

DELAWARE VALLEY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

PLANNING COORDINATING COMMITTEE/ REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

October 12, 2004 Meeting Highlights

DVRPC Conference Room, Philadelphia, PA

1. Call to Order - Chairman's Comments

Michelle Webb, the RTC Chair, welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order.

2. Transportation Director's Report

Don Shanis stated that all proposed September 2004 TIP and Work Program amendments were approved by the Board. He mentioned that this morning's new member orientation meeting went well. He also informed the members that DVRPC won the Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations (AMPO) National Award for Outstanding Achievement in Metropolitan Transportation Planning for MPOs Over 200,000.

3. Report on Regional Citizens Committee Activities

RCC recommendations to the Board for September 23, 2004 were distributed. Warren Strumpfer reported that a nominating committee has been formed for November elections. The RCC has prioritized the Work Program recommendations. Work Program Amendments for PA include Transportation Needs Analysis, Financial Analysis, and Delaware Valley Freight Corridors Study. New Jersey should participate in a similar process. For the New Jersey Transportation Enhancements, there should be a report on any process changes which allow for greater participation by MPO members. The RCC is working on rebuttals to responses to TIP comments with some responses still forthcoming. Mr. Strumpfer requested a speaker from NJ Transit to address capital programming in South Jersey. He also requested data be presented to show how we succeeded in improving air quality in the region.

ACTION ITEMS**4. Highlights of the Meeting of September 14, 2004**

The highlights from the September 14th meeting of the PCC/RTC were presented for adoption.

Motion: by Leo Bagley, seconded by Robert Hannigan, 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 three TIP amendments which were submitted for consideration.

- a. TIP Action PA05-01a: PA 309, Welsh Road to Highland Ave. (MPMS #16477), Montgomery County

PENNDOT requested to amend the FY 2005 TIP for Pennsylvania (FY2005-2008) by adding a \$15.5 million right of way phase in FY05 (\$12.4 million HWY/\$3.1 million State).

- b. TIP Action PA05-01b: PA 309, Commerce Road to Pennsylvania Ave., Fort Washington Interchange (MPMS #64275), Montgomery County

PENNDOT requested to modify the FY 2005 TIP for Pennsylvania (FY2005-2008) by increasing the construction phase by \$15.160 million accordingly: reduce the FY05 construction phase by \$5 million HWY and increase the FY06 construction phase by \$20.160 million HWY (\$15.16 million HWY) for the Route 309 Fort Washington Interchange project (MPMS #64275), acknowledging a 20% Toll Credit match.

- c. TIP Action PA05-01c: I-95 at PA 332 Interchange (MPMS #13518), Bucks County

PENNDOT requested to amend the FY 2005 TIP for Pennsylvania (FY2005-2008) by adding a project back into the TIP with a \$5.99 million construction phase in FY05 and FY06 (\$1.538 million DEMO/\$385,000 State in FY05, and \$3.254 million STU/\$813,000 State in FY06).

Motion: *by Robert Hannigan, seconded by Leo Bagley, to approve TIP Action PA05-01a, PA05-01b, and PA-05-01c to modify the FY 2005 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding the above projects.*

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

6. FY 2005 Planning Work Program Amendments

During the course of the fiscal year, it is sometimes necessary for DVRPC to amend the Work Program. Two amendments have been submitted for consideration.

a. Smart Growth Regional Indicators

In FY 2003 and FY 2004, DVRPC undertook a study, funded by the William Penn Foundation, to research and develop Smart Growth indicators for the region. As requested by the Foundation, these indicators examined Urban Core Development and Land Preservation in the region. The Foundation has now requested that DVRPC continue this research by preparing additional indicators in these areas.

Motion: *by Brian Cuccia, seconded by Carol Thomas, to recommend that the Board amend the DVRPC Fiscal Year 2005 Planning Work Program to add a project to develop Smart Growth Regional Indicators on behalf of the William Penn Foundation.*

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

b. Regional Open Space Priorities Report (ROSPR)

The ROSPR was completed in January 2004 by the GreenSpace Alliance to identify, prioritize, and recommend protection strategies for natural resources, agricultural and recreational lands in the five-county southeastern Pennsylvania area. In order to maintain the extensive database and GIS mapping that comprise the ROSPR and to enable updating the data and expand access to and use of the data by public and non-profit open space planners, the GreenSpace Alliance seeks to contract with DVRPC.

Motion: *by Leo Bagley, seconded by Kenneth Lomax, to recommend that the Board amend the DVRPC Fiscal Year 2005 Planning Work Program to add a project to maintain, enhance, manage, and incorporate the Regional Open Space Priorities Report into ongoing regional open space and natural resource planning.*

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

7. Updated Areawide Job Access and Reverse Commute (JARC) Transportation Plan

In FY 2004, DVRPC began the process to update and refine the current JARC plan in anticipation of reauthorization of the federal transportation act (TEA 3) and continuation of the JARC program for another five years. In anticipation of a new JARC funding round later this fall and adoption by the DVRPC Board, Karen Cilurso presented the revised Plan Update, *Improving Access to Opportunities in the Delaware Valley Region: Areawide Job Access and Reverse Commute Transportation Plan*.

Motion: by Catherine Popp-McDonough, seconded by Warren Strumpfer, to recommend approval of the adoption of the updated Regional Job Access and Reverse Commute Transportation Plan.

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

8. Draft Cross-Acceptance Report for New Jersey State Plan

DVRPC is a designated regional entity charged with reviewing the Preliminary New Jersey State Development and Redevelopment Plan (April 2004) and comparing it with the agency's plans, policies, and regulations to determine consistencies and inconsistencies. The Draft Cross-Acceptance Report is now ready for submission to the Office of Smart Growth for review, as part of the Plan Negotiation Phase of the overall State Plan adoption process.

Motion: by Brian Cuccia, seconded by Douglas Griffith, to recommend that the Executive Director submit the DVRPC Draft Cross-Acceptance Report to the New Jersey Office of Smart Growth and to the New Jersey Member Governments for review.

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

9. Pennsylvania Home Town Streets/Safe Routes to School Projects

The Pennsylvania Home Town Streets/Safe Routes to School project selection committee met on October 1, 2004 to select projects under this program. A list of projects recommended by the committee was presented for approval.

Motion: by Douglas Griffith, seconded by Kenneth Lomax, to approve the recommended list of Pennsylvania Home Town Streets/Safe Routes to School projects.

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

10. Cancellation of the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Transportation Enhancement (TE) Funding for the Kensington Depot Walkway, Philadelphia

The Norris Square Civic Association (NSCA) submitted the Kensington Depot Walkway project in FY 2001 for FTA TE transit funding. The PA TE Subcommittee, after reviewing the requested current change in scope, recommended the cancellation of the Kensington Depot Walkway project and the return of the sum of \$675,000.00 to the FTA TE line item.

Motion: by Anthony Santaniello, seconded by Lorraine Brill, to approve the cancellation of the Kensington Depot Walkway project and the return of the sum of \$675,000 to the FTA TE line item.

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

11. Public Comment Period for the 8-hour Transportation Conformity Demonstration

Due to the new 8-hour ozone standard regulations, transportation conformity of the FY 2005 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for NJ and PA, and of the Year 2025 Long-Range Plan must be demonstrated again. The PCC/RTC was asked to recommend to the Board to open a mandated 30-day public involvement period to receive comments on the conformity finding.

Motion: by Brian Cuccia, seconded by Robert Hannigan, to recommend to the Board to open a mandated 30-day public involvement period to receive comments on the conformity finding.

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

PRESENTATION ITEM

12. Smart Growth: Where Are We Now?

Adam Zellner, Executive Director of the New Jersey Office of Smart Growth, discussed the status of new Jersey's Smart Growth initiative and the progress which is being made in coordinating local master plans with the statewide plan.

13. Planning at the Edge: Transit Travel Analysis

Scott Brady presented the process used to develop 2000 cordon transit traffic necessary for the travel simulation model. Included is travel for all bus and rail carriers providing service through the region or to destinations within the DVRPC counties. Total ridership and origin/destination data was also discussed.

INFORMATION ITEMS

14. FY 2006 Supportive Regional Highway Planning Program (SRHPP) and Transit Support Program (TSP)

As part of the DVRPC Planning Work Program development process, member governments submit core and special studies work programs for consideration under SRHPP and TSP. Sarah Oaks opened a call for FY 2006 projects, and discussed guidelines for submissions for both programs

15. TransAction 2005

Topics for this transportation conference, to be held in Atlantic City, NJ from April 11-13, 2005, are now being solicited.

16. One Minute Reports

PCC/RTC Members and guests provided updates on the activities of their agencies.

19. Meeting Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned. The next scheduled meeting of the PCC/RTC is November 9, 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

Non-Voting Members

Delaware Valley Goods Movement Task Force
Federal Highway Administration - NJ division
Federal Highway Administration - PA division
Federal Transit Administration - Region III
ITS Technical Task Force
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 Transportation Authority

Representative

(not represented)
Carol Thomas
J. Douglas Griffith
Lee Whitmore
(not represented)
(not represented)
Judy Adams
Matt Baumann
(not represented)
Warren Strumpfer
Lorraine Brill
(not represented)
Matthew Lawson
Leo Bagley
Brian Cuccia
(not represented)
Herman Volk
James Schwarzwaldler
(not represented)
Robert Hannigan
(not represented)
Deborah Shaaf
Michelle Webb
Kenneth Lomax
Catherine Popp-McDonough

Representative

Kelvin MacKavanagh
(not represented)
(not represented)
(not represented)
(not represented)
(not represented)
William Ragozine
(not represented)
Peter Quinn
(not represented)
(not represented)
(not represented)
Hank D'Andrea
(not represented)

ATTENDANCE (cont'd)

US EPA - Region II (not represented)
US EPA - Region III (not represented)

Other Member Representatives and Guests

Eric Cheung - Clean Air Council/GPCCP
Claudia Gordon - City of Philadelphia
Nicole Hostettler
Andrea Jordan - City of Philadelphia
Erik Larkin - Utility & Transportation Contractors Assoc. of NJ
Craig Owens - RCC
Valerie Piper - Milligan & Company, LLC
David Raffaele - Port of Philadelphia
Pierre Ravacon - Baker Engineering
Roger Sager - DRJTBL
Anthony Santaniello - Phila. City Planning Commission
Adam Zellner - NJ Office of Smart Growth

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