

**DELAWARE VALLEY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION  
PLANNING COORDINATING COMMITTEE/  
REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE  
April 5, 2011 Meeting Highlights  
DVRPC Conference Room, Philadelphia, PA**

**1. Call to Order - Chairperson's Comments**

Carol Thomas (Vice-Chairperson – Burlington County) welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order.

**2. Deputy Executive Director's Report**

Don Shanis (DVRPC) updated the members on the March 24, 2011 Board meeting. Dr. Shanis stated that the Board approved all Action Items that the PCC/RTC recommended. Dr. Shanis then stated that DVRPC received the award for *Best Use of Information* at AASHTO's GIS-T Symposium, for the map "Accessibility for Alternative Locations Derived from Google Transit Feeds." Dr. Shanis then stated that DVRPC spoke with Pennsylvania's Acting Secretary of Transportation, Barry Schoch about US 422. Dr. Shanis also mentioned that Barry Seymour (DVRPC) spoke at Representative Mica's Transportation & Infrastructure Committee field hearings.

**3. Report on Regional Citizens Committee Activities**

Jim Richardson (RCC) stated that the Action Task Force was represented by all nine counties, which is a first in recent memory. (Details of the last RCC meeting can be found in the March 15, 2011 Meeting Minutes of the DVRPC RCC.)

**ACTION ITEMS**

**4. Highlights of the Meeting of March 8, 2011**

The highlights from the March 8, 2011 meeting of the PCC/RTC were presented for adoption.

Motion: *by Linda Guarini, seconded by Barbara Holcomb to adopt the highlights for the March 8, 2011 PCC/RTC meeting.*

Motion passed. All votes were cast in favor of the motion.

## 5. DVRPC Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Actions

Gastonia Anderson-Ogoe (DVPRC) presented eight TIP amendments for consideration.

### a. NJ10-61: Benigno Boulevard, Leaf Avenue to Haag Avenue, Rehabilitation, Bellmawr (DB# D1113), Camden County – Proposed New DEMO Project

The Borough of Bellmawr has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2010-2013 TIP for New Jersey by adding a new project to the TIP, Benigno Boulevard, Leaf Avenue to Haag, Rehabilitation, Bellmawr (DB# D1113), and programming \$287,968 DEMO for construction in FY11. This project is being funded with a \$287,968 SAFETEA-LU federal earmark (FED ID# 2547/ NJ ID# 203).

### b. NJ10-62: Haddon Avenue Transportation Enhancement Project (DB# 07366), Camden County – Add Back Into TIP

Berlin Township has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2010-2013 TIP for New Jersey by adding a project back into the TIP, Haddon Avenue Transportation Enhancement Project (DB# 07366), and programming final design (\$25,000 DEMO) and construction (\$188,000 DEMO) in FY11. This project is being funded with a \$212,766 SAFETEA-LU federal earmark (FED ID# 1386/NJ ID# 174). The project was programmed in the FY2009 TIP, but was not authorized in the allotted amount of time and therefore needs to be added back into the current FY2010 TIP.

*Motion: by Jessica Savidge-Lucas, seconded by Barbara Holcomb to recommend that the Board amend the FY2010-2013 TIP for New Jersey by adding a new project to the TIP, Benigno Boulevard, Leaf Avenue to Haag, Rehabilitation, Bellmawr (DB# D1113), and programming \$287,968 DEMO for construction in FY11; and that the Board amend the FY2010-2013 TIP for New Jersey by adding a project back into the TIP, Haddon Avenue Transportation Enhancement Project (DB# 07366), and programming final design (\$25,000 DEMO) and construction (\$188,000 DEMO) in FY11.*

Motion passed. All votes were cast in favor of the motion.

### c. NJ10-63a: Route 1 Business, Brunswick Circle to Texas Avenue (DB# 04316), Mercer County – Deferral of Construction

NJDOT has requested that DVRPC modify the FY2010-2013 TIP for New Jersey by deferring the construction phase of the project, Route 1 Business, Brunswick Circle to Texas Avenue (DB# 04316), from FY12 to Later Fiscal Years and increasing the phase by \$440,000 STP-TE. In addition, the FY10 design phase will be shifted to FY11, and the FY10 right of way phase will be shifted to FY12 and reduced by \$70,000 STP-TE. The project will be programmed as follows: design phase in FY11 (\$600,000 STP-TE), right of way phase in FY12 (\$30,000 STP-TE), and the construction phase in LFY (FY14) (\$4,540,000 STP-TE). This action is taking place as a result of updated schedule and costs estimates received from the project manager.

**d. NJ10-63b: Route 1, Southbound, Nassau Park Boulevard to I-95, Safety Improvements (DB# 01330A), Mercer County – Design and Right of Way Increase/Deferral of Construction**

NJDOT has requested that DVRPC modify the FY2010-2013 TIP for New Jersey by increasing the design and right of way phase of, Route 1, Southbound, Nassau Park Boulevard to I-95, Safety Improvements by \$250,000 HSIP and \$2,500,000 HSIP, respectively. Additionally, shifting the FY10 design phase to FY11, shifting the FY11 right of way phase to FY12, and shifting the FY12 construction phase to LFY (FY15), and reducing by \$700,000 HSIP. As a result, programming for this project will be reflected as follows: design in FY11 (\$1,250,000); right of way in FY12 (\$3,500,000 HSIP), and construction in LFY (FY15) (\$9,700,000 HSIP). This action is taking place as a result of updated schedule and costs estimates received from the project manager.

**e. NJ10-63c: Route 130, Crystal Lake Dam (DB# 02309), Burlington County – Add a Right of Way Phase/Deferral of Construction**

NJDOT has requested that DVRPC modify the FY2010-2013 TIP for New Jersey by adding a right of way phase for Route 130, Crystal Lake Dam (DB# 02309), and programming \$300,000 NHS in FY11. Additionally, shifting the FY12 construction phase to LFY (FY14), and reducing by \$232,000 NHS. As a result, programming for this project will be reflected as follows: design (\$400,000 NHS) and right of way (\$300,000 NHS) in FY11, and construction in LFY (FY14) (\$4,368,000 NHS). This action is taking place as a result of updated schedule and costs estimates received from the project manager.

**f. NJ10-63d: Route 31, Pennington Circle Safety Improvements (DB# 159A), Mercer County - Deferral of Right of Way Phase**

NJDOT has requested that DVRPC modify the FY2010-2013 TIP for New Jersey by deferring the right of way phase of Route 31, Pennington Circle Safety Improvements (DB# 159A) from FY12 to LFY (FY14). Additionally, reducing the right of way phase by \$1,000,000 HSIP; shifting the FY11 design phase to FY12 and reducing by \$200,000 HSIP; shifting the LFY (FY14) construction phase to LFY (FY16) and reducing by \$6,900,000 HSIP. As a result, programming for this project will be reflected as follows: design in FY12 (\$800,000 HSIP); right of way in FY14 (\$1,000,000 HSIP), and construction in LFY (FY16) (\$3,600,000 HSIP). This action is taking place as a result of “right-sizing” the project and updated schedule and costs estimates received from the project manager.

*Motion: by Matthew Lawson, seconded by Thomas Wospil to recommend that the Board modify the FY2010-2013 TIP for New Jersey by deferring the construction phase of the project, Route 1 Business, Brunswick Circle to Texas Avenue (DB# 04316), from FY12 to Later Fiscal Years and increasing the phase by \$440,000 STP-TE; and that the Board modify the FY2010-2013 TIP for New Jersey by increasing the design and right of way phase of, Route 1, Southbound, Nassau Park Boulevard to I-95, Safety Improvements by \$250,000 HSIP and \$2,500,000 HSIP, respectively; and that the Board modify the FY2010-2013 TIP for New Jersey by adding a right of way phase for*

*Route 130, Crystal Lake Dam (DB# 02309), and programming \$300,000 NHS in FY11; and that the Board modify the FY2010-2013 TIP for New Jersey by deferring the right of way phase of Route 31, Pennington Circle Safety Improvements (DB# 159A) from FY12 to LFY (FY14).*

Motion passed. All votes were cast in favor of the motion.

**g. NJ10-64a: Route 33, Sidewalk Improvements, I-295 to George Dye Road (DB# 04302C1), Mercer County - Proposed Deletion from TIP**

NJDOT has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2010-2013 TIP for New Jersey by removing the FY11 design phase (\$1,100,000 STP), the FY12 right of way phase (\$2,000,000 STATE), and the FY14 construction phase (\$11,700,000 STATE) from Route 33, Sidewalk Improvements, I-295 to George Dye Road (DB# 04302C1); thereby, deleting the project from the TIP.

**h. NJ10-64b: Route 70, Kingston and Covered Bridge Roads, Intersection Improvements (DB# 252B3), Camden County - Proposed Deletion from TIP**

NJDOT has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2010-2013 TIP for New Jersey by removing the FY11 design phase (\$2,000,000 NHS), the FY12 right of way phase (\$3,000,000 STATE), and the FY14 construction phase (\$14,000,000 STATE) from Route 70, Kingston and Covered Bridge Roads, Intersection Improvements (DB# 252B3); thereby, deleting the project from the TIP.

*Motion: by Matthew Lawson, seconded by Thomas Wospil to recommend that the Board amend the FY2010-2013 TIP for New Jersey by removing the FY11 design phase (\$1,100,000 STP), the FY12 right of way phase (\$2,000,000 STATE), and the FY14 construction phase (\$11,700,000 STATE) from Route 33, Sidewalk Improvements, I-295 to George Dye Road (DB# 04302C1); thereby, deleting the project from the TIP; and that the Board amend the FY2010-2013 TIP for New Jersey by removing the FY11 design phase (\$2,000,000 NHS), the FY12 right of way phase (\$3,000,000 STATE), and the FY14 construction phase (\$14,000,000 STATE) from Route 70, Kingston and Covered Bridge Roads, Intersection Improvements (DB# 252B3); thereby, deleting the project from the TIP.*

Motion passed. All votes were cast in favor of the motion.

**6. Fiscal Year 2011 Planning Work Program Amendments**

To respond to the needs of member governments and agencies, work program changes and additions are brought to the PCC/RTC to permit the timely undertaking of technical activity.

**a. Profiles in Energy Efficiency for the Energy Works Program**

DVRPC will develop a series of case studies profiling cost-effective energy-efficiency retrofits of specific residential and commercial buildings in Southeastern Pennsylvania, dubbed "Profiles in Energy Efficiency". These case studies will primarily serve to promote the Metropolitan Caucus' EnergyWorks program. The building projects profiled will seek to demonstrate cost-effective

and replicable projects that are representative of the types of projects that might be carried out under EnergyWorks. Additionally, these case studies will educate residential and commercial building owners on general Energy Efficiency best practices and the benefits of energy efficiency improvements. Robert Graff (DVRPC) asked the PCC/RTC to recommend that the DVRPC Board amend the DVRPC Fiscal Year 2011 Planning Work Program to include the project of Profiles in Energy Efficiency for the Energy Works Program.

*Motion: by Jim Richardson, seconded by Anthony Santaniello to recommend that the Board amend the DVRPC Fiscal Year 2011 Planning Work Program to include the project of Profiles in Energy Efficiency for the Energy Works Program.*

Motion passed. All votes were cast in favor of the motion.

**b. Pottstown Metropolitan Regional Planning Committee (PMRPC Regional Market Assessment and Fiscal Impact Study**

This project consists of two parts: A market assessment and a fiscal impact study. The market assessment of the PMRPC region will be used to determine the type and amount of residential and non-residential development that can be expected, attracted, and supported over the next 20 years. Although particular emphasis is expected to be placed on Pottstown and its vacant industrial sites and struggling urban core, the townships within the PMRPC region also need economic development that does not compete. The assessment will identify ways in which all municipalities within the PMRPC region can collaborate to attract new economic development to satisfy the financial needs of all municipalities.

The second part, a fiscal impact study, will employ at least two scenarios: one using the current zoning, and any additional scenarios using the findings of the market assessment. All development has economic costs; the fiscal impact study will assess those costs on municipal finances and on the transportation infrastructure both near- and long-term.

Municipal officials will use this information to develop land use policies, prepare budgets and plan for the future. The PMRPC municipalities will use this two-part study to develop sustainable development policies that not only encourage and promote economic growth, but are fiscally sound. This project will be completed in coordination with the Tri-County Transportation Plan Implementation project from the FY11 and FY12 UPWP. DVRPC's work will focus on supporting the project's transportation analysis. The project will be managed by the staff of the Montgomery County Planning Commission. Matthew West (DVRPC) asked the PCC/RTC to recommend that the DVRPC Board amend the DVRPC Fiscal Year 2011 Planning Work Program to include the project Pottstown Metropolitan Regional Planning Committee (PMRPC Regional Market Assessment and Fiscal Impact Study

*Motion: by Matthew Edmond, seconded by Jessica Savidge-Lucas to recommend that the Board amend the DVRPC Fiscal Year 2011 Planning*

*Work Program to include the project Pottstown Metropolitan Regional Planning Committee (PMRPC Regional Market Assessment and Fiscal Impact Study.*

Motion passed. All votes were cast in favor of the motion.

## **PRESENTATION ITEMS**

### **7. An Analysis of the Regional Mobility Alternatives Program (MAP)**

The Mobility Alternatives Program (MAP) has relatively remained the same since the mid 80's. Rob Henry, Executive Director, Greater Valley Forge TMA and Justin Schor, Regional Director, UrbanTrans, presented an analysis focusing on the program's current status, as well as a review of similar programs' accomplishments and how the success of those programs are being measured.

### **8. City of Philadelphia Traffic Operations Center**

The City of Philadelphia is about to embark on the design and construction of a Traffic Operations Center to improve the management and operation of its arterial and collector roadway networks. Stephen Buckley, Director of Policy and Planning, Office of Transportation and Utilities, City of Philadelphia, provided an overview of the benefits of a traffic operations center, and how the City is leveraging many existing investments to develop a TOC that will provide high benefits for a relatively low cost.

## **DISCUSSION ITEM**

### **9. Community Health Data Base**

DVRPC has recently decided to partner with the Public Health Management Corporation (PHMC) on their Community Health Data Base (CHDB). Nicole Dreisbach from PHMC gave a brief overview of the CHDB, highlighting connections between planning, transportation, and public health.

## **INFORMATION ITEMS**

### **10. Duration of Congestion on the Region's Freeways**

Advances in technology have allowed DVRPC to analyze the duration of congestion on all the region's freeways in 2009. DVRPC is in the forefront of using this new technology. Zoe Neaderland (DVRPC) briefly shared the results.

11. **One Minute Reports**

PCC/RTC Members and guests were invited to provide updates on the activities of their agencies.

12. **Old Business and New Business**

13. **Meeting Adjournment**

Motion: *by Brendan Cotter, seconded by James Mosca to adjourn the PCC/RTC Meeting.*

Motion passed. All votes were cast in favor of the motion.

**The next scheduled meeting of the PCC/RTC is Tuesday, May 10, 2011.**

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**ATTENDANCE****Voting Members**

Bucks County  
 Burlington County  
 Camden County  
 Chester County  
 City of Camden  
 City of Chester  
 City of Trenton  
 Delaware County  
 Delaware River Port Authority  
 DVRPC Regional Citizens Committee  
 Delaware Valley Citizens' Transportation Com.  
 Gloucester County  
 Mercer County  
 Montgomery County  
 NJ Department of Transportation  
 NJ Department of Environmental Protection  
 NJ Department of Community Affairs  
 New Jersey Transit Corporation  
 PA Department of Environmental Protection  
 PA Department of Transportation  
 PA Governor's Policy Office  
 City of Philadelphia – City Planning Commission  
 City of Philadelphia – Department of Streets  
 City of Philadelphia – Mayor's Office of Transportation  
 Southeastern PA Transportation Authority

**Non-Voting Members**

Delaware River Joint Toll Bridge Commission  
 Delaware Valley Goods Movement Task Force  
 Federal Highway Administration - NJ Division  
 Federal Highway Administration - PA Division  
 Federal Transit Administration - Region III  
 Greater Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce  
 Transportation Operations Task Force  
 NJ Turnpike Authority  
 New Jersey TMAs  
 Pennsylvania Bus Association  
 Pennsylvania TMAs  
 Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission  
 Philadelphia Regional Port Authority  
 Pottstown Urban Transit  
 South Jersey Port Corporation  
 South Jersey Transportation Authority  
 US EPA - Region II  
 US EPA - Region III

**Representative**

Richard Brahler  
 Carol Thomas  
 Kevin Becica  
 (not represented)  
 Edward Williams  
 (not represented)  
 (not represented)  
 Brendan Cotter  
 Barbara Holcomb  
 Jim Richardson  
 Lorraine Brill  
 Jessica Savidge-Lucas  
 Matthew Lawson  
 Matthew Edmond  
 Thomas Wospil  
 (not represented)  
 (not represented)  
 Lou Millan  
 (not represented)  
 James Mosca  
 Linda Guarini  
 Anthony Santaniello  
 Michelle Webb  
 Stephen Buckley  
 Zoe Robertson

**Representative**

Glenn Reibman  
 Kelvin MacKavanagh  
 (not represented)  
 Camille Otto  
 (not represented)  
 (not represented)  
 (not represented)  
 (not represented)  
 William Ragozine  
 (not represented)  
 Rob Henry  
 Don Steele  
 David Harvey  
 (not represented)  
 (not represented)  
 (not represented)  
 (not represented)  
 Martin Kotsch



## **ATTENDANCE (cont'd)**

### **Other Member Representatives and Guests**

Nicole Dreisbach – Public Health Management Corporation  
Patricia Ellis – City of Philadelphia  
Andrew Levecchia – Camden County  
Matthew Long – PennDOT Central Office  
Kate Meade – New Jersey Office for Planning Advocacy  
Nick Rogers – Clean Air Council  
Andy Sharpe – Delaware Valley Association of Rail Passengers  
Justin Schor - UrbanTrans  
James Vari – New Jersey Department of Transportation  
Randy Waltermayer – Chester County

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