

DELAWARE VALLEY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

BOARD COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting of April 23, 1998

Location: Commission Offices
The Bourse Building, 8th Floor
111 S. Independence Mall, East
Philadelphia, PA 19106

Membership Present

Representative

New Jersey Department of Community Affairs

Joyce Paul

New Jersey Department of Transportation

William S. Beetle
John H. Moore

Governor of New Jersey's Appointee

Jerrold D. Colton

Governor of Pennsylvania's Appointee

Timothy J. Carson

Pennsylvania Governor's Policy Office

Ronald K. Bednar

Pennsylvania Department of Transportation

Larry M. King

Bucks County

Robert H. Grunmeier

Chester County

Colin A. Hanna
Charles Coyne

Delaware County

Michael Farrell

Montgomery County

Arthur F. Loeben

Burlington County

Ridgeley P. Ware
Carol Ann Thomas

Camden County

(not represented)

Gloucester County

Charles Romick

Mercer County

(not represented)

City of Chester	(not represented)
City of Philadelphia	Denise L. Goren
City of Camden	Edward Williams
City of Trenton	Andrew Carten

Non-Voting Members

Federal Highway Administration New Jersey Division Pennsylvania Division	Calvin Edghill (not represented)
U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Region III	(not represented)
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region III	(not represented)
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region II	(not represented)
New Jersey Office of State Planning	Charles Newcomb
Federal Transit Administration, Region III	John Garrity
Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority	Richard G. Bickel
New Jersey Transit Corporation	Brent Barnes
Port Authority Transit Corporation	Robert G. Schwab
Delaware River Port Authority	Anisah Abiola
New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection	(not represented)
Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection	Louis Guerra
Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development	(not represented)
Regional Citizens Committee Chairman	Dennis Winters

DVRPC Counsel

Pennsylvania Co-Counsel
New Jersey Co-Counsel

Kenneth Zielonis
Thomas J. Coleman, III

DVRPC Staff: John J. Coscia, John B. Claffey, William Greene, Barry Seymour, Donald Shanis, Michael Ontko, Charles Dougherty, Jerry Coyne, Candace Snyder, and Jean McKinney.

Guests

Pennsylvania Department of Transportation

Gerald R. Fritz
Robert Hannigan
Greg Brown (Dist. 6-0)

New Jersey Department of Transportation

Jerry Mooney
Al Prant

New Jersey Governor's Authorities Unit

Cynthia E. Covie

Bucks County Planning Commission

Robert Moore

Chester County

William Fulton

Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority

Richard Burnfield

Chester County Times

Diane Mistrull

Call to Order

Chairman Ridgeley P. Ware called the meeting to order at 10:40 a.m.

Public Comments

Comments from the public were invited to be heard on non-agenda items. No comments were stated.

1. Minutes of Meeting of March 26, 1998

On a **Motion** by Ms. Goren, seconded by Mr. Hanna; the minutes of March 26, 1998 were unanimously approved subject to a correction to item 8, Executive Director's Report, page 13. Regarding the status of BESTEA, the last sentence should read: *Mr. Coscia pointed out that the percentages and amount of funding listed on the table for Pennsylvania and New Jersey are very favorable under the best case scenario.*

2. Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Modifications and Amendments

John B. Claffey, DVRPC staff, briefed the Board on TIP Modifications and Amendments as follows:

Pennsylvania Portion of the TIP

a. Amendment 9740 - Various SEPTA Projects

SEPTA has requested that DVRPC modify the TIP by increasing the amounts programmed in FY98 for the following three existing TIP projects.

- (1) S025 - Bus Purchase Program
- (2) S033 - Frankford Transportation Center Construction
- (3) S054 - Regional Rail and Suburban Transit System-wide Repair Bridges and Structures

Mr. Claffey noted that there would be no negative effect on the Regional Air Quality Conformity Analysis since these projects are exempt.

After favorable recommendation was received from the Planning Coordinating Committee / Regional Transportation Committee (RTC/PCC) and the Regional Citizens Committee (RCC) the Board unanimously adopted the following **motion**:

MOTION by Ms. Goren, seconded by Mr. King that the Board approve TIP Modification 9740, SEPTA's request to modify the TIP to increase the amounts programmed for the Bus Purchase Program, using funding flexed from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), and Projects S033 Frankford Transportation Center Construction, and S054 - Regional Rail and Suburban Transit System-wide Repair Bridges and Structures, using funds from the higher than anticipated FY 1998 apportionment of FTA formula funds available to the region.

b. Amendment 9741 - Paoli Transportation Center (Chester County)

SEPTA has requested that DVRPC amend the TIP by adding the engineering phase of the Paoli Transportation Center to FY98 at a total cost of \$2 million (\$1.6 million federal, \$334,000 state, \$67,000 local).

The Paoli Transportation Center is included in the DVRPC Year 2020 Long Range Plan. In addition, the DVRPC Board Resolution of January 23, 1997 encourages the continuation of intergovernmental cooperation efforts to secure funding to fully realize the completion of this project. A conceptual

study of the Paoli Transportation Center was funded out of the DVRPC FY1997 Planning Work Program.

This amendment will not alter the TIP's conformity finding since the project is drawn from the conforming Year 2020 Long Range Plan.

Favorable recommendation was received from the PCC/RTC that the Board approve Amendment 9741.

The RCC recommends that the Board approve Amendment 9741, however wishes to resubmit the list of concerns from 1997 listed on the Recommendations to the Board for April 23, 1998 (copy attached) regarding this project.

The Board unanimously adopted the following **motion**:

MOTION Mr. Hanna, seconded by Mr. Williams; that the Board approve TIP Amendment 9741, SEPTA's request to add the engineering phase of the proposed Paoli Transportation Center to the TIP at a cost of \$2 million, using funds from the higher than anticipated FY 1998 apportionment of FTA formula funds available to the region.

c. Amendment 9742 - Kelly Drive Lighting Modernization Project
(City of Philadelphia)

The City of Philadelphia has requested that DVRPC amend the TIP by adding the engineering phase of the Kelly Drive Lighting Modernization project to FY98 at a total cost of \$200,000 (\$160,000 federal, \$40,000 City).

The project entails the modernization and replacement of existing roadway lighting facilities on the entire length of Kelly Drive. This project also includes the realignment and signalization of the Kelly Drive /Sedgley Drive/Aquarium Drive intersection (the current 'circle' at the southern end of Boat House Row.) There is significant pedestrian crossing demand in the Bout House Row area that is not accommodated at present, and pedestrians crossing Kelly Drive in this area must do so at their own risk. This improvement will greatly enhance pedestrian safety.

This amendment will not alter the TIP's conformity finding since the project is exempt from the Regional Air Quality Conformity Analysis.

After favorable recommendation was received from the PCC/RTC and the RCC the Board unanimously adopted the following **motion**:

MOTION by Mr. Bednar, seconded by Ms. Goren that the Board approve TIP Amendment 9742, the City of Philadelphia's request to add the design phase of the Kelly Drive Lighting Modernization Project to the TIP at a cost of \$200,000, using a portion of the federal funds programmed for TIP project #9676, 5th and 6th Highway District Restoration, Rehabilitation, and Resurfacing Program.

New Jersey Portion of the TIP

- d. Modification 9810 - Various New Jersey Projects (Burlington, Camden, Gloucester and Mercer Counties)

NJDOT has requested that DVRPC modify the TIP by reprogramming the design phases of the following four existing TIP projects in FY1998 at a total cost of \$1.789 million.

- (1) Hartford Road Rehabilitation (TIP #1302, DBNUM D95083) - \$300,000
- (2) CR 563, Greenbank Road Bridge Rehabilitation (TIP #1027, DBNUM L028) - \$515,000
- (3) CR 542, Wading River Bridge Improvements (TIP #1301, DBNUM D95006) - \$350,000
- (4) Routes. 41, 42F Operational Improvements (TIP #3015, DBNUM 201) - \$624,000

This modification will not alter the TIP's conformity finding since the concept and design scope of the projects have not changed.

After favorable recommendation from the PCC/RTC and the RCC, the Board unanimously adopted the following **motion**:

MOTION Mr. Romick, seconded by Mr. Beetle; that the Board approve TIP Modification 9810, New Jersey DOT's request to modify the TIP by programming the design phases of four projects into FY 1998 using funds from Paulsboro Road Bridge which is delayed because of outstanding local issues.

- e. Amendment 9811 - Guiderrail Improvements at Various Locations (Gloucester County)

Gloucester County has requested that DVRPC amend the TIP by adding the construction phase of the Guide Rail Improvements project at a total cost of \$175,000.

The proposed improvements will replace existing guide rails which are about 45 years old, are badly deteriorated, and pose a safety hazard to motorists.

This amendment will not alter the TIP's conformity finding since the project is exempt from the Regional Air Quality Conformity Analysis.

After favorable recommendation was received from the PCC/RTC and RCC, the Board unanimously adopted the following **motion**:

MOTION by Mr. Romick, seconded by Mr. Beetle; that the Board approve TIP amendment 9811, Gloucester County's request to add the construction phase of Guiderail Improvements at Various Locations using \$175,000 in STU funds from the line item "DVRPC Future Projects."

3. Appointment of Nominating Committee for Fiscal Year 1999 Officers

Chairman Ware appointed the following Nominating Committee to propose a slate of Board and Executive Committee officers for Fiscal Year 1999 (July 1, 1998 through June 30, 1999):

Ridgeley P. Ware, Burlington County, Chairman
Jerrold D. Colton, New Jersey Governor's Appointee
Timothy J. Carson, Pennsylvania Governor's Appointee
Larry M. King, PennDOT
William S. Beetle, NJDOT
John J. McFadden, Delaware County
Denise L. Goren, City of Philadelphia

The Chairman for the next fiscal year must be from Pennsylvania in accordance with the DVRPC compact. The committee nominations are to be reported at the regular May meeting with the election to take place at the regular June meeting.

4. Update of ISTEA Reauthorization: BESTEA and ISTEA II Conference Committee

Mr. Coscia updated the Board on the ISTEA Reauthorization (House Bill: BESTEA and Senate Bill: ISTEA II). A House and Senate Conference Committee has convened to discuss the two bills.

An article from the Washington Post dated April 23, 1998 entitled *Highway Bill Deal Possible, Shuster Says* was distributed to the Board. Mr. Coscia pointed out from the article that Representative Bud Shuster, Chairman of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, has indicated that he would be willing to remove the demonstration projects from the House Bill and support the Senates' Bill to impose a "0.08" nationwide drunk driving standard if the Senate

would give assurance that future gasoline tax revenue would be used exclusively for highway construction.

A table showing the distribution of funds for the demonstration projects for the Delaware Valley region was presented to the Board for their information. Also, a table was distributed to the Board showing the existing funds for ISTEA Reauthorization, the proposed House (BESTEA) version, and the proposed Senate (ISTEA II) version. Mr. Coscia explained that both versions would increase funding for highways and transit in Pennsylvania and New Jersey.

Mr. Coscia ensured the Board that they would be kept abreast of any new developments from the Senate and House Conference Committee's activities in reaching an agreement for the new ISTEA Bill.

5. Executive Director's Report

a. TransAction 1998 - New Jersey's Annual Transportation Conference, April 14, 15, and 16 held at the Tropicana Hotel, Atlantic City, NJ.

Mr. Coscia reported that the *TransAction 1998* Conference held in Atlantic City had over 800 attendees. DVRPC participated as an exhibitor and the staff chaired several panels.

b. ArcView Training Sessions at DVRPC

The Board received a memorandum with reference to ArcView GIS Training being held at DVRPC. There will be four courses of twenty student each; Course 1 is scheduled for April 27 and 28 and Course 2 is scheduled for April 29 and 30. The additional two courses will be offered at DVRPC sometime in May.

c. Ozone Action Update

OZONE ACTION kickoff events are being held in state capitals through the Northeast on Thursday, May 21. DVRPC will have a kickoff event at 30th Street Station on May 21st. The event will include a media briefing, speeches by environmental officials from three states, and a luncheon.

d. Welfare-to-Work Update

Barry Seymour, DVRPC staff, gave a brief update to the Board on the Welfare-to-Work Program. He pointed out that on April 13, 1998 Mayor Rendell released the draft version of the City of Philadelphia's welfare plan entitled: *Greater Philadelphia Works*. The plan is designed to help get welfare recipients into the workplace. One aspect in particular in which

DVRPC has been involved in identifying suburban job centers and providing help to welfare recipients to commute to available jobs outside the city. A more comprehensive presentation will be made to the Board at the regular May meeting.

Mr. Seymour also pointed out to the Board the following: (a) draft Letter of Invitation from The Strategy 21 Partnership for an event being held on May 27th entitled: *A Learning Region - Benchmarking the Region's Capacity for Economic Growth*, and (2) the Pennsylvania Planning Association 1998 Annual Conference being held in Philadelphia on October 4-6, 1998.

William S. Beetle, NJDOT, announced that the NASTO Conference will be held in Atlantic City, NJ on May 17-19, 1998.

6. Year 2020 Plan Implementation - PA 100 Corridor / Route 202 (Section 300) Project

Gerald Coyne, DVRPC staff, introduced the PA 100 (Chester County) project and stated that the Year 2020 Plan calls for a refined analyses of high priority corridors within the region. Route 100 is the first project of this type to be completed in Pennsylvania. The corridor, as defined in this study, is a 13-mile roadway traveling north to south through a number of municipalities. The study was performed with particular attention to land use and development centers. The study encompassed a review of current traffic volumes, existing public transportation services, journey-to-work travel patterns, transportation deficiencies, current transportation improvement program, Year 2020 development centers, and Year 2020 full-build conditions. The recommended highway, transit, transportation demand management (TDM), and intelligent transportation system (ITS) improvements were presented and discussed.

Mr. Claffey briefed the Board on the need for the region to begin to plan for the Route 202 (Section 300). Section 300 is an 8-mile stretch of road between Route 202 (Section 400) and the Exton Bypass. When Section 400 is complete and open to traffic, Section 300 will be receiving heavy traffic volumes from both directions and will not be able to handle the added capacity.

7. Year 2000 Census Preparation Update

A Status Report on the 2000 Census was distributed to the Board for their information. Michael Ontko, DVRPC staff, summarized the five major census initiatives which include: (1) statistical sampling, (2) Topologically Integrated Geographic Encoding and Referencing (TIGER) File Update, (3) Local Update of Census Addresses (LUCA), (4) Statistical Areas Program, and (5) Journey-to-Work Data (Census Transportation Planning Package).

8. Committee Reports

a. Planning Coordinating Committee/Regional Transportation Committee (PCC/RTC)

The items in the PCC/RTC report (copy attached) were previously reported under the appropriate agenda items. In addition, an administrative TIP Modification report was distributed to the Board.

b. Regional Citizens Committee (RCC)

The items in the RCC report (copy attached) were previously reported under the appropriate agenda items. In addition, Dennis Winters, RCC Chairman, reported that the RCC adopted two resolutions (copies attached to RCC Report) and forwards them to the DVRPC Board for consideration.

c. Regional Housing Committee

Barry Seymour highlighted the activities from the Regional Housing Committee meeting of April 20, 1998 report (distributed to the Board) as follows: (1) a presentation was given by Greta Milles of the Pennsylvania Environmental Council (PEC) on PEC's ongoing Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) project, (2) DVRPC's report on homelessness in the Delaware Valley, and (3) prioritizing housing issues in future DVRPC work programs.

Ronald Bednar, Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development, and Chair of the Regional Housing Committee elaborated on prioritizing housing issues in future DVRPC work programs. Mr. Bednar suggested that the Regional Housing Committee play a more active role in future work program development. A meeting has been scheduled for Monday, June 8, 1998 at DVRPC. The agenda will focus specifically on the Commission's work program and members of the Housing Committee were asked to consider potential project ideas in advance of that meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Claffey introduced an additional action item to the Board as follows:

FY 1999 Work Program Amendment: Ozone Action Contract

In February the Board approved \$100,000 of CMAQ funds for Ozone Action contract services of which \$30,000 is for the University of Maryland modeling work and the balance to be used for various types of advertising to promote public awareness of ozone action activities. It is being requested that the Board approve amending the DVRPC FY 1999 Work Program to include these funds.

The Board unanimously adopted the following motion:

MOTION by Ms. Goren, seconded by Mr. Beetle that the Board approve amending the FY 1999 Work Program to include \$100,000 of CMAQ funds for the Ozone Action Contract.

NEW BUSINESS

Arthur Loeben, Montgomery County, announced that the Montgomery County Commissioners have appointed 35 citizens to a consensus building commission called the *Montgomery County 2000 Commission*. Ellen Harley, former state legislature, and James Maza are Co-charis of the Commission and Mr. Loeben is the Director. The purpose of this commission is to discuss the future of Montgomery County. Mr. Loeben would like to invite Ms. Harley to the next regular Board meeting to give a presentation on the activities of the Commission.

Charles Newcomb, New Jersey of State Planning, announced that as a result of Governor Whitman's reorganization, that the Office of State Planning has been transferred to the Department of Community Affairs.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

Attachments:

- (1) PCC/RTC Recommendations to the Board for April 23, 1998
- (2) RCC Recommendations to the Board for April 23, 1998

Additional Documents Distributed to the Board:

- (1) Philadelphia Inquirer Article dated 4/14/98 entitled: *City Plan for Welfare is Outlined*
- (2) Philadelphia Inquires Article dated 4/14/98 entitled: *Making It Work*
- (3) Surface Transportation Policy Project Progress (Volume VIII, Number 2) March 1998
- (4) *Freight Lines*, April 1998
- (5) *Alert*, April 1998
- (6) *TravelSmart*, April 20, 1998
- (7) *Vehicle Occupancy for the Delaware Valley Region*, DVRPC Report, April 1998
- (8) *You Are About to Enter the Age of Intelligent Transportation*, U.S. DOT Report

PLANNING COORDINATING COMMITTEE/
REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE BOARD FOR
APRIL 23, 1998

**BOARD
AGENDA ITEM**

2. TIP AMENDMENTS/MODIFICATIONS

FY 1997-2000 (PENNSYLVANIA PORTION)

a. TIP Modification 9740

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c. TIP Amendment 9742

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That the Board approve TIP Amendment 9742, the City of Philadelphia's request to add the design phase of the Kelly Drive Lighting Modernization Project to the TIP at a cost of \$200,000, using a portion of the federal funds programmed for TIP project #9676, 5th and 6th Highway District Restoration, Rehabilitation, and Resurfacing Program.

FY 1998-2002 (NEW JERSEY PORTION)

d. TIP Modification 9810

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e. TIP Amendment 9811

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**DVRPC REGIONAL CITIZENS COMMITTEE
RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE BOARD FOR APRIL 23, 1998**

**BOARD
AGENDA ITEM**

**2. FY 1998 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP)
MODIFICATIONS AND AMENDMENTS**

FY 1998 TIP - Pennsylvania Portion

The RCC recommends:

a. Modification 9740 -Various SEPTA Projects

That the Board approve TIP Modification 9740.

b. Amendment 9741 - Paoli Transportation Center (Chester County)

That the Board approve TIP Amendment 9741. However, the RCC had submitted a list of concerns in 1997 regarding this project and wishes to resubmit these:

- The RCC endorsed the Paoli Transportation Center with the understanding that this project is in the concept stage and that it can be substantially revised to reflect the paramount needs of the entire region.
- Because of the large cost estimate for this station (\$34 million), in comparison to other large public transportation needs, the RCC urges that the cost of the public transportation segment of this project, including CMAQ funds, not exceed a small fraction of the total figure.
- Any other funding for this project should come from highway or private sources.
- The present station site is suitable, and existing facilities should be used as much as possible for the sake of economy. If desirable, the present station platforms should be extended a short distance westward. Parking and other improvements should be made in a cost-effective manner.
- Replacement of the present Valley Road overpass with a wider bridge or underpass, including sidewalks on both sides which are accessible to station platforms, is an essential part of the plan, and should be added to the project.

- Nearby stations from Devon to Whitford urgently require station-building, platform, lighting, and pedestrian safety capital improvements.
- The RCC further recommends that a project for installing centralized traffic control and revising the track arrangement on Amtrak's Harrisburg Line between the Overbrook and Thorndale areas be added to the TIP. This would be a highly productive improvement. It should be actively pursued by SEPTA and Amtrak, which should share in its capital cost and in its resulting operating cost savings.

c. Amendment 9742 - Kelly Drive Lighting Modernization Project (City of Philadelphia)

That the Board approve TIP Amendment 9741.

FY 1998 - 2002 TIP - New Jersey Portion

The RCC recommends:

d. Modification 9810 - Various New Jersey Projects (Burlington, Camden, Gloucester and Mercer Counties)

That the Board approve TIP Modification 9810.

e. Amendment 9811 - Guiderail Improvements at Various Locations (Gloucester County)

That the Board approve TIP Amendment 9811.

IN OTHER BUSINESS:

The RCC recommends the following resolution to the DVRPC Board:

The Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission is currently widening a 1.3 mile section of the 7 mile portion of the turnpike between the Plymouth Meeting and Valley Forge interchanges. This project was only one alternative to be considered in the Cross County Corridor Study. Such partial SOV capacity improvements tend to prejudice the possibility of studying all possible alternatives in the Cross County MIS. The DVRPC Board should consider encouraging the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission to more closely participate in the regional planning effort.

The RCC also adopted the attached resolution and forwards it to the DVRPC Board for consideration.

**PA Municipalities Planning Code Reform
Draft Resolution
Regional Citizens Committee**

Whereas the population of Southeastern Pennsylvania decreased by 3.6% between 1970 and 1990 and has declined slightly since;

Whereas during the same period (1970-90), more than 125,000 acres of open space were developed, a 32% increase in developed acreage equivalent to the size of Delaware County;

Whereas the DVRPC projects that another 173,000 acres, an area more than twice the size of Philadelphia, will be developed by the year 2020;

Whereas nearly all of this development is in the form of large lot, single use, auto-oriented sprawl that is scattered across the landscape;

Whereas the DVRPC in its 2020 Land Use Plan recommends that new development be concentrated within existing or emerging centers and corridors;

Whereas DVRPC further recommends that new development have a mix of residential, commercial, employment and recreational opportunities, be dense enough to make public transit feasible, and be sensitive to the critical natural resources of the region;

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Therefore let it be resolved that the Regional Citizens Committee urges the Board of the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission to actively support reform of the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code that provides for the following:

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- *Voluntary Multi-municipal plans* – Coordinated development and implementation of multi-municipal comprehensive plans with county facilitation involvement in order to protect rural resources, plan for growth and accommodate all uses over areas larger than a single municipality.
- *Designation of growth areas, rural resource areas, and growth boundaries* -
- Multi-municipal plans should be authorized to include designation of growth areas, future growth areas and rural resource areas and to use growth boundaries to define these areas.
- *Concurrency* – Where municipalities are participating in such a county or regional transportation plan, subdivision approvals should be based on the existence of infrastructure (or planned infrastructure).
- *Incentives* -- Preference in the allocation of state infrastructure grants should be given to communities that participate in a multi-municipal plan that properly provides for growth areas, and the state should provide statutory relief from the requirement of accommodating all uses within each municipality.
- *Zoning to protect natural, heritage and cultural resources* – Specific language that enables zoning for the purpose of protecting natural, heritage and cultural resources should be adopted.
- *Supportive State Policies* – Agencies of state government should be required to evaluate current policies and adopt revisions to support the purposes outlined above.

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