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Two Trail Projects in Montco Awarded DVRPC Funding

Norristown, PA (Jan. 25, 2018) – The Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission (DVRPC) has awarded funding for two trail projects in Montgomery County through its Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Program. The program funding must be used for capital projects and other activities related to alternative types of transportation, such as walking and bicycling.

The two trail projects were among 10 total awarded projects from the program. The Montgomery County trail projects received a total of \$1,249,000 of the just under \$8 million awarded. The source of the funding is federal Transportation Alternatives funds.

The two trail projects receiving funding in Montgomery County are:

Jenkintown to Pennypack Trail, Abington Township – \$715,000

DVRPC awarded \$715,000 for the creation of a continuous trail through Abington Township that links Jenkintown Borough to Rockledge Borough and the Pennypack Trail. Some segments include new trail and others involve upgrading existing sidewalks to trail standards. The route also includes Abington Friends School, the Abington Arts Center, Alverthorpe Park, Manor College, and the Huntingdon Pike commercial corridor. The Jenkintown to Pennypack Trail is included in the 2016 Abington Township Bicycle Master Plan.

Parkside Cynwyd Trail Extension, Lower Merion Township – \$534,000

DVRPC awarded \$534,000 for construction of the Parkside-Cynwyd Trail from its current end at the Cynwyd SEPTA station to the SEPTA Bala station at City Avenue. When complete, trail users will be able to travel from Manayunk to Bala Village and the city line, where a partnership with the City of Philadelphia will eventually continue the trail to Fairmount Park. The extension of the Parkside-Cynwyd Trail is part of the proposed trail system featured in Montgomery County's comprehensive plan, Montco 2040.

Today's action by the DVRPC Board also included recommending a slate of other projects to PennDOT for

funding under their own \$55 million statewide competitive transportation alternatives program. The list of Montgomery County projects recommended for statewide funding includes:

- Corinthian Trail – Hatboro Borough
- Limekiln Pike Multimodal Safety Initiatives – Upper Dublin Township
- Lower Salford Sidewalk for SR 113 and Park Ave. – Lower Salford Township
- I Love You and Your Brain Too Bike Helmet Safety – Partnership TMA
- Kriebel Road Trail – Towamencin Township
- Main Street Pedestrian Improvements – Schwenksville Borough
- Whitpain Twp. Trail Network Core Connector III – Whitpain Township
- City Avenue Project – City Avenue Business Improvement District

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