

**DELAWARE VALLEY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION  
INFORMATION RESOURCE EXCHANGE GROUP  
Minutes of June 7, 2006**

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## **1. Introductions**

The 59th meeting of the Information Resource Exchange Group was called to order at 10:05 am by Seth Hackman, IREG Chair. Members in attendance introduced themselves.

## **2. Minutes of the meeting of March 8, 2006**

The minutes were approved without corrections or changes.

## **3. Presentations**

**Scott Brady**, Manager of Transportation Data at DVRPC gave an overview of his report "Journey-to-Work Trends in the Delaware Valley Region" which was released earlier this fiscal year. Mr. Brady covered the report contents, sources of data used, regional statistics on population, employment, resident workers, commuting patterns, and modes of commute. He went into more detail by showing an example for one county and the Philadelphia Central Business District on how the statistics have changed from 1990 to 2000.

**Glenn McNichol**, a Senior GIS Analyst at DVRPC gave an overview of DVRPC's 2005 Orthophotography Project, which included: a historical perspective of DVRPC's Aerial Photography, geographic coverage, characteristics of 2000 and 2005 imagery, 2005 imagery deliverables, options for viewing the imagery, DVRPC's Release and Disclaimer Policy, comparisons of the old and new pricing structures, equipment used to manage imagery, and comparative examples of old and new imagery.

**Walker Allen**, a Transportation Planner at DVRPC presented his work "Regional Summary of Freight Analysis Framework". Mr. Walker explained the FHWA Freight Analysis Framework, how shipments were counted, and summarized shipments by mode for the Philadelphia Consolidated Statistical Area. He also distributed a Freight Data Bulletin that he produced.

## **4. Work Program Ideas**

The floor was opened to all members to discuss potential FY 2008 DVRPC Work Program proposals.

## **5. Census Updates**

Greg Brivic, a Geographic Specialist from the Philadelphia Regional Office of the U.S. Census Bureau gave an update on recent activities, including preparation for the 2010 Census, Local Update of Census Addresses (LUCA) updates and improvements since Census 2000, and the ACS.

## **6. DVRPC Work Program Updates**

- a. Mary Bell described recently published Data Bulletins on Population Change since 1930, 2005 Building Permits and Employment Base Analysis and Economic Census Update;
- b. Recently published studies by DVRPC were announced;

- c. Over 90% of DVRPC staff workstations are reported to be running Windows 2000 or better. The remaining PCs running Windows NT and 95 will be replaced by the end of the fiscal year;
- d. The reorganization of DVRPC was announced, including the organization of GIS, IT, Reprographics and Modeling into a new Technical Services Division under the leadership of Charles Dougherty;
- e. The launch of a new Translations webpage was announced with materials professionally translated into Spanish, Chinese and Russian. Additional on-the-fly machine-translations will be made available throughout the rest of the DVRPC Website as IT staff are able to debug the programming provided by our vendor;
- f. The Region-wide Transportation GIS Project met on March 30<sup>th</sup> at Chester County and Introduction to GIS I training took place at DVRPC in March.

## **7. Member Updates**

NJ DEP gave an update on recent activities. A presentation is planned for September 2006. No other members had an update information to present.

## **8. Old Business**

No old business was presented at this time.

## **9. New Business**

- a. The 2007 APA Conference in Philadelphia was discussed;
- b. The Southeastern PA Government Webmasters group met in May in Berks County. The group will be sponsoring a national government webmasters conference here in Philadelphia in September 2007;
- c. Planning for the Online GIS Subcommittee is continuing. Please contact Chris Pollard if you are interested in participating;
- d. Remaining 2006 meetings will take place on September 6 & December 6.

## **10. Adjournment**

The IREG meeting was adjourned at 12:20 pm. The Webmasters Subcommittee reconvened at 1:00 pm.