

# DELAWARE VALLEY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

## BOARD COMMITTEE

### Minutes of Meeting of April 27, 2000

Location: Commission Offices  
The Bourse Building, 8<sup>th</sup> Floor  
111 South Independence Mall East  
Philadelphia, PA 19106-2515

#### Membership Present

#### Representative

New Jersey Department of Community Affairs	Joyce Paul
New Jersey Department of Transportation	John H. Moore
Governor of New Jersey's Appointee	Jerrold D. Colton
Governor of Pennsylvania's Appointee	Timothy Carson
Pennsylvania Governor's Policy Office	Charles Bohnenberger
Pennsylvania Department of Transportation	Larry M. King
Bucks County	Lynn Bush
Chester County	Colin A. Hanna Charles Coyne
Delaware County	Thomas Shaffer
Montgomery County	Arthur F. Loeben
Burlington County	Ridgeley P. Ware
Camden County	J. Douglas Griffith
Gloucester County	Charles E. Romick

Mercer County	Donna Lewis
City of Chester	(not represented)
City of Philadelphia	Larry Wilson
City of Camden	(not represented)
City of Trenton	(not represented)
<u>Non-Voting Members</u>	
Federal Highway Administration New Jersey Division	(not represented)
Pennsylvania Division	(not represented)
U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Region III	(not represented)
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region III	Daniel Ryan
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region II	(not represented)
New Jersey Office of State Planning	Charles P. Newcomb
Federal Transit Administration, Region III	(not represented)
Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority	Christopher Patton
New Jersey Transit Corporation	Brent Barnes
Port Authority Transit Corporation	(not represented)
Delaware River Port Authority	Marcy Feldman-Rost
New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection	(not represented)
Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection	(not represented)
Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development	Ronald K. Bednar

Regional Citizens Committee Chairman

Sue McNamara

DVRPC Co-Counsel

Pennsylvania Co-Counsel  
New Jersey Co-Counsel

David Garrison  
(not represented)

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

Guests

Pennsylvania Department of Transportation

Robert Hannigan  
Greg Brown (Dist. 6-0)

New Jersey Department of Transportation

Jerry Mooney  
Al Prant

Chester County Planning Commission

William Fulton

Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority

Richard Burnfield

U.S. Department of Urban Development, Region III

Michael Szupper

Clean Air Council

Dennis Winters

Cross County Connection TMA

Bill Ragozine

Eddie R. Battle Associates, Inc.

Eddie R. Battle

Phoenix Property Group

John MacPhee

Safety Agriculture Villages Environment

Rikki Saunders

**Call to Order**

Chairman Jerrold D. Colton called the meeting to order at 10:41 a.m.

Charles Romick, Gloucester County, announced that Gloucester County Freeholder James Atkinson passed away on April 26, 2000. Freeholder Atkinson served as a DVRPC Board member and was instrumental on many of the environmental issues in

Gloucester County. He also was extremely active on the Tri-County Water Quality Management Board.

Larry M. King, Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT), announced that PennDOT was awarded a Process Improvement Award for the Re-engineering of the Transportation Planning and Programming Process. He presented John J. Coscia with a framed photograph signed by Secretary Bradley Mallory, Larry King, and Thomas Kotay and thanked him for being an important partner in the Re-engineering process. The photograph showed Secretary Mallory presenting the award to Larry King. John J. Coscia, DVRPC, Thomas Kotay (PennDOT), and Robert Kochanowski (Southwestern Pennsylvania Regional Planning Commission) were also shown in the photograph.

Mr. Coscia thanked Mr. King for the photograph and also expressed his appreciation for Mr. King's exceptional support to regional planning.

### **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 23, 2000**

On a **motion** by Mr. Carson, seconded by Mr. Hanna, the minutes of the meeting of March 23, 2000 were approved as distributed.

#### **2. Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendments**

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

##### Pennsylvania Section of the TIP

##### a. Modification 9938 - SEPTA Adjustment Package

SEPTA has requested that DVRPC modify the TIP to change the funding source of two projects from state to federal and to add a project under the Rail Station and Parking Program line item. The projects are:

- (1) City Hall Station Rehabilitation (TIP #S052) - Change the funding source from state to federal. This project is currently programmed with \$9.667 million in state funds with a \$333,000 local match. If modified, the project

would be programmed with \$8 million in federal funds, \$1.67 million in state funds, and \$333,000 in local funds. The overall cost of the project will not change.

- (2) Broad Street Subway Station Improvements (TIP #S070) - Change the funding source from state to federal. This project is currently programmed with \$10.6 million in state funds with a \$336,000 local match. If modified, the project would be programmed with \$8.8 million in federal funds, \$1.8 million in state funds, and \$336,000 in local funds. The overall cost of the project will not change.
- (3) Rail Station and Parking Program (TIP #S060) - Add the Norristown Parking Garage at a total cost of \$1.23 million (\$981,096 federal earmark.)

Financial constraint for items (1) and (2) above will be maintained by eliminating the FY 2000 funding for the Broad Street Subway Signal System Modernization project (TIP #S028,) and reducing the amount programmed in FY 2000 for the Wayne Junction to Glenside Track and Signal Improvements project (TIP #S006) and the Market Street Elevated Reconstruction project (TIP #S023.) These FY 2000 cost reductions will not impact the advancement of these projects.

There will be no impact on financial constraint from adding the Norristown Parking Garage since the funds are new funds specifically earmarked for this project.

There will be no impact on the conformity finding since the scopes of the existing projects are not changing and analysis has shown that construction of the Norristown Parking Garage will reduce emissions.

The Planning Coordinating Committee/Regional Transportation Committee (PCC/RTC) recommended approval of TIP Modification 9938.

The Regional Citizens Committee (RCC) recommended that the Board approve TIP Modification 9938. However, the RCC notes that the Norristown Parking Garage project should be set aside until future transit improvements are determined conclusively. The RCC asks that the sponsor of this earmark reconsider this project and mark these funds for another use on this site. The RCC also recommends that the Board exclude the Norristown parking Garage project from the above modification and consider the resolution to the recommendations from the RCC meeting of April 18, 2000 (attached) regarding this property.

Richard Burnfield, SEPTA, responded to the RCC that the Norristown Transportation Center is a congressional earmark for a parking garage. SEPTA has been working with the counties and the borough to develop an intermodal facility. There are three stations in Norristown and parking utilization is approximately 98%. Expansion is needed.

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

**Motion** by Mr. Hanna, seconded by Mr. Carson; that the Board approve TIP Modification 9938, SEPTA's request to (1) change the funding source from state to federal for the City Hall Station Rehabilitation (2) change the funding source from state to federal for the Broad Street Subway Station Improvements and (3) add the Norristown Parking Garage to the Rail Station and Parking Program.

b. Modification 9939 - Job Access and Reverse Commute Program (SEPTA)

SEPTA has requested that DVRPC modify the TIP to include the FY 2000 earmark for the Job Access and Reverse Commute program (TIP #S093.) The federal earmark totals \$1 million and will be matched by \$1 million in state funds. This program is intended to support transportation services that connect welfare recipients and other transit dependent people to jobs and related employment activities.

There will be no impact on financial constraint and there will be no impact on the conformity finding since the scope of the project has not changed.

Colin A. Hanna, Chester County, inquired if a status report could be issued to the Board on the effectiveness of this program. Mr. Coscia responded that FTA requires SEPTA to submit a quarterly report on the progress of each grant. DVRPC will also receive this report and will forward it to the Board.

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

**MOTION** by Mr. Hanna, seconded by Mr. King that the Board approve TIP Modification 9939, SEPTA's request to include the FY 2000 earmark (\$1 million) for the Job Access and Reverse Commute Program.

c. Amendment 9940 - French Creek Parkway (Chester County)

Chester County has requested that DVRPC amend the TIP to add the engineering and right-of-way phases of a proposed new road (the French Creek Parkway) in Phoenixville Borough. This new road, which will be slightly over one mile in length, will provide improved accessibility in the convergence area of Routes 23, 29, and 113 and will provide opportunities for brownfields redevelopment and transit oriented development.

Specifically, the request is to program the engineering phase in FY 2000 for \$1.96 million and the right-of-way phase in FY 2002 for \$2.2 million. Funding for these two phases will come from local sources only - no federal or state funding has been requested at this time. Although this project is included in the Draft FY 2001 TIP, in order for it to be eligible for a loan from the State Infrastructure Bank (for which the developer of this project will apply in FY 2000) it must appear in the current TIP.

There will be no impact on financial constraint since these phases will be programmed with local funds.

In accordance with Federal regulations DVRPC staff, in consultation with the appropriate agencies, will perform the necessary review to determine whether the project is considered to be "regionally significant." Such a determination would trigger a regional emissions analysis and necessitate an amendment to the Long Range Plan. Public Hearing requirements for plan amendment would delay approval action until June/July.

John MacPhee, Phoenix Property Group, commented on the uniqueness of the French Creek Parkway project as being consistent with the Pennsylvania Governor's initiatives of Growing Greener, brownfields, and the revitalization of land. This revitalization is strongly supported by the adjacent property owners, SEPTA, and Phoenixville Borough. Mr. MacPhee urged the Board's support to enable this project to move forward.

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

**MOTION** by Mr. Hanna, seconded by Mr. King that the Board approve TIP Amendment 9940, Chester County's request to add the engineering phase (\$1.96 million) and right-of-way phase (\$2.2 million) of the French Creek Parkway Project in Phoenixville Borough, Chester County.

New Jersey Portion of the TIP:

- d. Amendment 0004 - Route 31/CR 518 Intersection Improvements (Mercer County) and Route 130 Corridor Improvements (Burlington County)

NJDOT has requested that DVRPC amend the TIP by: (1) adjusting the schedule of the Route 31/CR 518 Intersection Improvement project and (2) adding the project development/preliminary engineering phase of the Route 130 Corridor Improvement project. This project is currently listed in the Study and Development portion of the TIP. The projects are:

- (1) Route 31/CR 518 Intersection Improvements, Mercer County (TIP #4302, DB# 9272A)

Add the project development/preliminary engineering phase to FY 2000 at a total cost of \$228,000, advance the design phase from FY 2002 to FY 2001 at a total cost of \$250,000, and advance the right-of-way phase from FY 2003 to FY 2002 at a total cost of \$550,000.

- (2) Route 130 Corridor, Airport Circle to CR 541, Burlington County (DB# 95078B)

Add the project development/preliminary engineering phase to FY 2000 at a total cost of \$540,000.

Financial constraint will be maintained for the Route 31/CR 518 project using funds available from the Fiscal Constraint Bank. The Route 130 Corridor project will be programmed with demonstration funds and therefore will not impact financial constraint.

There will be no impact on the conformity finding since the projects involved are exempt from the regional air quality conformity analysis.

Favorable recommendation was received from the PCC/RTC to approve TIP Amendment 0004.

The RCC recommends that the Board add the project development/preliminary engineering phase of the Route 130 Corridor Improvement project contained in TIP Amendment 0004. However, the RCC asks that the Board not approve

NJDOT's request to adjust the schedule of the Route 31/CR 518 intersection Improvement project listed in TIP Amendment 0004 due to a lack of information such as environmental constraints, public comment and citizen involvement.

John Moore, NJDOT, responded that there has been continuous public involvement. He continued, that in regard to the environmental constraints, the Categorical Exclusion Documents have been submitted to FHWA and have been approved. The project has been cleared of all environmental constraints except for some minor wetland impact in which NJDOT is obtaining permits.

After discussion, the Board unanimously adopted the following **motion**:

**MOTION** by Mr. Moore, seconded by Ms. Paul that the Board approve TIP Amendment 0004, NJDOT's request to: (1) adjust the schedule of the Route 31/CR 518 Intersection Improvement project, and (2) add the project development/preliminary engineering phase of the Route 130 Corridor Improvement project.

**3. DVRPC Planning Work Program (PWP) Amendments**

Mr. Claffey briefed the Board on the first three Work Planning Amendments as follows:

a. DVRPC FY 2000 PWP - New Jersey US 322 Corridor Planning Study

DVRPC, Gloucester County, and NJ DOT, have recently completed several planning studies and public outreach efforts in the US 322 Corridor. Funding has been programmed in the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to conduct preliminary engineering for improvements along the section of US 322 between the Commodore Barry Bridge and NJ 55. NJ DOT has hired a consultant to conduct a detailed corridor analysis including, a geometric evaluation, an environmental screening, a current/future traffic analysis, a conceptual solutions screening, and a public involvement process.

DVRPC will serve as a resource for much of the data already collected. DVRPC, with input from NJ DOT and the County, will prepare and conduct a traffic counting program for the corridor. DVRPC's prior coordination with municipal officials and the public in this corridor provides a unique opportunity to provide assistance in the coordination of the public involvement process. DVRPC will coordinate the appropriate level of CMS activities and assist in the identification of potential TDM strategies.

\$50,000.00 will be funded from the FY 1998-2002 New Jersey TIP.

This project will not alter the region's conformity finding since the project is exempt.

Charles Newcomb, New Jersey Office of State Planning, commented that at the State Planning's March meeting a presentation was made by Gloucester County to address this project. He continued to say that the public raised some negative concerns. He suggested that consensus building be developed with the public to educate them and give them a better understanding of the alternatives studied, the land use patterns, and the overall solutions in this corridor.

Donald Shanis, DVRPC, responded that two years ago a study was done which included a great deal of public involvement. No solutions or alternatives were developed. Mr. Shanis believes that, because of the nature of the current US 322 project, land use issues need to be an integral part of that study.

Mr. Coscia added that DVRPC is not leading the study but providing assistance to the NJDOT consultant. Although DVRPC will develop a concept for the public involvement outreach, the responsibility lies with the consultant. Mr. Coscia

suggested to NJDOT that a good model for this project would be the Route 202 project in which a steering committee met frequently and included all concerned parties.

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

**MOTION** by Mr. Romick, seconded by Mr. Moore; that the Board approve the US 322 Corridor Planning Study and include it the DVRPC FY 2000 Planning Work Program.

- b. DVRPC FY 2000 and FY 2001 PWP - *Context-Sensitive Concept Plan for a Section of US 130 (Pennsauken Creek to Wood Street, Burlington City) Burlington County, New Jersey*

The goal of this project is to revitalize a 10.2-mile section of U.S. 130 in Burlington County, by making it more attractive from an aesthetic and functional standpoint in coordination with the economic development and redevelopment of the corridor.

This effort is part of a larger Route 130 Corridor improvement Project being jointly advanced by Burlington County, DVRPC, and NJDOT. Partial funding of the larger effort has been provided by a TEA-21 Demonstration project, a

portion of which is used for this element.

The project will prepare a plan that sets forth recommendations and an implementation agenda, which identifies initiatives and actions needed to improve the visual and functional attributes of the highway, and that will be coordinated with the economic development and redevelopment of the corridor. The project will be a Concept Development study which will produce all documentation required to advance any projects in the corridor into Feasibility Assessment and/or Final Scope Development at NJDOT. Data will be collected and examined, a visual assessment conducted, a vision statement developed, and a concept plan prepared. A consultant will be hired to perform this work. The project will be managed by Burlington County.

Funds amounting to \$540,000 are drawn from a special TEA-21 Demonstration Project provided under action item 2d which added funds to the TIP.

Ridgeley P. Ware, Burlington County, inquired if the study would include an economic analysis of what future impact the project would have on the area. Jerry Mooney, NJDOT, responded that although the project does not involve this type of analysis, it is possible that these improvements will economically enhance the entire area along that corridor.

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

**MOTION** by Mr. Griffith, seconded by Mr. Moore; that the Board approve the *Context-Sensitive Concept Plan for a Section of US Route 130* and include it in the FY 2000 and FY2001 Work Programs.

c. DVRPC FY 2001 PWP - Pennsylvania Transportation Management Association (TMA) Supplement Assistance Grant Program

The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation annually makes available \$100,000 of supplementary funding in the Transportation Management Assistance Grant Program. Those TMAs applying for core funding are also invited to submit special work programs for CMAQ-appropriate projects. PennDOT and DVRPC work cooperatively to select the best projects for funding.

For FY 2001, nine applications submitted totaled \$181,650. Each of the applications was reviewed for program merit, CMAQ eligibility, and level of funding requested. The Pennsylvania Subcommittee of the RTC recommends

the following projects:

- Delaware County TMA: Year 3 of the Quicksilver Shuttle, an employer shuttle currently serving two healthcare facilities. The TMA expects this shuttle to have more partners after this year and operating cost will be through employer contributions. Request: \$28,000
- Partnership TMA: Year 2 of the Subscription Bus service currently serving two employers. Additional funding over last year will allow program to add two more bus routes. Request: \$36,000
- Chester County TMA: Local Government Assistance Program to assist local governments in coordinating municipal transportation planning and construction activities. Request: \$10,000

Each of the grant recipients must match these funds with an additional 20%. The total amount recommended is \$74,000 and the remaining \$26,000 can be assigned at any time to a project recommended by the Regional Transportation Committee and approved by the Board.

A proposal submitted by Bucks County was not selected and Bucks County representative, Lynn Bush, inquired as to the criteria for the selection process. Ms. Bush also was concerned with the time frame for the next round of funding. Mr. Claffey responded that some of the proposals submitted were a continuation of previous years' projects which took priority over new programs. He also responded that a remaining \$26,000 is available at present for additional work programs and can be worked on now.

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

**MOTION** by Mr. Carson, seconded by Mr. King; that the Board approve a total of \$74,000 in Supplemental TMA Assistance Grants consisting of the Delaware County TMA for Year 3 of the Quicksilver Shuttle for \$28,000, to the Partnership TMA for Year 2 of the Subscription Bus Service for \$36,000, and to the Chester County TMA for their Local Government Assistance Program for \$10,000, the last being conditional upon approval of the work program by the Chester County Planning Commission.

Colin A. Hanna, Chester County asked DVRPC staff to include a statement with the letter of notification to TMA applicants that each work program submitted for

funding be reviewed by the respective county planning commissions and the RTC prior to award.

Mr. Claffey responded that this is in place and DVRPC does look to the counties for their review and recommendations. However, staff will include this in the letter of notification to TMA applicants.

Arthur Loeben, Montgomery County, commented that he would also like to have a statement added to the letter which reminds the TMA's that they are not governmental agencies and that they should always involve the private sector when obtaining funding.

d. DVRPC FY 2001 PWP - New Jersey Watershed Planning

Barry Seymour, DVRPC staff, briefed the Board on the Planning Work Program Amendment entitled *New Jersey Watershed Planning*.

Mr. Seymour explained that the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJ DEP) has embarked on an ambitious effort to protect and preserve New Jersey's waters through a comprehensive watershed management approach. Twenty watershed management areas have been defined to encompass the entire state. Detailed watershed management plans will be prepared for each to identify local concerns; establish a long-term vision for the watershed; analyze threats to water quality; identify both short and long-term actions, including open space acquisition priorities, to protect water quality; and work with NJ DEP to prepare Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) if needed.

DVRPC would be responsible for carrying out the planning process and preparing a watershed plan for Watershed Management Area 18 along the Lower Delaware River, extending from the Pompeston Creek in Burlington County to the Oldmans Creek in Salem County. A four year effort is anticipated with a total budget of \$600,000. The initial contract would be for the first two years, budgeted at \$400,000.

Charles Newcomb, New Jersey Office of State Planning, commented that the Watershed process in the past has been lead by DEP and welcomes DVRPC's assistance and expertise in the program.

Mr. Seymour stated that other New Jersey counties may follow in obtaining DVRPC's assistance for a watershed plan.

Mr. Coscia stated the importance of the Watershed project in New Jersey. It will give DVRPC a direct link to storm sewer, sanitary sewer, and potable water supply projects in terms of consistency with our long range land use plan. Commissioner Shinn and Governor Whitman plan to schedule a press conference and a signing ceremony for this high profile project.

The RCC recommended that the Board approve the New Jersey Watershed Planning Study and amend the FY 2001 Planning Work Program to include this program. The RCC also appoints a representative to monitor the study.

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

**MOTION** by Mr. Ware, seconded by Mr. Griffith; that the Board Amend the FY 2001 DVRPC Work Program to include a project to carry out the process and prepare a watershed plan for Watershed Management Area 18 in New Jersey, as funded by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection.

4. **Regional Job Access and Reverse Commute Competitive Grant Program: Applicant Selection, Plan Consistency, Project Need and Priorities and TIP Commitment**

Richard Bickel, DVRPC staff, briefed the Board on the third component of the Job Access and Reverse Commute Competitive Grant Program.

For FY 2000, the Congress earmarked \$49.6 million of the available funding. New Jersey's \$2 million statewide earmark resulted in a statewide competition and Board action in February 2000, recommending four proposed projects. Southeastern Pennsylvania's \$1 million earmark will enable the Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority (SEPTA) and the five sub-recipients selected in FY 1999 to provide partial funding to continue their projects for another year.

The balance of \$29.6 million (which includes residual funds from FY 1999) is included in a national competitive program, announced in the *Federal Register* on March 10, 2000, along with the publication of FTA program guidance. In response to DVRPC's subsequent mailing to individuals and organizations to inform them about the program and to solicit Letters of Intent (LOI), proposals from five potential applicants were received. The LOI from SEPTA includes the \$1 million earmark for Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) funding, which is the subject of a separate Board action.

The submitted LOIs for the non-earmarked, competitive program have been reviewed and recommendations on plan consistency, project need and applicant qualifications by the RTC and RCC were made at the Board Policy Analysis Committee's April 20 meeting. The Policy Analysis Committee, with the assistance of several other agency representatives, recommends the priority list of qualifying applicants and consistent projects (distributed to the Board) for the Board's consideration.

Following Board action, the applicants must submit their completed applications to the FTA by May 9<sup>th</sup>. FTA selection of projects for funding is expected later this summer.

The PCC/RTC endorses that the projects proposed for the FY 2000 Job Access and Reverse Commute Program are consistent with the Regional Job Access and Reverse Commute Transportation Plan, that the applicants are qualified to undertake the projects, and that there is a need for the projects proposed.

The Board Policy Analysis Committee recommended approval of those projects listed on the Project Rankings Summary (distributed to the Board) from their meeting of April 20, 2000.

The RCC also recommended approval of the projects and supports the appointment of Darlene Messina as the RCC representative to the Job Access and Reverse Commute Grant Program.

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

**MOTION** by Mr. Ware, seconded by Mr. Hanna; that the Board approve: (1) the selection of applicants seeking FY 2000 project funding through FTA's Regional Job Access and Reverse Commute Competitive Grant Program, (2) that the projects are consistent with the Transportation Plan, (3) amending the regional TIP at such time as the FTA approves any or all of the proposed projects for FY 2000 competitive funding, and (4) that DVRPC staff forward the list of project priorities to the Philadelphia Regional office of the FTA by May 1, 2000.

**5. Authorization to Open Public Comment Period for the Draft DVRPC**

**Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for FY 2001-2003 for Southern New Jersey and FY 2001-2004 TIP for Southeastern Pennsylvania**

Charles Dougherty briefed the Board on the status of the Draft FY 2001-2003 TIP for Southern New Jersey and the Draft FY 2001-2004 TIP for Southeastern Pennsylvania.

The development of the FY 2001-2003 TIP for the Southern New Jersey portion of the region and the FY 2001-2004 TIP for the Southeastern Pennsylvania portion of the region has been underway since January. The New Jersey and Pennsylvania Subcommittees of the RTC and DVRPC staff have been working on a draft TIP that meets the requirements of TEA-21, including those for financial constraint.

The Subcommittees expect to have the draft document available for public review by mid-May, with the public comment period running through mid-June. This timing will allow sufficient time for staff and the Subcommittees to review the public and agency comments, to mail them to the RTC and RCC which will then prepare recommendations for Board adoption of the final TIP at its July 2000 meeting. Approval is being requested by the Board to authorize staff to open a 30-day public comment period with proper public notification, to publish the draft TIP on the Internet, to make copies available at certain public libraries, and to hold public meetings in New Jersey and Pennsylvania. (The scheduled dates and times of these public meetings were distributed to the Board).

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

**MOTION** by Mr. Ware, seconded by Mr. Moore, that the Board authorize staff to release the DVRPC Draft FY 2001-2003 TIP for Southern New Jersey and the DVRPC Draft FY 2001-2004 for Southeastern Pennsylvania in May, 2000 for a 30-day public comment period.

**6. Appointment of Nominating Committee for Fiscal Year 2001 DVRPC Board Officers**

Chairman Colton appointed a Nominating Committee to propose a slate of Board and Executive Committee Officers for Fiscal Year 2001 (July 1, 2000 to June 30, 2001) as follows:

Jerrold D. Colton                      New Jersey Governor's Appointee, Chairman

Colin A. Hanna	Chester County
Ridgeley P. Ware	Burlington County
Timothy J. Carson	Pennsylvania Governor's Appointee
Larry M. King	Pennsylvania Department of Transportation
William Beetle	New Jersey Department of Transportation
Larry Wilson	City of Philadelphia

## 7. **Regional Citizens Committee (RCC) Report**

Sue McNamara reported on other business conducted at their RCC meeting of April 18, 2000 as follows:

- a. New Jersey Highway Issues - Recommendations from RCC member Jeff Taylor were distributed to the Board (attached). It is being requested that NJDOT address these issues on a point-by-point basis.

Mr. Coscia thanked the RCC for their input and responded that the recommendations would be forwarded to NJDOT.

- b. DVRPC Traffic Counts - The RCC requested the Executive Director to attend the next RCC meeting to explain what appeared in regional newspapers regarding the US 202 issue, as well as the effects on other corridor studies, air quality conformity and the regional land use plan. The RCC would like to see the input and output data for conformity.

Mr. Coscia responded that the US 202 issue is still in litigation and no public comments will be stated until the final ruling. Mr. Coscia stated that he would be more than happy to attend a RCC meeting after that time to explain the situation.

- c. Schuylkill Valley Metro Resolution - The RCC submitted a Schuylkill Valley Metro Resolution (attached) to the DVRPC Board for consideration.

Mr. Coscia responded that the comments contained in the Resolution will be forwarded to SEPTA for their consideration. After that time, SEPTA will forward their recommendations to DVRPC for any necessary plan or TIP amendments.

- d. Population Forecasts in PA Route 41 Corridor - The RCC informed the DVRPC Board that the committee questions the population forecasts for ten municipalities along the PA Route 41 corridor; namely, West Marlborough, Londonderry, Penn, Highland, West Fallowfield, Upper Oxford; Sadsbury, West Sadsbury, Atglen and Christiana. The RCC asks that DVRPC work with

Chester County and the Brandywine Conservancy to re-examine the projected population numbers along this corridor, considering the agricultural preservation program, open space acreage, and easements, and report back to the RCC on this matter.

Mr. Coscia responded that, although DVRPC compiles the numbers, the responsibility for municipal projections rests with the counties and if there are any concerns over the forecasts, they should be reviewed with the county planning commissions. He continued to say that the county, city, or state agencies can request a change in municipal projections based upon their evaluation with justification. He also noted, that in the case of Chester County, the county planning department staff has worked with the ten municipalities named above and deemed these projections to be sufficient at the present time. Any new numbers as a result of the 2000 Census could cause these projections to be revised.

Mr. Hanna commented that DVRPC assembles and compiles the projections after they have been reviewed and agreed upon by the municipalities and the counties. If there is, in fact, a dispute it should indeed lie with the county.

Rikki Saunders, Safety Agriculture Villages Environment (SAVE), and a Supervisor of Londenderry Township, Chester County addressed the Board and commented that she believes the population projections for that Township are 11% underestimated. Ms. Saunders is working with Chester County Planning Department to adjust the projections. Ms. Saunders continued and displayed a chart of PA Route 41 along the Brandywine Conservancy area. She believes that agricultural preservation, and open space acreage has not been considered in this area and requests that a re-evaluation of the projections be completed.

## **8. Executive Director's Report**

### **a. Pennsylvania's Public Safety Radio Project**

Mr. Coscia briefed the Board on Pennsylvania's Public Safety Radio Project. He explained that with the signing of Act 148 of 1996, Governor Tom Ridge began a very aggressive and comprehensive project designed to modernize the Commonwealth's old and fragmented telecommunications system. The project would unify the existing fragmented wireless networks, use a new wireless network to increase the efficiency and effectiveness of the operations of each state agency. The Governor has extended to the counties and municipalities the ability to develop partnerships with county and local governments for the shared use of tower locations, the wireless system and the commercial exploration of the additional wide band width digital networks.

A Resolution (No. B-FY00-014) was distributed to the Board for the endorsement of the Pennsylvania Public Safety Radio Project.

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

**MOTION** by Mr. Hanna, seconded by Mr. Bohnenberger; that the Board adopt Resolution No. B-FY00-014 (copy attached) for the Endorsement of the Pennsylvania Public Safety Radio Project and forward this resolution to Pennsylvania counties and municipalities to encourage them to partner with the Commonwealth in this program.

b. New Jersey State Planning Commission/DVRPC Meeting, March 24, 2000

Mr. Coscia reported on the New Jersey State Planning Commission/DVRPC Meeting held on March 24, 2000. At the meeting the State Development and Redevelopment Plan, the Department of Transportation Long Range Plan, and the Metropolitan Planning Organizations' Long Range Plans were discussed to assure that these planning efforts are coordinated. Other discussion items consisted of Growth Management Concepts and Unified Demographic Forecasts.

c. New Jersey Regional Intergovernmental Transportation Study Commission (RITCSC) Meeting, April 4, 2000

Mr. Coscia reported that three presentations were given on the municipal perspective on Transportation Improvement Financing. He reported that the municipalities find it difficult to use the Transportation Development District (TDD) mechanism. Reports from three subcommittees were given. In particular the TDD subcommittee, chaired by Pippa Woods, reported on the status of the recommendations specifically being developed for the legislation which will be sent to the General Assembly.

d. Central New Jersey Forum, April 7, 2000

Mr. Coscia reported that the Central New Jersey Forum meetings are well attended and that additional municipalities are inquiring about joining. One item of discussion at the meeting dealt with the results of the consultants modeling effort focusing on existing traffic conditions and trends. Also, scenarios were discussed for future modeling input.

e. Delaware River Joint Toll Bridge Commission/DVRPC Joint Meeting, April 12, 2000

Mr. Coscia reported that The Delaware River Joint Toll Bridge Commission (DRJTBC) has requested that DVRPC assist them in preparing an RFP for a *Southerly Crossings Traffic Study*. DRJTBC owns and operates 20 bridges crossing the Delaware River from Morrisville, Pennsylvania on the south, to Milford, Pennsylvania on the north. DVRPC will perform modeling to develop a travel demand for the year 2005 and 2020 and an analysis of the ability of the bridges and their adjoining roadway systems to serve both weekday and weekend peak traffic conditions will be made.

f. PennVest Correspondence dated March 20, 2000 and April 7, 2000

Barry Seymour, DVRPC staff, pointed out two memorandums from PennVest (distributed to the Board) regarding concerns raised at the February 24, 2000 Board Meeting. The first concern being whether PennVest routinely funds private for-profit organizations. The second concern was in regard to projects resulting in the expansion of capacity being consistent with county or municipal plans and that the applicant should be encouraged to work closely with their respective municipalities to resolve any concerns over this issue.

In answer to the first concern, PennVest, responded that all pending applications are reviewed and ranked in priority for funding based on the impact the project would have on public health, public safety, environmental and compliance, as well as economic development. Either directly or indirectly, the community is always taken into consideration for funding recommendations.

With regard to the second concern, PennVest, responded that PennVest has solicited county and local comment for approval of projects and will not approve projects that are inconsistent with local land use plans.

g. DVRPC Household Travel Survey Status Report

Mr. Coscia pointed out the Media Release, a memorandum dated April 11, 2000 and a brochure (distributed to the Board) which describes the undertaking of DVRPC and NuStats Research and Consulting to conduct a Household Travel Survey. Travel data will be collected from a sample of 1,560 households randomly chosen from Burlington, Camden, Gloucester and Mercer counties.

h. Report on the Status of the Year 2000 Census in the Delaware Valley Region

Mr. Coscia gave a brief status report on the Year 2000 Census. Census 2000 Initial Response Rates information was distributed to the Board and Mr. Coscia noted from this chart that the most delinquent response rates are from the four

cities.

Mr. Hanna commented that a large number of census forms sent out by the Post Office for distribution were recalled. These recalled forms were already counted as being distributed, however were considered as a “no response”. Mr. Hanna requested that the DVRPC staff prepare a letter to the Census Bureau with regard to this situation and state that these recalled forms should not be counted. Mr. Coscia responded that staff would communicate with the Census Bureau on this matter.

- i. *Clearing the Road for Success/Incident Management Conference*, May 12, 2000, Doubletree Hotel, Philadelphia

Mr. Coscia announced that DVRPC is hosting a conference at the Doubletree Hotel in Philadelphia on May 12<sup>th</sup> entitled: *Clearing the Road for Success/Incident Management*. The Board received an invitation and brochure detailing the program. Mr. Coscia encouraged the Board members to attend this conference.

## **9. Committee Reports**

The Board received reports from the following committees: (1) Planning Coordinating Committee/Regional Transportation Committee; (2) Goods Movement Task Force, and (3) Board Policy Analysis Committee.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

No old business was stated.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

No new business was stated.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:50 p.m.

Attachments:

- (1) PCC/RTC Recommendations to the Board for April 27, 2000
- (2) RCC Recommendations to the Board for April 27, 2000
- (3) Resolution Nos. B-FY00-013 and B-FY00-014

Additional Documents distributed to the Board:

- (1) Memorandum dated March 31, 2000, Reference: Homestead at Mansfield, Country Walk Development Amendment to the Tri-County Water Quality Management Plan
- (2) Newspaper Articles: Philadelphia Inquirer *Street Names Planning Director and Recreation Commissioner*, dated April 6, 2000 and *Judge Drops Agency from Route 202 Suit*, dated April 5, 2000; The Intelligencer - *Judge Dismisses Commission from 202 Bypass Suit*, dated April 4, 2000.
- (3) Alert, April 2000
- (4) Freight *Lines*, April 2000
- (5) *TravelSmart*, April 12, 2000

**DELAWARE VALLEY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION**

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

**Minutes of Meeting of March 25, 2004**

Location: Commission Offices  
Bourse Building, 8<sup>th</sup> Floor  
111 S. Independence Mall, East  
Philadelphia, PA 19106

Membership Present

Representative

New Jersey Department of Community Affairs

Joyce Paul

Pennsylvania Department of Transportation

Larry M. King

New Jersey Department of Transportation

Brent C. Barnes

New Jersey Governor's Appointee

Tracie Gelbstein, Esq.

Pennsylvania Governor's Appointee

Richard W. Hayden, Esq.

Pennsylvania Governor's Policy Office

Joanne R. Denworth

Pennsylvania Counties

Lynn Bush

New Jersey Counties

Thomas J. Gurick  
J. Douglas Griffith

City of Camden

(not represented)

City of Philadelphia

Gary Jastrzab

Guests

Pennsylvania Department of Transportation

Robert Hannigan  
Greg Brown (Dist. 6-0)

New Jersey Department of Transportation

Jerry Mooney  
Brian Cuccia

Delaware County

John Pickett

Montgomery County

Kenneth B. Hughes

Burlington County	Jerald R. Cureton, Esq. Carol Ann Thomas Eve Charles
Camden County	
Gloucester County	Charles E. Romick Morris Bayer
Mercer County	Donna Lewis
City of Chester	William Payne
Federal Highway Administration Pennsylvania Division	Spencer Stevens Janet Kampf Louis Clerkley
U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Region III	Laura Pelzer
New Jersey Office of Smart Growth	Herman Volk
Federal Transit Administration, Region III	Keith Lynch
New Jersey Transit Corporation	James Schwartzwalder
Delaware River Port Authority	Linda Hayes
New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection	William Purdie
Regional Citizens Committee Chairman	James Schwartzwalder
Delaware River Joint Toll Bridge Commission	Roger Srever
Representative for Senator Vincent Fumo	Vincent Rossi
Cross County Connection Transportation Management Association	William Ragozine
C.C.G. Works	Marge Walker
10,000 Friends of Pennsylvania	Della Schweiger
Residents for Regional Traffic Solutions (RRTS) <u>DVRPC Co-Counsel</u>	Sue Herman
Pennsylvania Co-Counsel New Jersey Co-Counsel	Timothy J. Carson Thomas Coleman, Esq.

DVRPC Staff: John J. Coscia, Donald S. Shanis, Barry Seymour, William Greene, Thabet Zakaria, Charles Dougherty, John Ward, Richard Bickel, Elizabeth Schoonmaker, and Jean McKinney.

### **Call to Order**

Chairman Thomas J. Gurick called the meeting to order at 12:20 a.m.

#### **1. Minutes of Meeting of March 25, 2004**

On a motion by Mr. Barnes, seconded by Mr. King, the minutes of the meeting of March 25, 2004 were approved as distributed.

#### **2. Authorization for a 2.0% Meritorious Annual Salary Increase for the DVRPC FY 2005 Budget**

Mr. Coscia explained that the Executive Committee approved and adopted the DVRPC FY 2005 Budget at its meeting on February 26, 2004. Action at that time for a 4.0% meritorious annual salary increase was held in abeyance while discussions continued with New Jersey and Pennsylvania commissioners. It is now recommended that a 2.0% meritorious salary increase become effective July 1, 2004.

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

**MOTION** by Mr. Hayden, seconded by Mr. Barnes that the Board authorize a 2.0% salary increase in the DVRPC FY 2005 Budget effective July 1, 2004.

#### **3. Appointment of Nominating Committee for Fiscal Year 2005 DVRPC Executive Committee Officers**

Chairman Gurick announced the names of the Nominating Committee which will select a slate of DVRPC Executive Committee Officers for Fiscal Year 2005 as follows:

Thomas J. Gurick, Camden County, Chairman  
Charles H. Martin, Bucks County  
Jerald R. Cureton, Esq., Burlington County  
Larry M. King, Pennsylvania Department of Transportation  
Brent Barnes, New Jersey Department of Transportation  
Maxine Griffith, City of Philadelphia

The Chairman for FY 2005 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. FY 2004 Planning Work Program Third Quarter Report**

The FY 2004 Planning Work Program Third Quarter Report was distributed to the Executive Committee. Mr. Coscia reported that all work is on schedule and within budget.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

No old business was stated.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

No new business was stated.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned a 12:23 p.m.