

**Key Provisions  
of  
Delaware Valley Urban Area Compact**

**I. Purpose**

To organize and conduct a continuing, comprehensive, coordinated regional planning program for the area including, but not limited to transportation planning for the interests and purposes, consistent with its annual budgets, of the agencies of Pennsylvania and New Jersey represented by commissioners as well as for the purpose of the local governments and their planning agencies.

**II. Membership**

Pennsylvania

Secretary of Transportation,  
(ex-officio)

Director of Governor's Office of  
Policy and Planning  
(ex-officio)

Appointee of Governor  
(resident of Pennsylvania and area)

New Jersey

Commissioner of Transportation  
(ex-officio)

Commissioner of Community Affairs  
(ex-officio)

Appointee of Governor  
(resident of New Jersey and area)

Counties of :

Bucks

Chester

Delaware

Montgomery

Cities of:

Philadelphia

Chester

Counties of:

Burlington

Camden

Gloucester

Mercer

Cities of:

Camden

Trenton

### Federal Participation

- (1) Federal Highway Administration, and (2) the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development may each appoint not more than three non-voting representatives.

### Other Agency Participation

Board Authorized Participatory Non-Voting members:

- (1) Federal Transit Administration, Region III
- (2) Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation authority (SEPTA)
- (3) New Jersey Transit Corporation
- (4) Port Authority Transit Corporation
- (5) Delaware River Port Authority
- (6) U. S. Environmental Protection Agency (Regions II & III)
- (7) Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection
- (8) New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection
- (9) New Jersey Office of State Planning
- (10) Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development

## **III. Organization, Powers, and Duties**

### Commission

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- Meet needs of State Departments of Transportation, Pennsylvania Office of Policy and Planning, and New Jersey Department of Community Affairs and provide regional planning as required to obtain all available federal funding assistance for the States and the region. Cooperate with all other state and local government agencies which have planning needs in the region.
  - Serve as an advisory agency with actual authority for carrying out planning proposals continuing to rest in the governing bodies of the states and counties.
  - Initiate and develop regional surveys and plans and not assuming any existing powers or functions, assist the planning bodies of participants in regional matters.
  - Make a master plan and such necessary associated surveys and studies for the physical development of the region and submit participating government bodies.
  - Encourage and promote cooperation among all levels of government to achieve greatest possible economic and cultural benefit for inhabitants of the region.

Board

- Exercise and perform all powers and duties granted the Commission except those powers and duties the Compact expressly delegated to the Executive committee.
- Approve and adopt a work program for each fiscal year not later than March 1.

Executive Committee

- Generally supervise conduct of operations.
- Manage fiscal affairs and prepare and adopt annual budget for each fiscal year (July 1 - June 30) not later than March 15.

**IV. Quorum and Voting Requirements**

Board

A quorum for the purpose of transacting business at any meeting shall exist only when they are present, in person, at least five members or alternates from each of the party states including at least two of three state officials or appointees or their alternates from each state. No action shall be effective or binding unless a majority of each party state’s representatives who are present at such meeting, including at least two of the three state’s officials or appointees or their alternates, shall vote in favor thereof.

TOTAL VOTING MEMBERS: 18

QUORUM:	New Jersey	5	(at least 2 State Officials)
	Pennsylvania	5	(at least 2 State Officials)

Executive Committee

Executive Committee membership consists of the three state officials from each state, the City of Philadelphia, the City of Camden and one county representative from Pennsylvania and one from New Jersey, as selected each year by their respective county members.

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TOTAL VOTING MEMBERS: 10

QUORUM:	New Jersey	3	(at least 2 State Officials)
	Pennsylvania	3	(at least 2 State Officials)