

Board Meeting Minutes

January 23, 2025 | Online Meeting

ATTENDANCE

BOARD MEMBERS AND VOTING ALTERNATES

Pennsylvania Department of Transportation, **Kristen Mulkerin**
Pennsylvania Governor's Policy & Planning Office, **Anthony Luker**
New Jersey Department of Transportation, **Eric Powers**
New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, **Keith Henderson**
New Jersey Governor's Appointee, **Michael Eleneski, Ed Potosnack**
Bucks County, **Robert Harvie**
Chester County, **Josh Maxwell**
Delaware County, **Gina Burritt**
Montgomery County, **Scott France**
Burlington County, **Tom Stanuikynas**
Camden County, **Ilene Lampitt**
Gloucester County, **Nick Cressman**
Mercer County, **Matt Lawson**
City of Camden, **June Morton**
City of Trenton, **Lisa Seriessyol**
City of Chester, **Paul Fritz**
City of Philadelphia, **Chris Puchalsky**

NON-VOTING REPRESENTATIVES TO THE COMMISSION

Federal Highway Administration, New Jersey Division, **Jason Simmons**
Federal Highway Administration, PA Pennsylvania Division, **Ronique Bishop**
Federal Highway Administration (*not represented*)
Federal Transit Administration, (*2 seats, not represented*)
U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, (*3 seats, not represented*)
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, (*2 seats, not represented*)
New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, (*not represented*)
New Jersey Office of Planning Advocacy, **Donna Rendeiro, Walter Lane**
Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development, **Michael Shorr**
Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection, **Patrick Patterson**
Delaware River Port Authority, (*not represented*)
New Jersey Transit Corporation, **Louis Millan**
Port Authority Transit Corporation, **Rohan Hepkins**
Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority, **Jody Holton**

DVRPC CO-COUNSEL

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

CALL TO ORDER, CHAIR'S COMMENTS

Chair Josh Maxwell called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA AND NON-AGENDA ITEMS

No public comments were made at this meeting.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

DVRPC released its FY2024 Annual Report, highlighting regional progress [\[FY2024 Annual Report\]](#)

In calendar year 2024, the region was awarded \$1.3 billion in federal discretionary grants through IJJA. This includes large grants to AMTRAK for the improvements to the Northeast Corridor, SEPTA for new railcars for the Market-Frankfort Line (the "L"), PhilaPort's MEGA award, the City of Philadelphia's for the Chinatown Stitch, and multiple SS4A awards, among others. The region also won \$92 million in U.S. EPA funding. In the past two weeks, \$52 million in federal discretionary awards were announced for the region, including funds for our Circuit trails and to support EV infrastructure regionally. [\[DVRPC IJJA Webpage\]](#)

Looking ahead to 2025, DVRPC will be finalizing the regional long-range plan *Update: Connections 2050*, aiming for Board adoption in the fall. DVRPC will also celebrate its 60th anniversary in 2025.

ACTION ITEMS

1. Meeting Minutes of December 4, 2024

ACTION: Approve minutes of the Board Meeting on December 4, 2024.

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

2. Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Actions

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

- a. PA25-027: Statewide Multimodal Transportation Fund Projects (Various MPMS #'s), Various Counties – Accept New Projects into the TIP. [Action Item Description](#)

ACTION: Approve TIP Action PA25-027, PennDOT's request that DVRPC accept the listed MTF projects, as well as their additional funds into the FY2025 TIP for Pennsylvania. 13 projects with a total amount of \$11,601,000 in State 411 funding will be added to the TIP for Construction in FY25:

Bucks County

- Lower Southampton School Crossing R10 (MPMS #120747) - \$42,000 State 411
- Valley Road Bridge R10 (MPMS #81881) - \$1,547,000 State 411

Chester County

- Lincoln Highway Streetscape (MPMS #111761) - \$122,000 State 411
- Bridge and Starr Streets R10 (MPMS #81887) - \$900,000 State 411
- Niblock Alley R10 (MPMS #81888) - \$854,000 State 411
- Prospect Ave Pedestrian Improvements R10 (MPMS #81889) - \$514,000 State 411

Delaware County

- GLG-Pennel Rd/Concord Rd/Knowlton Rd Signals (MPMS #121863) - \$306,000 State 411
- Springfield Rd Clifton Heights R10 (MPMS #81882) - \$1,300,000 State 411

Montgomery County

- W. Monument Ave o/ Trib to Pennypack Ck R8 (MPMS #118395) – \$598,000 State 411
- St. Paul's Church Rd over Macoby Creek R10 (MPMS #81895) - \$1,978,000 State 411
- Marshall and Forest Intersection R10 (MPMS #81893) - \$547,000 State 411
- SR 73 and SR 2016 Improvements R10 (MPMS #81892) - \$1,463,000 State 411

City of Philadelphia

- *Historic Philadelphia Streets R10 (MPMS #81884) - \$1,430,000 State 411*

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

- b. PA25-028: 70th, 71st, and 72nd Streets over Amtrak (MPMS #17215), City of Philadelphia – Add PE Phase Back into TIP [Action Item Description](#)

ACTION: Approve TIP Action PA25-028, PennDOT's request that DVRPC amend the FY2025 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding the PE Phase back into the 70th, 71st, and 72nd Streets over Amtrak project (MPMS #17215), in the amount of \$4,500,000 State 183 (FY25: \$500,000 /FY26: \$2,000,000/FY27: \$2,000,000).

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

- c. PA25-029: Westpark Redevelopment (MPMS #82007), City of Philadelphia – Add New Project to the TIP [Action Item Description](#)

- d. PA25-030: Honor Square at Five Points Streetscape and Traffic Improvements (MPMS #82005), City of Philadelphia – Add New Project to the TIP [Action Item Description](#)

ACTIONS:

- Approve TIP Action PA25-029, the City of Philadelphia's request that DVRPC amend the FY2025 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a new project, the Westpark Redevelopment project (MPMS #82007), in the amount of \$28,528,000 (\$21,396,000 RAISE/\$2,000,000 RACP/\$5,132,000 LOC) for the Construction (CON) Phase in FY25.
- Approve TIP Action PA25-030, the City of Philadelphia's request that DVRPC amend the FY2025 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a new project, the Honor Square at 5 Points Streetscape and Traffic Improvements project (MPMS #82005) to the TIP, in the amount of \$3,140,000. \$500,000 LOC for the Preliminary Engineering (PE) Phase in FY25 and \$2,640,000 (\$1,616,000 SXF/\$1,024,000 LOC) for the Construction (CON) Phase in FY26.

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

- e. PA25-031: North Broad Bus-Subway Transfer Improvement Project (MPMS #122325), City of Philadelphia – Add New Project to the TIP [Action Item Description](#)

ACTION: Approve TIP Action PA25-031, SEPTA's request that DVRPC amend the FY2025 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a new project to the TIP, the North Philadelphia Bus-Subway Transfer Improvement Project (MPMS #122325), in the amount of \$625,000 (\$500,000 SXF/\$125,000 Local) for the Engineering, Right-of-Way, and Construction (ERC) Phase in FY25, on the FTA-funded portion of the TIP.

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

- f. PA25-032: Safe, Clean, and Secure Program (MPMS #121367), SEPTA – Add New Project to the Program [Action Item Description](#)

ACTION: Approve TIP Action PA25-032, SEPTA's request that DVRPC amend the FY2025 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a new project, the Safer Bus Operator Area Initiative Project, to the Safe, Clean, and Secure Program (MPMS #121367).

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

- g. PA25-033: Philadelphia Community Charging Solutions (MPMS #), City of Philadelphia – Add New Project to the TIP [Action Item Description](#) [Comments](#)

ACTION: Approve TIP Action PA25-033, the City of Philadelphia’s request that DVRPC amend the FY2025 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a new project to the TIP, the Philadelphia Community Charging Solutions project (MPMS #82012) in the amount of \$4,000,000 CRP (FY25: \$2,029,000/FY26: \$1,971,000) for the Construction (CON) Phase.

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

- h. NJ24:082: DVRPC Carbon Reduction Program (DB #D2305), Various Counties – Add New Project to the Program [Action Item Description](#)

ACTION: Approve TIP Action NJ24-082, Camden County’s request that DVRPC amend the FY2024 TIP for New Jersey by adding the Camden County EV Charge Up program to the DVRPC Carbon Reduction Program (CRP) (DB #D2305) line item in the amount of \$1 M CR-PHILA.

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

- i. NJ24-083: Route 295/42/I-76, Direct Connection, Contract 4 (DB #355E), Camden County – Increase CON Phase [Action Item Description](#)

ACTION: Approve TIP Action NJ24-083, NJDOT’s request that DVRPC amend the FY2024 TIP for New Jersey by increasing the FY32 CON Phase of the Route 295/42/I-76, Direct Connection, Contract 4 project (DB #355E) by \$12.204 M NHPP from \$52.257 M NHPP to \$64.461 M NHPP.

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

3. FY2025 UPWP Amendment: SEPTA’s T1 Corridor TOD and Multimodal Access Analysis Project

Greg Krykewycz, DVRPC, Director of Transportation Planning, introduced and Logan Axelson, SEPTA, presented the following item to the Board. [Action Item Description](#) [PRESENTATION \(Slide 30\)](#)

ACTION: Approve the addition of the FTA Pilot Program for Transit-Oriented Development Planning –T1 Corridor TOD and Multimodal Access Analysis project to the FY 2025 DVRPC UPWP to fulfill the Federal Transit Administration’s FY 2024 Pilot Program for Transit-Oriented Development Planning requirements.

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

4. DVRPC FY2026 Unified Planning Work Program and TIP Amendments

Greg Krykewycz, DVRPC, Director of Transportation Planning, presented the following item to the Board. [Action Item Description](#) [PRESENTATION \(Slide 35\)](#)

ACTION: Adopt the Final DVRPC FY2026 Unified Planning Work Program, pending the resolution of any outstanding comments and issues, and b) the DVRPC Board approve the listed actions to amend or modify the FY2024 TIP for New Jersey (NJ24-084) and the FY2025 TIP for Pennsylvania (PA25-035) to support projects in the FY2026 UPWP, as required.

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

5. Equity Through Access (ETA): 2024 Update to the Greater Philadelphia Region's Coordinated Human Services Transportation Plan (CHSTP)

Amy Bernknopf, DVRPC, Manager, Office of Transit, Bicycle, and Pedestrian Planning, and Shoshana Akins, Manager, Public Participation Planning, presented the following item to the Board. [Action Item Description](#) [PRESENTATION \(Slide 46\)](#)

ACTION: Accept the 2024 update to Equity Through Access Plan as the new regional CHSTP “Coordinated Plan.”

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

6. Updated Regional Roadway Safety Targets

Kevin Murphy, Senior Manager, Office of Safe Streets, presented the following item to the Board.
[Action Item Description PRESENTATION \(Slide 68\)](#)

***ACTION:** Adopt the regional safety targets update and agrees to plan and program roadway safety projects to meet or exceed the targets.*

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

INFORMATION ITEMS

7. Chamber 2028: Amplify. Advocate. Grow.

Presentation by Chellie Cameron, President and CEO at the Chamber of Commerce for Greater Philadelphia, on the strategic plan, Chamber 2028: Amplify. Advocate. Grow. [PRESENTATION \(Slide 81\)](#)

***DISCUSSION:** Ms. Serieyssol asked what size companies the Chamber found most advantageous to work with. Ms. Cameron responded that the Chamber works with companies of all sizes and finds that the middle market (as defined by companies with \$50 million to a few billion dollars per year in revenue) is the sweet spot for the region, hiring the most employees and having the largest impact on the regional economy. While the Chamber recognizes this and focuses on those types of businesses, they do not exclude larger companies in their work.*

Ms. Holton asked how the transportation system factors into companies choosing to locate in the Greater Philadelphia region. Ms. Cameron responded that the two transportation questions they hear are about access to transit and about levels of traffic congestion. The Chamber has worked hard on behalf of SEPTA, recognizing the importance of the transit system to attract businesses. The Chamber has advocated to get SEPTA the funding it needs to operate. Overall, the two key issues they hear from businesses when choosing where to locate, are access to talent and the tax environment. Ms. Cameron noted that the region is strong in access to talent, though there is more work to do, but she hears that companies do not consider this to be a good tax environment in which to grow their business.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

8. Plan Centers for Update: Connections 2050 Plan

Gregory Diebold, DVRPC, Planning Data Analyst, Office of Long-Range Planning, presented the item to the Board [PRESENTATION \(Slide 93\)](#)

9. One Minute Reports

Donna Rendeiro, NJ State Planning Commission, reported that the State Planning Commission approved the release of the preliminary state plan on December 4. From February 12 to April 4, there will be 44 public information meetings, including four meetings held in DVRPC counties: Mercer on February 18, Camden on March 4, Burlington on March 11, and Gloucester on March 25. Ms. Rendeiro also announced that this would be her last DVRPC Board meeting and Walter Lane would be replacing her.

Eric Powers, NJDOT, reported on the law Governor Murphy approved to create a Target Zero Commission. The goal of this commission is to drive the number of non-motorist fatalities to zero by 2040. [\[Target Zero Commission\]](#)

Lisa Serieyssol, City of Trenton, expressed thanks to DVRPC's Office of Transit Bicycle and Pedestrian Planning and Office of Safe Streets for helping with the launch of the Safe Streets for All committee of the City of Trenton.

Robert Harvie, Bucks County, announced a new page available on the Bucks County website. The Transportation Improvement Inventory is a map that features transportation projects happening in the county, and it links to DVRPC's TIP. The County is also hiring a senior planner to focus on housing. [\[Bucks County Transportation Improvement Inventory\]](#)

Christopher Puchalsky, City of Philadelphia, reports that the Philadelphia Engineering Standards and Complete Streets handbook has been updated and posted on the Streets Department's website. [\[Philadelphia Streets Engineering Standards\]](#)

Louis Milan, NJ Transit, announced that Chris Kalori, former State Transportation Commissioner, is the new CEO of NJ Transit.

Jody Holton, SEPTA, reported that SEPTA carried 19,962 people at NRG station during the Eagles game the weekend of January 17. She also noted that crime is down by 38% over the last year and that SEPTA's fiscal cliff is still approaching.

Rohan Hepkins, PATCO, provided an update on the opening of the Franklin Square Station. Due to elevator issues the PATCO station will reopen later than anticipated, likely at the end of winter.

Ronnie Bishop, FHWA PA, asked for patience in the administration transition. They are awaiting more guidance and ask if there are specific questions to reach out for more information. She also shared a resource on the FHWA website that shows the allowable use of FHWA discretionary grants. [\[Allowable Use of FHWA Financial Assistance for Activities Related to Discretionary Grants\]](#)

10. Committee Reports

- a. [Regional Technical Committee](#)

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

ADJOURNMENT

ACTION: *Adjourn the Board meeting at 11:56 am and move into the Executive Session.*

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