

DELAWARE VALLEY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

PLANNING COORDINATING COMMITTEE/ REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

November 9, 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. She reminded everyone of the Joint Meeting of the Long Range Planning and CMS Subcommittees at 1:00 p.m. today. She also welcomed a guest, Tamara Christian, from the Illinois FHWA.

2. Transportation Director's Report

Don Shanis stated that all proposed October 2004 TIP and Work Program amendments were approved by the Board. He mentioned that the Metropolitan Planning Course that was recently held was a success. He reminded members that a Safety Conscious Planning Course is taking place tomorrow at the Camden Police Academy in Blackwood, NJ. He also mentioned that the Central Jersey Forum was a success. He informed the members that the DVRPC Board Retreat is to be held on December 9th at the Marriott at the Airport and will focus on Freight Planning and Aviation Security. In addition, the Board is working on the 2006 Work Program. Don Shanis proposed the possibility of adding a business representative for CEOs of major corporations to the PCC/RTC as a non-voting member.

Motion: by Leo Bagley, seconded by Deborah Shaaf, to add a business representative as a non-voting member of the PCC/RTC.

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

3. Report on Regional Citizens Committee Activities

RCC recommendations to the Board for October 28, 2004 were distributed. Warren Strumpfer reported that the RCC is recommending a resolution for the retention of the AMTRAK line for Philadelphia-Harrisburg-Pittsburgh-Chicago service. The RCC will be having an election next week for the position of RCC Chairman.

ACTION ITEMS

4. Highlights of the Meeting of October 12, 2004

The highlights from the October 12th meeting of the PCC/RTC were presented for adoption.

Motion: by Leo Bagley, seconded by Brian Cuccia, 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 PA05-05a: PA 309, ITS Integration (MPMS #69799), New Proposed Project, Montgomery County

PENNDOT requested to amend the FY 2005 TIP for Pennsylvania (FY2005-2008) by adding a new project to the TIP. The PA 309, ITS Integration project (MPMS #69799) will program a \$320,000 federal/\$80,000 state utility phase in FY05.

b. TIP Action PA05-05b: PA 332, Jacksonville Road, (MPMS #13578), Bucks County

PENNDOT requested to modify the FY 2005 TIP for Pennsylvania (FY2005-2008) by deleting a project from the TIP, the PA Route 332 Jacksonville Road at Street Road project (MPMS #13578).

Motion: by Bob Hannigan, seconded by Leo Bagley, to approve TIP Actions PA05-05a and PA05-05b to amend the FY 2005 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding the PA 309 ITS Integration project (MPMS #69799) and deleting the PA 332 Jacksonville Road project (MPMS #13578).

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

c. TIP Action PA05-06a: FTA Section 5311 Program Capital Assistance - Capital Trailways Intercity Terminal (MPMS #71803), Montgomery County

Montgomery County requested to amend the FY 2005 TIP for Pennsylvania (FY2005-2008) by adding a project back into the TIP. The FTA Section 5311 Program Capital Assistance - Capital Trailways Intercity Terminal (MPMS #71803) will program a total of \$406,000 accordingly: FY05 Final Design \$75,000 (\$60,000 Section 5311 funds/\$7,500 State Public Transit Funds/\$7,500 Local Match provided by Montgomery County); FY06 construction \$331,000 (\$265,000 Section 5311 funds/\$33,100 State Public Transit Funds/\$33,100 Local Match provided by Montgomery County).

Motion: by Leo Bagley, seconded by Catherine Popp-McDonough, to approve TIP Action PA05-06a to amend the FY 2005 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding funds into the TIP for the FTA's Section 5311 Program (MPMS #71803). This amendment will program FY05 Final Design \$75,000 (\$60,000 Section 5311 funds/\$7,500 State Public Transit Funds/\$7,500 Local Match provided by Montgomery County); FY06 construction \$331,000 (\$265,000 Section 5311 funds/\$33,100 State Public Transit Funds/\$33,100 Local Match provided by Montgomery County).

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

6. Proposed PCC/RTC Meeting Dates for 2005

The Year 2005 dates for the PCC/RTC meetings were proposed.

Motion: by Leo Bagley, seconded by Bob Hannigan, to recommend acceptance of the proposed meeting dates for the PCC/RTC meetings.

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

7. Year 2030 Municipal Employment Forecasts

In July, 2004, the DVRPC Board approved revised employment forecasts at the regional and county level to the Year 2030. Revised municipal employment forecasts to the Year 2030 were by presented by Kevin Adams for adoption.

Motion: by Leo Bagley, seconded by Brian Cuccia, to recommend approval of the adoption of the revised municipal employment forecasts to the Year 2030.

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

8. Adoption of the 8-hour Transportation Conformity Finding on the DVRPC FY 2005 TIP and the *Horizons 2025* Long Range Plan

In June 2004, the US EPA finalized ground-level ozone designations under the new 8-hour National Ambient Air Quality Standards. A 30-day public comment period for the new 8-hour transportation conformity finding on the DVRPC FY 2005 TIP and the *Horizons 2025* Long Range Plan will close on December 3, 2004. The requested action was for PCC/RTC approval of the draft conformity document, contingent upon the final outcome of the public comment period, with Board adoption set for December 9, 2004.

Motion: by Curt Noe, seconded by Brian Cuccia, to approve the draft conformity document, contingent upon the final public comment period outcome and with any necessary, subsequent revisions for December Board adoption.

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

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

Each year, the DVRPC Board approves work programs submitted under the SRHPP and the TSP as part of the overall DVRPC Planning Work Program development process. Each program has two parts: Core Programs and Special Studies. Core programs are long-term and on-going; special studies are one year in duration. The committee was advised of projects submitted for consideration for special study funding. Staff will work with the respective subcommittees to refine the list. The projects selected will be incorporated into the SRHPP and TSP chapters of the DVRPC Planning Work Program. The action requested was to recommend that the Board approve the SRHPP and TSP for FY 2006 that are to be developed by the PA and NJ subcommittees.

Motion: by Curt Noe, seconded by Bob Hannigan, to recommend conditional Board approval of the SRHPP and TSP for FY 2006 that are to be developed by the PA and NJ subcommittees.

Motion passed. All but two votes were cast in favor of the motion. There was one abstention.

PRESENTATION ITEMS**10. Congestion Corridor Improvement Program (CCIP)**

PENNDOT's CCIP Program is designed to identify and implement improvements in congested travel corridors. The Henry Avenue/Ridge Avenue corridor in Philadelphia and the Route 420 corridor in Delaware County were selected for the CCIP based on nominations by DVRPC. Stan Niemczak of Edwards and Kelcey presented a status report on CCIP initiatives in these corridors.

11. Aviation Security Assessment and Countermeasure Study

A Security Assessment and Countermeasure Study was recently completed for all non-commercial airports in the region. The consultant work was funded by the FAA and the states of New Jersey and Pennsylvania, and results will be integrated with the states and TSA security planning. Roger Moog gave a short description of the study process, findings, and recommendations.

INFORMATION ITEMS**12. Update on the Regional Integrated Multi-modal Information Sharing (RIMIS) Project**

In August, the RIMIS Systems Manager began technical work. Initial activities have focused on an outreach effort to identify information sharing needs of the region's transportation operators and emergency responders.

13. 2002 Vehicle Miles of Travel in the Delaware Valley Region

DVRPC has a continuing project to monitor and estimate VMT in the Delaware Valley Region. Matt Gates presented estimates of daily travel for 2002, based on traffic counts and DVRPC's travel simulation models, and compared them with historical trends.

14. Job Access and Reverse Commute Program (JARC)

Karen Cilurso updated the PCC/RTC on the FY 2005 Grant Funding Round and call for new projects. A solicitation for projects was announced in September and all applications were due on October 29, 2004.

15. One Minute Reports

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

16. Old Business and New Business

Bob Hannigan requested an update on the Transportation and Community Development Initiative (TCDI) project.

17. Meeting Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned. The next scheduled meeting of the PCC/RTC is January 4, 2005.

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

Richard Brahler
Carol Thomas
Curt Noe
Lou Hufnagle
(not represented)
(not represented)
Judy Adams
Justin Dula
Linda Hayes
Warren Strumpfer
Lorraine Brill
Therese Donlan
Matthew Lawson
Leo Bagley
Brian Cuccia
(not represented)
(not represented)
James Schwarzwaldler
(not represented)
Robert Hannigan
(not represented)
Deborah Shaaf
Michelle Webb
Kenneth Lomax
Catherine Popp-McDonough

Representative

Kelvin MacKavanagh
(not represented)
Spencer Stevens
Keith Lynch
(not represented)
(not represented)
William Ragozine
(not represented)
Peter Quinn
Walt Green
David Harvey
(not represented)
Bill Krebs
(not represented)

ATTENDANCE (cont'd)

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

Other Member Representatives and Guests

James Aslaksen - University of Pennsylvania
Eric Cheung - Clean Air Council/GPCCP
Tracy Childress - SRDC
Tamara Christion - FHWA (Illinois)
Claudia Gordon - City of Philadelphia
Andrea Jordan - City of Philadelphia
Erik Larkin - Utility & Transportation Contractors Assoc. of NJ
Ira Levinton - NJDOT
Keith Mullins - Edwards and Kelcey
Stan Niemczak - Edwards and Kelcey
Ed Oliviera - PENNDOT (BHSTE)
Roger Sager - DRJTBL
Anthony Santaniello - Phila. City Planning Commission
Kathleen Zubrzycki - SEPTA

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