

**DELAWARE VALLEY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
INFORMATION RESOURCE EXCHANGE GROUP
Minutes of December 11, 2002**

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

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The meeting was called to order at 10:05.

1. Minutes of the meeting of September 4, 2002

The minutes were approved with the note that Lauris Olson name was omitted from the attendance list.

2. Presentation: “An Overview of GASB Statement 34”

Ms. Donahue gave the committee an overview of the basic financial statements and management's discussion and analysis for state and local governments. Issued in June 1999 by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB), the purpose of Statement 34 is to provide more understandable and useful financial reports to a wider range of users.

All government agencies are required to comply with this standard. Implementation dates are staggered based upon the total annual revenues of the agency in the first fiscal year ending after June 15, 1999. The first phase of implementation is for governments with an annual budget of \$100 million or more. These agencies need to comply in 2002. The second phase are for agencies with an annual budget of \$10 million to \$100 million, requiring compliance in 2003. The final phase is for agencies with an annual budget less than \$10 million, who have to comply by 2004.

3. Census Update

Greg Brivic from the Census Bureau, gave an update on various Census-related products.

- a. **Metropolitan Area Delineations** are scheduled for release in June 2003. The criteria for delineations has already been released. For more info, contact 301/763-2419.
<<http://landview.census.gov/population/www/estimates/metroarea.html>>
- b. **Summary File 3 (SF3)** data from the 2000 Census has been completely released for this region. There are still some unresolved issues dealing with population on college campuses. Besides providing select tables for the entire region, DVRPC will be developing a value added time-series analysis for SF3 data, where it is possible. <<http://landview.census.gov/Press-Release/www/2002/sumfile3.html>>
<<http://www.census.gov/prod/cen2000/doc/sf3.pdf>>
- c. **Summary File 4 (SF4)** data release has been postponed and is now scheduled for an April 2003 release.
- d. **Public Use Microdata Sample (PUMS) Files**, which contains a sample of individual long-form decennial census records showing most population and housing characteristics, will be released in two parts; the 1% sample will begin release in December 2002 and will contain national and state-level data; the 5% sample will begin release sometime in 2003, and will contain state and sub-state areas.
<<http://www.census.gov/population/www/cen2000/pums.html>>
<<http://landview.census.gov/main/www/pums.html>>
- e. **Census Transportation Planning Package (CTPP)**. Profiles have been released and are available for download, by state and by county (in .html and .pdf format) on the following website: <www.transportation.org/CTPP>. Tables contain both 1990 and 2000 data for these selected characteristics: Household Size, Vehicles Available, Means of Travel to Work, and Travel Time to Work. Journey-To-Work data is not yet available. There is a problem when the CTPP2000 profiles in html format are opened in Microsoft Excel 97. The second column (column B) of the spreadsheet is hidden from view by default, but can be easily unhidden. The maximum travel time assigned to any worker in 1990 was 99 minutes. In Census 2000, the maximum travel time was increased to 200 minutes, making the 2000 data are more accurate. However, this coding change creates somewhat overstated increases in travel time between 1990 and 2000. In a small number of cases, the mean household income and median household income figures shown in the 2000 profiles differ from those published in other Census 2000 products by \$1 as a result of software rounding differences and

hardware numeric precision differences between the two platforms used to create the products. Another change in 2000 is that vehicles available are tabulated for households and not housing units, which is used in standard census products. Other important notes on these profiles are available in a separate document <<http://www.transportation.org/ctpp/home/notes.htm>>.

- f. **County Workflow Data (not on the agenda).** Although no official release date has been set yet, the Census Bureau hopes to release county-to-county flow data (count of workers) by the end of calendar year 2002. The first workplace data and flow data to be released from CTPP 2000 is not expected until April 2003.

4. **DVRPC FY 2003 Work Program Updates**

- a. **Year 2005 Aerial Imagery Acquisition.** A preliminary meeting regarding the 2005 aerial imagery acquisition project will be held this afternoon following the IREG meeting to discuss options and review background information collected to date by DVRPC Staff.
- b. **Region-Wide Transportation GIS Development.** DVRPC is working with participating member governments to complete contracts and approve purchases for this project. This project is moving on to the implementation phase, where county files will be compared with DOT files and a decision will be made whether to update and/or transfer files to a Linear Referencing System (LRS). ArcView 8.2 is currently out, but we are waiting for version 8.3's release, which is expected in early 2003, before any software purchases are made for member governments.
- c. **Year 2000 Land Use File.** DVRPC is redigitizing land use to coincide with our new 2000 imagery, which is more accurate than previous imagery products. Work on four counties have been completed and one has been sent out for county check. All sets are expected to be out for review by the counties by May 2003 with the project concluding in June 2003.
- d. **FY 2004 Work Program (not on agenda).** The Draft FY 2004 Work Program is out for review and comment.

5. **Information Items**

- a. **NJ 2002 Aerial Imagery Acquisition.** Suzy Hess from NJ DEP stated that production would start in early January 2003, with a complete dataset being available in early June. The final product will be a 1":200' scale color infrared orthophotograph.
- b. **IREG Database Applications/Data Managers Subcommittee.** Taghi Ozbeki from DVRPC passed out a sign-up sheet for persons interested in joining this committee. If interested in participating on this committee, please contact Taghi Ozbeki, Database Administrator (tozbeki@dvrpc.org).
- 6. **Nominating Committee.** Ken Sipos volunteered to be on the nominating committee to select a new IREG Vice-Chair for Calendar Year 2003. Bob Walker from Chester County, our current Vice-Chair, will become the IREG Chairperson for 2003. If interested in serving on the nominating committee, please contact Mike Ontko (montko@dvrpc.org)

7. Old Business

No old business was presented at this time.

8. New Business

No new business was presented at this time.

8. Next Meeting Dates. The dates of 3/5/03, 6/11/03, 9/10/03, and 12/10/03 were approved.

9. Adjournment

The IREG meeting was adjourned at 11:45 pm. The Webmasters Subcommittee met immediately after the meeting adjourned in the Philadelphia Room. The Preliminary 2005 Imagery Acquisition Meeting was held at 1:00 pm in the main conference room.