

**Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission**

**HIGHLIGHTS OF THE  
REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE  
MEETING HELD JANUARY 9, 2001**

1. The meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM by RTC Chair Lee Whitmore. The Highlights of the November 14, 2000 meeting were approved as written.
2. Jack Claffey, DVRPC Assistant Executive Director for Transportation Planning, presented the highlights of the December 1, 2000 DVRPC Board meeting. The Board approved a resolution to add the Schuylkill Valley Metro to the Long Range Plan, and approved releasing the Draft FY 2002 Planning Work Program for comment. The Committee was advised that Robin Mayhew replaces John Garrity as the FTA representative for Region III.
3. Judith Barnet, DVRPC Transportation Planner, presented six TIP Actions as follows:

PA0108: PennDOT's request for a package of adjustments to add back various work phases which were not obligated as expected in FY 2000. There are four projects: 1) the final design phase of the Folcroft Avenue Bridge Replacement in Delaware County (TIP#7872), total cost \$387,000; 2) the final design phase of the Morris Road/North Wales Road Intersection Improvement Project in Montgomery County (TIP#8551), total cost \$192,000; 3) the construction phase of the PA 413 Signal Improvements Project in Bucks County (old TIP# 5652), total cost \$800,000; and 4) the preliminary engineering phase of the Traffic Control - Miscellaneous Design project in Philadelphia (old TIP# 9793), total cost \$250,000.

**MOTION 0101-01: Bagley**

**SECOND: Hannigan**

*That the Board approve TIP Action PA 0108, PennDOT's request to amend the TIP by adding back 1) the final design phase of the Folcroft Avenue Bridge Replacement Project (TIP#7872) at a cost of \$387,000, 2) the final design phase of the Morris Road/North Wales Road Intersection Improvement Project (TIP#8551) at a total cost of \$192,000, 3) the construction phase of the PA 413 Signal Improvement project (old TIP#5652) at a total cost of \$800,000, and 4) the preliminary engineering phase of the Traffic Control - Miscellaneous Design project (old TIP# 9793) at a total cost of \$250,000.*

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

PA0109: Montgomery County's request to add \$3 million to the TIP (\$2.4 million federal, \$600,000 local) to continue the preliminary engineering phase of the Lafayette Street Extension Study (TIP#8819). Funding is from a \$10 million FTA earmark; the balance of the grant will be identified as preliminary engineering in later fiscal years as the project becomes more fully defined.

**MOTION 0101-02: Hannigan**

**SECOND: Bagley**

*That the Board approve TIP Action PA 0109, Montgomery County's request to add \$3 million (\$2,4 million federal, \$600,000 local) to the Lafayette St Extension Study project in FY 01 to continue the preliminary engineering phase.*

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

PA0110: SEPTA's request for a package of adjustments to reflect actual FTA allocations, which differ from the planning figures used to develop the TIP: 1) Frankford Transportation Center (TIP #S033): Transfer \$4 million from FTA Section 3 Bus to FTA Formula; 2) City Hall Station (TIP #S052): Defer \$3.2 million from FTA formula to "Later Years" based on project status and anticipated engineering schedule; 3) Paratransit Vehicle Purchase (TIP #S085): Transfer \$2.16 million from FTA Formula to State Act 3; 4) Fare Collection System Upgrade (TIP #S087): Defer \$2.417 million from State Act 3 to "Later Years" based upon project status; 5) S094 – Elwyn to Wawa Rail Improvements (TIP #S094): Transfer \$1.933 million from State Act 3 to FTA formula; 6) Regional Rail Car Acquisition (TIP #S096): Transfer \$400,000 from FTA Formula to State Act 3; 7) Trackless Trolley Acquisition (TIP #S097): Transfer \$400,000 from FTA Section 3 Bus to FTA Formula; and 8) Callowhill Bus Garage (TIP #S100): Transfer \$4.75 million from FTA Section 3 Bus to FTA Formula.

**MOTION 0101-03: Burnfield**

**SECOND: Hannigan**

*That the Board approve TIP Action PA 0110, SEPTA's request to modify the TIP as outlined to accurately reflect the actual FTA apportionments.*

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

PA0111: a request by the Penn's Landing Corporation to add the Water Taxi System to the TIP, at a total of \$879,000 (\$703,200 federal, \$175,800 Penn's Landing Corp. match) to be funded by their TEA-21 Ferryboat Discretionary Grant.

**MOTION 0101-04: Hannigan**

**SECOND: Burnfield**

*That the Board approve TIP Action PA 0111, the Penn's Landing Corporation's request to add the Water Taxi System project to the TIP at a total cost of \$879,000 (\$703,200 federal, \$175,800 Penn's Landing Corporation match).*

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

PA0112: PennDOT's request to add back two former TIP Projects and add one new project: 1) Schuylkill River Park Bike/Ped. Trail (old TIP #9658B, Philadelphia): Add the construction phase back to the TIP at a total cost of \$7.561 million (\$5.335 million federal, \$2.226 million local match.) This project had previously received federal authorization, but was de-obligated during a prolonged delay. It is now ready to go to construction; 2) 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Highway District "3R" (old TIP #9676, Philadelphia): Add the construction phase back to the TIP at a total cost of \$4.015 million (\$3.212 federal, \$803,000 local match.) This project was not obligated in FY2000 as

expected; and 3) Bridge Design Manager (new TIP #0595, Region wide): Add this new project to the TIP at a total cost of \$740,000 (\$400,000 federal, \$340,000 state match.) Funding will be used for consultant services to oversee the state and local Bridge Bill Program.

**MOTION 0101-05: Brannigan**

**SECOND: Winters**

*That the Board approve TIP Action PA 0112, PennDOT's request to amend the TIP by 1) adding back the construction phase of the Schuylkill River Park Bicycle/Pedestrian Trail project (old TIP#9658B) at a total cost of \$7.561 million, 2) adding back the construction phase for the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Highway District "3R" project (old TIP#9676) at a total cost of \$4.105 million, and 3) adding the Bridge Design Manager project (new TIP#0595) at a total cost of \$740,000.*

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

NJ0104: DVRPC's request, on behalf of Burlington County, Camden County, Camden City, and Gloucester County, has requested the following modifications to FY 2001 TIP. These changes were identified during the county/city review sessions for the FY 2002-2004 TIP update: 1) Burlington Computerized Signal Control, Phase III (DB# D9801, Burlington County): Add \$550,000 to the construction phase currently programmed in FY01 for \$1,050,000 to allow a total of \$1,600,000; 2) East Atlantic Avenue over Peter's Creek (DB# D9904, Camden County): Add the final design phase to FY01 for \$80,000 and move the right-of-way phase back to FY02; 3) Camden City Signal Upgrade (DB# D9803, Camden City): Add the final design phase to FY01 for \$440,000 and reduce the FY01 construction phase by that amount; 5) Camden City Resurfacing (DB# D9913, Camden City) Add \$198,000 to the final design phase currently programmed in FY01 for \$87,000 to allow a total of \$285,000 and reduce the FY01 construction phase by that amount; and 6) Gloucester County Resurfacing (DB# D9806, Gloucester County): Add the final design phase to FY01 for \$200,000 using funds from the DVRPC Project Development line item (DB# X80B).

**MOTION 0101-06: Thomas**

**SECOND: Bayer**

*That the Board approve TIP Action NJ0104, DVRPC's request on behalf of Burlington County, Camden County, Camden City, and Gloucester County to modify the TIP as outlined above.*

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

4. Ben Ginsberg, DVRPC Work Program Coordinator, presented an update on FY 2002 Planning Work Program Development. The Board released the draft document for public comment period at their December 1 meeting. Comments have been received and addressed; the document is now ready for adoption at the January 25, 2001 Board meeting.

**MOTION 0101-07: Hannigan**

**SECOND: Bagley**

*That the Board Adopt the FY 2002 Planning Work Program, authorize the Executive Director to submit applications and documentation as may be required to fund the program and enter into, negotiate and execute all required contracts and agreements by passing Resolution No.B-FY01-006.*

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

5. Ronald Roggenburk, DVRPC Manager, Office of Air Quality Planning, presented an update of efforts underway for the Year 2025 Interim Transportation Plan. The schedule for adoption of the Interim Plan is being driven by the need to meet EPA's conformity requirements. New conformity budgets need to be considered, and the analysis is expected to be completed in January. The Board will be asked at that time to release the Draft for public comment. The three year deadline on the region's current plan is April 10.

**MOTION 0101-08: Burnfield**

**Second: Hannigan**

*That the Board approve the release of the Draft 2025 Interim Transportation Plan for public comment.*

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

6. Jeffrey Butler, DVRPC Regional Planner, presented SEPTA's proposed reallocation of Fiscal Year 2000 Job Access and Reverse Commute program funds. Although the Philadelphia area was awarded \$450,783 of federal funds for the program, several projects within the proposal were not selected. SEPTA worked with the FTA local office, DVRPC, their local partners, and subrecipients to select projects from the original proposal to match the amount approved.

**MOTION 0101-09: Burnfield**

**SECOND: Winters**

*That the Board endorse the reallocation of reduced FTA grant funding in accordance with SEPTA's recommendation.*

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

The Committee was also advised that it is time to prepare for Year 3 of the FTA grant. DVRPC is seeking letters of intent for proposed transportation services from potential partners in both Pennsylvania and New Jersey. A briefing is scheduled for January 19<sup>th</sup> at DVRPC. Priorities will be sent to FTA on March 27<sup>th</sup>.

7. Tom Wospil of NJ DOT presented an overview of their Capital Investment Strategy. The CIS is a performance-based tool to be used to develop investment options, provide strategic direction to the Capital Program, and to guide project prioritization and selection decisions for statewide planning efforts. The original CIS was developed in 1998 and is currently being updated. A discussion document was distributed which highlighted goals, objectives, and performance measures set out in the 1998 plan along with actual performance to date for each topic. NJ Transit is also updating their portion of the CIS.

8. The following Status Reports were presented:

- Dana Hecht of NJ DOT presented a revised final list of projects for Capital Programming and TIP development, along with a report card of status of projects on the current TIP.
- Jack Claffey discussed the Major Capital Investment Projects final rule. FHA and FTA certified the DVRPC process in a letter dated November 24, 2000.
- Charles Dougherty, DVRPC Associate Director of Transportation Planning, discussed the New Jersey TIP development process. The counties have reviewed the preliminary project pool and will meet later this month for further discussions. The Draft is expected to proceed through the DVRPC process in April for Board approval for release for public comment in May.
- Jacob Malikkal, DVRPC Project Implementation Coordinator, presented a status report of the DVRPC Non-Traditional Project Implementation effort. The report lists the status of the various phases for each of the 45 projects DVRPC is managing.

9. In an item of New Business, Ken Edmonds, Mid-Atlantic Coordinator of the East Coast Greenway Alliance, presented a request that DVRPC apply for \$100,000 in Transportation and Community and System Preservation funds on behalf of the portion of the East Coast Greenway in Pennsylvania. Ultimately, the Greenway will stretch from Maine to Florida as a bicycle/pedestrian trail linking existing trails along the entire east coast. The proposed work would include creation of an overall vision for the Greenway in Pennsylvania, along with a Strategic Plan to guide its development and design.

**MOTION 0101-10: Thomas**

**SECOND: Winters**

*That the DVRPC Board authorize staff to apply for \$100,000 in TCSP funds for the East Coast Greenway project.*

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

10. In a second item of New Business, Ronald Roggenburk presented a request that the RTC create an Air Quality Subcommittee, which would take the place, for planning purposes, of the Regional Air Quality Committee. Membership in this Subcommittee would include voting and non-voting RTC members as well as representatives of four agencies located within the air quality planning district but not within DVRPC's formal boundaries. If the RTC assumes the RAQC's responsibilities, it could then be dissolved. It was agreed that the RTC will discuss the details of this request at their February meeting and make a recommendation to the Board if appropriate.

11. The Pennsylvania Subcommittee met in the afternoon, and with RTC pre-acknowledgment, approved a Pennsylvania TMA Supplemental request for \$6,000 to conduct half a day symposiums

for the Health Care Industry and its unique transportation requirements, and to consider additional CMAQ funding for TMAs next year.

12. Next meeting, February 6, 2001.

**DELAWARE VALLEY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION**  
**Meeting of January 9th, 2001**  
**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

New Jersey TMAs  
Pennsylvania TMAs  
South Jersey Port Corporation  
Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission

Guests

Sue McNamara, Warren Stumpfer, Regional Citizens Committee  
Al Prant, Thomas Wospil, Robert Harris, Robert McGlaughlin, Dana Hecht: NJ DOT  
LeAnne Fullard, PennDOT District 6  
Lou Hufnagle, Chester County Planning Commission  
Ken Edmonds, East Coast Greenway Alliance

Representative Present

Robert Hannigan, Greg Brown  
(not represented)  
Greg Brown  
Jerry Mooney  
(not represented)  
(not represented)  
David Johnson  
Lee Whitmore  
Joseph Hacker  
Leo Bagley  
(not represented)  
Robert Ravelli  
Stephen Bartlett  
Thomas Branigan  
Carol Thomas  
(not represented)  
Morris Bayer  
(not represented)  
(not represented)  
(not represented)  
Anisah Abiola, Linda Hayes  
(not represented)  
Richard Burnfield  
Lorraine Brill  
Dennis Winters

Representative

William Ragozine  
Peter Quinn  
Hank D'Andrea  
Walter Green

Laurie Actman, Greater Philadelphia First