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Montgomery County Municipalities Awarded \$5.2 Million for Traffic Signal Improvements

Norristown, PA (Sept. 29, 2017) – 13 Montgomery County municipalities were awarded nearly \$5.2 million for 14 traffic signal projects from the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission (DVRPC) to provide critical improvements to traffic signaling in the county.

“Modernizing traffic signals is one of the smartest investments our region can make. These are low-cost, high-impact projects that will reduce commute times, and Montgomery County citizens will see the results,” said Dr. Val Arkoosh, Chair, Montgomery County Commissioners, and DVRPC Board Member.

The DVRPC board acted to add the 2017 Green Light-Go grant awarded projects to the region’s current Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), which is the region’s capital budget for federal and state transportation funds. Green Light-Go is a competitive statewide program designed to allow municipalities to access state funds for traffic signal and equipment upgrades. To date, Montgomery County municipalities have received over \$8.7 million in Green Light-Go funding for 41 projects.

“These projects will help remove traffic bottlenecks and improve access to businesses and other attractions in our county, which is one of the goals in our Montco 2040 Comprehensive Plan,” said Ken Lawrence, Jr., Vice Chair, Montgomery County Commissioners.

The action taken by DVRPC also allows \$19.1 million in state funding to be used for traffic signal improvement projects throughout the five-county Philadelphia region, including a \$7.1 million effort by the City of Philadelphia to upgrade 24 signals along Cheltenham Avenue, which will also benefit Montgomery County residents.

“It is critically important to improve our county infrastructure to help our residents travel safely and efficiently, and these awards are another step toward completing that goal,” said Commissioner Joe Gale.

The projects funded include adaptive traffic signal equipment along Moreland and Easton Roads and Germantown Pike, emergency pre-emption systems for signals along Pottstown Pike, and LED traffic light replacements in Jenkintown, Lower Frederick, and Upper Merion.

The fourth round of Green Light-Go applications is open to municipalities until November 9, 2017. Municipalities can apply at <http://www.dot.state.pa.us/Portal%20Information/Traffic%20Signal%20Portal/FUNDGLG.html> .