

Board Meeting Minutes

October 24, 2024 | Online Meeting

ATTENDEES & REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT

Pennsylvania Department of Transportation, **Kristin Mulkerin**
Pennsylvania Governor's Policy & Planning Office, *(not represented)*
Pennsylvania Governor's Appointee, **Anthony Luker**
New Jersey Department of Transportation, **Eric Powers**
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, **Christine Reuther**
Montgomery County, **Scott France**
Burlington County, **Tom Stanuikynas**
Camden County, **Ilene Lampitt**
Gloucester County, **Bill Flemming**
Mercer County, **Matt Lawson**
City of Camden, **Edward Williams, June Morton**
City of Trenton, **Lisa Seriessyol**
City of Chester, **Paul Fritz**
City of Philadelphia, **Chris Puchalsky**

NON-VOTING MEMBERS

Federal Highway Administration, New Jersey Division, **Jason Simmons**
Federal Highway Administration, PA Pennsylvania Division, **Eugene Porochniak**
Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority, **Jody Holton**
New Jersey Transit Corporation, **Louis Millan**
Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection, **Patrick Patterson**
Delaware River Port Authority, **Darlene Callands**
Port Authority Transit Corporation, *(not represented)*
New Jersey Office of Planning Advocacy, *(not represented)*
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

Bucks County, Richard Brahler
Bucks County, Evan Stone
Burlington County, Matthew Johnson
Chester County, Brian O'Leary

City of Philadelphia, Michael Devigne
DCA NJ, Simran Riar
DRPA, Jalila Parker
Delaware County, Gina Burrit
Dewberry, Jack Kanarek
Gloucester County, Jackie Huston
Land Dimension Engineering, Larry DiVeirto
Montgomery County, Matt Edmond
Montgomery County, Matthew Popek
McCormick Taylor, Michael Russo
PennDOT, David Alas
Philadelphia Industrial Development Corporation, Alicia Santiago
Port Richmond Neighborhood Action, Doris Lynch
PPTF Judith Fagin
NJ Transit, Nathan Chadwick
NJDOT, Laura Wilton
Traffic Logix, Mark Gregory
Urban Engineers, Daniella Baer
Urban Institute, Nyla Holland
Peter Rykard

DVRPC STAFF

Alyson Dressman, Alyssa Driscoll, Ariella Maron, Brad Lane, Brett Fusco, Christopher Mulroy, Elise Turner, Ethan Fogg, Glenn McNichol, Greg Diebold, Greg Krykewycz, Jackie Davis, Jason Crouch, Jenn Farris, Jesse Buerk, Kai Yuen, Karen Cilurso, Karin Morris, Katie LaCava, Kevin Murphy, Michelle Beaulieu, Mike Boyer, Najah Jackson, Rebecca Wetzler, Renee Wise, Richard Murphy, Rick Murphy, Sarah Moran, Shawn Megill Legendre, Shoshana Akins, Spencer Gober, Tom Edinger, Travis Spotts, Vanessa Doan, Wideleine Desir

CALL TO ORDER: CHAIR'S COMMENTS

Chair Josh Maxwell called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

Executive Director's Report

- a. *IIJA Updates* - The region has been awarded two new discretionary grants. The US DOT announced a \$217.2 million award to the Philadelphia Regional Port Authority (PhilaPort) for the Southport Berth Phase 2: Capacity and Resilient Growth Optimization (CARGO) project, which will increase resiliency and expand operational capacity. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency awarded the Clean Corridor Coalition, led by NJDEP, \$250 million of Climate Pollution Reduction Program Implementation Grant funding to tackle the climate crisis. [\[DVRPC IIJA Webpage\]](#) [\[USDOT Grant Announcement\]](#) [\[EPA Announcement\]](#)
- b. *Events* - DVRPC and its regional partners helped to host MPact's national conference. This conference focuses on the interplay of transit, connected mobility options, land use and development in building great places to live. The Healthy Communities Task Force and the Transportation Operations Task Force also held a successful joint meeting which explored the regional impact of hospital closures in our region. [\[MPACT\]](#) [\[Healthy Communities Task Force\]](#) [\[Transportation Operations Task Force\]](#)
- c. *Products* - Ariella Maron shared that one new publication was released this month, titled Comparing Regional Economies, Workforce Automation, and Telework. All publications can be found on DVRPC's website. - [\[Comparing Regional Economies: Workforce Automation and Telework\]](#)

Public Comments on Agenda and Non-Agenda Items

No public comments were received.

ACTION ITEMS

1. Meeting Minutes of September 26, 2024

ACTION: Approve minutes of the Board Meeting on September 26, 2024.

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

2. Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Actions

Richard Murphy, DVRPC, Manager, Office of TIP Development and Maintenance, presented the following TIP actions to the Board. [PRESENTATION \(slide 1\)](#).

- a. PA25-001: Bells Mill and Valley Green Road over Wissahickon Creek (MPMS #70230), City of Philadelphia – Add New Project to the TIP. [Action Item Description](#)

ACTION: Approve TIP Action PA25-001, PennDOT's request that DVRPC amend the FY2025 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a new project, Bells Mill and Valley Green Road over Wissahickon Creek (MPMS #70230), in the amount of \$17,906,000 programmed as follows: \$2,200,000 (\$1,760,000 PRTCT/\$440,000 LOC) for the PE Phase in FY25; \$1,850,000 (\$1,400,000 PRTCT/\$450,000 LOC) for the FD Phase in FY25; \$500,000 (\$400,000 PRTCT/\$100,000 LOC) for ROW in FY25; and \$13,356,000 (\$10,685,000 PRTCT/\$2,671,000 LOC) for the CON Phase in FY26.

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

- b. PA25-002: Safe, Clean, and Secure Program (MPMS #121367), SEPTA – Add New Projects to the Program. [Action Item Description](#)

ACTION: Approve TIP Action PA25-002, SEPTA's request that DVRPC amend the FY2025 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding two new projects, the Ballistic Bus Barriers Pilot Project and the Jefferson Station Escalators project, to the Safe, Clean, and Secure Program (MPMS #121367) in the amount of \$2,000,000 sSTP.

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

- c. NJ24-065: Porchtown Road (CR 613) Bridge over Still Run at Iona Lake (DB #D2216), Gloucester County – Add Project Back into the TIP [Action Item Description](#)

ACTION: Approve TIP Action NJ24-065, Gloucester County's request that DVRPC amend the FY2024 TIP for New Jersey by adding the Porchtown Road (CR613) Bridge over Still Run at Iona Lake (DB #D2216) project back into the TIP in amount of \$3.5 M STATE-DVRPC, programmed as follows: \$0.500 M (\$0.196 M 17- STATE-DVRPC/\$0.304 M 18-STATE-DVRPC) for Final Design (FD) in FY25 and \$3 M 18-STATE-DVRPC for Construction (CON) in FY26.

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

- d. NJ24-066: Mobility and Systems Engineering Program (DB #13306), Statewide – Increase EC Phase [Action Item Description](#)

ACTION: Approve TIP Action NJ24-066, NJDOT's request that DVRPC amend the FY2024 S/TIP for New Jersey by increasing the FY25 EC Phase of the Mobility and Systems Engineering Program (DB #13306), in the Statewide Program, by \$43.85 M NHPP from \$6 M NHPP to \$49.85 M NHPP.

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

3. Project Selections for DVRPC's PA Municipal Bridge Retro-Reimbursement Program

Ethan Fogg, DVRPC, Capital Program Coordinator, presented the following action to the Board. [Action Item Description](#) [PRESENTATION \(slide 15\)](#)

ACTION: Approve the list of projects recommended for funding, as part of DVRPC's PA Municipal Bridge Retro-Reimbursement Program, and amend the FY 2025 - 2028 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding eleven (11) new municipal-owned bridge projects, totaling an estimate of \$17,947,000

(\$14,358,000 State 183/\$3,589,000 Local), to the Municipal Bridge Line Item (MPMS #102105) for retro-reimbursement (TIP Action PA25-003):

- Weiss Road Bridge over Licking Creek (Bridge Key 7618) in Milford Township - \$1,755,000 (\$1,404,000 State 183/\$351,000 Local);
- Lower Holland Road over Ironworks Creek (Bridge Key 7631) in Northampton Township - \$1,824,200 (\$1,459,360 State 183/\$364,840 Local);
- Woodland Drive Bridge over Northeast Creek (Bridge Key 59946) in West Nottingham Township - \$400,000 (\$320,000 State 183/\$80,000 Local);
- Park Road Bridge (Bridge Key 60087) in West Nottingham Township - \$400,000 (\$320,000 State 183/\$80,000 Local);
- Buttonwood Lane Bridge (Bridge Key 60095) in West Vincent Township - \$2,360,000 (\$1,888,000 State 183/\$472,000 Local);
- Garrett Mill Road Bridge (Bridge Key 10861) in Willistown Township - \$538,490 (\$430,792 State 183/\$107,698 Local);
- Ravine Road Bridge (Bridge Key 10770) in East Bradford Township - \$594,000 (\$475,200 State 183/\$118,000);
- Furey Road over Culvert (Bridge Key 54858) in Upper Chichester Township \$654,000 (\$523,200 State 183/\$130,800 Local);
- Reihman Road Bridge (Bridge Key 28078) in Marlborough Township - \$4,228,000 (\$3,382,400 State 183/\$845,600 Local);
- Stover Road over West Branch of Skippack Creek (Bridge Key 28073) in Lower Salford Township - \$3,555,000 (\$2,844,000 State 183/\$711,000 Local);
- Laurel Avenue over Burholme Creek (Bridge Key 57668) in Cheltenham Township - \$1,638,400 (\$1,310,720 State 183/\$327,680 Local).

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

4. 2050 Version 2.0 Population and Employment Forecasts

Greg Diebold, DVRPC, Planning Data Analyst, presented the following action to the Board. [Action Item Description PRESENTATION \(slide 38\)](#)

ACTION: Adopt the Proposed (2050 Version 2.0) Population and Employment Forecasts.

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

5. DVRPC FY 2025 Work Program Amendments - NJ CRRSAA Funds - Six New Projects

Greg Krykewycz, DVRPC, Director of Transportation Planning, presented the following action to the Board. [Action Item Description PRESENTATION \(slide 56\)](#)

ACTION: Amend the FY2025 UPWP to add projects:

- 23-23-300 - Mercer County Master Plan - Mobility Element Update (MEU) (4 years)
- 23-23-310 - Mercer County Fleet Transition Plan (4 years)
- 23-23-320 - Camden County Transportation Planning Services (4 Years)
- 23-23-330 - Gloucester County Master Plan Update (4 years)
- 23-23-340 - Gloucester County Enterprise GIS Support (4 years)
- 23-23-350 - Burlington County Environmental Resource Inventory for 11 Delaware River Municipalities (4 years)

Allocating NJ CRRSAA funds in the amount of \$1,670,000, with \$372,143 from the Trenton Urban Area portion and \$1,297,857 from the Philadelphia Urban Area portion to provide a mix of passthrough funding for local governments and access to consultant services.

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

PRESENTATION ITEM

6. [Calendar Year 2025 Board Meeting Dates](#)

Ariella Maron, Executive Director, DVRPC, presented the item. [PRESENTATION \(slide 61\)](#)

7. [Regional Vision Zero Program Update](#)

Kevin Murphy, Senior Manager, Office of Safe Streets, presented the item. [PRESENTATION \(slide 62\)](#)

DISCUSSION ITEMS

8. One Minute Reports

Kristin Mulkerin, PennDOT, reminded all members that PennDOT is accepting applications for the FY 2025-2026 multimodal transportation fund. It will be open through 4 pm on November 5 2024.

[\[Multimodal Transportation Fund\]](#)

Christine Reuther, Delaware County, thanked DVRPC and SEPTA for the work on the MPACT conference.

Scott France, Montgomery County, echoed thanks for the MPACT conference support. He announced a Planning Smarter event on Active Transportation on October 30 at 4 pm. It will be focused on how to codify walking, biking, and or rolling into your municipalities zoning codes. [\[Active Transportation Event in Upper Gwynedd\]](#)

Chris Pulchasky, City of Philadelphia, shared that the MPACT Conference and the North American Bike Share Conference allowed Philadelphia, DVRPC, and counties to share the great work done in the region.

Eric Powers, NJDOT, reminded the Board that the Federal Government budget has been passed for the first three months of the fiscal year, but hopes that a continuing resolution can be achieved. He also mentioned that the final year of the IJA is coming up. On a local level, the Murphy Administration announced the opening of the Local Freight Impact Fund applications, which provides up to \$28 million for a variety of local freight impact projects. The application period will be open through January 8. [\[NJDOT Local Freight Impact Fund\]](#)

Keith Henderson, NJ Department of Community Affairs, announced the release of the 2025 to 2035 affordable housing responsibility numbers for all the municipalities in the State of New Jersey. This will inform the targets that municipalities have to set in their housing elements and fair share plans to comply with the recently amended law signed by Governor Murphy on March 20. [\[2025-2035 NJ Affordable Housing Numbers\]](#)

Ed Potosnak, Governor Murphy, noted that the Governor and NJ EPA Commissioner La Tourette have put together a set of rules as part of the Protecting Against Climate Threats package. The rules are based on Rutgers' projections into the future and will provide protections so that folks can be out of harm's way when they're building new construction. Comments on the proposed rules are being accepted through November 7.

Ilene Lampitt, Camden County, thanked DVRPC for work on CRSSA funding.

Dr. Williams, City of Camden, announced a new city engineer who may be joining in future sessions.

Jody Holton, SEPTA, echoed thanks to DVRPC for their part in the MPACT conference which concluded with discussions on enhancing commuter services to promote smart growth investment in

the region. She also provided an update on the significant funding challenges SEPTA faces. Even though the House passed Bill 2625, providing \$161 million to address an operating budget gap, the Senate's recess means funding has still not been approved. This uncertainty may force SEPTA to consider fare increases and service cuts, risking a cycle of declining ridership and revenue. Despite these obstacles, September marked a milestone with the highest ridership since the pandemic, signaling strong demand for transit services.

Louis Millan, NJTransit, reported that NJ Transit has a semi stabilized ridership recovery on bus and light rail. Commuter rail is still fluctuating as working from home has changed ridership patterns, including the shift to Tuesday as a peak ridership day. They are also working with NJDOT to develop a State Long Range Transportation Plan as well as leading the update of the State Rail Plan.

Darlene Callins, DRPA, reported that construction on the Franklin Square PATCO stop is winding down and she's looking forward to celebrating its opening in the winter.

Michael Shorr, PA DCED, reported that the Commonwealth Financing Authority (CFA) made Local Share Account (LSA) statewide funding decisions at the Tuesday, October 22 Meeting. The LSA is also currently open for the 2024 round of funding, accepting applications through the end of November. He added that DCED is also currently accepting applications for the new Main Street Matters Program, which provides funding to support revitalization efforts in planning, business support, aesthetic improvements, and the increase of safety and security in downtown areas. [\[Local Share Account- Open Applications\]](#) [\[LSA Approved Projects\]](#) [\[Main Street Matters\]](#)

9. Committee Reports

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

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

ACTION: Adjourn the Board meeting at 11:26 am and move into the Executive Session.

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