

DELAWARE VALLEY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

PLANNING COORDINATING COMMITTEE/

REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

January 6, 2004 Meeting Highlights

DVRPC Conference Room, Philadelphia, PA

1. Call to Order - Chairman's Comments

Curt Noe, the RTC Chair, called the meeting to order.

2. Transportation Director's Report

Don Shanis stated that all proposed November 2003 TIP and Work Program amendments were approved by the Board. The Board Retreat, held on December 3rd was a very successful event. Summaries are available. The DVRPC Annual Report/Calendar is also now available. Don Shanis noted that the PA Turnpike alternative was approved with a \$60 million design phase. The PCC/RTC functionality and membership was also discussed. It was decided that the Board needs to address the issue.

***Motion:** by Robert Hannigan, seconded by Leo Bagley, to recommend the formation of a subcommittee of member governments to define the membership, functionality, and responsibility of the PCC/RTC to be further addressed by the Board.*

Motion passed. All voted were cast in favor of the motion. Don Shanis will formulate and report on the subcommittee.

3. Report on Regional Citizens Committee Activities

RCC recommendations to the Board for December 3, 2003 were distributed and noted by Warren Strumpfer. Dennis Winters was re-elected as RCC chair for another year. RCC voted against the Center City TMA Transit project because the route needs to be more extensive, there is concern with the middle man running the operation, it is a questionable use of CMAQ funds, and there are concerns about air quality benefits. The RCC is pleased to have a vote in the PA Transportation Enhancements (TE) Selection Process. The RCC also has submitted a "Routine Accommodation for Bicycle & Pedestrian Inclusion" to each county for their support.

ACTION ITEMS**4. Highlights of the Meeting of November 5, 2003**

The highlights from the November 5th meeting of the PCC/RTC were presented for adoption.

Motion: *by Catherine Popp-McDonough, seconded by Carol Thomas, to adopt the PCC/RTC meeting highlights as presented.*

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

5. DVRPC Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Elizabeth Schoonmaker presented nine TIP amendments which were submitted for consideration.

a. TIP Action PA03-42a: US 202 Section 700 Wetland Mitigation, Bucks County (MPMS #50728)

PENNDOT requested to amend the FY 2003 TIP for Pennsylvania (FY2003-2006) by adding a project back into the TIP. The US 202 Section 700 Wetland Mitigation (MPMS #50728) will program construction using \$800,000 federal highway funds/\$200,000 state match in FY04 and \$5.040 million federal highway funds/\$1.260 million state match in FY05.

b. TIP Action PA03-42b: PA 162 Embreeville Road, Bridge Replacement, Chester County (MPMS #69947)

PENNDOT requested to amend the FY2003 TIP for Pennsylvania (FY2003-2006) by adding a new project to the TIP. The PA 162 Embreeville Road, Bridge Replacement (MPMS #69947) will program a \$525,000 preliminary engineering phase in FY04 using state funds, and \$960,000 federal funds/\$240,000 Toll Credit match (\$1.2 million federal funds) for the FY04 construction phase.

c. TIP Action PA03-42c: Aquetong Road, Bridge Replacement, Bucks County (MPMS #47406)

PENNDOT requested to amend the FY 2003 TIP for Pennsylvania (FY2003-2006) by adding a new project to the TIP. The Aquetong Road, Bridge Replacement (MPMS #47406) will program a \$400,000 final design phase in FY04 using \$400,000 state funds.

d. TIP Action PA03-42d: Betzwood Bridge, Hoan Retrofit, Montgomery County (MPMS #69565)

PENNDOT requested to amend the FY 2003 TIP for Pennsylvania (FY2003-2006) by adding a new project to the TIP. The Betzwood Bridge Hoan Retrofit (MPMS #69565) will program a \$30,000 utility phase for railroad work required, and a \$391,000 construction phase, both in FY04 using state funds.

e. TIP Action PA03-42e: Kutztown Bridge over Molasses Creek, Culvert Replacement, Montgomery County (MPMS #50671)

PENNDOT requested to amend the FY 2003 TIP for Pennsylvania (FY2003-2006) by adding a new project to the TIP. The Kutztown Bridge over Molasses Creek Culvert Replacement (MPMS #50671) will program a \$275,000 final design phase in FY04 using state funds.

f. TIP Action PA03-42f: Green Valley Road Bridge Replacement, Chester County (MPMS #50662)

PENNDOT requested to amend the FY 2003 TIP for Pennsylvania (FY2003-2006) by adding a new project to the TIP. The Green Valley Road Bridge Replacement (MPMS #50662) will program a \$120,000 final design phase in FY04 using state funds.

g. TIP Action PA03-42g: PA 422 Resurfacing, PA 29 to Township Line, Montgomery County (MPMS #51359)

PENNDOT requested to amend the FY 2003 TIP for Pennsylvania (FY2003-2006) by adding a new project to the TIP. The PA 422 Resurfacing Project, PA 29 to Township Line (MPMS #51359) will program \$610,000 of state funds for a FY04 final design phase.

h. TIP Action PA03-42h: US 1 Resurfacing, PA 896 to PA 41, Chester County (MPMS #69957)

PENNDOT requested to amend the FY 2003 TIP for Pennsylvania (FY2003-2006) by adding a new project to the TIP. The US 1 Resurfacing Project, PA 896 to PA 41 (MPMS #69957) will program \$10.5 million of state funds for a FY04 construction phase.

Motion: *by Lee Whitmore, seconded by Robert Hannigan, to approve TIP Actions PA03-42a-h to amend the FY 2003 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding the above projects.*

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

i. **TIP Action PA03-43: Center City Signal Improvement Project, Phase 3 (CCSIP3), Philadelphia (MPMS #70014)**

The City of Philadelphia Streets Department requested to amend the FY 2003 TIP for Pennsylvania (FY2003-2006) by adding a new project to the TIP. The Center City Signal Improvement Project, Phase 3 (MPMS #70014) will program a \$150,000 final design phase in FY04 using STP-STU funds.

Motion: *by Michelle Webb, seconded by Robert Hannigan, to approve TIP Action PA03-43 to amend the FY 2003 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding the final design phase using \$150,000 STP-STU funds in FY04.*

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

6. **DVRPC Fiscal Year 2005 Planning Work Program**

The Fiscal Year 2005 Planning Work Program (PWP) which begins on July 1, 2004 was approved by the Board for distribution and review. This document was made available at the Board Retreat on December 3, 2003 and copies were mailed separately to PCC/RTC members in mid-December. The PWP consists of DVRPC's Regular Work Program, Supportive Regional Highway Planning Program (SRHPP), and Transit Support Program (TSP). DVRPC requested the PCC/RTC recommend that the DVRPC Board adopt the Fiscal Year 2005 Planning Work Program.

Motion: *by Robert Hannigan, seconded by Lorraine Brill, to recommend that the DVRPC Board adopt the Fiscal Year 2005 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. . Further, approve the actions to amend or modify the FT 2004 TIP for New Jersey and the FY 2003-2006 TIP for Pennsylvania as required.*

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

7. **Transportation and Community Development Initiative (TCDI)**

Barry Seymour presented the results of an assessment of the first year of the TCDI program and discussed options for continuing the program into the future. An assessment report was distributed. The PCC/RTC had an opportunity to comment on the program and offer comments for its future.

Motion: *by Robert Hannigan, seconded by Morris Bayer, to recommend that although supportive of the TCDI program, the TCDI funding should be*

tabled for one month in order to give the PCC/RTC an opportunity to review the assessment.

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

PRESENTATION ITEMS

8. SEPTA's Hybrid Bus Test Program

During the past year, SEPTA has been evaluating the performance of two low floor Hybrid buses in order to determine the benefits that might be obtained utilizing this new technology. A presentation by John Nielsen, the Senior Project Manager, reported on the results obtained to date and further activity which is underway.

INFORMATION ITEMS

9. Pennsylvania Rail Freight Assistance Program

Ted Dahlburg provided an update on the grant program administered by PENNDOT's Bureau of Rail Freight. The deadline for submitting applications is February 27, 2004.

10. Intermodal Passenger System Survey, Phase II

Christian Bauer described the second phase of the project and summarized the 11 sites surveyed. The report provides information on parking supply/demand, amenities, interconnecting modes, and commuter parking shed areas.

11. One Minute Reports

Member and guests provided updates on the activities of their agencies.

12. Meeting Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned. The next scheduled meeting of the PCC/RTC is February 10, 2004.

ATTENDANCE

Voting Members

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

Representative

David Johnson
Carol Thomas
Curt Noe
Lee Whitmore
Robert Wisniewski
(not represented)
(not represented)
Matt Baumann
(not represented)
Warren Strumpfer
Lorraine Brill
Morris Bayer
Nick Angarone
Leo Bagley
Brian Cuccia
(not represented)
(not represented)
(not represented)
(not represented)
Robert Hannigan
Greg Brown
Deborah Shaaf
Michelle Webb
Kenneth Lomax
Catherine Popp-McDonough

Non-Voting Members

Delaware Valley Goods Movement Task Force
Federal Highway Administration - NJ division
Federal Highway Administration - PA division
Federal Transit Administration - Region III
NJ Turnpike Authority
New Jersey TMAs
Pennsylvania Bus Association
Pennsylvania TMAs
Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission
Philadelphia Regional Port Authority
Pottstown Urban Transit
South Jersey Port Corporation
South Jersey TMAs
US EPA - Region II
US EPA - Region III

Representative

Kelvin MacKavanagh
(not represented)
(not represented)
Keith Lynch
(not represented)
William Ragozine
(not represented)
Peter Quinn
(not represented)
(not represented)
Robert Ihlein
Bill Krebs
(not represented)
(not represented)
(not represented)

Other Member Representatives and Guests

Ernest B. Cohen - RCC
Hank D'Andrea - SJPC
Claudia Gordon - City of Philadelphia
Andrea Jordan - City of Philadelphia
Janet Kampf - FTA
John Nielsen - SEPTA
Pierre Ravacon – Baker Engineering
Kathy Reynolds - CCPC
Brigitte Sanetto - Camden Redevelopment Agency
Peggy Schmidt - PTMA
Dennis R. Winters - RCC
Kathleen Zubrzycki – SEPTA

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