

Major Amendment to the DVRPC FY2023 TIP for Pennsylvania

TIP Action PA23-73: Statewide Multimodal Transportation Fund Projects (Various MPMS #s), Various Counties

PennDOT has requested that DVRPC accept the listed Multimodal Transportation Fund (MTF) projects, as well as their additional funds into the FY2023 TIP for Pennsylvania. Three projects with a total amount of \$5,372,000 in State 411 funding will be added to the TIP for Construction in FY24. These funds are additional to the region and are outside the Core Funding distributions. This addition of air quality regionally significant projects required a new air quality conformity determination and constitutes an amendment to the TIP preceded by a minimum 30-day public comment period.

The TIP is the regionally agreed upon list of priority transportation projects, as required by federal law (ISTEA, TEA-21, SAFETEA LU, MAP-21, FAST Act, and IIJA/BIL). The TIP must list all projects that intend to use federal funds, along with all non-federally funded projects that are regionally significant. Also included are all other State funded capital projects. The projects are multimodal; that is, they include bicycle, pedestrian, ITS, and freight related projects, as well as the more traditional highway and public transit projects. Changes to the costs and schedules of projects in the TIP are referred to as “TIP Actions” and certain TIP changes require broader public review, as documented in the DVRPC Memorandum of Understanding:

(<https://cdn.dvrpc.org/sites/default/files/2022-10/PATIPMOU-plusPennDOT-FHWA.pdf>)

The Multimodal Transportation Fund (MTF) is a competitive statewide program established by Act 89 of 2013 to provide grants to ensure that a safe and reliable system of transportation is available for the residents of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. The program is intended to provide financial assistance to municipalities, councils of governments, businesses, economic development organizations, public transportation agencies, rail/freight entities, and ports to improve transportation assets in order to enhance communities, pedestrian safety, and transit revitalization.

The following is the list of three new Statewide MTF air quality regionally significant projects awarded funding in the DVRPC region:

Delaware County

Hillman Drive Extension (MPMS #118392) - \$1,089,000 State 411 for completing the remaining unfinished section of the loop road system surrounding the intersection of US Routes 1 and 202. Completion will mitigate operational issues including traffic and pedestrian safety, and traffic delays.

Montgomery County

Collegeville Road Safety Improvement/Multiuse Trail (MPMS #118387) - \$2,933,000
State 411 for widening PA 29/Collegeville Road from a 2-lane to 4-lane roadway between the area south of Yerkes Road to north of Donny Brook; adding turn lanes and signalization/crosswalk at the Hopwood Road intersection, and building a multiuse trail extension from the intersection to the Perkiomen Trail.

Route 611 Improvements Willow Grove Interchange (MPMS #118389) - \$1,350,000
State 411 for Phase 1 improvements to Route 611 in the vicinity of the on-ramp of the Turnpike Interchange as part of a project to maximize efficient use of traffic resources at that location, reducing traffic congestion and improving traffic flow.

Financial Constraint:

Financial constraint will be maintained as these are additional funds to the region.

Conformity Finding:

These are non-exempt air quality projects and a new Conformity Determination for 2023 has been run with results released for a 30-day public comment period held concurrently with this TIP amendment.

Cost and Source of Funds:

\$5,372,000 State 411

Recommendations:

Staff — Recommends approval.

Regional Technical Committee — Will make recommendations at the September 12, 2023 RTC meeting.

Board Action — The DVRPC Board will take action at the September 28, 2023 Board Meeting.

Action Proposed:

That the DVRPC Board approve TIP Action PA23-73, PennDOT's request that DVRPC accept the listed Multimodal Transportation Fund (MTF) projects, as well as their additional funds into the FY2023 TIP for Pennsylvania. Three projects with a total amount of \$5,372,000 State 411 funding will be added to the TIP for Construction in FY24.

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Attachments:

1) Project Location Map