

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS
RELATED TO DVRPC BOARD ACTION ITEMS

June 27, 2013

BOARD
AGENDA ITEM:

2. Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Action

f. **NJ12-71: Route 70, Route 38 to Cropwell Road (DB# 11338), Camden and Burlington Counties**

From: John Boyle

County: Philadelphia

Zip Code: 19102

Date Received: June 21, 2013

Comment/Question: Comments from the Bicycle Coalition of Greater Philadelphia - Route 70 is listed as the 2nd most dangerous road for pedestrians in Camden County with 3 fatalities since 2009. This corridor features poor sidewalks and pedestrian crossings that lack adequate markings (this includes the fairly recent intersection widening at the Kings Highway intersection). Final design should conform to the recommendations of the Cherry Hill Bike and Pedestrian Master Plan.

Response: Thank you for your comment. Route 70 is technically not included in the Cherry Hill Township Bicycle & Pedestrian Master Plan. Several other studies were previously completed for the corridor, and they did not want to duplicate these efforts in the Master Plan. However, the following studies were reviewed: the "Route 70 (Marlton Pike) Cuthbert Boulevard to Penn Avenue Pedestrian Road Safety Audit/Assessment" completed by VHB in 2008 and the "NJ Route 70 Corridor Study Airport Circle to Marlton Circle" study completed by DVRPC in 2005. These studies had a large number of recommendations and are addressed them as follows:

- ◆ We are proposing to close gaps in sidewalks within NJDOT ROW.
- ◆ We have conducted a formal ADA evaluation for all signalized and unsignalized intersections and will be bringing intersections up to ADA standards where feasible. This includes zebra-striped crosswalks, pushbuttons, pedestrian countdown heads, detectable warning surfaces and pedestrian warning signs where feasible.
- ◆ We will evaluate increasing the sidewalk buffer where ROW permits.
- ◆ We will evaluate existing lighting and evaluate lighting enhancements where required.
- ◆ We will evaluate sign upgrades where required based on the 2009 MUTCD.
- ◆ We are proposing to provide sidewalk access between bus stops and pedestrian crossings at signalized intersections. We will also evaluate additional crosswalks across Route 70 at signalized intersections.
- ◆ Non-bicycle safe inlets will be replaced by bicycle safe inlets.
- ◆ Drainage will be improved at various locations along Route 70 where deficiencies were identified.

- ◆ Traffic signal timings will be evaluated to ensure that pedestrian crossing times are sufficient.

There were a few other recommendations which are fairly major (installation of a new signal at Cooper Landing Road, installation of additional crossings across Route 70, etc.). At this time, implementing these recommendations is not included in the project's scope of work.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEM

From: V. Joyce

County: Philadelphia

Date Received: June 17, 2013

Comment/Question:

Dear Officers:

I will keep my comment brief. Last summer I had need to travel out of town. I traveled via Delta Airlines. I was quite taken aback with the deterioration along the Island Avenue corridor that leads to the PHL Philadelphia airport. I could use a lot of adjectives here, but I won't. Suffice it to say, that there is serious need for repair and upgrade in the infrastructure, roads, and signage leading up to and within the airport.

On this particular trip I made connections in Detroit, Atlanta, and Charlotte. All three cities have a more advanced and upgraded airport. Sure, the budget is tight in Philadelphia. However, this should have been a priority 10 or 15 years ago. (I believe a consultant came through several ago and supposedly re-designed some areas. However, s/he apparently contributed to more confusion than anything.)

Lastly, I'd say that the airport is the first place a lot of visiting dignitaries will see and is more important than installing WiFi (sp) capability throughout the city. Good Luck in your planning. And even more luck and miracles in finding the funds to carry out the plans.