

**DELAWARE VALLEY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION**  
**PLANNING COORDINATING COMMITTEE/  
REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**  
**July 8, 2008 Meeting Highlights**  
**DVRPC Conference Room, Philadelphia, PA**

**1. Call to Order - Chairman's Comments**

James Mosca (PennDOT) welcomed everyone. Mr. Mosca thanked Matthew Lawson (Mercer County) for serving as chairman of the RTC for the previous year and then called the meeting to order.

**2. Deputy Executive Director's Report**

Don Shanis (DVRPC) updated the members on the June 26, 2008 Board meeting, and stated that the Board passed all Actions recommended by the RTC. Dr. Shanis welcomed James Mosca (PennDOT) as Chairman and Jessica Savidge-Lucas (Gloucester County), in absentia, as Vice-Chair. Dr. Shanis then presented Matthew Lawson with a gift of appreciation for his service to the RTC as the previous year's Chairman.

**3. Report on Regional Citizens Committee Activities**

Lorraine Brill provided information on the RCC meeting held on June 17, 2008. Ms. Brill stated that the RCC approved the Route 70 (Route 38 to Route 73) amendment to the *Destination 2030* Long Range Plan. (Please refer to the June 17, 2008 Meeting Minutes of the DVRPC RCC for specific details.)

**ACTION ITEMS**

**4. Highlights of the Meeting of June 10, 2008**

The highlights from the June 10, 2008 meeting of the PCC/RTC were presented for adoption.

*Motion: by Catherine Popp-McDonough, seconded by Matthew Lawson to adopt the highlights for the June 10, 2008 PCC/RTC meeting.*

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

## 5. DVRPC Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Actions

Elizabeth Schoonmaker (DVPRC) presented one TIP amendment for consideration.

### a. PA07-100: I-95 Design Review Manager (MPMS #46959), Philadelphia – Cost Increase

PennDOT has requested that DVRPC modify the FY2007-2010 TIP for Pennsylvania by increasing the preliminary engineering phase of the I-95 Design Review Manager project (MPMS #46959), by \$10.3 million (\$8,800,000 DEMO/\$1,500,000 State) in FY08 for the design support services of I-95. The additional funding is provided by a TEA-21 Earmark (Fed ID #1847/PA ID# 228), and a state match.

This project will provide for the design support services for the sections of the I-95 Corridor Improvement projects currently under design, sections "GIR" (Girard Avenue Interchange) north to the Cottman/Princeton Interchange. Support services include design reviews and coordination of numerous submissions including structural, environmental, geotechnical, and traffic components for these sections.

The funding will be programmed in FY08 for preliminary engineering (\$8.8 million DEMO/\$1.5 million state match).

*Motion: by Linda Guarini, seconded by Lorraine Brill to modify the FY2007-2010 TIP for Pennsylvania by increasing the preliminary engineering phase of the I-95 Design Review Manager project (MPMS #46959), by \$10.3 million (\$8,800,000 DEMO/\$1,500,000 State) in FY08 for the design support services of I-95.*

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

## 6. Fiscal Year 2009 Planning Work Program Amendment

To respond to the needs of member governments and agencies, work program changes and additions are brought to the PCC/RTC to permit the timely undertaking of technical activity.

### a. Gloucester County Transportation Needs Study

John Ward (DVRPC) asked the RTC to modify the Fiscal Year 2009 Work Program by adding the Gloucester County Transportation Needs Study. This two-year, three-phased study will provide a comprehensive review of the multi-modal and intermodal transportation improvements that will be needed to promote an efficient flow of people and goods through the county. It will be important to coordinate with the County and DRPA to share and obtain available data especially items from DVRPC's travel simulation model currently being used by DRPA for the Alternatives Analysis that will help determine a possible PATCO expansion. Phases I and II of the Needs Study will include an analysis of the impacts of the proposed PATCO Transit Expansion alternatives on the transportation facilities that provide access to

the proposed transit stations. These phases will assist the County as it provides input related to the development of PATCO's Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA). Phase III will take a comprehensive long-range look at overall mobility in the County and develop a set of improvement strategies to address the County's future transportation needs. Smart growth principles will be considered in analyzing and recommending needed improvements.

*Motion: by Linda Guarini, seconded by Jeff Taylor to modify the Fiscal Year 2009 Work Program to add the Gloucester County Transportation Needs Study.*

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

## **7. Transportation Investments to Support Economic Development**

DVRPC has worked with area economic development and planning agencies to identify a set of key transportation investments to facilitate economic growth in the region. Michael Boyer (DVRPC) presented the results of this effort and asked for endorsement of the set of priority investments.

*Motion: by Leo Bagley, seconded by Matthew Lawson to recommend that the Board accept the Integrating Land Use, Transportation, and Economic Development Planning (LUTED) set of transportation investments to support coordinated planning and economic development and consider for use in developing the transportation projects included in the Connections Long-Range Plan.*

Motion passed. 17 votes were cast in favor of the motion. 1 opposed, 1 abstention.

## **PRESENTATION ITEMS**

### **8. 2005 to 2035 Zonal Demographic and Employment Forecasts for Modeling**

DVRPC has prepared forecasts of population, households, auto ownership, employed residents, and employment by industrial sector in 5-year increments through the year 2035. These data are available at the county, municipal, and zonal level. Matthew Gates (DVRPC) presented the data sources, methodology, and resulting forecasts.

**9. Route 202 Section 100: Land Use Implementation and Coordination**

Eric Grugel (DVRPC) presented the Route 202 Section 100: Land Use Implementation and Coordination Study. This study builds on recommendations included in the 2001 DVRPC Route 202 section 100 Land Use Strategies Study. It is consistent with PennDOT's planned widening of the corridor through eight municipalities and covers such topics as multi-municipal planning, access management, bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure, transit oriented development, and historic preservation.

**INFORMATION ITEMS****10. 2008 Pennsylvania Federal Safe Routes to School (FSRS) Program**

Ryan Gallagher (DVRPC) informed the RTC that the 2008 FSRS funding cycle is underway. The application competition began on May 5, 2008 and the application deadline is August 1, 2008. A future RTC Pennsylvania Transportation Subcommittee meeting will be utilized to evaluate and rank projects within the Pennsylvania portion of the DVRPC region.

**11. Philadelphia International Airport (PHL) Ground Access Analysis**

Roger Moog (DVRPC) informed the RTC that this upcoming report presents results for improving current and future ground access options to PHL. Passenger behavior and modal choice characteristics at PHL were compared to other domestic and international hubs to identify high transit usage service aspects. Recommendations, both short and long term, were provided.

**12. One Minute Reports**

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

**13. Old Business and New Business****14. Meeting Adjournment**

Motion: *by Matthew Lawson, 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 September 9, 2008.**

**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  
 City of Philadelphia – City Planning Commission  
 City of Philadelphia – Department of Streets  
 City of Philadelphia – Mayor's Office of Transportation  
 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**

Richard Brahler  
 Carol Thomas  
 (not represented)  
 Natasha Goguts  
 (not represented)  
 (not represented)  
 (not represented)  
 Thomas Shaffer  
 Linda Hayes  
 (not represented)  
 Lorraine Brill  
 Jeff Taylor  
 Matthew Lawson  
 Leo Bagley  
 Brian Cuccia  
 (not represented)  
 (not represented)  
 Pippa Woods  
 (not represented)  
 Jim Mosca  
 Linda Guarini  
 Deborah Schaaf  
 Chivas Grannum  
 Steve Buckley  
 Catherine Popp-McDonough

**Representative**

Glenn Reibman  
 (not represented)  
 (not represented)  
 Matthew Smoker  
 (not represented)  
 (not represented)  
 (not represented)  
 Brian Wahler  
 William Ragozine  
 (not represented)  
 Rob Henry  
 Don Steele  
 (not represented)  
 (not represented)  
 (not represented)  
 (not represented)  
 (not represented)  
 Martin Kotsch

## **ATTENDANCE (cont'd)**

### **Other Member Representatives and Guests**

Kyle Guie – Chester County  
Andrea Jordan – City of Philadelphia  
Len Usvyat - PB  
Kathleen Zubrzycki – SEPTA

### **DVRPC Staff**

Gastonia Anderson  
Michael Boyer  
Ryan Gallagher  
Matthew Gates  
Eric Grugel  
Roger Moog  
Richard Murphy  
Elizabeth Schoonmaker  
Donald Shanis  
John Ward  
Matthew West