

**MEETING MINUTES  
OF THE DVRPC REGIONAL CITIZENS COMMITTEE  
APRIL 13, 2010**

Present: Aissia Richardson (Chair); Larry Menkes, Kathryn Garza, Elaine Cohen, Jim Richardson, John Burkhardt, Pat Mulligan, Cheryl Tumola, Warren Strumpfer, Dennis Winters, Bob Machler, John Pawson, Lorraine Brill, Bridget Chadwick, William Faltermayer, Ajay Creshkoff, Kate Clark, John Boyle, Sue Herman, Bill Marston, Juanita Lewis hatton (citizens); Candy Snyder, Jane Meconi, David Anderson, Joseph Hacker (staff); Fred Stine, Philip Lutz (guests).

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

The minutes of the March 16, 2010 RCC meeting were approved as mailed.

Ajay Creshkoff noted that the minutes should include the names of the other RCC attendees of the DVRPC Building Livable Communities Workshop on March 17, 2010: Aissia Richardson, Warren Strumpfer, Jim Richardson, Pat Mulligan and Dennis Winters.

**CHAIR'S REPORT:**

Aissia Richardson submitted the attached report. She also thanked DVRPC for the RCC scholarships for members to attend the DVRPC Building Livable Communities workshop. Ms. Richardson also discussed funding issues faced by New Jersey Transit, noting that public hearings were held in late March. In addition, Ms. Richardson reported that a DVRPC Transportation and Community Development Initiative (TCDI) press conference was held in Camden on April 6<sup>th</sup>, at which time this year's TCDI communities were named.

**RTC REPORT:**

Jim Richardson submitted the attached report. Mr. Richardson further noted that the RCC should advocate for finding additional funding sources as a top priority. Aissia Richardson recommended that this issue be addressed in the Long-Range Task Force, and that members review the DVRPC document "Options for Funding the Region's Transportation Funding Gap," available in the DVRPC library or by visiting <http://www.dvrpc.org/reports/07045.pdf>.

Mr. Richardson noted that the RTC saw a presentation titled "Transportation Security Planning at DVRPC", presented by Zoe Neaderland, Manager, DVRPC Office of Transportation Safety and Congestion Management. The presentation may be of interest to the RCC. DVRPC staff will follow up with scheduling the presentation for an upcoming RCC meeting.

**REPORTS FROM RCC REPRESENTATIVES TO OTHER COMMITTEES:**

Dennis Winters reported that he attended the DVRPC Aviation Committee meeting and was impressed with DVRPC's programming in that area.

Warren Strumpfer and Jim Richardson reported that they had attended the Regional Safety Action Task Force. Highlights of the meeting included discussion on distracted driver data and a PennDOT Safety Summit legislative update.

## **SPECIAL PRESENTATION: CONDUCTING THE 2010 CENSUS:**

Philip Lutz, Assistant Regional Census Manager, Philadelphia Region, US Census Bureau, presented an overview of the process of conducting the 2010 U.S. Census. The Census is a constitutional mandate, and covers population of all U.S. residents, not just citizens, as well as the number of housing units in the U.S. The Census results assist in reapportionment and redistricting and the distribution of federal funding. "Census Day" is April 1, 2010, which is the specific day that a "snapshot" of the U.S. occurs. On December 31, 2010, apportionment counts will be delivered to the president and congress, and redistricting counts will be delivered to the states by April 1, 2011.

Questionnaires were delivered or mailed to all housing units in March 2010. Addresses are geocoded to census block, not address. Hospitals, military installations, colleges and universities are all counted, as well as populations living in shelters and the outdoors. After April 1<sup>st</sup>, work begins on following up with non-responsive households. There are field visits to every address that did not respond. All addresses that are reported as vacant or nonexistent are re-checked.

Mr. Lutz noted that it's very important for people to promote the Census within their communities, and to explain how people can find answers about the Census. The national participation rate for the 2000 Census was 72 percent. The Census Bureau has set up Questionnaire Assistance Centers, and all Census materials are provided in a variety of languages, and there are interpreters available as well. The 2010 Census website has hundreds of fact sheets, promotional materials, posters and guidebooks. There is also a live-updated map of response rates in communities around the country. The website is [www.2010census.gov](http://www.2010census.gov).

*Discussion: It was noted that the Census no longer sends out the "long form" and that information about housing and social indicators is collected yearly by the American Community Survey. There was also discussion regarding how prison populations are counted; inmates are counted where they are incarcerated, not their home residence. Mr. Lutz noted that additional information regarding this issue is available on the Census website. It was also stressed that the Census is not punitive— the Census Bureau keeps all information confidential and it cannot be shared with the IRS, immigration or law enforcement agencies.*

## **SPECIAL PRESENTATION: ISSUES FACING THE DELAWARE RIVER:**

Fred Stine, Citizen Action Coordinator for the Delaware Riverkeeper Network, provided an overview of various issues impacting the Delaware River and estuary. Established in 1988 upon the appointment of the Delaware Riverkeeper, the Delaware Riverkeeper Network (DRN) is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) membership organization. DRN's professional staff and volunteers work throughout the entire Delaware River Watershed including portions of Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware and New York.

Mr. Stine spoke about the proposed natural gas drilling at Marcellus Shale in the upper Delaware River region and its impact on water quality. The environmental impacts of natural gas drilling include water quantity (between 2 and 7 millions gallons of water needed per well), water quality (hydrofracking chemicals, drilling muds, and "produced water" that results from the well development process) and stormwater runoff (nonpoint source pollution, erosion, stream degradation), habitat destruction and disruption, noise, air quality and community/cultural, scenic and quality of life impacts. Inadequate regulation of the industry results in the inability of government entities to avoid these negative impacts.

Mr. Stine stated that while the filing deadline ended on April 12<sup>th</sup>, citizens can send letters to the Delaware River Basin Commission about the proposed project.

Another issue impacting the river is the deepening project proposed for the lower Delaware, which would increase shipping lane depth from 40 to 45 feet. He outlined the issues surrounding the project, and the potential environmental affects of deepening, including where contaminated spoils will be stored. Mr. Stine noted hat an additional report on the tradeoffs as a result of the deepening will be released shortly.

Mr. Stine also reported on the Scudders Falls Bridge, outlining work related to increasing bicycle and pedestrian access to and across the bridge. Ms. Richardson stated that DVRPC sent a letter in support of bicycle and pedestrian access to the bridge.

*Discussion: Members discussed the larger river economy, costs and benefits of the deepening, environmental impacts, and economic benefits associated with utilizing the river for recreational pursuits. The Delaware Riverkeeper website has additional information on all these issues: [www.delawareriverkeeper.org](http://www.delawareriverkeeper.org), or one can contact Fred Stine directly at [fred@delawareriverkeeper.org](mailto:fred@delawareriverkeeper.org). The Josh Fox film "Gaslands" was mentioned as a thought-provoking film. Mr. Stine noted that the Delaware Riverkeeper is working with the filmmaker on scheduling another showing of the film.*

#### **STAFF PRESENTATION: Routes 611/263 CORRIDOR STUDY:**

David Anderson, DVRPC Manager, Office of Corridor Planning, presented a recently completed corridor study of Routes 611/263 in Montgomery County. The corridors travel through Abington, Cheltenham and Upper Moreland townships and Hatboro and Jenkintown boroughs. The study provides technical analysis and recommendations to corridor municipalities on enhancing community character through land use and transportation opportunities. The study also fosters inter-municipal cooperation and coordination to identify projects and programs to achieve needed solutions.

The corridor study was completed in two phases. Phase 1 identified transportation, land use and environmental challenges. The second phase of the project identified 18 distinct improvement areas. There were also public open houses and consultations with local elected officials in both phases. The final report included detailed project recommendations as well as order of magnitude cost estimates.

Recommendations in the study include: developing a priority list of candidate sites for bus shelters, which would improve the experience of bus travel; recommending a combined circulator bus network that would serve area rail stations, employment centers and retail areas; promote a coordinated and uniform streetscape identity; enhance the pedestrian experience; and provide wayfinding signage. Specific geographic areas that are targeted for improvement include the Elkins Park Train Station and the surrounding Church Road area, streetscape improvements in Jenkintown, Jenkintown/Wyncote Train Station improvements, Rubicam Avenue, Hatboro Gateway, and a road diet analysis for Upper Moreland and Hatboro.

*Discussion: RCC members discussed the pros and cons of increasing parking at suburban train stations, noting that more parking may encourage people to use transit, but may also hinder the expansion or increased service of transit lines, particularly buses, that serve suburban rail stations.*

*In reference to expanding the study to other nearby communities, Mr. Anderson stated that the scope of a project is defined by the county and individual municipalities. However, it was clarified that public outreach related to corridor studies can certainly be expanded beyond the study area boundaries.*

#### **DVRPC WORK PROGRAM AREA OVERVIEW:**

*In order for RCC members to learn more about specific DVRPC Work Program areas of interest, DVRPC staff will be invited on a continuing basis to provide an overview of his/her particular Work Program area.*

#### DVRPC Office of Corridor Planning

Manager: David Anderson, AICP

Staff: Patricia Fought, Ellis Kim

David Anderson presented the Office of Corridor Planning. The purpose of Corridor Planning is to conduct studies and prepare reports on congested transportation corridors in the region, and to identify transportation and land use projects and strategies that will increase the accessibility and mobility of people, improve safety, enhance the environment, and improve the quality of life. DVRPC takes a multimodal approach in identifying practical solutions to corridor issues in the spirit of SAFETEA-LU, working cooperatively with state, county, municipal and business stakeholders as well as the general public. Several regional corridor planning studies are completed each year in the region by the Office of Corridor Planning. These are prioritized based on the Long-Range Plan and the Congestion Management Process. This activity supports the initiative and policies of the New Jersey Department of Transportation and Pennsylvania Department of Transportation, and is responsive to the needs of county and municipal governments.

#### Recent Studies

1. Routes 611/263 Corridor Study -2008, 2009.

This was a 2-year multi-municipal effort funded by the county as well as the five municipalities in the corridor. The phase 1 effort included an inventory and evaluation of current transportation, land use, and environmental issues in the corridor. The Phase 2 report involves a more detailed analysis of issue areas identified by corridor municipalities.

Recommendations include: Highway, pedestrian, transit and streetscape improvements.

2. Lindenwold Transit Hub Study – 2009. Completed study identifying improvement to circulation at and adjacent to the Lindenwold Station

3. NJ 73 Corridor Study (Camden and Burlington Counties) - 2009

4. Route 42 Corridor Study – 2008

5. Roosevelt Boulevard Corridor Study – 2007. This study identified the issues leading to high fatality rates along the boulevard and made recommendations to improve its safety, particularly for pedestrians. Recommendations include: Pedestrian safety (crosswalks, education) and highway improvements.

6. Route 55-Deptford Traffic Study – 2006. The purpose of this study was to determine the primary flow of traffic by trip purpose in the retail area of Deptford NJ, as well as to identify the routes to be used to access the area. Recommendations include: Pedestrian safety (crosswalks, sidewalks), transit and highway improvements (signal timing, traffic safety).

Current Initiatives of the department include:

NJ 73 Corridor Study – (Burlington County)

US 30 Corridor Study – (Philadelphia, Montgomery and Delaware Counties)

Additional information is available at <http://www.dvrpc.org/corridors/>.

*Discussion: Mr. Anderson outlined the process of corridor planning, from scoping to final report, including public outreach initiatives. There was further discussion related to the benefits of charrettes for this type of planning project. Implementation of projects was discussed, including the importance of public and elected official buy-in.*

#### DVRPC Office of Transit, Bicycle, and Pedestrian Planning

Manager: Joseph Hacker, Ph.D., AICP

Staff: Gregory Krykewycz, Joshua Rocks, Meghan Weir, Dan Nemiroff

Joseph Hacker, Manager, Office of Transit, Bicycle and Pedestrian Planning, explained that the Office of Transit, Bicycle and Pedestrian Planning combines three related elements of “Sustainable” or “Non-Traditional” Transportation Planning: Public Transit; Bicycle/Pedestrian; and Coordinated Human Services. Work in the Office emphasizes three task types: ongoing data collection/survey research; technical analysis and outreach to member agencies; and internal technical input for DVRPC projects, supporting the short/long-range planning functions of the Commission. Central to achieving these goals is coordination and involvement at every level with clients, stakeholders, and other departments within DVRPC.

The Transit Program assists regional, county, and transit agencies with public transit planning efforts. This includes identifying, assessing, and enhancing transit access, connectivity, and mobility. The Regional Transit Advisory Committee (RTAC) provides oversight to the review and selection of projects for the UPWP. Emphasis this year has been on Mercer County strategic bus plan, transit surveys and “Transit First” related efforts.

The Bicycle/Pedestrian Program plans for bicycle and pedestrian (non-motorized) modes, coordinates with PennDOT/NJDOT and member governments on local and regional bicycle plans, and works to implement priority facilities for communities in the region. Recent emphasis has been on local mobility and rethinking projects in the region via the Shifting Gears program. Oversight is provided through the Regional Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Forum (RBPAF). DVRPC administers the federally mandated Coordinated Human Services Transportation Planning (CHSTP) process: The program incorporates outreach, coordination, and development of human services plans. This includes Job Access and Reverse Commute (JARC) and New Freedom; as well as technical support to ensure fair and equitable selection processes in the region. Emphasis this year, as every year, is on JARC/NF project selection, and beginning revisions to the Regional CHSTP Policy document.

Projects this year include:

- Transit Enhancement Corridor Evaluation-PA Route 3
- New Jersey Transit Bus Surveys-Camden Co.
- Mercer County Long Range Strategic Bus Plan
- West Chester Rail Ridership Study
- SEPTA Pulse Scheduling Study, Phase I
- Defining SEPTA Commuter Rail Sheds
- Chester Riverfront Train Station Feasibility Study
- Regional Bicycle Outreach and Priority Setting (Shifting Gears)
- Mercer County Interactive BLOS and Trails Mapping
- Coordinated Human Services Transportation Planning

### **SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Action Task Force:** The Action Task Force (ATF) met prior to the RCC meeting and developed RCC recommendations for Board Action Items (attached).

Note: Board Action Items are no longer voted on at the primary RCC meeting.

**Long-Range Plan Task Force:** Members discussed the three existing growth scenarios and the need for an additional scenario that looks at a “no-growth” development pattern.

Members also requested a presentation on implementing the Long-Range Plan for the full RCC. Funding was mentioned as a separate issue; members were asked to specifically review the DVRPC “Funding the Transportation Gap” report for future discussion.

**Work Program Task Force:** Warren Strumpfer presented his highway reflectors report, and noted that other RCC members should create presentations for the task force to promote issues that the RCC may want to discuss.

### **OLD BUSINESS/ NEW BUSINESS:**

RCC members who attended the March 17, 2010 Building Livable Communities workshops will develop a review of the event for distribution at the next RCC meeting.

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April 13, 2010  
RCC – Chair's Report  
Submitted by Aissia Richardson

1. I attended the March 25 DVRPC Board meeting and presented the March 16 RCC recommendations the board
  - a. Regarding PA09-92 I asked the Montgomery County representative to respond to staff about widening Welsh Road bridge sidewalks for pedestrian safety. Response is included in minutes for April 13 RCC meeting.
2. PRESENTATION

2010 Census Briefing (Fernando Armstrong)

Fernando Armstrong, U. S. Census Regional Director, will present to the Board a briefing on the 2010 Census.

Every 10 years, the United States conducts its decennial census and the 2010 Census is currently well underway. The census, which is mandated by the U.S. Constitution, determines the apportionment of the House of Representatives amongst the states. Census data are also used for redistricting representative boundaries from school boards to state representatives. The Federal government uses census data to allocate more than \$435 Billion each year. This briefing will provide a status of census operations in the region. We will learn how county and local governments can participate in the "Take 10" challenge. The 2010 Census, "It's In Our Hands." National budget for Census is \$14.7 billion.

3. INFORMATION ITEMS

- a. Sustainable Communities Planning Grant Program

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has issued an Advance Notice for Comments on a proposed competitive planning grant program to support regional planning efforts that integrate housing, transportation, environmental impact, and economic development. DVRPC staff has been developing ideas for a grant proposal under this program, and will present those ideas for discussion.

HUD Office of Sustainable Communities will manage \$150 M in grants. Funding based on Livability Principles. (HUD, EPA, DOT) Ceiling for grantee is \$5M per region with a 20% match. There was a lot of discussion focused on who should apply for this funding. New Jersey Dept of Comm. Affairs rep indicated states recommended funding be available to them, Philadelphia wants to apply and NJ County rep indicated he preferred that MPO apply for funding as there was a better chance that this region would be funded rather than compete with other NJ counties.

- b. DVPRC Participation in Study Team: New England General Aviation Regional Airport System Study

DVRPC Aviation Planning staff has been requested, based on aviation systems planning experience, to participate on a team responding to and RFP on the above subject. Potential advantages include financial support for the regional aviation planning posture and experience applicable to regional planning in the Delaware Valley. Rhode Island Aviation Corp. released RFP. Funding not committed by FAA yet. NE regional multistate planning opportunity.

4. Executive Director's Report

- a. Pennsylvania Local Development Districts – Discussion re Appalachia Regions in PA and joint proposals for broadband infrastructure with DVRPC as pass through agency for SEPA.

Relationship not seen as an enhancement for DVRPC but for Appalachia MPOs.

b. Meetings with NJDOT and NJTransit – meeting canceled due to NJ budget issues

5. One Minute Reports

- a. NJDOT reported Jobs Bill draft not submitted to any MPOs. Transportation Trust Fund funded. NJ budget process scrutiny underway for capital projects
- b. Mr. Capelli reported that Cooper Hospital is breaking ground. State prison demolished. Rutgers is building new 325 unit graduate student housing.

## RTC Report

April 6, 2010

### Jim Richardson, RTC Representative

The Regional Transportation Committee recommended Board approval of all six **TIP actions**, plus authorization to open **30-day public comment periods** for FY2011-2014 Transportation Improvement Programs for PA and NJ. The PA TIP draft is basically complete and expected to be open for comment May 5 through June 5. Because of recent turnover at the governor level and severe fiscal issues, the NJ plan is not complete. However, the committee voted to recommend board approval of a public comment period upon completion. Comments can be made online and at two planned public meetings at DVRPC headquarters and at the Cherry Hill Library.

The committee also recommended Board approval of **two amendments to the 2010 Planning Work Program** which are guide rail inventory initiatives for Burlington and Gloucester counties.

RTC saw presentations on the DVRPC **NJ Route 73 Corridor Study** and on **Transportation Security Planning**. The corridor study is another fine example of DVRPC effort to help regional communities promote multi-modal transportation solutions to help alleviate current and forecasted travel growth, coordinate land use and transportation planning, determine policies for future transportation improvements, and encourage municipal actions to achieve a land use pattern that is reflective of smart growth principles. This presentation stimulated extended discussion on such topics as implementation, long-range costs and ways to follow through as results are achieved in order to improve future corridor studies. The Burlington County RTC representative cited a previously completed Route 130 corridor study as an example of strong positive outcomes from good planning and local coordination.

The security planning presentation highlighted an innovative DVRPC approach which knit together a larger spectrum of transportation activities than is usual considered in security planning of this type. This includes emergency responders, governmental staff, private sector organizations, architects and developers, land use and environmental planners, bicycle and pedestrian planners, long range planning, highway and transit project engineers, transportation operations staff, transportation security planners and more.

To me, these presentations drove home (again) the unique and invaluable regional role DVRPC plays in helping communities work together and by bringing professional planning experience and expertise to pressing regional questions.

Separately, the PA TIP subcommittee discussed and finalized all significant remaining issues in creating the **Draft FY 2011-2014 TIP**, including allocation of available CMAQ and TIGER Grant funds.



**DELAWARE VALLEY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION  
REGIONAL CITIZENS COMMITTEE  
HIGHLIGHTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE RCC ACTION TASK FORCE  
MEETING OF APRIL 13, 2010**

**PRESENT:** Aissia Richardson, Bridget Chadwick, Ajay Creshkoff, Bill Faltermayer, Dennis Winters, John Boyle, Jim Richardson, John Pawson, Larry Menkes, Lorraine Brill, Sue Herman, Warren Strumpfer, Juanita Lewis Hatton (citizens); Jane Meconi, Elizabeth Schoonmaker, John Coscia (staff)

**NJ10-18: River Road Improvements, Cramer Hill (DB# D0902), Camden County - Add Back In**

**Comment for DVRPC Board:**

The RCC Action Task Force recommends that the DVRPC Board approve TIP action NJ10-18, the Cooper's Ferry Development Association's on behalf of the City of Camden, request to amend the FY2010-2013 TIP for New Jersey by adding a preliminary engineering phase in FY10 (\$200,000 DEMO), final design phase in FY11 (\$250,000 DEMO), and construction phase in FY11 (\$800,000 DEMO) and FY12 (\$2,758,241 DEMO) for River Road Improvements, Cramer Hill (DB #D0902).

*Note: there were two "no" votes for this project, as the project utilizes earmarks funding.*

**PA09-93a: Vehicle Overhaul Program (MPMS# 60582), SEPTA - Federalizing**

**Comment for DVRPC Board:**

The RCC Action Task Force recommends that the DVRPC Board approve TIP action PA09-93a, SEPTA's request to amend the FY2009-2012 TIP for Pennsylvania by federalizing the Vehicle Overhaul Program (MPMS# 60582) which is currently programmed with state and local funds and totals \$53.600 million in FY10. Additional preventive maintenance funds used for vehicle overhaul (\$32,000,000 Section 5307/\$8,050,000 Local-In-Kind Services) are currently programmed in the Preventive Maintenance Line item, but recent FTA guidance has instructed SEPTA to program all the funds related to vehicle overhaul in the Vehicle Overhaul Program (MPMS #60582). \$32,000,000 Section 5307/\$8,050,000 Local-In-Kind Services will be removed from the Preventive Maintenance Program (MPMS# 60317). Through a series of administrative actions included in the SEPTA fiscal constraint charts, \$32.591 million is made available and will be added to the Vehicle Overhaul Program, so that the Vehicle Overhaul Program will now contain a mix of federal ("federalized") as well as state and local funds. The RCC requests that SEPTA give priority to maintenance of the electric locomotives in their push-pull trains, as there have been recent failures in operation.

**PA09-93b: Preventive Maintenance Flex (MPMS #TBD), PennDOT/SEPTA -Proposed New Project**

**Comment for DVRPC Board:**

The RCC Action Task Force recommends that the DVRPC Board approve TIP action PA09-93b, PennDOT's request to amend the FY2009-2012 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a new project to the TIP, Preventive Maintenance Flex (MPMS #90123) using \$7 million STP funds provided to SEPTA from PennDOT's Statewide Discretionary Line Item in FY10. Funds will be "flexed" (transferred) from FHWA to FTA.

**PA09-94: Chester County ARRA Paving (MPMS# 86872), Chester County -Increase CON phase**

**Comment for DVRPC Board:**

The RCC Action Task Force recommends that the DVRPC Board approve TIP action PA09-94, PennDOT's request to modify the FY2009-2012 TIP for Pennsylvania by increasing the construction phase of Chester County ARRA Paving (MPMS# 86872) by \$6.519 million in FY10 (\$2,086,000 STP/\$637,000 NHS) and FY11 (\$2,117,000 STU/\$1,679,000 STP).

**PA09-95: US 13 Signals (MPMS# 47990), Delaware County - Add Back In**

**Comment for DVRPC Board:**

The RCC Action Task Force recommends that the DVRPC Board approve TIP action PA09-95, PennDOT's request to amend the FY2009-2012 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding the US 13/9<sup>th</sup> Street/Morton Ave. Signals (DS1) (MPMS# 47990), and programming utility in FY10 (\$1,420,000 CMAQ) and construction in FY10 (\$1,845,000 CMAQ) and FY11 (\$2,155,000 CMAQ).

**PA09-96: District 6 On-Demand Bridge Maintenance Contracts (MPMS# 89027, 89028, 89092), Various Counties - Proposed New Project**

**Comment for DVRPC Board:**

The RCC Action Task Force recommends that the DVRPC Board approve TIP action PA09-96, PennDOT's request to amend the FY2009-2012 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a new project to the TIP, District 6 on Demand Bridge Maintenance Contracts (MPMS# 89027, 89028, 89092), and programming construction in FY10 (\$8,700,000 Act 44) for three separate bridge maintenance contracts:

- (1) Joint Sealing 2010 (MPMS# 89027) - \$3,500,000 Act 44
- (2) Bridge on Demand 2010 (MPMS #89028) - \$3,500,000 Act 44
- (3) Bridge Underpinning 2010 (MPMS# 89092) - \$1,700,000 Act 44

**Authorization to open a 30-day public comment period for the Draft DVRPC Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for New Jersey (FY 2011-2014) and Pennsylvania (FY 2011-2014) and for the associated Transportation Conformity Determination**

**Comment for DVRPC Board:**

The RCC Action Task Force recommends that the DVRPC Board authorize staff to open a minimum 30-day public comment period for the purpose of gathering public and agency comments on the Draft FY 2011-2014 New Jersey TIP, the Draft FY 2011-2014 Pennsylvania TIP, and the Draft Conformity Determination of the FY 2010 NJ and PA TIPS; to issue proper public notifications; to publish the draft documents of the FY 2011 New Jersey TIP, FY 2011 Pennsylvania TIP and conformity findings on the Internet; to make copies available at certain public libraries; and to hold public meetings.

*Discussion: Staff noted that there will be an online commenting tool for the public to access. Additional information will be provided when the public comment period opens.*

**Fiscal Year 2010 Planning Work Program Amendment: Burlington County Guide Rail Inventory Planning Initiative**

**Comment for DVRPC Board:**

The RCC Action Task Force recommends that the DVRPC Board approve the addition of the Burlington County Asset Management Planning Initiative - Guiderail Component Project to the DVRPC FY 2011 Planning Work Program. Further, that the Board approve TIP Action NJ10-19, DVRPC's request to modify the FY2010-2013 TIP for New Jersey by drawing \$1.579 Million of STP-STU funds from DB #D026 Future Projects and transferring to the Metropolitan Planning Line Item (DB# X30A) and programming a PLS (Planning Study) phase in FY10 for \$798,500 to fund the FY2011 UPWP item. The RCC recommends that all counties who undertake guiderail inventories consider following the exemplary work of Gloucester County in exceeding state and AASHTO (American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials) standards for adding reflectors on guiderails.

**Fiscal Year 2010 Planning Work Program Amendment: Gloucester County Guide Rail Inventory Planning Initiative**

**Comment for DVRPC Board:**

The RCC Action Task Force recommends that the DVRPC Board approve the addition of the Gloucester County Asset Management Planning Initiative - Guiderail Component Project to the DVRPC FY 2011 Planning Work Program. Further, that the Board approve TIP Action NJ10-19, DVRPC's request to modify the FY2010-2013 TIP for New Jersey by drawing \$1.579 Million of STP-STU funds from DB #D026 Future Projects and transferring to the Metropolitan Planning Line Item (DB# X30A) and programming a PLS (Planning Study) phase in FY10 for \$798,500 to fund the FY2011 UPWP item.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

Lorraine Brill updated the Action Task Force on the mural project at Philadelphia International Airport, and reported that the project will go before the Art Commission for approval.

Aissia Richardson noted that in response to Lorraine Brill's comments regarding signage at the airport, DVRPC staff is working on scheduling a presentation from the Greater Philadelphia Tourism and Marketing Corporation. Another presentation will be scheduled to discuss the benefits of the Philadelphia Mural Arts program.

Bridget Chadwick discussed a letter that she will be writing to Montgomery County regarding Complete Streets policy.