



## Appendix I

Acknowledgment of Summary of Public Involvement Process, Original Public Comments, Responses to Public Comments, List of Recommended Changes, etc

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## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

### SOUTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY FISCAL YEAR 2025 OPERATING & CAPITAL BUDGET

Pursuant to Pennsylvania Title 74 Pa. C.S.A. Transportation Section 1751 - Fiscal Provisions, the Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority ("SEPTA") is required to adopt an Operating and Capital Budget prior to the beginning of the ensuing fiscal year, which begins July 1<sup>st</sup>.

#### **The schedule of Fiscal Year 2025 Budget Public Hearings is as follows:**

Operating Budget: May 20, 2024 – 11:00 AM & 5:00 PM

Operating Budget: May 21, 2024 – 10:00 AM & 4:00 PM

Capital Budget: May 22, 2024 – 10:00 AM & 4:00 PM

**The Public Hearings can be attended in-person in the Board Room at SEPTA Headquarters, 1234 Market Street, Mezzanine Level, Philadelphia, PA 19107, or virtually utilizing WebEx. Additional information on how individuals can register to attend via WebEx will be posted on approximately April 26, 2024 at the Authority's website: [www.septa.org/notice](http://www.septa.org/notice).**

At the hearings, SEPTA will present the proposed Fiscal Year 2025 Operating Budget and Fiscal Years 2026-2030 Financial Projections, and the Fiscal Year 2025 Capital Budget and Fiscal Years 2025-2036 Capital Program. The proposed budgets will be published on or about April 16, 2024 and will be accessible from the SEPTA website: <https://planning.septa.org/reports/>. SEPTA will afford an opportunity for interested persons or agencies to be heard with respect to the budgets at the public hearings. People wishing to attend and speak at the morning and afternoon sessions in-person or via WebEx must register by the start time on the day of each public hearing. SEPTA representatives will be available at each hearing to listen to public comments and testimony. A sign language interpreter will be present during the public hearings. An audio version of the public hearing notice and summary will be available through the Associated Services for the Blind at its website: [www.asb.org](http://www.asb.org)

#### **Public Participation Details:**

- Individuals wishing to attend a public hearing virtually via WebEx must register at <http://septa.org/notice> before the date and time the public hearing is to be held (see schedule above). Details and instructions on how to register via WebEx will be posted to the above SEPTA website on approximately April 26, 2024.
- Individuals wishing to attend in-person should arrive at the SEPTA Board Room by 11:00AM and 5:00PM respectively on May 20, 2024 and by 10:00AM and 4:00PM respectively on May 21, 2024 for the Operating Budget, and by 10:00AM and 4:00PM respectively on May 22, 2024 for the Capital Budget.
- Persons desiring to provide oral comments or testimony about the Capital Budget may call 215-580-7771, and about the Operating Budget may call 215-580-7772 to submit comments or testimony via voicemail message.
- Individuals may submit comments via email on the Operating Budget to [operatingbudget@septa.org](mailto:operatingbudget@septa.org) and on the Capital Budget to [capbudget@septa.org](mailto:capbudget@septa.org).
- Persons wishing to file written comments may mail them to the Senior Director, Budgets & Transformation, Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority, 1234 Market St., 9th Floor, Philadelphia, PA 19107.

**All comments and testimony received will become part of the public record and will be forwarded to the Hearing Examiner. To be included in the official public record, comments must be received by Friday May 31, 2024 at 5:00 PM.**

**THE DELAWARE VALLEY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION  
ANNOUNCES FOR PUBLIC REVIEW:**

Draft Amendment 3 to *Connections 2050* Long-Range Plan

And

Draft DVRPC FY2025 Transportation Improvement Program for Pennsylvania (FY25-FY28),

The Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission (DVRPC) is opening a public comment period to seek your input on the *following documents*:

- *Connections 2050 Long-Range Plan: Draft Amendment 3*
- *Draft DVRPC Federal Fiscal Year (FY) 2025 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for Pennsylvania (FY25-FY28)*

DVRPC will accept comments on the Draft FY2025 PA TIP and *Connections 2050 Long-Range Plan: Draft Amendment 3* documents from May 23, 2024, until June 24, 2024, at 5:00 PM local time.

After this public comment period, there will be a second, related public comment period for Draft Conformity Determination: *Connections 2050 Long-Range Plan* and *Draft FY2025 TIP for Pennsylvania*. Public comments on the Draft Conformity Determination draft documents will be accepted from June 4, 2024, until July 8, 2024, at 5:00 PM local time.

Electronic versions of the documents are available at:

- Draft Amendment 3 to *Connections 2050* Long-Range Plan is available at [www.dvrpc.org/plan/](http://www.dvrpc.org/plan/).
- DVRPC Draft FY2024 TIP for Pennsylvania at <https://www.dvrpc.org/tip/>
- Draft Conformity Determination at [www.dvrpc.org/AirQuality/Conformity](http://www.dvrpc.org/AirQuality/Conformity)

If requested, any of these documents can be translated into an alternative format or language. Hard copies are also available at public libraries throughout the region, and upon request.

The *Connections 2050* Long-Range Plan contains a fiscally constrained financial plan and project list for transportation investments throughout the region over the coming decades. In between four-year update cycles, the Plan is occasionally amended to account for significant changes to the cost or scope of Major Regional Projects. Amendment 3 accounts for significant changes to the cost, scope, or funding status for various Major Regional Projects.

The TIP represents the region's federally-funded transportation improvement priorities and is required by federal law in order for the region to be eligible to receive and spend federal transportation funds. The TIP also includes non-federally-funded projects that are regionally significant in order to provide a broad picture of the region's transportation improvements.

A Conformity Determination is conducted to ensure transportation investments conform to the federal Clean Air Act, and demonstrate that a proposed plan or projects will not negatively impact a region's ability to meet or maintain federal air quality standards.

DVRPC is hosting two public meetings on these draft documents. The meetings will also include a presentation on the Draft Transportation Conformity Demonstration, which will have an overlapping public comment period. To reach as many people as possible, one meeting will be held online, and one will be hybrid.

**Online only meeting:**

**Monday, June 10, 2024, from 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM**

Registration via:

<https://bit.ly/June10mtg> or by visiting DVRPC's events calendar at:

<https://www.dvrpc.org/calendar/>.

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

**Hybrid meeting:**

**Tuesday, June 11, 2024, from 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM**

Registration for in-person and online attendees via:

<https://bit.ly/3yj9iAU> or by visiting DVRPC's events calendar at: <https://www.dvrpc.org/calendar/>.

DVRPC Conference room

190 N Independence Mall W

Philadelphia, PA 19139

Directions: <https://www.dvrpc.org/directions/>

Dinner will be served for in-person attendees; an online option will also be available to give public comment.

Interpretation can be provided if requested. Please reach out to [public\\_affairs@dvrpc.org](mailto:public_affairs@dvrpc.org) or 215.592.1800.

**Written comments and questions must be submitted in the following ways listed below:**

Electronically through a web application available at:

- Draft PA TIP and Statewide STIP: [www.dvrpc.org/TIP/Draft](http://www.dvrpc.org/TIP/Draft) .

By Email:

- Draft PA TIP Comments: [TIP@dvrpc.org](mailto:TIP@dvrpc.org)
- Plan Amendment 3 Comments: [LRP@dvrpc.org](mailto:LRP@dvrpc.org)
- Conformity Comments: [airconformity@dvrpc.org](mailto:airconformity@dvrpc.org)

By Mail:

- Public Comments  
c/o DVRPC Office of Communications and Engagement  
190 N. Independence Mall West, 8th Fl.  
Philadelphia, PA 19106-1520

Questions and comments must be submitted in writing. If you need assistance in providing a written comment, please contact the DVRPC Office of Communications and Engagement at 215.592.1800 or [public\\_affairs@dvrpc.org](mailto:public_affairs@dvrpc.org).

**DVRPC must receive comments for the Draft TIP and Draft Amendment documents by 5:00 PM (local time) on June 24, 2024, at 5:00 PM local time and comments on the Draft Conformity Determination by July 8, 2024, at 5:00 PM local time. Comments received via mail must be postmarked by June 24, 2024, for PA TIP and LRP and July 8, 2024, for Conformity. Responses will not be provided unless comments are submitted in writing during the public comment period.**

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*DVRPC's website, [www.dvrpc.org](http://www.dvrpc.org), may be translated into multiple languages. Publications and other public documents can be made available in alternative languages and formats, if requested. DVRPC's public meetings are always held in ADA-accessible facilities, and held in transit-accessible locations whenever possible. DVRPC will work to accommodate all reasonable requests for translation, interpretation, accommodations or other auxiliary services and encourages that requests be made at least seven days prior to a public meeting. Requests can be made by contacting the Commission's ADA and Title VI Compliance Officer Shoshana Akins via email at [public\\_affairs@dvrpc.org](mailto:public_affairs@dvrpc.org), calling (215) 592-1800, or while registering for an upcoming meeting.*

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