Approve TIP Action PA23-127, SEPTA's request that DVRPC amend the FY2023 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding the Climate Adaptation and Mitigation Program to the Safety & Security Improvements Program (MPMS #107011).

*MOTION* by Mr. France, seconded by Mr. Squilla. All votes were cast in favor of the motion. Motion passed

- h. PA23-128: Transportation Capital Improvements Program (MPMS #95739), PART – Add New Project to Program [Action Item Description](#)

*ACTION:* Approve TIP Action PA23-128, PART's request that DVRPC amend the FY2023 TIP for by adding the ITS Equipment project back into the Transportation Capital Improvements Program (MPMS #95739) in the amount of \$316,000 (\$253,000 Section 5307/\$61,000 Section 1517/\$2,000 LOC) using prior year unobligated funds for the CAP phase in FY24.

*MOTION* by Mr. Harvie, seconded by Mr. France. All votes were cast in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

- i. NJ24-050: Route 73, Dutch Road to Route 70 (DB #13319), Burlington County [Action Item Description](#)

*ACTION: Approve TIP Action NJ24-047, NJDOT's request that DVRPC amend the FY2024 TIP for New Jersey by increasing the FY24 Preliminary Engineering (PE) Phase of the Route 73, Dutch Road to Route 70 (DB #13319) project by \$3.3 M NHPP from \$2.2 M NHPP to \$5.5 M NHPP.*

*MOTION by Mr. Stanuikynas, seconded by Ms. Morton. All votes were cast in favor of the motion. Motion passed.*

3. **Adoption of the Conformity Determination of the Amendments to the Connections 2050 Long-Range Plan and Draft FY2025 TIP for Pennsylvania**

Sean Greene, DVRPC, Manager, Office of Freight and Clean Transportation, presented the following action to the Board. [Action Item Description](#) [PRESENTATION \(slide 26\)](#)

*ACTION: Adopt the conformity findings of the Connections 2050 Long-Range Plan and FY 2025 TIP for Pennsylvania for Ozone and PM<sub>2.5</sub> in the DVRPC planning area by passing resolution number B-FY25-001.*

*MOTION by Ms. Mulkerin, seconded by Mr. Harvie. All votes were cast in favor of the motion. Motion passed.*

4. **Adoption of Amendment 3 to the Connections 2050 Plan for Greater Philadelphia**

Jackie Davis, DVRPC, Manager, Office of Long Range Planning, presented the following action to the Board. [Action Item Description](#) [PRESENTATION \(slide 44\)](#)

*ACTION: Adopt Amendment 3 to the Connections 2050 Plan for Greater Philadelphia, the region's Long-Range Plan, and add or revise the scope, funding, status, and/or timing of 26 MRPs by passing resolution number B-FY25-002.*

*MOTION by Mr. Harvie, seconded by Mr. Lawson. All votes were cast in favor of the motion. Motion passed.*

5. **Adoption of the Draft DVRPC FY2025 Pennsylvania Transportation Improvement Program and List of Recommended Changes (FY25-FY28)**

Rick Murphy, DVRPC, Manager, Office of TIP Development and Maintenance, presented the following action to the Board. [Action Item Description](#) [PRESENTATION \(slide 60\)](#)

*ACTION: Approve the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and adopt the DVRPC FY2025 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for Pennsylvania (FY25-FY28) with the proposed list of recommended changes as the region's official selection of transportation projects for funding by passing resolution number B-FY25-003.*

*MOTION by Ms. Morton, seconded by Mr. Squilla. All votes were cast in favor of the motion. Motion passed.*

6. **Annual Self Certification of the Regional Transportation Planning Process**

Brett Fusco, DVRPC, Associate Director, Comprehensive Planning, presented the following action to the Board. [Action Item Description](#) [PRESENTATION \(slide 83\)](#)

*ACTION: Certify that the DVRPC Metropolitan Transportation Planning and Programming Process is in conformance with federal regulations implementing the IIJA, FAST Act, MAP-21, the Clean Air Act Amendments, and other federal legislation and Executive Orders, by passing resolution number B-FY25-004.*

*MOTION by Mr. Stanuikynas, seconded by Mr. France. All votes were cast in favor of the motion. Motion passed.*

7. **DVRPC FY 2025 Work Program Amendment: NJDOT Unobligated PL Funds - Amendments to Existing Projects**

Mike Boyer, DVRPC, Director of Regional Planning, presented the following action to the Board. [Action Item Description](#) [PRESENTATION \(slide 90\)](#)

*ACTION: Approve amending the FY25 UPWP to adjust the scopes and budgets for projects:*

- 25-33-160 - Rethinking Parking Requirements Toward More Effective Standards and Management (add \$100,000)
- 25-33-180 - Regional Affordable and Accessible Housing (add \$100,000)
- 25-52-160 - Supporting Communities Program (add \$170,000)

*MOTION by Mr. Lawson, seconded by Mr. Stanuikynas. All votes were cast in favor of the motion. Motion passed.*

8. **DVRPC FY 2025 Work Program Amendment: NJDOT Unobligated PL Funds - New Projects**  
Mike Boyer, DVRPC, Director of Regional Planning, presented the following action to the Board. [Action Item Description](#) [PRESENTATION \(slide 95\)](#)

*ACTION: Approve amending the FY25 UPWP to adjust the scopes and budgets for projects:*

- 25-33-210 - Transportation Analysis for NJ Economic and Workforce Development (2 years) (\$245,416)
- 25-34-210 - 2025 On-Board and Household Household Travel Surveys - SJTPO Region (3 years) (\$825,000)
- 25-34-220 - Software Development and Improvement for TIP Administration (4 years) (\$170,000)

*MOTION by Mr. France, seconded by Ms. Burrirt. All votes were cast in favor of the motion. Motion passed.*

9. **DVRPC FY 2025 Work Program Amendment: Technical Assistance Funding to Support the PA Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Program**  
Joe Natale, DVRPC, Senior Project Implementation Engineer, presented the following action to the Board. [Action Item Description](#) [PRESENTATION \(slide 100\)](#)

*ACTION: Approve the FY25 UPWP amendment to accept the second year of \$450,000 in funding from PennDOT Central Office to support technical assistance for the TASA program for additional DVRPC staff support and to maintain a consultant on retainer for a second year.*

*MOTION by Mr. Lawson, seconded by Ms. Burrirt. All votes were cast in favor of the motion. Motion passed.*

10. **DVRPC FY 2025 Work Program Amendment: Bellwether District Transit & Traffic Forecasts**  
Meijun Liu, DVRPC, Principal Transportation Engineer, presented the following action to the Board. [Action Item Description](#) [PRESENTATION \(slide 105\)](#)

A public comment was made by Jerrett Johnson [\[Comment\]](#)

*ACTION: Approve the FY2025 Work Program Amendment to add the Bellwether District Transit & Traffic Forecasts.*

*MOTION by Mr. Lawson, seconded by Ms. Morton. All votes were cast in favor of the motion. Motion passed.*

11. **Transportation Performance Management: Transit Assets and Transit Safety Targets**  
Greg Diebold, DVRPC, Planning Data Analyst, presented the following action to the Board. [Action Item Description](#) [PRESENTATION \(slide 111\)](#)



***ACTION:** DVRPC agrees to be consistent with the respective SEPTA, NJ TRANSIT, and DRPA/PATCO annual Transit Asset Management and Transit Safety targets, and to support the transit operators' efforts at achieving those targets.*

***MOTION** by Mr. Harvie, seconded by Mr. Stanuikynas. All votes were cast in favor of the motion. Motion passed.*

12. **DVRPC Regional Trails Program – 2024 Grant Awards**

Emily Goldstein, DVRPC, Environmental Planner, presented the following action to the Board. [Action Item Description](#) [PRESENTATION \(slide 126\)](#)

***ACTION:** Approve these twelve Regional Trails Program grant awards for a total amount of \$2 million.*

***MOTION** by Mr. France, seconded by Mr. Lawson. All votes were cast in favor of the motion. Motion passed.*

## DISCUSSION ITEMS

13. **One Minute Reports**

Kristen Mulkerin, PennDOT, noted the group effort required for the completion of the FY 2025 Pennsylvania TIP by counties, DVRPC, and transit agencies.

Gina Burrit, Delaware County, thanked DVRPC and all involved for the thoughtful TIP process. She highlighted the inclusion of the PA BrandyWine Complete Streets Project, which will complement the \$2.5 million that the County received from the IIJA Reconnecting Communities Grant award and the Transportation Alternatives Set Aside (TASA) Technical Assistance. She also expressed thanks for the Regional Trails Program for the Darby Creek Grant.

Scott France, Montgomery County, also mentioned the inclusion of the Circuit Trails in the TIP. He highlighted the recent ribbon cutting for the Fox Chase Lorimer Trail, which will soon connect to the Penny Pack Trail, a trail that connects Bucks County, Montgomery County, and Philadelphia in an almost 14 mile segment.

Ed Potosnak, NJ Governor's Appointee, provided details on the proposal to fund New Jersey Transit through a corporate transit fee. It would be collected through the Corporate Business Tax Acts, which has an ancillary benefit to public transportation through an amendment passed in 2014. [\[Corporate Business Tax Acts\]](#)

Matt Lawson, Mercer County, reported that Mercer county received a \$2 million grant from NJDOT for an expansion of an electric vehicle shuttle service that is run by Isles, a Community Development Corporation in Trenton. This expansion will allow them to serve other areas in Mercer County outside of Trenton. [\[Isles Community Development Corp.\]](#)

June Morton, City of Camden, announced the opening of the park at City Hall and a handicap ramp will be completed there as well.

Jody Holton, SEPTA, stated that SEPTA received \$53 Million from the state budget, including a \$6.9 million match from local counties. This is one-fourth of what SEPTA originally requested and one-third of what was proposed. SEPTA is still facing a structural deficit of \$214 million and looks forward to hearing from partners in Harrisburg in the fall. Earlier in July, SEPTA received a report from the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) advising that the agency focus on addressing safety in training operations, transit, and staffing levels. SEPTA has already hired over 30 transit police officers since last fall, and the agency continues to look at other practices and policies to improve safety. [\[FTA SEPTA Safety Management Inspection\]](#)

Lou Milan, NJ Transit, thanked those involved with the New Jersey State Rail Plan for comments and input on the draft. They are in the process of reviewing comments.

Rohan Hepkins, PATCO, announced that the DRPA Board voted to increase the toll on the four bridges that the Authority operates from \$5 to \$6. This is the first toll increase in 13 years and will be effective in September. PATCO does not plan to increase fares at this time. [\[DRPA Toll Increase Press Release\]](#)

Darlene Callands, DRPA, spoke about the reopening of the Franklin Square PATCO Station. Construction is anticipated to end during the month of August and the anticipated opening date is in September.

Donna Redeniero, NJOPA, mentioned two mapping tools. The first, which has already been distributed to NJ counties, is an ESRI map called Survey 123, where counties can propose changes to planning areas electronically. The conversation can continue virtually using this map in order to save paper. The second map identifies environmental and redevelopment features and weights them to show where the state plan recommends growth versus conservation. Rowan University is developing this tool. The tool will be introduced in August.

#### 14. Committee Reports

- a. [Regional Technical Committee](#)
- b. [Regional Safety Task Force](#)

#### OLD BUSINESS

None

#### NEW BUSINESS

None

***ACTION:** Adjourn the Board meeting at 12:05 and move into the Executive Session.*

***MOTION** by Mr. Squilla, seconded by Mr. France. All votes were cast in favor of the motion. Motion passed.*