

# West Chester Pike Coalition

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*Newtown Township Municipal Building*

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**Vision:** Improved transportation opportunities, operations, and safety along West Chester Pike.

**Mission:** Increased coordination among stakeholders (municipalities, agencies, businesses, etc.) to implement strategies that will achieve the shared vision for West Chester Pike.

## **Agenda:**

1. Introductions & Municipal Reports
  - Attendees gave updates on current news with their organization.
2. Enhanced Bus Service on West Chester Pike – DVRPC
  - DVRPC provided an overview of the improvements and implementation strategies from the Enhanced Bus Service on West Chester Pike Study.
    - Handout: <ftp://gisftp.chesco.org/ccpc/West%20Chester%20Pike/StudyOverviewHandout.pdf>
    - Full Study: [www.dvrpc.org/Products/15006](http://www.dvrpc.org/Products/15006)
  - DVRPC indicated that SEPTA has a consultant working on an EBS strategy for the organization. The Roosevelt Boulevard corridor is the first to be implemented in the region. Best practices will be identified with that project, and could help to shape EBS on West Chester Pike.
  - It was stressed that branding is critical to the success of EBS on any corridor.
    - Newtown Township is currently updating their Comprehensive Plan and noted that they want to make sure the Plan was cohesive with the overall goal of EBS on West Chester Pike.
    - There was a discussion of how communities could choose a bus shelter aesthetic that fits within the local character while still remaining cohesive to the rest of the corridor.

### 3. Green Light Go & Critical Corridor Signal Turn-back – PennDOT Dist. 6

- PennDOT indicated that the department was pushing ADA bus shelter facilities and additionally, that bus stops be on the far side of traffic signals for the ease of traffic flow.
- PennDOT discussed several low-cost safety improvement programs:
  - There is a free timing interval program through DVRPC which is essentially a fast-track information count gathering that allows PennDOT to come up with new timing and continue to tweak signals. This was done in Exton on Route 100 and resulted in an unprecedented 25% improvement.
- The Green Light Go program will be operating at an 80 / 20 match requirement with the 20% being allowed to cover design costs.
- PennDOT is undergoing a shift in maintenance of the program. Originally, municipalities were left with the signaling software and PennDOT is working to regain control of signals in critical corridors in the region through a municipal agreement, to be operated out of a centralized server in KOP.
- ARLE funds are decreasing currently due to the wide success of the program.
- 252 LEG project is entering its Phase 2 adding a new lane addition in Newtown Township which is noted as one of the critical areas in the region for PennDOT.
  - PennDOT noted that it was best to approach the agency at the beginning of large development projects so that the improvements recommended can be budgeted at the beginning of a job rather than when construction is almost completed and the budget almost entirely expended.
- PennDOT noted that there is a threshold where a traffic adaptive system ceases to be effective.

### 4. Sidewalk Connectivity Mapping – DCPD

- DCPD showed the group its sidewalk connectivity mapping project, specifically looking at communities along the West Chester Pike corridor.
  - It was noted that sidewalk infrastructure was more prevalent in municipalities on the eastern end of the corridor.
  - The group agreed further research needs to be done on how to move bus riders walking across Route 3.
  - Handout:  
<ftp://gisftp.chesco.org/ccpc/West%20Chester%20Pike/West%20Chester%20Pike%20Sidewalk%20Map%20Book.pdf>
- DVRPC mentioned that it would like to begin mapping all sidewalks in the region as a future work program (2018 potentially).

## 5. Example Corridor Coalitions – CCPC

- CCPC discussed a series of corridor coalitions that could be used as a model for the West Chester Pike Corridor Coalition.
  - Handout:  
<ftp://gisftp.chesco.org/ccpc/West%20Chester%20Pike/Corridor%20Coalition%20Examples.pdf>
- The group may want to pursue developing an incident management piece into the work being done by the coalition to coordinate emergency management throughout the corridor.

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