

**DELAWARE VALLEY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION**

**BOARD COMMITTEE**

Minutes of Meeting of September 23, 2010

Location: The ACE Conference Center  
800 Ridge Pike  
Lafayette Hill, PA

Membership Present

New Jersey Department of Community Affairs  
New Jersey Department of Transportation  
New Jersey Governor's Appointee  
Pennsylvania Governor's Appointee  
Pennsylvania Governor's Policy Office  
Pennsylvania Department of Transportation  
Bucks County

Chester County

Delaware County  
Montgomery County

Burlington County

Camden County  
Gloucester County  
Mercer County  
City of Chester  
City of Philadelphia  
City of Camden  
City of Trenton

Non-Voting Members

Federal Highway Administration  
New Jersey Division

Pennsylvania Division  
U.S. Department of Housing and Urban  
Development, Region III

Representative

Joyce Paul  
David Kuhn  
Deborah Gramiccioni  
David Mandelbaum  
Joanne Denworth  
James Mosca  
Diane Ellis-Marseglia  
Lynn Bush  
Carol Aichele  
Ronald Bailey  
John Pickett  
Joseph Hoeffel  
Kenneth Hughes  
Leah Arter  
Carol Ann Thomas  
Andrew Levecchia  
(not represented)  
Matthew Lawson  
William Payne  
Steve Buckley  
(not represented)  
Andrew Carten

Ernie Blais  
Sandra Brillhart  
Matt Smoker

(not represented)

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region II (not represented)  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region III (not represented)  
Federal Transit Administration, Region III (not represented)  
Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority Byron Comati  
New Jersey Transit Corporation Lou Millan

New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (not represented)  
Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection John Kennedy

Delaware River Port Authority Kevin Gallagher  
Port Authority Transit Corporation Linda Hayes  
Pennsylvania Department of Community and Robert Box  
Economic Development

New Jersey Office of Smart Growth Toni Crawford-Major  
Regional Citizens Committee Chair (not represented)  
Aissia Richardson

DVRPC Co-Counsel

Pennsylvania Co-Counsel Thomas Jennings  
New Jersey Co-Counsel Thomas Coleman

DVRPC Staff: Barry J. Seymour, Donald Shanis, Richard Bickel, Charles Dougherty, Elizabeth Schoonmaker, John Ward, Patty Elkis, Roger Moog, Karin Morris, Mary Bell, Gastonia Anderson, Candace Snyder, and Jean McKinney.

Guests

Federal Highway Administration (PA Division) Camille Otto  
Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority Kathleen Zubrzycki  
Delaware River Joint Toll Bridge Commission Glenn Reibman  
DVRPC Regional Citizens Committee Jim Richardson

**Call to Order - Chair's Comments**

Chair Joseph M. Hoeffel called the meeting to order at 1:15 p.m., commented on the days' productive discussions, and welcomed all attendees to the Board Meeting.

**Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items**

No public comments were stated.

**1. Minutes of Meeting of July 22, 2010**

On a Motion by Mr. Payne, seconded by Mr. Kuhn the minutes of the Board Meeting of July 22, 2010 were approved as distributed.

**2. Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Actions**

Elizabeth Schoonmaker, DVRPC Manager, Capital Programming, presented the following TIP Actions for Board approval.

**a. NJ10-36a: Embankment Restoration (DB #DR015), DRPA/PATCO**

DRPA/PATCO has requested that DVRPC modify the FY2010-2013 TIP for New Jersey by modifying the project scope of Embankment Restoration (DB # DR015), to include fencing and retaining wall work. Additionally, modifying the current programming to reflect a decrease in the engineering, right-of-way, and construction phase. Current programming will be modified to reflect the following: (\$1,200,000 Section 5307/\$300,000 DRPA) in FY12, (\$800,000 Section 5307/\$200,000 DRPA) in FY13, (\$1,600,000 Section 5307/\$400,000 DRPA) in LFY. The overall project cost has decreased as DRPA has obligated the appropriate amount of funding to complete the project and as a result no longer needs the entire amount of funding programmed in the current TIP.

These three projects: embankment restoration, installation of fencing, and rehabilitation or replacement of retaining walls have been combined into one project as DRPA frequently replaces fencing and rebuilds retaining walls when completing embankment work along the right-of-way. This program will address embankment restoration to prevent erosion, preserve drainage control, and the installation of fencing and replacement or rehabilitation of retaining walls. The project title will be changed to reflect the change in project scope.

Financial constraint will be maintained by making adjustments to other existing TIP projects whose schedules or costs have changed and the the TIP's current conformity finding will not be impacted by this modification as these projects are exempt from the regional air quality analysis.

**b. NJ10-36b: Lindenwold Yard Tie Renewal (DB #DR044) DRPA/PATCO**

DRPA/PATCO has requested that DVRPC modify the FY2010-2013 TIP for New Jersey by increasing the cost of Lindenwold Yard Tie Renewal (DB #DR044), by a total of \$11 million; \$7 million (\$5,600,000 Section 5309/\$1,400,000 DRPA) in the four years of the TIP (FY12, FY13, FY14), and \$4 million (\$3,200,000 Section 5309/\$800,000 DRPA) in LFYs, a result of

modifying the project scope to include additional improvements to be completed at Lindenwold Yard. Current programming will be modified to reflect a total cost of \$25.5 million for the project: \$4,000,000 (\$3,200,000 Section 5309/\$800,000 DRPA) in FY11; \$6,000,000 (\$4,800,000 Section 5309/\$1,200,000 DRPA) in FY12; \$6,000,000 (\$4,800,000 Section 5309/\$1,200,000 DRPA) in FY13; \$7,000,000 (\$5,600,000 Section 5309/\$1,400,000 DRPA) in LFYs.

This program will include sectionalization of the yard, tie and rail replacement, diamond crossover replacement, switch replacement and completion of the reverse signaling project in the yard. The project title will be changed to reflect the change in scope.

Financial constraint will be maintained by making adjustments to other existing TIP projects whose schedules or costs have changed and the TIP's current conformity finding will not be impacted by this modification as these projects are exempt from the regional air quality analysis.

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

**MOTION** by Mr. Lawson, seconded by Mr. Levecchia, that the Board approve the following TIP Actions:

- (1) TIP Action NJ10-36a, DRPA/PATCO's request to modify the FY2010-2013 TIP for New Jersey by modifying the project scope of Embankment Restoration (DB #DR015), to include fencing and retaining wall work. Additionally, modifying the current programming to reflect a decrease in the engineering, right of way, and construction phase. Current programming will be modified to reflect the following: (\$1,200,000 Section 5307/\$300,000 DRPA) in FY12, (\$800,000 Section 5307/\$200,000 DRPA) in FY13, (\$1,600,000 Section 5307/\$400,000 DRPA) in LFY.
- (2) TIP Action NJ10-36b, DRPA/PATCO's request to modify the FY2010-2013 TIP for New Jersey by increasing the cost of Lindenwold Yard Tie Renewal (DB #DR044), by a total of \$11 million; \$7 million (\$5,600,000 Section 5309/\$1,400,000 DRPA) in the four years of the TIP (FY12, FY13, FY14), and \$4 million (\$3,200,000 Section 5309/\$800,000 DRPA) in LFYs, a result of modifying the project scope to include additional improvements to be completed at Lindenwold Yard. Current programming will be modified to reflect a total cost of \$25.5 million for the project: \$4,000,000 (\$3,200,000 Section 5309/\$800,000 DRPA) in

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LFYs.

c. **NJ10-38: Bispham Street Bridge over Rancocas Creek (DB #D0806),  
Burlington County**

Burlington County has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2010-2013 TIP for New Jersey by adding a project back into the TIP, Bispham Street Bridge over Rancocas Creek (DB# D0806), and programming \$300,000 Bridge-Off funds for final design in FY11. Funding for the final design phase will be provided by Off-System Bridge funds. This project has been awarded a total of \$1 million for construction, provided by a prior year Local Bridges/Future Needs Program, (DB #08387).

This project is located in the Mount Holly Historic District, Burlington County. During the 2005 bridge re-evaluation surveys, this bridge was identified as structurally deficient and is in need of deck replacement and superstructure rehabilitation. The existing bridge includes eight foot sidewalks on both sides

and will be replaced with a single-span steel stringer bridge with a concrete deck and asphalt overlay. The replacement bridge will also include tinted concrete sidewalks and a combination of pedestrian and vehicular metal picket railing units with metal arches.

Financial constraint will be maintained by making adjustments to other existing TIP projects whose schedules or costs have changed and the TIP's current conformity finding will not be impacted by this modification as these projects are exempt from the regional air quality analysis.

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

**MOTION** by Ms. Arter, seconded by Mr. Levecchia that the Board approve TIP Action NJ10-38, Burlington County's request to amend the FY2010-2013 TIP for New Jersey by adding a project back into the TIP, Bispham Street Bridge over Rancocas Creek (DB #D0806), and programming \$300,000 Bridge-Off funds for final design in FY11.

**d. PA11-01a: Transit and Regional Rail System Program (MPMS #77183), SEPTA**

SEPTA has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2011-2014 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a project back into the TIP, Transit and Regional Rail Station Program (MPMS# 77183), and programming an engineering, right of way, and construction phase in FY11 (\$10,202,000 Section 5307/\$2,468,000 Section 1514B/\$83,000 Local) and a construction phase in FY12 (\$13,327,000 Section 5307/\$3,202,000 Section 1514B/\$107,000 Local), FY13 (\$5,760,000 Section 5307/\$1,066,000 Section 5307TE/\$1,652,000 Section 1514B/\$55,000 Local), FY14 (\$648,000 Section 5307/\$1,098,000 Section 5307TE/\$422,000 Section 1514B/\$14,000 Local), and LFY (\$1,435,000 Section 5307/\$347,000 Section 1514B/\$12,000 Local). The project and proposed programming were reviewed and endorsed by the PA TIP Subcommittee during the FY2011 TIP update process, but the project was inadvertently omitted from the document of the FY2011 – 2014 TIP.

This project provides for the reconstruction or rehabilitation of transit and regional rail stations and terminals, bus/trolley loop facilities, and transportation centers. Projects to be reconstructed or rehabbed under this project include, but are not limited to: Cheltenham & Ogontz Loop; Escalator Program Phase VII & VIII; Hatboro Station, Warminster Line; Noble Station, West Trenton Line; Olney Station, Broad Street Subway; Primos Station, Media-Elywn Line; Ryers Station, Fox Chase Line, and Ardmore Station.

Financial constraint will be maintained and the TIP's current conformity finding will not be impacted by this amendment as this project is exempt from the regional air quality analysis.

**e. PA11-01b: SEPTA Bus Purchase Program – 60' (MPMS #90512), SEPTA**

SEPTA has requested that DVRPC modify the FY2011-2014 TIP for Pennsylvania by increasing the total funds in the SEPTA Bus Purchase Program - 60' (MPMS #90512), by \$12,339,000 Section 1514B, and programming in FY12 (\$4,133,000), FY13 (\$4,133,000), and FY14 (\$4,133,000) of the purchasing phase. The proposed programming of these funds were reviewed and endorsed by the PA TIP Subcommittee during the FY2011 TIP update process, but the Section 1514B funding was inadvertently omitted from the document of the FY2011 – 2014 TIP.

Per PennDOT Financial Guidance, PennDOT flexes \$17,083,000 in highway funds to SEPTA each fiscal year. The Section 1514B funding will be the transit State match for the flex highway funds programmed in FY12, FY13, and FY14

of MPMS# 65109 in the highway program. This will allow for programming transit funds in the transit program and the highway funds in the highway program.

Financial constraint will be maintained and the TIP's current conformity finding will not be impacted by this amendment as this project is exempt from the regional air quality analysis.

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

**MOTION** by Mr. Pickett, seconded by Mr. Mosca, that the Board approved the following TIP Actions:

- (1) TIP Action PA11-01a, SEPTA's request to modify the FY2011-2014 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a project back into the TIP, Transit and Regional Rail Station Program (MPMS# 77183), and programming an engineering, right of way, and construction phase in FY11 (\$10,202,000 Section 5307/\$2,468,000 Section 1514B/\$83,000 Local) and a construction phase in FY12 (\$13,327,000 Section 5307/\$3,202,000 Section 1514B/\$107,000 Local), FY13 (\$5,760,000 Section 5307/\$1,066,000 Section 5307TE/\$1,652,000 Section 1514B/\$55,000 Local), FY14 (\$648,000 Section 5307/\$1,098,000 Section 5307TE/\$422,000 Section 1514B/\$14,000 Local), and LFY (\$1,435,000 Section 5307/\$347,000 Section 1514B/\$12,000 Local).
- (2) TIP Action PA11-01b, SEPTA's request to modify the FY2011-2014 TIP for Pennsylvania by increasing the total cost of the SEPTA Bus Purchase Program - 60' (MPMS #90512), by \$12,339,000 Section 1514B, and programming in FY12 (\$4,133,000), FY13 (\$4,133,000), and FY14 (\$4,133,000) of the purchasing phase.

### **3. DVRPC Fiscal Year 2011 Planning Work Program Amendments**

#### **a. City of Philadelphia Pedestrian and Bicycle Counting**

John Ward, DVRPC Associate Director, Planning Division, Intermodal Planning Unit, explained to the Board that the City of Philadelphia has received a grant from the Centers for Disease Control to undertake an Anti-Obesity Initiative. An important activity of this initiative is to obtain some baseline data on activity levels for active living. To obtain that data, the City has requested that DVRPC perform a pedestrian and bicycle counting program on selected roadways/walkways within the city. This information will be used to help set

those baseline activity levels. DVRPC will provide pedestrian and bicycle count information at locations determined by the City.

This is a two-year counting program with a total program cost of \$100,000. The funding comes from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act through a grant to the City of Philadelphia from the Centers for Disease Control.

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

**MOTION** by Mr. Buckley, seconded by Mr. Levecchia that the Board amend the DVRPC Fiscal Year 2011 Planning Work Program to add a project to conduct bicycle and pedestrian counts in the City of Philadelphia.

**b. Examining the Next Round of Needs for DVRPC's Take Me to the River Grant Program**

Karin Morris, DVRPC Manager, Office of Smart Growth, explained to the Board that the Take Me to the River (TMTTR) Grant Program was created in fall 2008 by DVRPC, with funding from the William Penn Foundation, to bring people and activity to Philadelphia's riverfronts for events, programs, and recreation; to develop public access to the rivers' edges by enhancing the quality of physical and visual connection between the riverfronts and neighborhoods; and to establish the riverfronts as distinctive places for residents and visitors. Thirteen grants totaling one million dollars were subsequently given out in three categories: capital, planning, and programming projects. The two-year grant period began in January 2009, and will conclude on December 31, 2010.

With the goal of offering another round of Take Me to the River funding, the William Penn Foundation has requested that DVRPC analyze what is most needed along Philadelphia's riverfronts in the next two years, 2011-2012. It will be important to see what has changed in the last two years along the riverfronts, including new management entities, plans, capital projects, and programming. A brief peer review will also be conducted, looking at recent ideas to activate riverfronts in other cities. Organizations and agencies that are involved in Philadelphia's riverfronts will be contacted to gather their feedback on what projects they are working on and what is most needed along the riverfronts. The original grant categories of capital, planning and programming will also be re-examined, as will ways to enhance the equity focus of the grant program, on how best to connect underserved neighborhoods to the riverfronts. DVRPC will also assess the amount of money leveraged through the first two years of the



grant program, to better inform the next round of funding. Finally, DVRPC will identify the appropriate partners/grantees on the Camden waterfront.

The estimated cost is \$48,000, funded by the William Penn Foundation.

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

**MOTION** by Mr. Levecchia, seconded by Ms. Denworth, that the Board amend the DVRPC FY 2011 Planning Work Program to include Examining the Next Round of Needs for DVRPC's Take Me to the River Grant Program.

#### **4. Pennsylvania Infrastructure Investment Authority (PENNVEST) Funding Requests in Chester County**

Patty Elkis, DVRPC Associate Director, Planning Division, Comprehensive Planning Unit, explained to the Board that PENNVEST is an independent agency of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania managed by a 13-member Board of Directors and chaired by the Governor, which provides funding for drinking water, wastewater treatment, stormwater management and brownfield assessments and remediation projects. The Program provides long-term loans through a revolving loan fund to municipalities, authorities and some private entities at below-market interest rates, as well as some grants. PENNVEST has forwarded the two following applications from Chester County to DVRPC to review for consistency with the long range plan *Connections - The Regional Plan for a Sustainable Future*.

- (1) *Chester County Conservation District – Dairy/Poultry BMPs*. This project proposes to install certain BMPs to address high levels of nitrate impairments on farms in the Elk and Octoraro Creek watersheds, which both drain into the Chesapeake Bay watershed. The watersheds have levels of nitrates of 10ppm and above, and the EPA safe drinking water standard for nitrates is 10 ppm. The Chester County Conservation District is requesting \$1,001,843 to install BMPs at six dairy and poultry farms located in West Fallowfield, Upper Oxford, and East Nottingham townships. Total nutrient reductions are estimated at 7029.5 lbs of nitrogen and 810.7 lbs of phosphorus per year.

The BMPs include heavy use area protection and waste storage facilities to collect and address manure and operational waste run-off, directing it to a containment tank and out of the local waterway; waterways with a rock chute to control the flow of stormwater so that nutrient and sediment runoff will not reach the local waterways and Chesapeake Bay; diversions to control stormwater runoff and infiltration of waste water in the field; an animal mortality composting facility to protect waterways from nutrients associated with the decomposition of

cows, allowing the farmer to dispose of dead animals in an environmentally correct manner; and rain gutters to capture clean water runoff and keep it clean.

(2) Chester County Conservation District – Mushroom BMPs. This project proposes to install certain BMPs to address high levels of nutrients from mushroom farms from entering the White Clay Creek Watershed, which is designated a National Scenic River and of Exceptional Value quality. The watersheds make up a part of the larger Brandywine Christina watershed (in PA and DE) which serves as the drinking water source for the city of Wilmington, DE. The Chester County Conservation District is requesting \$516,454 to install collection and treatment systems at five mushroom operations in New London, London Grove, Londonderry and New Garden townships that are estimated to capture up to 3305 lbs/year of nitrogen, 265 lbs/year phosphorus, 14,700 lbs/year of potassium, and 45,522 lbs/year of total dissolved solids.

The BMPs include water treatment tanks for operational wastewater. The waste water in the tanks is used as spray irrigation for adjacent hay fields, which infiltrates into the ground water. Reduction in nutrients and total dissolved solids to waterways will improve water quality for both aquatic life and for people, as the waterways are drinking water sources. These BMPs not only improve water quality to local waterways, it also assists the operators in recycling resources and reducing odor from waste water through aeration.

Both of these applications serve farms in Rural Conservation Areas as well as areas undergoing future growth. In all cases, the proposed BMPs are designed to improve water quality for people and aquatic life, and to improve the efficiency of farmers' operations. Farming is an important industry in Chester County in particular, providing a significant number of jobs and generating significant revenue. According to the application, Chester County is the largest producer of mushrooms in the U. S. Both applications are consistent with *Connections* goals:

- Manage Stormwater and Improve Water Quality
- Increase Local Food Production and Distribution
- Support and Promote the Growth of Key Economic Sectors (i.e. mushroom industry)

This project is therefore consistent with *Connections – the Regional Plan for a Sustainable Future*.

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

**MOTION** by Ms. Aichele, seconded by Mr. Mandelbaum, that the Board authorize the Executive Director to send a letter notifying PENNVEST that the funding application requests in Chester County are consistent with the Long Range *Connections* Plan.

**5. Proposed Amendment to the Tri-County Water Quality Management Plan**

Ms. Elkis explained to the Board that in 1984, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) implemented a procedure to ensure that all requests for water quality permits are consistent with approved Wastewater Management Plans and the Tri-County Water Quality Management Plan. NJDEP reviews all permit applications and for those which are inconsistent with Wastewater Management Plans or the Tri-County Water Quality Management Plan, the applicant may elect to seek a plan amendment.

DVRPC is the designated area-wide water quality management planning agency for the Tri-County area (Burlington, Camden and Gloucester counties), and DVRPC approval is one of several that amendment applicants must receive before New Jersey DEP will consider the amendment package to be complete.

The following amendment has been requested:

Amendment to the Tri-County Water Quality Management Plan adopting the Wastewater Management Plan prepared for the Mount Holly Municipal Utility Authority (MHMUA) for its service area within the boundaries of the following municipalities located in Burlington County: Eastampton, Hainesport, Lumberton, and Mount Holly townships and the eastern portion of Westampton Township and a limited northeastern portion of Moorestown Township.

The purpose of this amendment update is to conform to current NJDEP regulations with regard to the delineation of sewer service areas; to update the wastewater flow projections; to ensure that regional treatment facilities are capable of satisfying the projected flow; and to establish the regulatory basis for the Mount Holly Municipal Utility Authority's treatment plant improvement program.

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

**MOTION** by Mr. Levecchia, seconded by Ms. Arter that the Board approve the amendment to the Tri-county Water quality Management Plan to update the Mount Holly Municipal Utilities Authority Wastewater Management Plan for Eastampton, Hainesport, Lumberton, Westampton and Moorestown Townships in Burlington County by adopting Resolution No. B-FY11-003 (copy attached).

## 6. One Minute Reports

Chair Hoeffel invited Board members/alternates to provide updates on the activities of their counties/agencies.

Robert Box, Port Authority Transit Corporation, reported that a pilot program has been requested to examine and update the fare collection system to accept bank issued smart cards.

Matt Smoker, Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), Pennsylvania Division, reported that review of the Pennsylvania Statewide Transportation Program (STIP) should be complete by October 1, 2010.

Sandra Brillhart, FHWA, New Jersey Division, reported that New Jersey was one of the five states selected by FHWA to participate in a pilot program to assess the impacts of climate change on infrastructures and mobility.

Byron Comati, SEPTA, reported SEPTA has unveiled a public/private partnership to assist with stations, map signage, and way finding.

Mr. Comati also commented that SEPTA is also engaged in a public/private partnership dealing with energy storage. Energy which is not used for the SEPTA system will be stored and then used at times when it would be needed the most.

James Mosca, Pennsylvania Department of Transportation, reported that 236 applications were received statewide for the \$24 million Round II Pennsylvania Community Transportation Initiative. Review and comment on those applications will be complete by October 29 and selection will be made by the end of the year. Five applications from Bucks County, 21 from Chester County, five from Delaware County, 23 from Montgomery County, and nine from Philadelphia were received.

Joanne Denworth, Pennsylvania Governor's Policy Office, reported that in 2008 the governor convened a Sustainable Water Infrastructure Task Force to examine how to move forward with funding water and wastewater systems. An Act (Water and Wastewater Sustainability Act) now exists which moves towards an acquired asset management cost pricing for all water and wastewater systems to make them affordable.

David Kuhn, New Jersey Department of Transportation, reported that next week will be the end of NJDOT's fiscal year and the federally obligated local funding for construction projects looks good.

Chair Hoeffel commented on the DVRPC 422 Study with Chester and Montgomery Counties. DVRPC staff has been visiting local government elected officials to

discuss the concept of developing a funding source for 422 capacity improvements, and extending rail service in that corridor. The response from the local governments has been very favorable.

Carol Aichele, Chester County Commissioner, reported that the Pennsylvania Chapter of the American Planning Association notified Ronald Bailey, Executive Director, Chester County Planning Commission, that *Landscapes II: The Chester County Comprehensive Policy Plan* has been selected as the winner of the 2010 Pennsylvania Chapter award in the category of planning excellence for public outreach. "The Pennsylvania Chapter Awards Committee believes that Ronald Bailey's work exemplifies the best and brightest in Pennsylvania planning in 2010."

John Pickett, Delaware County, reported that the Pennsylvania Chapter of the American Planning Association selected William Payne, City of Chester, as the professional planner of the year.

Matthew Lawson, Mercer County, reported that first major revision of Mercer County's Master Plan has been adopted. This revision includes an update of mobility elements which incorporates an access management plan and a comprehensive complete streets policy.

Steve Buckley, City of Philadelphia, announced that on October 28 cycling experts will be meeting at the Academy of Natural Sciences to discuss a program entitled *Cities for Cycling*.

Andrew Carten, City of Trenton, reported that the City of Trenton has received a \$22 million Hope VI Grant for a rental and homeownership development. Mr. Carten thanked the DVRPC staff for the many transit and economic development studies which help move these projects forward.

Mr. Payne also thanked DVRPC for their planning initiatives which have helped evolve the City of Chester, especially the Chester Waterfront.

Linda Hayes, Delaware River Port Authority (DRPA), announced that in late August DRPA/PATCO underwent a tri-annual review in which the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) looked at 22 areas of grant management practices. The FTA's findings deemed DRPA/PATCO as one of the best managed transit authorities, in terms of grant management practices, in the U.S.

## **7. Development of the FY 2012 DVRPC Planning Work Program**

Barry Seymour, DVRPC Executive Director, reported that DVRPC staff has met with each county/agency to discuss the FY 2012 DVRPC Planning Work Program development. Recommended ideas and projects have been compiled for

consideration and incorporation into the Work Program. Mr. Seymour encouraged all counties and agencies to deliver any further ideas and projects to DVRPC by the end of next week (October 1, 2010).

Two Board Work Program Committee Meetings are scheduled: (1) October 14, 2010 at 10:00 a.m., and (2) October 28, 2010 at 9:00 a.m. Both meetings will take place in the DVRPC Main Conference Room.

Donald Shanis, DVRPC Deputy Executive Director, commented that the next PCC/RTC meeting on October 5, 2010 will also discuss the Planning Work Program development.

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

Aissia Richardson, RCC Chair, reported the activities from the RCC Meeting of September 14, 2010.

The following presentations were made to the RCC: (1) an overview of the MPO self-certification process; (2) study parameters and schedule for candidate project submissions for the Supportive Regional Highway Planning Program (SRHPP) and the Transit Support Programs (TSP); (3) FY 2011 Transit Project Update; and (4) an overview of the FY 2012 DVRPC Planning Work Program Development.

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

### **a. Certification Review**

Mr. Seymour reported that the DVRPC Federal Certification Review was completed on August 3 and 4. The general consensus was very positive. The full report will be available by the end of the year.

### **b. Sustainable Communities Grant**

Mr. Seymour reported that the Sustainable Communities Grant application has been submitted to HUD and a selection will be announced sometime in October.

### **c. Leadership Exchange**

Mr. Seymour reported that Chester County Commissioner Aichele and he participated in the Leadership Exchange in the San Francisco Bay Area.

d. Mid-Atlantic Roundtable

Mr. Seymour reported that Richard Bickel, DVRPC Director, Planning Division will be coordinating the Mid-Atlantic Roundtable scheduled for October 1, 2010 in Wilmington, Delaware.

e. Economic Development Forum

Mr. Seymour called the Board's attention to the flyer (distributed to the Board) announcing the Regional Community and Economic Development Forum scheduled for October 26, 2010 at the Urban Outfitters Meeting Room at the Navy Yard in Philadelphia.

**10. Committee Reports**

The following committed highlights were distributed to the Board for their review:  
(1) Planning Coordinating Committee/Regional Transportation Committee;  
(2) Information Resource Exchange Group (3) Regional Safety Task Force; and  
(4) Transportation Operations Task Force.

**OLD BUSINESS**

No new business was stated.

**NEW BUSINESS**

No new business was stated.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Attachments:

- (1) Resolution No. B-FY11-003
- (2) PCC/RTC Recommendations to the Board for September 23, 2010
- (3) RCC Recommendations to the Board for September 23, 2010

Additional Documents Distributed to the Board:

- (1) Alert, September 2010

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