

**DELAWARE VALLEY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION**  
**Meeting of January 4, 2000**  
**REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**

**ATTENDANCE:**

Voting Members

PA Department of Transportation  
PA Department of Environmental Protection  
PA Governor's Policy Office  
NJ Department of Transportation  
NJ Department of Environmental Protection  
NJ Department of Community Affairs  
Bucks County  
Chester County  
Delaware County  
Montgomery County  
City of Chester  
Philadelphia Office of Transportation  
Philadelphia City Planning Commission  
Philadelphia Department of Streets  
Burlington County  
Camden County  
Gloucester County  
Mercer County  
City of Camden  
City of Trenton  
Delaware River Port Authority  
New Jersey Transit Corporation  
Southeastern PA Transportation Authority  
Delaware Valley Citizens' Transportation Committee  
DVRPC Regional Citizens Committee

Non-Voting Members Present

Pennsylvania Transportation Management Associations  
New Jersey Transportation Management Associations

Guests

Jere Downs---Philadelphia Inquirer  
Tim McGough---Schoor DePalma, Inc.  
Dennis R. Winters---Clean Air Council  
Lane Fike---Philadelphia Department of Streets  
Anderas Fekete---New Jersey Department of Transportation  
Paul Heller---Cross County Connection

Representative Present

Robert Hannigan  
(not represented)  
Greg Brown  
Jerry Mooney  
(not represented)  
(not represented)  
David Johnson  
Lee Whitmore  
Tom Shaffer  
Chris Lankenau  
(not represented)  
Robert Ravelli  
Stephen Bartlett  
Tom Branigan  
Carol Thomas  
Gail P. Elbert  
Morris Bayer  
Katrina Flagel  
Edward C. Williams  
(not represented)  
Anisah A. Abiola, Linda Hayes  
Matt Ledger  
Richard Burnfield  
Lorraine Brill  
Sue McNamara

Representative Present

(not represented)  
Sandra Brillhart

**Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission**

**HIGHLIGHTS OF THE REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MEETING  
HELD JANUARY 4, 2000**

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM by RTC Chair Carol Thomas. The Highlights of the November 16, 1999 meeting were approved.

Judith Barnet, DVRPC Transportation Planner, presented the following TIP Amendments:

Amendment 9927 is a request by the City of Philadelphia to add preliminary engineering phases to seven bridges at a total cost of \$900,000, due to project priority changes. Funding for these projects will be provided from two current TIP projects, which have been de-obligated, and amount to \$900,000.

**MOTION 0001-01:** Bartlett

**SECOND:** Shaffer

*That the Board approve Amendment 9927, the City of Philadelphia's request to amend the TIP to add preliminary engineering phases to seven bridges, and de-obligate two current TIP projects.*

Motion passed. All votes were cast in favor of the motion.

Amendment 9928 is a request by Bucks County to add bike lanes in Yardley and Lower Makefield Township. This would utilize funds from the Bicycle Mobility Program set aside in the current TIP (#0565). The first project, Yardley Borough/Lower Makefield Township Pedestrian/Bikeway Interconnect Project, would design and construct road improvements for bicycle facilities on Newtown Yardley Road (S.R. 332). The second project, Lower Makefield Township Pedestrian/Bikepath Facilities, would design and construct road improvements for bicycle facilities on Oxford Valley Road, Edgewood Road and Yardley-Morrisville Road. This line item should be recharged with additional CMAQ funds in the new TIP development.

**MOTION 0001-02:** Shaffer

**SECOND:** Branigan

*That the Board approve Amendment 9928, Bucks County's request to amend the TIP to add two new projects to the TIP for bike lanes in Yardley and Lower Makefield Township.*

Motion passed. All votes were cast in favor of the motion.

Amendment 9929 is a request by PennDOT to amend the TIP by making several modifications and additions to fully fund the construction phase of the I-95/Airport Ramp project, TIP #9745. The I-95/Airport Ramp project is scheduled to be let in April 2000 and the changes are necessary for the project to advance to letting.

**MOTION 0001-03:** Hannigan

**SECOND:** Branigan

*That the Board approve Amendment 9929, PennDOT's request to amend the TIP to*

*make several modifications and additions to fully fund the construction phase of the I-95/Airport Ramp project, TIP #9745.*

Motion passed. All votes were cast in favor of the motion.

Amendment 0001 is a request by NJDOT to add six modifications and one amendment to the TIP. The modifications include: the addition of the DES phase to the Ark Road and Marne Highway intersection improvements in Mount Laurel Township; a reprogramming of the construction phase to FY01 for the improved computerized signalization at 13 Burlington County intersections; a reprogramming of the construction phase to FY02 for the Delaware River pedestrian/bike path along Route 29 in Trenton; an advancement to ROW phase development in FY00 for the replacement of the Maple Avenue Bridge over NJ Transit Atlantic City line in Haddonfield Borough; reprogramming of PRD phase to FY01 for the proposed operational improvements along Route 73 Fox Meadow Road/Fellowship Road in Maple Shade Township (due to re-evaluation of project scope); and a reprogramming to combine the utility and construction phases for the elimination of Marlton Circle (at the intersection of Route 70 and 73) in Evesham Township. The amendment is to add the construction of the Perry Street and North Clinton Ave. intersection improvements in Trenton to the FY00-FY02 STIP.

**MOTION 0001-04:** Williams

**SECOND:** Mooney

*That the Board approve Amendment 0001, NJDOT's request to modify six TIP projects and amend the TIP with an additional project.*

Motion passed. All votes were cast in favor of the motion.

3. Charles Dougherty, DVRPC Associate Director of Transportation Planning, presented a Study and Development/Planning Work Program Amendment for consideration. NJDOT is requesting to add an evaluation of a full interchange of Route 42 and College Road in Gloucester Township, Camden County.

**MOTION 0001-05:** Mooney

**SECOND:** Bayer

*That the Board approve an amendment to the Study and Development/Planning Work Program by NJDOT to add an evaluation of the interchange of Route 42 and College Road in Gloucester Township in Camden County.*

Motion passed. All votes were cast in favor of the motion.

4. Barry Seymour, DVRPC Assistant Executive Director for Regional Planning, presented the DVRPC Year 2001 Work Program. Projects were selected by a Board work program committee, and those not funded will still be identified in the work program for possible future funding. Technical comments are due to DVRPC by January 14, 2000.

**MOTION 0001-06:** Whitmore

**SECOND:** Shaffer

*That the Board approve the DVRPC Year 2001 Work Program.*

Motion passed. All votes were cast in favor of the motion.

Donald Shanis, DVRPC Deputy Director of Transportation Planning, presented potential revision scenarios to the

Transit Support Program of the Year 2001 Work Program, due to a change in Federal Transit Administration funding. The original figures for Year 2001 allocations were based on last year's numbers, and were conservative estimates.

For New Jersey, the DVRPC staff recommends that the DVRPC portion of the additional funds, \$44,644, should go to a Delaware River Port Authority parking study along the PATCO line, partially funded in the draft work program. This would enable complete funding of the project during FY 2001, using additional DRPA funds. DVRPC recommends the remaining \$58,420 would be distributed in the core TSP program among the counties and agencies, according to previous proration. An alternate scenario would be to distribute the additional money evenly among the four New Jersey counties and New Jersey Transit. For Pennsylvania, he recommended distribution of the increase among the counties and agencies in a similar manner, or to fund the Manayunk Transit Study previously submitted by the Philadelphia City Planning Commission.

Barry Seymour presented a DVRPC staff recommendation to fund an additional study in the FY 2001 Work Program entitled Inventory and Potential of Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) Sites. The study, costing \$66,362, would identify opportunities and constraints for TOD in southeastern Pennsylvania.

**MOTION 0001-07:** Elbert

**SECOND:** Williams

*That the Board approve that the additional FTA funding for the New Jersey section of the Transit Support Program of the DVRPC 2001 Work Program be allocated as follows: \$44,644 for the DRPA Parking Study, with the remaining \$58,420 be divided between the five agencies evenly resulting in an additional \$11,684 for each of the five agencies.*

Motion passed. All votes were cast in favor of the motion.

**MOTION 0001-08:** Whitmore

**SECOND:** Johnson

*That the Board approve that the additional FTA funding for the Pennsylvania section of the Transit Support Program of the DVRPC 2001 Work Program be allocated as follows: \$66,362 for the DVRPC study on Inventory and Potential of Transit-Oriented Development Sites, with the remaining funds, \$63,750, to be distributed according to the current proportional amounts of the core program agencies.*

Motion passed. All votes were cast in favor of the motion.

Donald Shanis presented a new study entitled the ITS Schuylkill Expressway Corridor Incident/Traffic Management Plan. This project will develop a unified traffic management and signal coordination plan for the Schuylkill Expressway and alternative routes in Philadelphia and Montgomery counties. Major incidents on the expressway are responsible for a large percentage of total vehicle and person hours of delay on the roadway. Phase I of the study would be funded by PennDOT and Phase II by the Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) placeholder in the TIP.

**MOTION 0001-09:** Ravelli

**SECOND:** Burnfield

*That the Board strongly support the ITS Schuylkill Expressway Corridor Incident/Traffic*

*Management Plan, Phases I and II. Phase I should be added to the FY 2000 Work Program, and Phase II should be added to the FY 2001 Work Program and the current TIP (as TIP amendment 9930), with money allocated from an ITS line item, exact details of which to be worked out prior to the Board.*

Motion passed. All votes were cast in favor of the motion.

7. Jerry Mooney of NJDOT introduced Anderas Fekete, Manager of Environmental Services for NJDOT, to present “Why do Environmental Impact Statements and Environmental Assessments take so long?” The paper was developed to explain the environmental clearance process, noting what actions can cause delays and identifying what steps everyone can take to improve performance.
8. Charles Dougherty presented a review of the schedule for the FY 2001-2004 TIP development activities. For the first time in a number of years, the process in both states is moving in the same time frame. Board approval of both state TIPs is scheduled for July.
9. Ron Roggenburk, DVRPC Manager of the Office of Air Quality Planning, presented a review of the schedule of new developments in air quality conformity made necessary by a recent court decision on EPA’s rulemaking authority. The states are in the process of establishing new conformity budgets that are sufficient for attainment of the one-hour ozone standard.
10. The following Status Reports were presented:

Barry Seymour reported on the recently completed public workshop results for the *Horizons Year 2025 Plan for the Delaware Valley*. Each of the four workshops was attended by between 50-100 people, for a total of almost 300 attendees, including citizens, local and state officials, and professional staff. These were held in October and November in King of Prussia, Philadelphia, Glassboro, NJ, and Burlington, NJ.

Jack Claffey reported on the status of the Transportation Enhancement (TE) Selection Process in Pennsylvania and New Jersey. Next month the RTC will be presented with the final recommended list from the Pennsylvania subcommittee.

Charles Dougherty reported on the DVRPC Regional Competitive CMAQ Program. Staff is currently involved with the emissions analysis. It will take another month and a half to complete due to the number of projects (66) and the fact that many of the projects have multiple parts (i.e., on arterial signal interconnection project may have multiple roadway corridors that need to be analyzed).

Charles Dougherty reported on the Federal Transit Administration Section 16 Application List for Pennsylvania. Applications were due by December 3, 1999. Comments were due in early January. Staff e-mailed the list of 13 applicants to the Pennsylvania counties in December. The

list was inadvertently left out of the January RTC mailing.

Next Meeting: February 8, 2000.

