

DELAWARE VALLEY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

BOARD COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting of May 22, 2003

Location: Commission Officer
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

Brian Cuccia

Governor of New Jersey's Appointee

Deirdre Naughton, Esq.

Governor of Pennsylvania's Appointee

Caroline Anderson Novak

Pennsylvania Governor's Policy Office

Joanne R. Denworth

Pennsylvania Department of Transportation

Dennis Lebo

Bucks County

Charles H. Martin
Lynn Bush

Chester County

Colin A. Hanna
William H. Fulton

Delaware County

John E. Pickett

Montgomery County

Kenneth Hughes

Burlington County

Carol Ann Thomas

Camden County

Curtis Noe

Gloucester County

Charles E. Romick

Mercer County	Donna Lewis
City of Chester	(not represented)
City of Philadelphia	Gary Jastrzab
City of Camden	(not represented)
City of Trenton	Andrew Carten
<u>Non-Voting Members</u>	
Federal Highway Administration New Jersey Division	William Hoffman
Pennsylvania Division	(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 Smart Growth	Herman Volk
Federal Transit Administration, Region III	Keith Lynch
Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority	Jerry Kane
New Jersey Transit Corporation	James Schwarzwald
Port Authority Transit Corporation	Cheryl Spicer
Delaware River Port Authority	Anisah Abiola
New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection	William Purdie
Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection	(not represented)
Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development	Ronald K. Bednar

Regional Citizens Committee Chairman

Dennis Winters

DVRPC Co-Counsel

Pennsylvania Co-Counsel
New Jersey Co-Counsel

Elizabeth Witmer, Esq.
Thomas Coleman, Esq.

DVRPC Staff: John J. Coscia, John B. Claffey, William Greene, Barry Seymour, Donald Shanis, Richard Bickel, Candace Snyder, and Jean McKinney.

Guests

Pennsylvania Department of Transportation

Robert Hannigan
Greg Brown (Dist. 6-0)

Delaware River Joint Toll Bridge Commission

Roger Sager

Cross County Connection Transportation
Management Association

William Ragozine

Chester County Resident

Thomas Cooper

Residents for Regional Traffic Solutions (Bucks County)

Sue Herman

Call to Order

Chairman Charles H. Martin called the meeting to order at 10:43 a.m.

Public Comments

Comments from the public were invited to be heard on non-agenda items.

Thomas Cooper, Chester County resident addressed the Board on SEPTA's proposed Schuylkill Valley Metro (SVM) project. Mr. Cooper is concerned with the Board approval of SEPTA's request to amend the FY 2003 TIP for Pennsylvania to increase the funding for the FY 2003 preliminary phase for the SVM. Mr. Cooper believes that a Commuter Rail alternative to the SVM is more appropriate. Commuter Rail would be an economical diesel service on existing Norfolk Southern tracks instead of the expensive new and separate system of electrified tracks contemplated in the SVM scheme. Mr.

Cooper asked the Board to use its authority to ensure that, as preliminary engineering for the SVM goes forward, the increased federal funding will be used to foster competition by encouraging Norfolk Southern to submit, and be compensated for, a competitive commuter rail proposal for SVM passenger service.

John J. Coscia, Executive Director, responded that the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) has notified SEPTA on such issues as the type of technology, the alignment, the cost, the institutional arrangement for funding, and operation of the SVM. Before the funds are released, SEPTA must address these issues and respond to the FTA. The \$35 million is a congressional earmark (extra funds from Washington for the region). Accordingly, the approved TIP amendment will keep the project moving forward. However, a number of issues need to be resolved before the funds are expended.

Keith Lynch, Federal Transit Administration, reiterated that the FTA is monitoring SEPTA's progress. Several steps must be clarified by SEPTA before moving into the Preliminary Engineering stages such as: (1) evaluation of building smaller segments in stages; and (2) clarification of expenses; and (3) minimizing expenses. The technology which is used for this project is a local decision. FTA supports the application from the local process, however, funding will be considered in light of all other projects.

Jerry Kane, SEPTA, stated that the present funding for the SVM is only a small piece to a larger amount and many technical, funding, and political issues need to be addressed before moving forward.

Colin Hanna, Chester County, stated that within the process a selection for a Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA) is examined. The LPA selected was MetroRail. Mr. Hanna questioned if Mr. Cooper's proposed alternative was presented at the time the LPA was selected. The question of increased funding for the SVM is a step in the process which follows the selection of a LPA and is not something to trigger a reexamination of another alternative.

Mr. Coscia added that the LPA is a federal requirement of the Environmental Impact Study (EIS) process and was selected by the member governments of the Board after three months delay. If SEPTA presents another option for an alternative, it will again have to be brought before the DVRPC Board for approval.

1. Minutes of Meeting of April 24, 2003

On a **motion** by Mr. Hanna, seconded by Ms. Naughton, the minutes of the meeting of April 24, 2003 were approved as distributed.

2. Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Actions

John B. Claffey, DVRPC staff, briefed the Board on the following TIP Actions:

- a. TIP Action PA03-23a: Yardley Borough / Lower Makefield Township Bikeway PENNDOT Request, Bucks County

PENNDOT has requested that DVRPC amend the FY 2003-2006 TIP for Pennsylvania by removing this project (\$371,000 CMAQ/\$93,000 Local Match) from the TIP. The project has not been advanced by the township. The funds will serve as a partial source for the West Chester Transit Center.

Financial Constraint will be maintained and the TIP's conformity finding will not be impacted by this amendment as this project is exempt.

- b. TIP Action PA03-23b: Limerick Township Bike Improvements(MPMS #57329), PENNDOT Request, Montgomery County

PENNDOT has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2003-2006 TIP for Pennsylvania by removing this project (\$489,000 CMAQ/\$122,000 Local Match) from the TIP. The project is no longer being advanced by the township. The funds will serve as a partial source for the West Chester Transit Center.

Financial Constraint will be maintained and the TIP's conformity finding will not be impacted by this amendment as this project is exempt.

Favorable recommendation was received from the Planning Coordinating Committee/Regional Transportation Committee (PCC/RTC) to approve TIP Actions PA03-23a and PA03-23b.

The Regional Citizens Committee recommends that the Board oppose TIP Actions PA03-23a and PA03-23b. The RCC believes that the implementation of bicycle/pedestrian projects at the municipal level is flawed due to changes in leadership and/or motivation.

A solution, involving outreach, needs to be developed to move these projects forward; they should not fall victim to false beliefs or a lack of awareness of their benefits to the community. The choice for a healthy transportation mode is essential to the region's citizens. The committee asks that DVRPC staff apprise the RCC of similar bicycle/pedestrian projects that are lagging behind schedule in time that members could question and perhaps urge municipal action.

Mr. Hanna asked PENNDOT to explain the rationale as to why these two projects are being deleted from the TIP.

Dennis Lebo, PENNDOT, responded that both sponsor townships have declared

that they are no longer pursuing the projects. Consequently, the funds will not be used for the stated projects. PENNDOT has decided to use these funds for another project. However, if the sponsor townships wish to pursue these projects in the future they may request Board approval to amend the TIP at that time.

Kenneth Hughes, Montgomery County, and Lynn Bush, Bucks County, also stated that both counties were in agreement with PENNDOT to delete the two bicycle/pedestrian projects.

Mr. Martin requested that DVRPC notify the RCC beforehand of any additional projects that might need their attention and that they may want to lobby for before the projects are deleted. Mr. Coscia responded that DVRPC staff monitors the progress and lack of progress for these bicycle/pedestrian projects and will notify the RCC.

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

MOTION by Mr. Lebo, seconded by Mr. Hughes that the Board approve:

- (1) TIP Action PA03-23a, PENNDOT's request to amend the FY 2003 TIP for Pennsylvania (FY 2003-2006) by deleting the Yardley Borough/Lower Makefield Township Bikeway project from the TIP. This project is currently programmed with an FY 2004 construction phase (\$371,000 CMAQ/\$93,000 Local Match).
 - (2) TIP Action PA03-23b, PENNDOT's request to amend the FY 2003 TIP for Pennsylvania (FY 2003-2006) by deleting the Limerick Township Bike Improvement project from the TIP. This project is currently programmed with a FY 2004 construction phase (\$489,000 CMAQ / \$122,000 Local Match).
- c. TIP Action PA03-23c: Swamp Road Culvert at Penns Woods Drive (MPMS #64781) requested by PENNDOT, Bucks County

PENNDOT has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2003-2006 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding this project to the TIP. The project would be programmed with an FY 2003 preliminary engineering phase (\$378,000 Bridge/\$95,000 State), and a FY 2005 final design phase (\$396,000 Bridge/\$99,000 State). The purpose of this project is to replace a simple span steel bridge on Swamp Road at Penn's Woods Drive, just southeast of the culvert project on Swamp Rd. at Worthington Mill Road. It is estimated that construction will start in March 2007 (\$1.480 million Bridge/\$370,000 State),

approximately two years after the project completion date of the Worthington Mill Road Culvert project.

Financial Constraint will be maintained by making adjustments to other existing TIP projects whose schedules or costs have changed. The TIP's conformity finding will not be impacted by this amendment as this project is exempt.

Favorable recommendation was received from the PCC/RTC for the Board to approve TIP Action PA03-23c.

Favorable recommendation was also received from the RCC for the Board to approve TIP Action PA03-23c. However, both the Swamp Road culvert at Penn's Woods Road and the Swamp Road culvert just south of Worthington Mill Road should be fast-tracked, in parallel, for construction to begin in the spring of 2004. Heavy trucks should be removed from residential roads as quickly as possible.

Ms. Bush stated that the Bucks County Planning Commission Board agrees with the RCC and urges PENNDOT to construct, in parallel, the Swamp Road Culvert at Penns Woods Road and the Swamp Road culvert just south of Worthington Mill Road.

Sue Herman, Residents for Regional Traffic Solutions (RRTS), Bucks County, addressed the Board and stated that a letter (attached as part of these minutes) was sent to State Senator Joseph Conti with regard to the Swamp Road Culverts. In that letter Ms. Herman requested that Senator Conti notify DVRPC of his support for constructing the two culverts at the same time (Spring of 2004). A fax (attached as part of these minutes) was also sent to the Regional Transportation Committee in support of PENNDOT's request to amend the TIP to add the Swamp Road Culvert at Penns Woods Drive.

Mr. Lebo responded that the concerns expressed by the local community have been heard by PENNDOT and by approval of the TIP amendment it is hoped that the second culvert (Penns Wood Drive) will be moved forward to construction as quickly as possible. Mr. Lebo also stated that the Penns Wood Drive Culvert weight restriction is not an issue based on their latest inspections. Emergency measures will be taken if the culverts' condition degrades and must be weight restricted.

Ms. Herman again urged the DVRPC Board and PENNDOT to repair both culverts at the same time.

Ms. Herman inquired if a weigh station was planned for Swamp Road. Mr. Lebo

responded that PENNDOT is not aware of any weigh station at this time.

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

MOTION by Mr. Lebo, seconded by Ms. Novak, that the Board approve TIP Action PA03-23c, PENNDOT's request to amend the FY 2003 TIP for Pennsylvania (FY 2003-2006), by adding the Swamp Road Culvert at Penn's Woods Road project into the TIP. This project will be programmed with an FY 2003 preliminary engineering phase (\$378,000 Bridge / \$95,000 State), and an FY 2005 final design phase (\$396,000 Bridge / \$99,000 State).

- d. TIP Action PA03-23d: PA 413/PA 532, Newtown Bypass Intersections (MPMS #13637), Requested by PENNDOT, Bucks County

PENNDOT has requested that DVRPC amend the FY 2003-2006 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding this project back into the TIP in order to add an FY 2003 construction phase. The request seeks authorization to advance construct \$2.240 million federal STU funds/\$560,000 State funds which would then be converted in FY 2004. This project involves intersection widening to accommodate dual left turn lanes on northbound PA 413 at Richboro Road and Buck Road. Additional shoulder widening and road overlay will be included during construction for safety purposes.

Financial Constraint will be maintained by making adjustments to other existing TIP projects whose schedules or costs have changed and the TIP's conformity finding will not be impacted by this amendment as this project is exempt.

Favorable recommendation was received from the PCC/RTC for the Board to approve TIP Action PA03-23d. In addition, the RCC should ask that design of this project be done properly to ensure safe bicycle and pedestrian access.

3. DVRPC FY 2003 Work Program Amendments

- a. Pennsylvania Turnpike Northeast Extension/PA 309 Corridor Incident/Traffic Management Plan

Donald Shanis, DVRPC staff, explained to the Board that the purpose of this project is to initiate development of a unified traffic management and signal coordination plan within the Pennsylvania Turnpike Northeast Extension (I-

476)/PA 309 Corridor. The plan must be capable of handling both routine traffic conditions and incident diversions onto the arterial network. There are two critical components of this effort: (1) an inventory of traffic signal equipment on the corridor's arterial network, and (2) an agreement on an approach to oversee traffic management under emergency conditions.

The I-476/PA 309 corridor provides mobility for north-south travelers within central Montgomery and western Bucks Counties. Although a network of arterial roads exists in this corridor, the Northeast Extension and PA 309 carry the bulk of the through trips. When congestion, resulting from incidents, restricts travel on those highways, traffic diverts to the arterial network. At the present time, there are no coordinated plans to manage traffic on these parallel roads, many of which are already heavily traveled and experience congestion. The study corridor includes 21 municipalities in the area generally bounded by I-476, PA 309, PA Turnpike mainline, and PA 113.

DVRPC will serve as the project manager. Our primary role will be to establish and coordinate the activities of a study advisory committee and retain an engineering firm to: (1) conduct a detailed inventory of traffic signal equipment in the corridor, and (2) develop scenarios for the operation of intermunicipal traffic signal coordination.

The total cost of this project is \$100,000 (\$30,000 DVRPC, \$70,000 to consultant). A Federal Highway Administration ITS Earmark will provide \$80,000 and is matched by \$20,000 from Montgomery County.

Favorable recommendation was received from the PCC/RTC and the RCC for the Board to approve ITS on I-476 Pennsylvania Turnpike / PA 309 Corridor.

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

MOTION by Mr. Hughes, seconded by Ms. Thomas, that the Board amend the FY2003 DVRPC Planning Work Program to add a project to initiate development of a unified traffic management and signal coordination plan within the Pennsylvania Turnpike Northeast Extension (I-476) / PA 309 Corridor.

- b. Transit Area Master Plan for Beverly City and Edgewater Park Township, Burlington County

Barry Seymour, DVRPC staff, explained to the Board that the Southern New Jersey Light Rail Transit System is nearing completion and is expected to be operational by the end of 2003. This line will run for 34 miles between

Camden and Trenton, with a total of 20 stations. There are 11 stations in Burlington County, many of them in communities that were previously served and developed around the train stations. The Beverly/Edgewater Park station is unique among these stations in that it lies on the boundary of two communities. Beverly City is a higher density town that has seen population loss and economic decline over the past few decades. Edgewater Park has also seen decline and disinvestment, but has a supply of developable open space located near the proposed light rail station. With cooperation between these two municipalities, the new light rail system could bring economic growth and a renewed sense of community to both Beverly and Edgewater Park.

The proposed project would engage a consultant to develop a Master Plan for transit-oriented development and redevelopment in the area of the station in Beverly City and Edgewater Park Township, Burlington County. The project would build on DVRPC's report *Transit Village Design in Burlington County*, which examined and prepared preliminary recommendations for the area, by preparing a community needs assessment, market analysis, physical site evaluation, and master plan for the area with an implementation agenda for local, county, state, regional, and private sector action. DVRPC would issue the RFP and oversee the contract, with technical oversight by Burlington County.

Funding will be \$130,000 from the New Jersey Department of Transportation's Land Use Planning Grant. \$120,000 of these funds will be used to hire a consultant. DVRPC will retain \$10,000 for administrative and technical assistance.

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

MOTION Ms. Thomas, seconded by Mr. Cuccia that the Board amend the DVRPC FY 2004 Planning Work Program to add a project to prepare a transit area master plan for Beverly City and Edgewater Park Township, Burlington County

4. Update of the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Urban Boundary for Pennsylvania and New Jersey

Mr. Claffey explained that following each decennial census, the Federal Highway Administration requests each state to update the Urban Boundary line. This line demarcates the urban areas from the rural areas in the state for the purposes of the federal functional classification of public roads. Urban area boundaries are fixed primarily for capital project funding and are not to be confused with boundaries established for the comprehensive, cooperative and continuing urban

transportation planning process.

While this boundary is generally based on the Bureau of the Census's urbanized areas, the states are permitted to smooth the boundary line to meet the objectives of the highway classification system. The boundary should be adjusted to smooth out irregularities, maintain administrative continuity along routes, and encompass fringe areas having residential, commercial, industrial, and/or national defense significance. Transportation terminals such as airports and seaports should also be included within the urban boundary if they lie within a reasonable distance of the urbanized area. Urban boundary determinations should also consider the service areas of transit operations. Where the urban boundary line follows a road, that road would be considered within the urban area. Situations which would leave holes within the area are to be avoided.

To update the boundary line, the states ask the MPOs to coordinate the effort with their respective counties. DVRPC has worked with its member counties in the process of smoothing line around the urbanized areas of our region and has also coordinated our effort with the adjacent MPOs.

Favorable recommendation was received from the PCC/RTC and the RCC that the Board approve the FHWA Urban Boundary for Pennsylvania and New Jersey.

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

MOTION by Mr. Hughes, seconded by Ms. Novak that the Board approve the proposed FHWA Urban Boundary for Pennsylvania and New Jersey and forward to the respective state DOTs for approval by FHWA.

5. **Memoranda of Understanding with Reading Area Transportation Study (RATS) and Lehigh Valley Transportation Study (LVTS)**

Donald Shanis, DVRPC staff, explained to the Board that the decennial U.S. Census determines those areas that qualify as Urbanized Areas (UAs) based on total population (50,000) and population density (1000 persons per square mile). The U.S. Department of Transportation Metropolitan Planning regulations require planning activities for UAs to be conducted by a new or existing MPO or to be covered by adjacent MPOs. In response to this requirement, Memoranda of Understanding (MOUs) between adjacent MPOs can be defined and executed to clarify the responsibilities for transportation planning and programming for newly created or extended UAs that cross MPO boundaries.

The purpose of this Action Item is to propose two MOUs for Board approval and execution in response to expanded UAs as a result of the 2000 US Census. The MOUs establish and reaffirm the respective responsibilities for transportation planning and programming with each neighboring MPO.

- A MOU is proposed with RATS, in Berks County, to reflect the expansion of the Small Urbanized Area around Pottstown Borough, which overlaps into Chester and Montgomery counties, along US Route 422 and PA Routes 100 and 73.
- A MOU is proposed with LVTS, in Lehigh and Northampton counties, to reflect an extension of the Allentown UA into Bucks County, near Coopersburg and Quakertown boroughs, along PA Route 309.

In each case, the key principle proposed to govern transportation planning and programming responsibilities is that *each MPO would be responsible for the portions of the UAs within their boundaries, while sharing information and maintaining open communication and coordination in response to cross-boundary issues and projects.*

The proposed MOUs have been coordinated with the Berks County and Lehigh Valley planning commission staff, and they concur in the wording. The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation is seeking action on this matter by the end of May.

Favorable recommendation was received from the PCC/RTC and the PCC that the Board execute the MOU's with RATS and LVTS.

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

MOTION by Mr. Hughes, seconded by Mr. Lebo, that the Board approve the execution of Memoranda of Understanding with Reading Area Transportation Study and Lehigh Valley Transportation Study.

6. DVRPC Disclosure of Public Records Policy

Mr. Coscia requested that this item be tabled as a result of additional revisions which must be made to the DVRPC Disclosure of Public Records Policy.

Ms. Lewis suggested DVRPC include additional fees for the reproduction of large maps in the revised document.

Dennis Winters, RCC Chairman, requested that the RCC have the opportunity to review the document before Board approval.

On a **motion** by Ms. Naughton, seconded by Mr. Pickett, the Board unanimously agreed to **table** the action for the DVRPC Disclosure of Public Records Policy.

7. Nominating Committee Report: Proposed Candidates for Fiscal Year 2004 DVRPC Board Officers

Chairman Martin reported the recommended slate of officers for DVRPC Board Officers for Fiscal Year 2004 (July 1, 2003 through June 30, 2004) as follows:

Chairman:	Thomas J. Gurick, Camden County
Vice Chairman:	Allen D. Biehler, Pennsylvania Department of Transportation
Secretary:	Jerald R. Cureton, Burlington
Treasurer:	Charles H. Martin, Bucks County

Elections will take place at the regular June Board meeting and, at that time, nominations may be made from the floor.

8. Regional Citizens Committee (RCC) Report

Dennis Winters, RCC Chairman, reported on additional comments from the RCC meeting on the draft DVRPC FY 2004 TIP for New Jersey (attached as part of these minutes).

Mr. Coscia responded that the RCC comments on the New Jersey TIP will be considered as part of the public comments and each point will be addressed.

The RCC also had comments on PENNDOT's I-76 Project in South Philadelphia and PENNDOT distributed their responses at the May Board meeting.

Finally, Mr. Winters reported the RCC urges the DVRPC Board to instruct staff to run DVRPC's travel model to determine the impact of SEPTA's proposed service cuts which will affect tens of thousands of regional citizens.

Regarding the overall funding issue for public transit, the RCC asks the county elected officials sitting at the DVRPC Board table to urge their state legislators to support the state revenue portion of the Governor's budget as a short-term fix.

As a long-term solution, the RCC urges the DVRPC Board to endorse the intent of amending the state constitution to allow the use of gasoline tax and motor licencing fees for transit as well as for highways and bridges.

Mr. Coscia responded that the staff will examine running the models although the DVRPC models are not that fine tuned in as much as the deletion of one or two bus routes would make a difference in the projections. Staff will evaluate and report back to the RCC.

9. DVRPC Celebration of Regional Excellence Annual Awards Dinner, June 4, 2003

Mr. Coscia reported that the DVRPC Annual Awards Dinner is being held at the Bellevue Stratford and announced the awardees. He believes that this event should prove to be a great success.

10. Executive Director's Report

Mr. Coscia reported on the following:

a. Pennsylvania State Transportation Commission Meeting, May 1, 2003

Mr. Coscia reported that the Pennsylvania State Transportation Commission held in Chester County was well attended. Tours were given of Valley Forge and several corridor improvement construction sites. In addition, a formal public meeting was held and Commissioner Hanna gave a presentation on the Chester County *Landscapes Plan*.

b. Pennsylvania State Joint Rail Freight Conference, Scranton, May 7-9, 2003

Mr. Coscia reported that the rail freight conference held in Scranton consisted of over 200 attendees from the Class I Regional and Short Line Railroads. The conference was co-sponsored by the Keystone Railroad Association and the Governor appointed Rail Freight Advisory Committee.

c. American Short Line and Regional Railroad Association 2003 Annual Meeting, May 17-20

Mr. Coscia reported that over 700 attendees participated in the American Short Line and Regional Railroad Association's 2003 Annual Meeting. DVRPC staff assisted with arranging the train tour to Valley Forge.

d. Central New Jersey Forum, May 16, 2003

Mr. Coscia reported that the Central New Jersey Forum meeting was well attended. Susan Bass Levin, Commissioner of the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs was invited. Ms. Levin presented the schedule for refinement and incorporation of the *Big Map* into the State Development and Redevelopment Plan for New Jersey.

Also, at this meeting, the Forum approved an action item for a Bus Rapid Transit analysis for the Princeton / Middlesex area. DVRPC will supply some funding for this project. Board approval for DVRPC to conduct this analysis will be sought at the June Board meeting.

e. Planning at the Edge Meeting, May 20, 2003

Mr. Coscia explained that *Planning at the Edge* is a coordination of regional planning commissions and MPO's which border the DVRPC nine county region. Coordination techniques and approaches, both formal and informal, were discussed to help tie together projects that cross the DVRPC regional boundaries (Wilmington, Lehigh Valley, Reading, etc.)

f. Ozone Action Season Kick-Off, Bell Atlantic Tower, May 20, 2003

Representatives from three states attended the Ozone Action Kick-Off at the Bell Atlantic Tower to kick-off the ozone action season. The Bucks County Transportation Management Association (TMA) and the Mercer County TMA received awards for their work on the ozone action program. Over 250 partners now participate in the program.

Mr. Coscia also pointed out the two other items distributed to the Board: (1) information discussing the funding of the Surface Transportation Reauthorization Proposal; and (2) the PENNDOT Notice of Public Meetings for Project Keystone.

11. Committee Reports

The Planning Coordinating Committee/Regional Transportation Committee was distributed to the Board for their review:

OLD BUSINESS

No old business was stated.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business was stated.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:05 p.m.

Attachments:

- (1) PCC/RTC Recommendations to the Board for May 22, 2003
- (2) RCC Recommendations to the Board for May 22, 2003
- (3) Memorandum to State Senator Joseph Conti from Sue Herman, Residents for Regional Traffic Solutions
- (4) Fax to the DVRPC Regional Transportation Committee from Grace Godshalk, Chairman, Board of Supervisors, Township of Lower Makefield

Additional Documents Distributed to the Board:

- (1) DVRPC Regional Data Bulletin entitled: *Housing Units Authorized by Residential Building Permits: 2000, 2001, and 2002 Updated #72, May 2003*

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Pennsylvania Co-Counsel New Jersey Co-Counsel	Elizabeth Witmer, Esq. Thomas Coleman, Esq.

DVRPC Staff: John J. Coscia, John B. Claffey, William Greene, Barry Seymour, Donald

Shanis, Richard Bickel, Candace Snyder, and Jean McKinney.

Call to Order

Chairman Martin called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m.

1. Minutes of Meeting of April 24, 2003

On a motion by Ms. Naughton, seconded by Mr. Martin, the minutes of the meeting of April 24, 2003 were approved as distributed.

2. Contract Authorization: Final Scope Development for Campus Drive and its Intersection with Route 130, Burlington Township, Burlington City, Burlington County

Mr. Coscia briefed the Board and explained that DVRPC on behalf of the Burlington County Engineer's Office is requesting proposals for Final Scope Development for the extension of Campus Drive from Sunset Road (CR 634) to Salem Road (CR 633) and the development of a full intersection with Route 130. The scoping of the project will result in an alternatives analysis and categorical exclusion document. The project is located in Burlington Township, Burlington County.

The Route 130/Delaware River Corridor strategic plan recommended improving the road system that serves Campus Drive, Salem Road and Sunset Road in Burlington Township to reduce impacts to residential neighborhoods located along Salem Road in Burlington City. Studies prepared jointly by the New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT), DVRPC, Burlington County, Burlington City and Burlington Township have recommended that a jughandle be constructed at the intersection of Campus Drive and Rt. 130 and that the southern end of Campus Drive be extended to Salem Road. In support of these improvements, the functional classification of Campus Drive has been changed from urban local to urban collector. Both involved municipalities and the Burlington County Board of Chosen Freeholders have passed resolutions of support for both the proposed extension of Campus Drive and the construction of a jughandle at Route 130.

The estimated consultant cost is \$350,000 in Federal Highway Administration funds under the NJDOT Scoping Program.

A consultant selection committee comprised of representatives from Burlington County, New Jersey, and DVRPC recommend approval to contract with the selected firm.

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

MOTION by Ms. Thomas, seconded by Mr. Cuccia, that the Executive

Committee authorize the Executive Director to enter into, negotiate and execute a contract with the firm of choice. If such negotiations prove not to meet the financial requirements of the Commission, to proceed on to negotiations with the second ranked firm.

3. Nominating Committee Report for Fiscal Year 2004 DVRPC Executive Committee Officers

Chairman Martin reported the recommended slate of officers for DVRPC Executive Committee Officers for FY 2004 (July 1, 2003 through June 30, 2004) as follows:

Chairman:	Thomas J. Gurick, Camden County
Vice Chairman:	Allen D. Biehler, Pennsylvania Department of Transportation
Secretary:	Jerald R. Cureton, Esq., Burlington County
Treasurer:	Charles H. Martin, Bucks County

Elections will take place at the regular June Board meeting and, at that time, nominations may be made from the floor.

OLD BUSINESS

No old business was stated.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business was stated.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:10 p.m.