

**DELAWARE VALLEY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION  
PLANNING COORDINATING COMMITTEE/  
REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE  
March 10, 2009 Meeting Highlights  
DVRPC Conference Room, Philadelphia, PA**

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

James Mosca (PennDOT) welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order.

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

Don Shanis (DVRPC) updated the members on the February 26, 2009 Board meeting, and stated that the Board passed all Actions recommended by the RTC.

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

Jim Richardson (RCC) provided information on the RCC meeting held on February 17, 2009. (Details of the meeting can be found in the February 17, 2009 Meeting Minutes of the DVRPC RCC.)

**ACTION ITEMS**

**4. Highlights of the Meeting of February 10, 2009**

The highlights from the February 10, 2009 meeting of the PCC/RTC were presented for adoption.

*Motion: by Catherine Popp-McDonough, seconded by Jessica Savidge-Lucas to adopt the highlights for the February 10, 2009 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 one TIP amendment for consideration.

### a. PA09-25: PA 41, Gap Newport Pike over Valley Creek Bridge Replacement Project (MPMS # 69917), Chester County – Add Final Design

PennDOT has requested that DVRPC modify the FY2009-2012 TIP for Pennsylvania by programming a final design phase for Gap Newport Pike over Valley Creek Bridge Replacement Project (MPMS# 69917), in FY09 (\$250,000 Act 44). Final design was programmed in the FY2007 TIP and was expected to be encumbered in FY08, but never was.

*Motion: by Natasha Goguts, seconded by Matthew Lawson to recommend that the Board modify the FY2009-2012 TIP for Pennsylvania by programming a final design phase for Gap Newport Pike over Valley Creek Bridge Replacement Project (MPMS# 69917), in FY09 (\$250,000 Act 44).*

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

## 6. Project Selection for PA Regional Safety Initiatives Line Item PA TIP MPMS# 57927

Elizabeth Schoonmaker (DVRPC) presented four safety projects to be recommended for funding through the PA Safety Initiatives Line Item in the TIP, using HSIP funding. These projects are outgrowths of Road Safety Audits performed by DVRPC and regional stakeholders. Three of the locations are deemed "Top 5" crash locations by FHWA, and one is eligible as a high risk rural road.

*Motion: by Chivas Grannum, seconded by Jim Richardson to recommend that the Board approve the four projects recommend for funding through the PA Safety Initiatives Line Item in the TIP, using HSIP funding.*

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

## 7. Fiscal Year 2009 Planning Work Program Amendments

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. Quakertown Rail Restoration Study, Part II

W. Thomas Walker (DVRPC) asked the RTC to recommend that the Board modify the Fiscal Year 2009 Work Program by adding the Quakertown Rail Restoration Study, Part II. This project will carry on the 2007 Quakertown Rail Reactivation Study with Jacobs Engineering as transportation consultant. DVRPC staff will provide overall project management services and also prepare ridership forecasts and FTA user benefit estimates for the new alternatives. The study is intended to refine the alternatives (up to five new alternatives), ridership forecasts, operating and capital cost estimates and FTA summit benefits calculation at a cost of \$239,847, of which is \$90,000 is allocated to DVRPC and \$149,847 to Jacobs Engineering.

Refined alternatives for the Quakertown Rail service restoration will be prepared by the consultant in concert with DVRPC staff. The consultant will update the capital improvement and operating cost assumptions and then prepare capital and operating cost estimates for the refined alternatives. The consultant will then prepare a series of technical memoranda summarizing the refined alternatives, O&M cost estimation methods and results, and a summary memorandum documenting the ridership and cost effectiveness of the alternatives. DVRPC and the consultant will coordinate all aspects of the study with PennDOT, SEPTA, the counties, and the Bucks County TMA.

DVRPC staff will update the travel simulation model prepared for the 2007 Quakertown Rail Restoration Travel Forecasts Study. DVRPC staff will then use the updated model to prepare rail ridership forecasts and FTA Summit benefit calculations for refined new rail service alternatives.

*Motion: by Leo Bagley, seconded by Anthony Santaniello to recommend that the Board modify the Fiscal Year 2009 Planning Work Program to add the Quakertown Rail Restoration Study, Part II.*

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

**b. US 422 River Crossing Complex Traffic Study, Supplement 1**

Matthew Gates (DVRPC) asked the RTC to recommend that the Board modify the Fiscal Year 2009 Work Program by adding the US 422 River Crossing Complex Traffic Study, Supplement 1. The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) and its consultants are continuing the process of developing traffic improvements for the US 422 Schuylkill River Crossing Complex between the US 202 Expressway and the PA 363 interchanges within Chester and Montgomery Counties. This study will revise the assumptions of previous studies of the River Crossing Complex by testing new alternative roadway configurations which are intended to reduce the cost of implementing the project and also meet the transportation needs of the region. This new study will provide traffic forecasts in the study area that reflect DVRPC's 2035 Long Range Plan and the latest development proposals in the area. In addition to the No-Build Alternative, up to five different roadway improvement alternatives will be tested. The study area includes the US 422 Expressway along with parallel and intersecting roadways between the US 202 Expressway and the Egypt Road interchanges.

In addition, Lower Providence Township and its consultants are preparing a Point of Access study for a new partial interchange at US 422 and Pawlings Road. This interchange would provide an on-ramp from Pawlings Road to US 422 eastbound and an off-ramp from US 422 westbound to Pawlings Road. Two of the Build alternatives in this traffic study will be used to evaluate the impact of this proposed point of access on the study area's existing highways, the proposed improvements in the River Crossing Complex, and the area's local roadway system.

For this work, DVRPC will focus its regional travel demand model on the study area and calibrate it to existing traffic conditions. DVRPC estimates that this work will be completed 15 months after receiving notice to proceed.

*Motion: by Leo Bagley, seconded by Natasha Goguts to recommend that the Board modify the Fiscal Year 2009 Planning Work Program to add the US 422 River Crossing Complex Traffic Study, Supplement 1.*

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

**8. Fiscal Year 2010 Pennsylvania Transportation Management Association (TMA) Assistance Grant and Mobility Alternatives Program Work Program Approval**

Sarah Oaks (DVRPC) presented the final Fiscal Year 2010 Transportation Management Association Assistance Grant and Mobility Alternatives Program scopes of work for approval. Draft scopes were reviewed in February 2009, and comments received were incorporated or answered to the satisfaction of DVRPC, PennDOT, and the Counties. The RTC was asked to approve the scopes and recommend Board approval. The programs were reviewed separately.

*Motion: by Linda Guarini, seconded by Brendan Cotter to recommend that the Board approve the Fiscal Year 2010 TMA Assistance Grant work programs for a total grant of \$192,000 each (\$153,600 CMAQ, \$38,400 local match) to the Bucks County, Chester County, Delaware County, Greater Valley Forge, Partnership, and Central Philadelphia TMAs, for a total program of \$1,152,000 (\$921,600 CMAQ, \$230,400 TMA match).*

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

*Motion: by Brendan Cotter, seconded by Lorraine Brill that the RTC recommend that the Board approve the Fiscal Year 2010 Mobility Alternatives Program grant requests for the Bucks County TMA, the TMA of Chester County, the Delaware County TMA, the Greater Valley Forge TMA, the Partnership TMA, The Clean Air Council, SEPTA, and DVRPC for a program total of \$816,000 (\$652,800 CMAQ, \$163,200 contractor match).*

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

9. **Approval of Fiscal Year 2010 Job Access Reverse Commute (JARC) and New Freedom Funding Recommendations**

The Pennsylvania CHSTP Selection Committee met on February 20, 2009 to recommend a list of projects for Fiscal Year 2010 FTA Job Access and Reverse Commute (JARC) and New Freedom (NF) grant. Joseph Hacker (DVRPC) requested that the RTC confirm these recommendations for Board approval.

For the JARC program, between \$6.5 and \$7.2 million of FTA and PennDOT funds will be allocated and about \$1.3 million for the NF program. As the total amount of the PennDOT match has not been determined, additional coordination is occurring to clarify the available funding and recommended projects. The outcome of these discussions was available at the RTC meeting.

*Motion: by Jim Richardson, seconded by Brendan Cotter that the RTC recommend that the Board approve the recommend list of projects for Fiscal Year 2010 FTA Job Access and Reverse Commute (JARC) and New Freedom (NF) grant.*

Motion passed. 19 votes were cast in favor of the motion, 1 vote was cast in opposition to the motion.

10. **PennVEST Application Review**

DVRPC has reviewed twenty-two PennVEST applications (distributed throughout the five Pennsylvania counties) to ensure that they are consistent with city, county, and regional land use plans. Patty Elkis (DVRPC) provided an overview of the submitted applications, as well as staff recommendations.

PennVEST is an independent agency of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania that provides grants and low interest loans for drinking water, wastewater, storm water management and Brownfield remediation projects. PennVEST forwards applications to DVRPC for review for consistency with the DVRPC long range plan, and to coordinate with county plans. DVRPC typically receives five to six applications per year. This month, DVRPC has received twenty-two applications to review, due to PennVEST's request for applications in anticipation of Stimulus funding, and due to the H2O PA Act, which provides \$800 million for similar type projects. The H2O money provides grants, but requires a 50% cash match, which can come from PennVEST. So a number of the PennVEST's applications were also H2O applications.

The twenty-two applications together are requesting \$340 million. There are twelve wastewater, nine drinking water, and one storm water management project. By county, there are six applications for Bucks County, four applications for Chester County, eight applications for Delaware County, one application for Montgomery County and five applications for Philadelphia. That adds up to twenty-four applications, because two applications cover projects in two counties.

Since DVRPC just received these twenty-two applications a little over a week before the RTC meeting, DVRPC has not heard back from all of the counties regarding their consistency review. DVRPC has heard from Delaware County, which has already reviewed all the applications as H2O grants, and finds them all consistent with County

policies. Chester County has also reviewed the four applications in their county, and found three applications from Aqua PA consistent, but is still working on language for reviewing the PA American application. DVRPC has not heard back from Bucks, Montgomery or Philadelphia.

*Motion: by Jim Richardson, seconded by Catherine Popp-McDonough that the RTC recommend that the Board approve the eight Delaware County applications and the three Chester County applications; the RTC recommends that the Board approve the six applications for Bucks County, one application for Montgomery County and five applications for Philadelphia pending the Counties' review; and that the RTC recommends that the Board delegate the decision for the PA American Water Company Coatesville Wastewater Treatment Plant Phase 2 project application in Chester County to the DVRPC.*

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

### **PRESENTATION ITEMS**

#### **11. South Jersey Transportation Guide Using Google Maps**

John Hainesworth and Saiful Alam (Cross County Connection TMA) demonstrated an interactive Google Map that is currently hosted on their website. The map shows locations of bicycle routes, connecting transportation service, park and ride lots, as well as panoramic views of select locations and live traffic feed. Information hosted on the map was derived from GIS data and includes transportation information for all Southern New Jersey Counties.

#### **12. Context Sensitive Solution in the DVRPC Region**

Greg Heller (DVRPC) presented this annual study that provides context sensitive solutions for two case study locations in the region. This year's study focuses on a portion of Bethlehem Pike in Montgomery County and a segment of East Atlantic Avenue in Camden County. The study team worked closely with local stakeholders to identify key issues along each corridor, an improvement plan including context-sensitive solutions, cost estimates for the recommendations, and funding sources available to move this conceptual study forward to implementation.

### **INFORMATION ITEMS**

#### **13. One Minute Reports**

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

#### **14. Old Business and New Business**

15. **Meeting Adjournment**

Motion: *by Jessica Savidge-Lucas, seconded by Matthew Lawson 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 Tuesday, April 7, 2009.**

**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**

David Johnson  
 Carol Thomas  
 Curt Noe  
 Natasha Goguts  
 Paul Redman  
 (not represented)  
 (not represented)  
 Brendan Cotter  
 Linda Hayes  
 Jim Richardson  
 Lorraine Brill  
 Jessica Savidge-Lucas  
 Matthew Lawson  
 Leo Bagley  
 Brian Cuccia  
 (not represented)  
 (not represented)  
 Pippa Woods  
 (not represented)  
 Jim Mosca  
 Linda Guarini  
 Anthony M. Santaniello  
 Chivas Grannum  
 Stephen Buckley  
 Catherine Popp-McDonough

**Representative**

Glenn Reibman  
 Kelvin MacKavanagh  
 (not represented)  
 (not represented)  
 (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**

Saiful Alam – CCTMA  
Larry Bucci – PennDOT 6-0  
Paul DesRocher – TMACC  
Darin Gatti – Philadelphia Department of Streets  
John Hainesworth – CCTMA  
Andrea Jordan – Philadelphia Department of Streets  
Cheryl Kastrenakes – GMTMA  
James McQuilkin – DRPA  
Ashwin Patel – PennDOT 6-0  
Andy Sharpe – DVARP/Citizen  
Kathleen Zubrzycki – SEPTA

### **DVRPC Staff**

Gastonia Anderson  
Charles Dougherty  
Patty Elkis  
Matthew Gates  
Joseph Hacker  
Greg Heller  
Richard Murphy  
Sarah Oaks  
Elizabeth Schoonmaker  
Don Shanis  
W. Thomas Walker  
John Ward  
Matthew West