

DELAWARE VALLEY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

INFORMATION RESOURCES EXCHANGE GROUP

Minutes of June 7, 2000

Location: DVRPC, Bourse Building, 111 S. Independence Mall East, 8th Floor

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The meeting was called to order at 10 am.

1) Minutes of the meeting of March 8, 2000

- a) The minutes of the meeting of March 8, 2000 were approved.**

2) Presentations

Presentation: Kathy O'Connor, Project Planner, Delaware Valley Child Care Council, "Moving from Welfare to Work: Using GIS to Link Information About Child Care and Transportation."

Because Cathy O'Connor was not available to make this presentation due to last minute complications, Thomas Wallace and Kevin Switala from Gannet Flemming Inc. (Consultants for DVCCC) presented a project overview. DVCCC's Child Care and Transportation Project will study the effect of transportation and child care accessibility on employment with the purpose of resolving child care and transportation barriers. By performing spatial analysis of child care centers, public transportation routes and employment centers, the DVCCC plans to provide maps, analysis, and information resources to inform public policy and planning around transportation. In conjunction with SEPTA, the DVCCC will also produce a regional map and a "How to Ride with Children Guide" that will be widely distributed. Thomas and Kevin presented a draft version of the regional map.

Presentation: John Coscia Jr., Senior Transportation Planner, Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission, "Information Systems for Transportation Planning."

After the brief presentation from the consultants, John Coscia Jr. discussed and demonstrated a GIS project that showed transportation information being compiled and developed by staff. John discussed the purpose of the transportation GIS project, data and data sources, and challenges associated with integrating data from different sources. After his presentation, John used ArcView to display the transportation information, including traffic counts, congestion, pavement, and bridge data. John also discussed possible future applications in regional transportation planning such as corridor analysis and other member government projects.

3) Census 2000 Update

Census Bureau staff gave updates on several Census 2000 programs

a) Statistical Areas Program—status

Participating agencies have completed verification of the final maps. The Census Bureau is incorporating final changes.

b) 2000 Census Datafile Formats—status

Summary files for the Census 2000 Dress Rehearsal have been distributed.

c) Regional Affiliate Meeting—report

Bill Mead gave a report on the New Jersey State Data Center Regional Affiliate meeting in New Brunswick on June 6th. Presentations were made by several representatives from the Census Bureau, as well as the New Jersey Department of Labor and Office of Information Services.

d) Census 2000 Work-Up Project—report

The Work Place Update Program was completed by DVRPC with additional support from several member counties. Approximately 20,000 employer addresses were corrected or verified.

e) Non-Response Follow-Up—status

Mary Anne Crockett reported that coverage improvement was scheduled to begin after July 7th and would end by August 15th.

4) DVRPC Work Program Updates

DVRPC staff gave updates on elements of the DVRPC Work Program.

a) Year 2000 Aerial Imagery Acquisition

Entire region has been flown, initial contact prints are being reviewed. Digital orthophotographic imagery production is expected to begin in the fall. Orthophotography production is scheduled to be completed by June 30, 2001.

b) Region-Wide Transportation GIS Development

An RFP to obtain consultant assistance for the GIS project design and file architecture has been written and released. Deadline for proposals is July 7, 2000.

c) Regional Information Network (RIN)

Enhanced on-line mapping is being developed for the DVRPC website. ArcView IMS is being replaced by Arc IMS as the interactive mapping software package. Staff is also developing a query-able database for the DVRPC website.

d) DVRPC Year 2025 Forecasts

2025 Population and Employment Forecast report is available for purchase from Sharon Smith at x2828. Transportation Analysis Zone level forecasts are being developed and should be available in late September.

5) New Business

a) Proposal for Training Sessions

Bill Mead requests that a survey be developed for IREG members to focus on user training needs.

6) Next Meeting Date and Location

The next IREG meeting will be held at DVRPC on September 6th. Guest speakers will include Jacqueline Arnold from the New Jersey Office of Geographic Information Services.