

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS
RELATED TO DVRPC BOARD ACTION ITEMS

JUNE 28, 2012

BOARD
AGENDA ITEM

2. DVRPC Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Actions

a. PA11-72: State of Good Repair (MPMS# 77180), SEPTA

From: John Scott

County: Philadelphia

Zip Code: 19125

Date Received: June 25, 2012

Comment/Question: The Pennsylvania Transit Expansion Coalition supports and approves of this project which is an investment in core infrastructure, and represents a "brick-and-mortar" capital investment in the greater Philadelphia area's passenger rail/rail transit system.

Response: Thank you for your comment.

From: Frank Fletcher

County: Gloucester

Zip Code: 08096

Date Received: June 16, 2012

Comment/Question: Recommends approval.

Response: Thank you for your comment.

4. Adoption of the DVRPC FY 2013-2016 TIP for Pennsylvania

From: Joan Vick

County: Chester

Zip Code: 19310

Date Received: June 24, 2012

Comment/Question: I would like the DVRPC to seriously consider the following suggestions in your deliberations this week:

The \$3.9 million in funds previously slated for construction of a traffic calming roundabout at the intersection of Route 41 and Old Baltimore Pike (2011 TIP MPMS# 14613), be re-instated for traffic-calming projects within the Route 41 corridor.

Traffic calming should be instituted in Chatham Village as previously planned. A roundabout should be built at the intersections of Routes 41 and 926 in Londonderry Township to provide a

safe solution for this dangerous intersection as well as provide traffic calming at this high speed section of Route 41.

All effort should be made to restore rather than replace historic bridges that provide natural traffic calming.

Response: Thank you for your comment. The study project description will be edited to reflect that other safety, operational, mobility, and infrastructure improvements may be advanced if earmark funds are eligible for use. PennDOT and the Chester County Planning Commission are working with municipalities in the PA 41 Corridor project area to identify near term safety improvements that can be advanced to design and construction.

Regarding restoration of historic bridges, without NEPA clearance, an alternative is not official. FHWA has asked that the TIP descriptions reflect this uncertainty in project descriptions and DVRPC will be working with PennDOT to revise bridge project descriptions accordingly.

10. Pennsylvania Infrastructure Investment Authority (PENNVEST) Funding Requests in Chester and Bucks Counties

From: Linda Morrison

County: Chester

Zip Code: 19335

Date Received: June 18, 2012

Comment/Question: [Comment refers to Bucks County Conservation District's project: *Bucks County Equestrian Initiative*] Will someone please give me the origin of the statement, "Pennsylvania's horse population is now the highest in the nation, surpassing Kentucky...." When the Dept. of Ag did the equine survey in 2002, this was not the case.

Response: Thank you for your comment. The statistic was taken from the PENNVEST application, which was submitted by the Bucks County Conservation District. A Google search conducted for that statistic found a reference to the May 2003 report "Pennsylvania's Equine Industry Inventory, Basic Economic and Demographic Characteristics" (http://www.elcr.org/resources/resc_15.pdf), which used United States Department of Agriculture information from 1998-1999.

DVRPC's responsibility in reviewing PENNVEST applications is whether the application is consistent with regional and local plans, and both applications were found to be consistent with DVRPC's Long-Range Plan goals of:

- Manage Stormwater and Improve Water Quality
- Support and Promote the Growth of Key Economic Sectors (i.e. agricultural industry).