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THE CIRCUIT TRAILS
100s OF MILES OF HAPPY
Multi-use trail network connects people to jobs, communities, parks and waterways in the nine-county region.

When complete, the Circuit will include 750 miles of interconnected trails; currently 310 miles are open for use; 50 miles are in progress.

The Circuit Coalition is a collaboration of nearly 65 non-profits, foundations and agencies working to build a comprehensive regional trail network.

The Circuit Trails includes segments of the East Coast Greenway, linking Phila. north through NYC to Calais, ME and south through Washington, DC to Key West, FL.

One of America’s largest trail networks is in your backyard.
With 750 miles of interconnected trails, Greater Philadelphia will have a network unlike any other in the country — connecting the urban, suburban and rural communities of the 5th largest metropolitan area in the U.S.
Strengthening our region through healthy transportation and recreation options that connect our communities to green space and waterways; creating amenities that make our region among the most desirable places to live and work.
Since 2012, trail organizers and advocates have been collaborating through the Circuit Coalition to build and fund hundreds of trail segments.
Circuit Trails Completed

- Prior to 2012 when Circuit was created: 266
- From 2013-2015: 40 Miles
- In 2015: 10 miles

300 MILES COMPLETE

50 MILES IN PROGRESS

400 MILES TO GO
THE CIRCUIT TRAILS
100s OF MILES OF HAPPY
Awarded: $23 Million

Awarded: $17.5 Million
CONNECTIONS 2040
PLAN FOR GREATER PHILADELPHIA
fostering sustainability, equity, and innovation
July 2, 2015

Banner Day for Circuit Trails

Biking #onthecircuit @SchuylkillBanks
4. **DVRPC Circuit Funding: Phase IV Grants and PA TIP Circuit Line Item**

Chris Linn, DVRPC Manager, Office of Environmental Planning, explained that this is the fourth phase of awards for the Regional Trails Program. The program, funded by the William Penn Foundation, aims to continue implementation of the Circuit. The 10 awards pending approval will fund design, construction, and right-of-way analysis studies. The design projects will be included in a PA TIP Circuit line item to be created as part of this action (see attached TIP project record spreadsheet). These projects will work through the PennDOT process during design to prepare them for federal construction funding. **Five million dollars in CMAQ funding** is being programmed in FY19/FY20 as part of the Circuit line item.

The projects listed below were cultivated through a prioritization process conducted by the PA County Planner Circuit Working Group. Proposed awards include six design projects, two construction project and two studies. Five of the six design projects will be placed on the TIP upon approval of this action (one project already has an MPMS #). Project selection was based on multiple rounds of coordination with the counties including field views of all the projects. All proposed awards were identified in close coordination with DCNR, and most will leverage DCNR funding.

The first round of funding for New Jersey projects is anticipated to occur in September. A second phase of funding for PA is anticipated, timing to be determined.

The following 10 projects have been nominated for funding.

1. Bridge Street Crossing – D&L Canal Towpath – Morrisville Borough, Bucks County – $61,000 (design)

2. Newtown Branch Rail Trail, County Line to Bristol Road – Bucks County –
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2015 Telephone Survey

- 74% of respondents were aware that trails for recreation or transportation exist in the Delaware Valley
- 80% reported using a trail for recreation or transportation
- 60% would like to see a trail within 10 minutes of their home
- 44% use a trail at least once a week
- 69% reported walking as their primary trail activity; 36% reported biking as their primary trail activity
- 85% supported construction of new trails
- 70% support spending $2 of tax dollars per person per year to add 450 miles to the Circuit Trails
SUPPORT INVESTING TAX DOLLARS IN TRAILS

- Montgo: 76%
- Chester: 73%
- Brulingto: 72%
- Bucks: 68%
- Camden: 68%
- Delaware: 67%
- Philadel: 68%
- Gloucest: 65%
- Mercer: 59%
Miles of Circuit trails completed by State – 2015

Circuit Trails Mileage Progress by State

- **NJ**:
  - Built: 71 miles
  - Coming soon: 12 miles
  - In the Pipeline: 26 miles
  - Planned or Proposed: 118 miles

- **PA**:
  - Built: 238 miles
  - Coming soon: 28 miles
  - In the Pipeline: 69 miles
  - Planned or Proposed: 227 miles

*Note: Miles Coming Soon indicates projects that have partial or complete funding. Miles in the Pipeline indicates projects which have a completed feasibility study.*
Opening Day 2016
2016 Branding Campaign
Proud to Trail

One of America’s largest trail networks is in your backyard.
Walk out your door.

Head north or south, east or west, and you can spend all day on trails.
THANK YOU!

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