The Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission (DVRPC) is the Philadelphia region’s Metropolitan Planning Organization. We believe DVRPC is a place to work, learn, and create a career in a professional and stimulating environment that values diversity, innovation, and bringing your best self to work. If your background and experience match the following vacancy, we would like to hear from you.

Job Description
This is an advanced professional position with management, supervisory, and administrative responsibilities for multiple offices. This high-level position is charged with assisting upper management with administrative duties and commission-wide tasks, overseeing certain personnel responsibilities, and helping direct several offices. This position is also responsible for the development and coordination of new transportation planning programs.

This Associate Director (AD) position is responsible for the oversight of research and analytical work in a wide variety of planning and technical activities related to multimodal planning. Responsibilities include work program development, project budget development, assignment of staff, evaluation of staff tasks and performance, and participation in Transportation Planning Division managers’ meetings as well as Director’s meetings. Managing relationships with staff, executive management, and outside partners is also expected. The AD will oversee three offices: the Office of Mobility Analysis & Design (OMAD); the Office of Transit, Bicycle, and Pedestrian Planning (OTBP); and the Office of Safe Streets.

Assignments are performed in accordance with overall agency policies and professional standards. Work will be reviewed by the Director of Transportation Planning, through meetings, coordination activities, and evaluation of results. Coordination with other Directors and Associate Directors is also essential.

Responsibilities
- Directs the work of the Office of Mobility Analysis & Design, Office of Safe Streets, and Office of Transit, Bicycle, and Pedestrian Planning.
- Oversees or manages specific studies or programs, including preparing scoping, methodology, data collection, and project committees.
- Prepares budgets, works with Office managers to define projects and studies, determines work assignments and priorities, and undertakes related administrative actions.
- Develops and communicates annual performance expectations, prepares interim reviews, and conducts year-end evaluations for supervised staff.
- Reviews staff’s tasks and evaluations at every step and recommends changes where appropriate.
- Formulates issues and explores opportunities generated from new federal or state policies and programs, and advises on appropriate Commission responses.
- Develops and maintains constructive federal, state, county, agency, nonprofit and institutional relationships with DVRPC, and represents DVRPC at public and private meetings, conferences, and other events.
- Administrates outside grants and consulting contracts dealing with planning projects, data services and collection, and special projects.
- Responds to questions from member governments, the public, and other MPOs.
- Develops methods of communication, mentoring, and encouraging professional development for direct reports and their staff.
- Performs related work as required.

Qualifications
- Ability to organize, plan, and direct complex research projects and to supervise the work of technical and professional personnel.
- Ability to oversee three offices, review a wide variety of deliverables (studies, technical memos, program guidelines, webmaps, etc.) across a breadth of topical areas, and be able to prioritize and pivot to new opportunities.
- Knowledge of metropolitan planning organization (MPO) core functions, governing structure, and processes.
- Superior knowledge of the socio-economic factors, principles, practices, and objectives of regional transportation and land use planning.
- Extensive knowledge of the principles, practices, and objectives of multimodal planning, and ability to relate this knowledge to the development of a regional transportation system.
- Extensive knowledge of research methods, including thorough knowledge of principles and practices of working with large-scale data.
- Proficiency with Microsoft Office and Google Suite software.
- Ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships with associates, planning and elected officials, and the general public.
- Demonstrated ability to enhance DVRPC’s mission with forward-thinking ideas for the future.
- Should possess an entrepreneurial inclination with the proven ability to cast a vision to diverse stakeholders and achieve buy-in.
- Ability to prepare and deliver clear and concise presentations and written reports.

Experience & Training
To qualify as an RA VI, a minimum of ten years of progressively responsible professional experience in transportation, community and/or regional planning, including at least three years in a supervisory or similar administrative capacity, and a Master’s degree in city or regional planning or a related field preferred.