

**DELAWARE VALLEY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
PLANNING COORDINATING COMMITTEE/
REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
February 5, 2008 Meeting Highlights
DVRPC Conference Room, Philadelphia, PA**

1. Call to Order - Chairman's Comments

Matthew Lawson (Mercer County) welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order.

2. Deputy Executive Director's Report

Dr. Shanis (DVRPC) updated the members on the January 8, 2008 Board meeting, and stated that the Board passed all Actions the RTC recommended.

3. Report on Regional Citizens Committee Activities

Warren Strumpfer (RCC) provided information on the RCC meeting held on January 15, 2008. Mr. Strumpfer stated that the RCC appreciates the addendum to the Bucks County Regional Traffic Study. Mr. Strumpfer also brought to the attention of the RTC that the RCC has asked that the DVRPC Board formally request that PennDOT add bicycle lanes and pedestrian access to the *Greenwood Avenue over SEPTA Mainline Commuter Rail Bridge Replacement Project (MPMS #16197), Montgomery County*. (Please refer to the January 15, 2008 Meeting Minutes of the DVRPC RCC for specific details.)

ACTION ITEMS

4. Highlights of the Meeting of January 8, 2008

The highlights from the January 8, 2008 meeting of the PCC/RTC were presented for adoption.

Motion: by Jessica Savidge-Lucas, seconded by Brian Cuccia to adopt the highlights for the January 8, 2008 PCC/RTC meeting.

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

5. DVRPC Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Actions

Elizabeth Schoonmaker (DVRPC) presented three TIP amendments for consideration.

a. PA07-78: Commodore Barry Bridge Security Improvements Project (MPMS #74840), DRPA/PATCO – Proposed New DEMO Project

DRPA/PATCO has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2007-2010 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a new transit project to the TIP, the Commodore Barry Bridge Security Improvements Project (MPMS #74840). This project will be funded by a SAFETEA-LU earmark (ID #4816) \$1,000,000 DEMO and a \$250,000 match provided by DRPA/PATCO, and will include several security improvements to the Commodore Barry bridge; including electronic surveillance and detection, and increased lighting. The transit earmark will be programmed for construction in FY08 (\$1,000,000 DEMO/\$250,000 DRPA/PATCO Match).

Motion: by Thomas Shaffer, seconded by Catherine Popp-McDonough to amend the FY2007-2010 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a new transit project to the TIP, the Commodore Barry Bridge Security Improvements Project (MPMS #74840).

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

b. PA07-79: Transit Signage Program (MPMS #83594), SEPTA – Proposed New Project

SEPTA, in partnership with the Center City District, PATCO, and the City of Philadelphia Planning Commission has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2007-2010 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a new transit project to the TIP, the Transit Signage Program (MPMS #83594) using \$312,500 provided by SEPTA as a result of the reallocation of the unused portion of Transit Enhancement funding from the Girard Avenue Streetscape Improvement Project (MPMS #61719). SEPTA's request is to program \$312,500 transit funds (\$250,000 Transit Enhancement/\$52,083 Capital Bond/\$10,417 SEPTA match) for the construction phase to install signage at locations to be determined by SEPTA in cooperation with Center City District, and DRPA/PATCO.

Motion: by Lorraine Brill, seconded by Leo Bagley to amend the FY2007-2010 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a new transit project to the TIP, the Transit Signage Program (MPMS #83594) using \$312,500 provided by SEPTA as a result of the reallocation of the unused portion of Transit Enhancement funding from the Girard Avenue Streetscape Improvement Project (MPMS #61719).

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

c. PA07-80: SEPTA Safety and Security Improvements Projects (MPMS #65612), SEPTA

SEPTA has requested that DVRPC modify the FY2007-2010 TIP for Pennsylvania by federalizing the SEPTA Safety and Security Improvements Project (MPMS #65612) by adding a \$656,600 earmark, acknowledging state and local matches, to the capital phase in FY08 to jump start a \$10 million dollar project to improve emergency communication project. The additional funding will be programmed in FY08 (\$656,600 DEMO/\$136,791 T-Bond/\$27,359 Local) for the capital phase. This project will be completed in two phases and involves providing an interoperable communications system that will enable SEPTA to communicate with City Police, Fire and Emergency Services Personnel. This system will allow the Authority to participate, either in a lead, or supporting role, in all emergency response and recovery actions from accidental, natural and terrorist incidents, which may occur in the 20 miles of City commuter tunnel system, underground concourses and above-ground transportation facilities. Phase two of the project will provide interoperability communications for the SEPTA police, other police, and emergency recovery team activities in the five county area.

Motion: by Kenneth Lomax, seconded by Linda Hayes to modify the FY2007-2010 TIP for Pennsylvania by federalizing the SEPTA Safety and Security Improvements Project (MPMS #65612) by adding a \$656,600 earmark, acknowledging state and local matches, to the capital phase in FY08 to jump start a \$10 million dollar project to improve emergency communication project.

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

6. Memorandum of Understanding for the Delaware River Port Authority and DVRPC

A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between DVRPC and the Delaware River Port Authority (DRPA) is being advanced to cooperatively define their mutual responsibilities in carrying out the metropolitan transportation planning process. From time to time this MOU may require changes to improve, clarify, or streamline the process. Joseph Hacker (DVRPC) asked the RTC/PCC to recommend to the Board the approval of the MOU.

Motion: by Brian Cuccia, seconded by Jessica Savidge-Lucas to recommend that the Board approve the Memorandum of Understanding for the Delaware River Port Authority and DVRPC.

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

7. Recommendation for Reaffirmation of Conformity Determination of the FY 2007-1010 TIP for Pennsylvania and FY 2008- 2001 TIP for New Jersey and the Destination 2030 Long Range Plan

The Wilmington Area Planning Council (WILMAPCO) is currently in the process of adopting the FY 2009-12 TIP for their region. Since New Castle County, Delaware is part of the Philadelphia-Wilmington PM 2.5 non-attainment area and neither DVRPC counties nor New Castle County have SIP budgets for PM 2.5, DVRPC must reaffirm its conformity findings to support WILMAPCO's conformity findings for their new TIP. Public comments on the Conformity Reaffirmation will be accepted until February 13, 2008, with no comments having been received to date. Sean Greene (DVRPC) presented the results of the latest conformity determination and requested that the RTC recommend that the Board reaffirm DVRPC's conformity findings to support WILMAPCO's conformity finding for their new TIP.

Motion: by Jessica Savidge-Lucas, seconded by Leo Bagley to recommend that the Board reaffirm DVRPC's conformity findings to support WILMAPCO's conformity finding for their new TIP.

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

8. Adoption of 2008 Congestion Management Process, Supplemental Projects Status Memorandum

Highway projects that add major Single Occupancy Vehicle (SOV) capacity are required to include supplemental projects that enhance the benefits of the capacity additions and extend the useful life of the project. The Congestion Management Process (CMP) is required to track implementation of supplemental projects to ensure that these commitments are being faithfully pursued. This second annual memorandum, tracking the status of supplemental commitments, was prepared in coordination with transportation planning partners, as a required component of DVRPC's CMP. Sean Greene (DVRPC) reported highlights of the memorandum and requested recommendation for Board adoption.

Motion: Catherine Popp-McDonough, seconded by Natasha Goguts to recommend that the Board adopt the 2008 Congestion Management Process, Supplemental Projects Status Memorandum.

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

9. FY 2009 Pennsylvania Transportation Management Association Assistance Grant Program and Mobility Alternatives Program Work Programs

Draft TMA work programs were distributed in January and comments received have been addressed. Sara Oaks (DVRPC) presented the FY 09 Transportation Management Association Assistance Grant program and also the Mobility

Alternatives Program. Both of these programs are PennDOT funded and allow Transportation Management Associations (TMAs) to assist employers and other constituent agencies with solutions to transportation congestion issues within their service areas. Each TMA's scope of work in the Assistance Grant Program is different and reflects the needs of their membership. Under the Mobility Alternatives Program the scope of work is the same for all organizations with common marketing materials and program elements. Draft work programs were distributed in January. All comments were addressed and the RTC was asked to approve the final work programs so that PennDOT may begin the contract development process.

Motion: Thomas Shaffer, seconded by Lorraine Brill to recommend that the Board approve the final FY 2009 Pennsylvania Transportation Management Association Assistance Grant Program.

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

Motion: Leo Bagley, seconded by Thomas Shaffer to recommend that the Board approve the final Mobility Alternative Work Program.

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

10. Approval of FY09 Job Access Reverse Commute and New Freedoms Funding Recommendations

DVRPC facilitates the Federal Job Access and Reverse Commute (JARC) and New Freedoms (NF) grants under the Coordinated Human Service Transportation Planning (CHSTP) program. With a match from PennDOT for Fiscal Year 2009 (FY09), about \$7.9 million will be allocated regionally for projects providing employment mobility, while the NF program will receive about \$1.1 million for projects enhancing mobility for Americans with Disabilities. The Pennsylvania CHSTP Sub-Committee completed their FY09 recommendations for service funding. Joseph Hacker (DVRPC) presented and requested that the RTC recommend Board approval.

Motion: Leo Bagley, seconded by Thomas Shaffer to recommend that the Board approve the FY09 Job Access Reverse Commute and New Freedoms Funding Recommendations.

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

PRESENTATION ITEMS

11. PATCO Expansion Alternatives Analysis

Robert Box, PATCO General Manager, introduced two consultants who presented PATCO's Expansion Alternatives Analysis projects in Philadelphia and Southern New Jersey to expand transit services in the region. There are three possible alternatives currently being studied for Philadelphia, and five possible alternatives currently being studied in New Jersey (identified in a 2005 feasibility study and through recent public open houses) that provide the greatest potential for transportation improvement. Adjustments and additions to the alternatives may be made through the public participation process consistent with federal requirements for an Alternatives Analysis.

12. SEPTA Electronic Payment and Fare Collection Modernization

In 2006 and 2007 SEPTA conducted an evaluation and needs analysis as part of the planning phase of its fare collection modernization project. This effort resulted in a recommendation to replace and modernize the current equipment and system with an electronic payment system featuring contactless technology. Jerry Kane (SEPTA) presented three subject areas associated with the project, including: 1.) Existing Equipment and Condition; 2.) Fare Payment Technology and Peer Experience; and 3.) Project Direction and Next Steps.

INFORMATION ITEMS

13. Connections On-Line Survey

Brett Fusco (DVRPC) presented information on an on-line survey DVRPC is conducting. The survey titled *Connections: The Regional Plan for a Sustainable Future*, focuses on regional land use, environmental, economic development and transportation issues that will help refine the long-range plan's vision and goals. The survey will run through March 7, 2008.

14. One Minute Reports

PCC/RTC Members and guests were invited to provide updates on the activities of their agencies.

15. Old Business and New Business

16. Meeting Adjournment

Motion: by Catherine Popp-McDonough, seconded by Brian Cuccia to adjourn the PCC/RTC Meeting.

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

The next scheduled meeting of the PCC/RTC is March 11, 2008.

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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 River Joint Toll Bridge Commission
 Delaware Valley Goods Movement Task Force
 Federal Highway Administration - NJ Division
 Federal Highway Administration - PA Division
 Federal Transit Administration - Region III
 Greater Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce
 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
 US EPA - Region II
 US EPA - Region III

Representative

Dave Johnson
 Carol Thomas
 Curt Noe
 Natasha Goguts
 (not represented)
 (not represented)
 Judy Adams
 Thomas Shaffer
 Linda Hayes
 Warren Strumpfer
 Lorraine Brill
 Jessica Savdige-Lucas
 Matthew Lawson
 Leo Bagley
 Brian Cuccia
 (not represented)
 (not represented)
 Pippa Woods
 (not represented)
 Jim Mosca
 (not represented)
 Deborah Schaaf
 Chivas Grannum
 Kenneth Lomax
 Catherine Popp-McDonough

Representative

Glenn Reibman
 Kelvin MacKavanagh
 (not represented)
 (not represented)
 (not represented)
 (not represented)
 (not represented)
 Brian Wahler
 (not represented)
 (not represented)
 Peter Quinn
 Don Steele
 (not represented)
 (not represented)
 (not represented)
 (not represented)
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ATTENDANCE (cont'd)

Other Member Representatives and Guests

Jim McQuilkin - DRPA
Alex Flemming - SEPTA
Kathleen Zubrzyck – SEPTA
Jerry Kane – SEPTA
Bob Box - PATCO
Bob Scarlott – Burlington County
Quentin Krueel – PIDC
Jim Brady – GAI Consultants, Inc.
Julie Gandy – Burlington County
Sue Herman - RRTS
Ernest Cohen - Citizen

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