DELAWARE VALLEY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
INFORMATION RESOURCE EXCHANGE GROUP
Minutes of March 10, 2004

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The 50th meeting of the Information Resource Exchange Group started at 10:10 am.

1.   Minutes of the meeting of December 10, 2003

The minutes were approved without corrections or changes.

2.   Election of CY 2004 IREG Chair

Katrina Placer from Mercer County was elected Chair of the IREG Committee for CY 2004.

3. Presentations

There are about 50 Transportation Division staff at DVRPC working on a multitude of projects, including highway, rail, fright, bikes and aviation. Sound studies are based on good data, and Journey-to-Work data is a good tool for planners to use in their studies. **Christian Bauer,** Transportation Planner and Project Manager at DVRPC, gave a presentation on the "Application of Journey-to-Work Data in Transportation Planning Studies". By giving three examples of recent studies, "Year 2025 Panning Corridors", "SEPTA R3 Media/Elwyn Rail Line Parking Demand Study", and "Highway Access to Waterfront Locations along the Delaware River", Mr. Bauer clearly show how the Journey-to-Work data is being used for planning studies in three broad areas: advocacy, marketing and Imagineering.

Kendall Miller, Manager of Public Involvement and Environmental Justice at DVRPC, gave a presentation on "DVRPC's Public Outreach and Participation Efforts". Ms. Miller presented two publications, which document DVRPC's outreach efforts and a marketing video developed to teach the general public about our activities. The two publications, "DVRPC's Public Participation Plan: A Strategy for Citizen Involvement" and "DVRPC's Environmental Justice Protocol", are ready for review and comment and are available on our website. For more information about the marketing video, contact Kendall Miller at 215-238-2871.

Brent Yocom, Web Content Coordinator at DVRPC, gave a presentation recapping the nine year history of the DVRPC Website and focusing on DVRPC's new website, which will launch in early April 2004. The new site includes more dynamic content, a fresh graphical user interface, improved navigation, better organization and new content. Additional features are planned to launch in the near future when new webserver hardware is acquired. Comments about the new site should be forwarded to Joe Fazekas (jfazekas@dvrpc.org).

4.   Census Update

  a. **American Community Survey (ACS).** The 2000 ACS data has been released and is now available on the web www.census.gov/acs/www/Products/Profiles/Single/2002/ACS/index.htm.

  b. **CTPP/Traffic Analysis Zones (TAZ).** The Census Bureau completed the release of CTPP 2000 Part 2 (Place of Work Tables) on February 19, 2004. CTPP 2000: Part 3 (Journey-to-Work Flow Tables) is the next product to be released. www.fhwa.dot.gov/ctpp/status.htm

  c. **Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) Tabulation.** This is a special tabulation contracted by and paid for by a consortium of Federal agencies. Using the web-based tool, you can select tabulations for various levels of geography based on residence or workplace. The data presents information for various occupation groupings by race and ethnicity and sex.

Depending on the tabulation requested, the information can be shown for the United States, states, metropolitan areas, counties, and places of 50,000 or more population. For more information, see: www.census.gov/hhes/www/eeoindex.html.

d. **Local Employment Dynamics (LED): Quarterly Workforce Indicators** The LED program integrates state administrative data and Census data products and provides dynamic employment and demographic data at the county and sub-county levels. For more information, see: http://lehd.dsd.census.gov/led/00/

e. **"Brown-Bag" Training Sessions.** From April 13, every 2nd Tuesday of the month from 11:00am to 1:00pm, "Brown-bag" Training Sessions will be held in Census office located at 1601 Market Street, 21st Floor in Philadelphia. You will learn more about Census Data from this 2 hours session. For more information regarding these sessions, call 215-656-7578 or email philly.pds@census.gov.

5. DVRPC Work Program Updates

a. **Regional Online Information Network.** The DVRPC website redesign project is nearing completion. DVRPC is planning to launch the new website in early April 2004. Afterwards, DVRPC is planning to update the webserver hardware.

b. **Census Transportation Planning Package (CTPP).** DVRPC is in the process of correcting the Census Bureau's CTPP file for this region. The adjusted CTPP files will be available for download on the DVRPC website in near future.

c. **Year 2005 Aerial Imagery Acquisition.** Staff continues work developing a Request for Proposal (RFP) for the project. Discussions continue with potential partners. The 2005 product specifications will be similar to the imagery recently acquired by the State of New Jersey, which is a 1":200' scale, 1' pixel resolution, color infrared product.

d. **Region-Wide Transportation GIS Development.** Project participants recently completed six classes of DVRPC-sponsored GIS training that were held in Lawrenceville, NJ and Norristown, PA. More training is expected to take place in the next few months. The methodology for transferring Department of Transportation linear referencing values onto county road centerline files is complete and being tested with the City of Philadelphia's file. The next group meeting will be held on April 20th at DVRPC.

e. **Year 2000 Land Use File.** The digitizing and post-production is complete for the Year 2000 Land Use file. The "2000 Land Use by Municipality" Data Bulletin was released and is now available as a free download at: www.dvrpc.org/data/databull/rdb/db78.htm. Additional analysis will be published in the form of an Analytical Data Report next Fiscal Year.

6. Information Items

a. Members are asked to provide up-to-date information for themselves and their agencies so that DVRPC can produce an updated IREG Membership Directory. Additionally, a survey of IREG Membership is being developed for members to complete online. Directions for completing the survey and updating your contact information will be available at the June IREG Meeting with results anticipated in September.

b. The Webmasters Subcommittee Meeting will begin following the IREG meeting.

c. DVRPC is accepting recommendations from IREG members for potential FY2006 Work Program projects. At the June IREG meeting, membership in attendance will vote on a list of proposed projects. The highest-ranking projects will be forwarded to DVRPC's Board Work Program Committee for consideration. Recommendations are to be submitted via email to jfazekas@dvrpc.org before June.

7. Election of CY 2004 IREG Vice-Chair

Ken Sipos from the City of Philadelphia was elected Vice-Chair of the IREG Committee for CY 2004.

8. Old Busines

No old business was presented at this time.

9. New Business

a. The Pennsylvania State Data Center's annual Data Users Conference is scheduled for September 16, 2004. A committee has been formed to select presentation ideas. Lauris Olson from the University of Pennsylvania is a member of the committee. Please forward your presentation ideas to him at: olson@pobox.upenn.edu.

b. MAC URISA's 12th Regional GIS Conference will be held on March 17th & 18th. Registration forms are still being collected by Seth Hackman (seth.hackman@dep.state.nj.us).

c. Bob Walker from Chester County was presented with a gift certificate for his assistance this past year as IREG Chair.

10. Adjournment

The IREG meeting was adjourned at 11:45am. The Webmasters Subcommittee met immediately after the meeting adjourned.