

Reading Area Transportation Study

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To: Reading Area Transportation Study Technical and Coordinating Committees

From: Michael D. Golembiewski, Transportation Modeler

Re: Revised Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), *MPO Boundaries and Coordination of Transportation Planning and Programming, DVRPC*

Date: November 6, 2025

At the September 19, 2024, Coordinating Committee meeting, the Coordinating Committee executed an updated *MPO Boundaries and Coordination of Transportation Planning and Programming* Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Philadelphia MPO (Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission - DVRPC).

Since that time we have received updated Urban Area mapping from DVRPC that shows a portion of the newly created Birdsboro-Amity, PA Urban Area extending into Chester County. The MOU between RATS and DVRPC is proposed to be updated so language incorporating this new Urban Area is included in the MOU. There is no change proposed to any funding allocation.

At the November 13, 2025, Joint Technical and Coordinating Committee meeting, staff will be asking for an action to fully execute this revised MOU.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
MPO Boundaries and Coordination of Transportation Planning and Programming
between
the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission (DVRPC),
and the Reading Area Transportation Study (RATS)

Background and Purpose

The purpose of this Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is to establish the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) boundaries and transportation planning and programming responsibilities as they relate to a portion of the Philadelphia, PA-NJ-DE-MD Urban Area (UA), the Pennsburg/Upper Hanover/East Greenville, PA UA that extends into Berks County, Pennsylvania, and the Birdsboro-Amity, PA UA that extends into Chester County.

The Philadelphia, PA-NJ-DE-MD UA includes portions of twelve (12) counties: Berks, Bucks, Chester, Delaware, Montgomery, and Philadelphia Counties in Pennsylvania; Burlington, Camden, Gloucester, and Salem Counties in New Jersey; New Castle County in Delaware; and Cecil County in Maryland. The Pennsburg/Upper Hanover/East Greenville, PA UA includes portions of Montgomery and Berks Counties in Pennsylvania. The Birdsboro-Amity, PA UA includes portions of Berks and Chester Counties in Pennsylvania. DVRPC and RATS operate as independent MPOs within the Philadelphia, PA-NJ-DE-MD, Pennsburg/Upper Hanover/East Greenville, and Birdsboro-Amity UAs. Each is responsible for a specific planning area.

- The DVRPC planning area consists of Bucks, Chester, Delaware, Montgomery, and Philadelphia Counties in Pennsylvania, together with Burlington, Camden, Gloucester, and Mercer Counties in New Jersey.
- The RATS planning area consists of Berks County, Pennsylvania.
- The shared DVRPC and RATS MPO boundary is now and has been coincident with the common boundaries between Montgomery and Chester Counties, representing the DVRPC region; and Berks County representing the RATS region and is proposed to remain so.
- The Year 2020 Census-defined Urban Area (UA) for Philadelphia, PA-NJ-DE-MD, Pennsburg/Upper Hanover/East Greenville, PA, and Birdsboro-Amity, PA UA is delineated on the map entitled "*DVRPC and RATS Adjusted 2020 Census Shared Urban Areas*" attached hereto and made a part of this MOU.

As required by Federal regulation pertaining to MPO boundaries, where part of an urban area served by one MPO extends into an adjacent Metropolitan Planning Area, the MPOs shall, at a minimum, establish written agreements that clearly identify areas of coordination and the division of transportation planning responsibilities among and between the MPOs

With a population exceeding 200,000 in each of these planning areas, the DVRPC and RATS counties are MPOs designated as Transportation Management Areas (TMAs). TMA status includes additional planning requirements and Surface Transportation Urban (STU) funding based on the UA population.

Responsibilities

- The MPO boundaries of DVRPC and RATS detailed above will remain unchanged.
- DVRPC will assume planning and programming responsibility for the portion of the Philadelphia, PA-NJ-DE-MD UA in Montgomery and Chester Counties, Pennsylvania, the portion of the Pennsburg/Upper Hanover/East Greenville UA in Montgomery County, Pennsylvania, and the portion of the Birdsboro-Amity UA in Chester County. RATS will assume planning and programming responsibility for the portion of the Philadelphia, PA-NJ-DE-MD, Pennsburg/Upper Hanover/East Greenville, and Birdsboro-Amity UAs in Berks County, Pennsylvania. These responsibilities include but are not limited to:
 1. Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) development and action
 2. Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) development and updates
 3. Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) development and updates
 4. Traffic and Highway Performance Monitoring System (HPMS) data collection
 5. Travel demand modeling
 6. Air quality modeling and conformity determinations
 7. Special and corridor studies
 8. Congestion Management Process (CMP) planning and implementation
 9. Highway functional classification updates
 10. Transportation Performance Management target development and monitoring.
- DVRPC and RATS agree to abide by the methodologies and processes used to allocate federal funds that are not affected by this MOU.
- Beginning with the Fiscal Year 2025 funding in the DVRPC Pennsylvania Transportation Improvement Program, 0.3564 percent of the DVRPC MPO's Surface Transportation Urban (STU) funding will be transferred to the RATS MPO. This percentage is based upon the estimated proportion of the Pennsylvania portion of the Philadelphia, PA-NJ-DE-MD UA that extends into Berks County, as reported in the 2020 Census.

The Census population and percentage figures used for this calculation are as follows:

- Total 2020 Population in the Pennsylvania portion of the Philadelphia, PA-NJ-DE-MD UA: 3,999,608
- 2020 Population in the Pennsylvania portion of the Philadelphia, PA-NJ-DE-MD UA isolated in Berks County: 14,253
- Percentage of the 2020 Population in the Pennsylvania portion of the Philadelphia, PA-NJ-DE-MD UA isolated in Berks County: 0.3564%

Surface Transportation Urban (STU) funds will not be shared within the Pennsburg/Upper Hanover/East Greenville UA or Birdsboro-Amity UA.

- Each agency agrees to carry out all MPO and TMA transportation planning and programming processes in a continuing, cooperative, and coordinated fashion. They

agree to comply with federal planning regulations, including participating in quadrennial certification reviews conducted by by US DOT.

- Staff from the MPOs will communicate regularly, share information, and meet as needed to foster cooperation and coordination.

Future Review

This agreement will be reviewed when one of the entities identifies the need for a review, but no later than 2033 or following the definition of 2030 UAs resulting from the year 2030 Decennial Census.

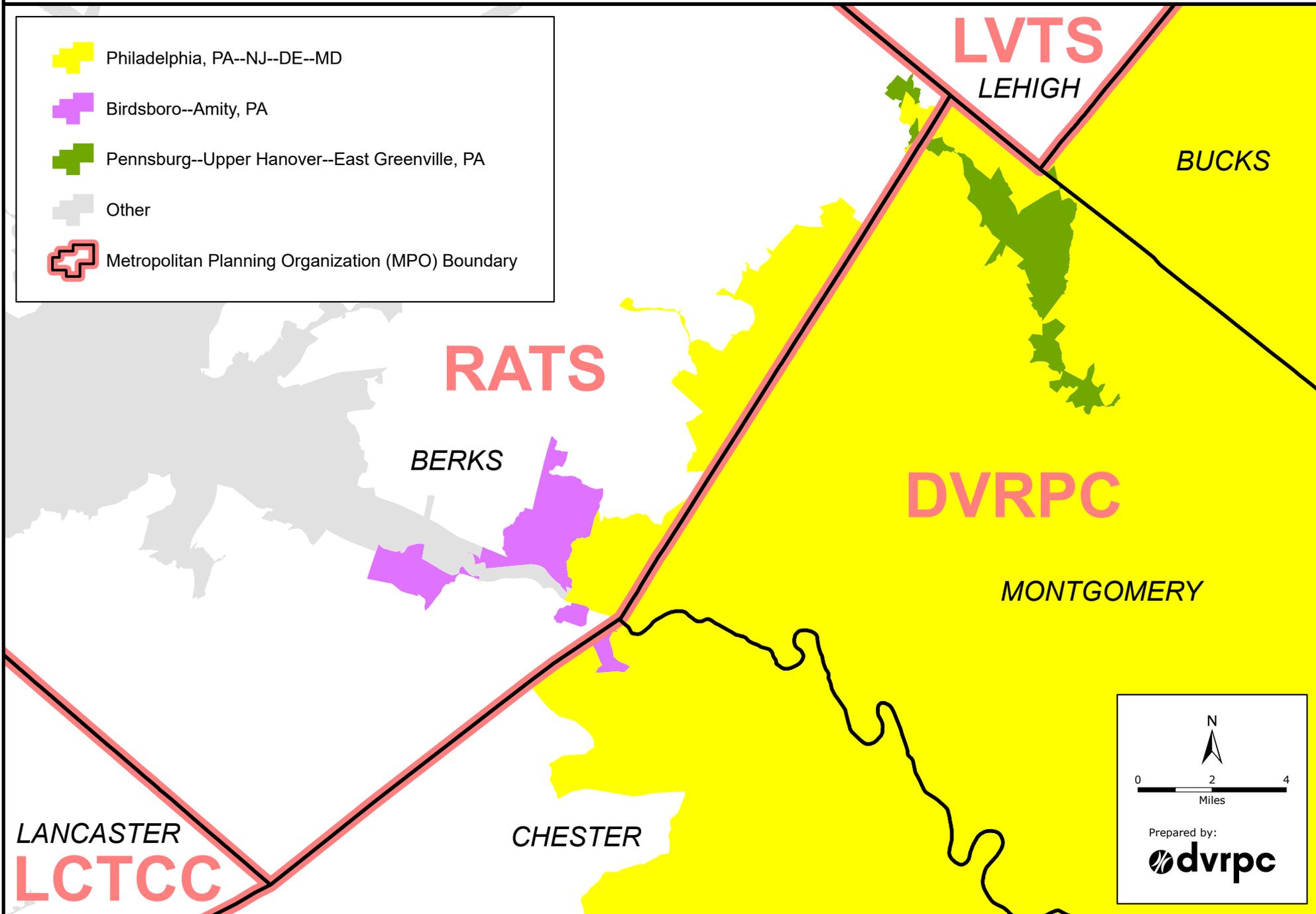
Agreed to this ____ day of _____, 2025 by:

Tom J. Stanuikynas
Chair, DVRPC Board

Mr. Chris Kufro
Chair, RATS Coordinating Committee

DVRPC and RATS Adjusted 2020 Census Shared Urban Areas

-  Philadelphia, PA--NJ--DE--MD
-  Birdsboro--Amity, PA
-  Pennsburg--Upper Hanover--East Greenville, PA
-  Other
-  Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Boundary



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