

**DELAWARE VALLEY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION**  
**PLANNING COORDINATING COMMITTEE/**  
**REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**  
**April 7, 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 March 10, 2009 Board meeting, and stated that the Board passed all Actions recommended by the RTC. Dr. Shanis also mentioned that the DVRPC Annual Celebration of Regional Excellence Dinner will take place on May 14, 2009.

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

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

**ACTION ITEMS**

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

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

*Motion: by Jessica Savidge-Lucas, seconded by Matthew Lawson to adopt the highlights for the March 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 eight TIP amendments for consideration.

**a. NJ09-20: Pedestrian and Bicycle Facilities and Street Lighting in Haddon Heights, (DB #TBD) Camden County – Proposed New DEMO Project**

The Borough of Haddon Heights has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2009-2012 TIP for New Jersey by adding a new DEMO project to the TIP, Pedestrian and Bicycle Facilities and Street Lighting in Haddon Heights, (DB #TBD), and programming final design (\$25,000 DEMO) and construction (\$238,766 DEMO) in

FY09. The funding for this project will be provided by a \$263,766 SAFETEA-LU Earmark (NJ ID# 174, FED ID# 1386).

*Motion: by Matthew Lawson, seconded by Jessica Savidge-Lucas to recommend that the Board amend the FY2009-2012 TIP for New Jersey by adding a new DEMO project to the TIP, Pedestrian and Bicycle Facilities and Street Lighting in Haddon Heights, (DB #TBD), and programming final design (\$25,000 DEMO) and construction (\$238,766 DEMO) in FY09. The funding for this project will be provided by a \$263,766 SAFETEA-LU Earmark (NJ ID# 174, FED ID# 1386).*

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

**b. PA09-31: Capital Assistance for Purchase of Accessible Small Transit Vehicles Section 5310 Program (MPMS #82860), PennDOT's Bureau of Public Transportation – Proposed New Project**

PennDOT's Bureau of Public Transportation has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2009-2012 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a project to the TIP, Capital Assistance for Purchase of Accessible Small Transit Vehicles Section 5310 Program (MPMS #82860), by programming \$2,863,600 (\$2,290,880 FTA -5310/\$572,720 Local Match) in FY09 for the purchase of 46 vehicles and 3 radios for 13 agencies in the DVRPC region.

*Motion: by Brendan Cotter, seconded by Leo Bagley to recommend that the Board amend the FY2009-2012 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a project to the TIP, Capital Assistance for Purchase of Accessible Small Transit Vehicles Section 5310 Program (MPMS #82860), by programming \$2,863,600 (\$2,290,880 FTA -5310/\$572,720 Local Match) in FY09 for the purchase of 46 vehicles and 3 radios for 13 agencies in the DVRPC region.*

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

**c. PA09-32a: US 202 Parkway, Pickertown Road to PA 611 (Sec. 721) (MPMS #47395), Bucks County – Cost Increase**

PennDOT has requested that DVRPC modify the FY2009-2012 TIP for Pennsylvania by programming an additional \$37.27 million for the construction phase of, US 202 Parkway, Pickertown Road to PA 611 (Sec. 721) (MPMS #47395) in FY09 (\$4,805,000 State), FY10 (\$4,120,000 State), FY11 (\$11,972,000 State), and FY12 (\$16,374,000 State). The additional increase is needed to meet the latest construction cost estimate, construction inspection, and construction consultation services. A portion of the construction phase was expected to be obligated in the FY07 TIP, but the obligation never took place due to delays in obtaining permits and right of way clearances.

**d. PA09-32b: US 202 Parkway, PA 463 to Pickertown Road (Sec. 711) (MPMS #47396), Bucks County – Cost Increase**

PennDOT has requested that DVRPC modify the FY2009-2012 TIP for Pennsylvania by programming an additional \$6.5 million for the construction phase

of, US 202 Parkway, PA 463 to Pickertown Road (Sec. 711) (MPMS #47396) in FY09 (\$3,266,000 State) and FY11 (\$3,278,000 State). The additional increase is needed to meet the latest construction cost estimate, construction inspection, and construction consultation services.

**e. PA09-33: US 202, 5-Points Intersections (Sec. 71A) (MPMS #63493), Montgomery County – Defer Construction to LFY (Technical Deletion)**

PennDOT has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2009-2012 TIP for Pennsylvania by deferring the FY12 construction phase (\$3,822,000 State) to Later Fiscal Years, therefore technically deleting the project, US 202, 5-Points Intersection (Sec. 71A) (MPMS #63493) from the 4 year FY2009 TIP. This project is related to sections 711 and 721 of US Route 202 and as their delivery has been somewhat delayed, the estimated construction of this project is also somewhat delayed, and is expected to advance in FY2013, and will not be dropped.

*Motion: by Leo Bagley, seconded by Linda Guarini to recommend that the Board modify the FY2009-2012 TIP for Pennsylvania by programming an additional \$37.27 million for the construction phase of, US 202 Parkway, Pickertown Road to PA 611 (Sec. 721) (MPMS #47395) in FY09 (\$4,805,000 State), FY10 (\$4,120,000 State), FY11 (\$11,972,000 State), and FY12 (\$16,374,000 State); that the Board modify the FY2009-2012 TIP for Pennsylvania by programming an additional \$6.5 million for the construction phase of, US 202 Parkway, PA 463 to Pickertown Road (Sec. 711) (MPMS #47396) in FY09 (\$3,266,000 State) and FY11 (\$3,278,000 State); and that the Board amend the FY2009-2012 TIP for Pennsylvania by deferring the FY12 construction phase (\$3,822,000 State) to Later Fiscal Years, therefore technically deleting the project, US 202, 5-Points Intersection (Sec. 71A) (MPMS #63493) from the 4 year FY2009 TIP.*

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

**f. PA09-35: Swamp Road Corridor Improvement (MPMS #64780), Bucks County – Delete Project due to Reduce Project Scope**

PennDOT has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2009-2012 TIP for Pennsylvania by removing the FY11 utility phase (\$1.6 million STP/\$400,000 State) and the FY11 ROW phase (\$4.560 million STP/\$1.140 million state) from the Swamp Road Corridor Improvement project (MPMS #64780), thereby deleting the project due to significant downsizing, and advancing minor improvements through a PennDOT Maintenance Contract. The LFY construction funding (\$16.720 million STU/\$4.180 million state) will also be removed.

*Motion: by David Johnson, seconded by Linda Guarini to recommend that the Board amend the FY2009-2012 TIP for Pennsylvania by removing the FY11 utility phase (\$1.6 million STP/\$400,000 State) and the FY11 ROW phase (\$4.560 million STP/\$1.140 million state) from the Swamp Road Corridor Improvement project (MPMS #64780), thereby deleting the project due to*

*significant downsizing, and advancing minor improvements through a PennDOT Maintenance Contract. The LFY construction funding (\$16.720 million STU/\$4.180 million state) will also be removed.*

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

**g. PA09-36: PA 309 Connector Project – Phase I (MPMS #16438), Montgomery County – Cost Increase**

PennDOT has requested that DVRPC modify the FY2009-2012 TIP for Pennsylvania by increasing the construction phase of the PA 309 Connector Project - Phase I (MPMS# 16438), by \$5.550 million in FY09 (\$4,440,000 STU/\$1,110,000 State). This increase is due to escalation costs caused by delays in letting the project, an increase in the pavement thickness, additional excavation costs to address resource agency concerns related to permits, and changes in various design aspects of the project.

*Motion: by Leo Bagley, seconded by Linda Guarini to recommend that the Board modify the FY2009-2012 TIP for Pennsylvania by increasing the construction phase of the PA 309 Connector Project - Phase I (MPMS# 16438), by \$5.550 million in FY09 (\$4,440,000 STU/\$1,110,000 State), and contingent on approval by PennDOT executive staff.*

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

**h. PA09-37: Regional Rail Signal Modernization Program – (MPMS #60255)**

SEPTA has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2009-2012 TIP for Pennsylvania by increasing the scope of the Regional Rail Signal Modernization Program (MPMS #60255) to include \$41.024 million for the Positive Train Control System. The \$41 million has been made available due to the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 funds that were added to other existing SEPTA projects which could advance more quickly than were programmed in the TIP, thereby freeing up regular FTA formula funds for another use.

*Motion: by Brendan Cotter, seconded by Anthony Santaniello to recommend that the Board amend the FY2009-2012 TIP for Pennsylvania by increasing the scope of the Regional Rail Signal Modernization Program (MPMS #60255) to include \$41.024 million for the Positive Train Control System.*

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

**6. Draft Aviation Re-Authorization Letter From Regional Aviation Committee (RAC) Regional Congressional Delegation**

The RAC, at its March 19, 2009 meeting, requested that a letter be sent to our regional Congressional representatives in preparation for legislative deliberations regarding re-funding of the airport and aviation operations nationally. This communication supplements the regional priorities transmitted to congressional representatives on May 2, 2008. No progress was made on the re-authorization in the last Congress, and airport development grants are preceding within the limitations of the previous authorization under a current continuing resolution. Roger Moog (DVRPC) asked the RTC to

recommend that the Board approve and direct staff to forward correspondence to the regional congressional delegation with recommendations for programmatic features of the Aviation Reauthorization Legislation.

*Motion: by Matthew Lawson, seconded by Curt Noe to recommend that the Board approve and direct staff to forward correspondence to the regional congressional delegation with recommendations for programmatic features of the Aviation Reauthorization Legislation.*

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

#### **7. Historic Wayne Station Renovation**

SEPTA has FTA Transportation Enhancement (TE) funds that they wish to obligate within this fiscal year. The TE funds (\$1,749,489) are from the FY 2007 and 2008 FTA funding distribution. The funding would be used for rehabilitation of Wayne Station. Improvements include the inbound/outbound canopies building, installation of way finding and station identification signage and graphics, construction of new high level platforms and shelters, site drainage, and retaining walls. Ryan Gallagher (DVRPC) asked the RTC to recommend that the Board approve SEPTA FY2007 and FY2008 transit TE funds for the Historic Wayne Station project (MPMS #60619) and amend the FY 2009 Transportation Improvement Program for PA (TIP Action PA09-38) by programming \$1,749,489 in FY09.

*Motion: by Jessica Savidge-Lucas, seconded by Brendan Cotter to recommend that the Board approve SEPTA FY2007 and FY2008 transit TE funds for the Historic Wayne Station project (MPMS #60619) and amend the FY 2009 Transportation Improvement Program for PA (TIP Action PA09-38) by programming \$1,749,489 in FY09.*

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

#### **8. Grays Ferry Avenue Streetscape/Schuylkill River Trail**

The Schuylkill River Development Corporation is requesting that \$1 million in Discretionary Transportation Enhancements funding be transferred to The Schuylkill River Trail from MPMS #77451 Grays Ferry Avenue Streetscape because of scope and priority changes, effectively dropping the streetscape project from the Transportation Enhancements Program and the FY09 TIP for Pennsylvania. Ryan Gallagher (DVRPC) asked the RTC to recommend that the Board approve dropping the Grays Ferry Streetscape TE project and shifting the \$1 million TE funding made available for that project to the Tidal Schuylkill Trail/Greenway Project, and amend the FY2009 TIP for PA by dropping the Grays Ferry Streetscape project (TIP Action PA09-39). Also approve further funding changes to the Tidal Schuylkill Trail/Greenway Project by shifting \$320,000 in CMAQ funding from the ROW phase to the FD phase, adding local funding in the amount of \$4,854,000 and DEMO funding in the amount of \$1,024,000 for construction.

*Motion: by Anthony Santaniello, seconded by Jessica Savidge-Lucas to recommend that the Board approve dropping the Grays Ferry Streetscape TE project and shifting the \$1 million TE funding made available for that project to*

*the Tidal Schuylkill Trail/Greenway Project, and amend the FY2009 TIP for PA by dropping the Grays Ferry Streetscape project (TIP Action PA09-39). Also approve further funding changes to the Tidal Schuylkill Trail/Greenway Project by shifting \$320,000 in CMAQ funding from the ROW phase to the FD phase, adding local funding in the amount of \$4,854,000 and DEMO funding in the amount of \$1,024,000 for construction.*

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

**9. Efficient Growth in Growing Suburbs (EGGS) Program Project Selection**

The EGGS grant program is a new initiative targeted toward the region's growing suburbs to improve growth management and community design and to optimize the efficiency of the transportation network. A total of 16 applications requesting more than double the amount of funding available were received. Richard Bickel (DVRPC) explained the selection process, presented the selected projects and asked the RTC to recommend that the Board approve the recommended project selections for the FY 2009 EGGS Program.

*Motion: by Leo Bagley, seconded by Natasha Goguts that the RTC recommend that the Board approve the recommended project selections for the FY 2009 EGGS Program.*

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

**10. Approval of FY10 New Jersey Job Access Reverse Commute (JARC) and New Freedom Recommendations**

DVRPC facilitates the selection process for the FY10 FTA Job Access and Reverse Commute (JARC) and New Freedom (NF) grants under the Coordinated Human Service Transportation Planning (CHSTP) program. The New Jersey CHSTP Sub-Committee met on March 20, 2009 to make recommendations for FFY2008 and FFY2009 service and project funding. Eric Grugel (DVRPC) requested that the RTC recommend Board approval.

*Motion: by Pippa Woods, seconded by Curt Noe that the RTC recommend that the Board approve the project recommendations for the New Jersey Job Access and Reverse Commute Urban applications and New Freedom funding.*

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

**11. Authorization to Open a Public Comment Period for the Draft Connections 2035 Long Range Plan (LRP); the draft FY 2010-2013 New Jersey Transportation Improvement Program (TIP); and the Draft Conformity Finding of the FY 2010 New Jersey TIP, and the Connection 2035 LRP**

Sean Greene (DVRPC) requested that the RTC recommend that the DVRPC Board authorize a minimum 30-day public comment period to allow comment on the draft Connections 2035 Long Range Plan (LRP); the Draft FY 2010-2013 New Jersey Transportation Improvement Program (TIP); and the Draft Conformity Finding of the FY 2010 New Jersey TIP, and the Connections 2035 LRP by the public and other agencies.

The draft Connections 2035 LRP; the draft FY 2010 New Jersey TIP; and the draft conformity documents will be available for public review by Wednesday, May 20, 2009. Staff will review and respond to the comments received, and the RTC and RCC will prepare recommendations to the Board for adoption of the final Connections 2035 LRP, FY 2010 TIP for New Jersey and the conformity findings in June, 2009.

*Motion: by Jim Richardson, seconded by Leo Bagley that the RTC recommend that the DVRPC Board authorize a minimum 30-day public comment period to allow comment on the draft Connections 2035 Long Range Plan (LRP); the Draft FY 2010-2013 New Jersey Transportation Improvement Program (TIP); and the Draft Conformity Finding of the FY 2010 New Jersey TIP, and the Connections 2035 LRP by the public and other agencies*

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

**12. Appointment of Nominating Committee for Fiscal Year 2010 (FY10) DVRPC Planning Coordinating Committee/Regional Transportation Committee (PCC/RTC) Officers**

A Nominating Committee of Jim Mosca (PennDOT), Don Shanis (DVRPC) and Carol Thomas (Burlington County) were selected to appoint candidates for Chairman and Vice Chairman for the PCC/RTC for FY10 (July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010). The Chairman for FY10 must be a voting member from New Jersey, and the Vice Chairman must be a voting member from Pennsylvania. The committee will report these candidates and elections will take place at the June 2009 PCC/RTC meeting.

*Motion: by Matthew Lawson, seconded by Pippa Woods to name Jim Mosca (PennDOT), Don Shanis (DVRPC) and Carol Thomas (Burlington County) as the Nominating Committee to name the candidates for Chairman and Vice Chairman for FY10.*

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

**PRESENTATION ITEMS**

**13. New Jersey Roads Feasibility Study**

The roads of the recently completed Feasibility Study for a Statewide Road Centerline Data Set was presented by Doug Schleifer from New Jersey Office of Information Technology, Office of GIS. The study examined the feasibility of developing and maintaining a single, comprehensive statewide road centerline data set that could serve the needs of the entire GIS user community in New Jersey.

**14. DVRPC Incident Management Task Forces Update**

DVRPC has established Incident Management Task Forces (IMTF) for the following areas: I-76 / I-476 Crossroads; I-676, I-76 Philadelphia; I-95 / I-476 Delaware County, and NJ 42 / NJ 55, I-76 / I-676 / I-295 (New Jersey). The purpose of the IMTFs is to foster communication and cooperation between organizations that are involved in responding to traffic incidents. Chris King (DVRPC) presented recent task force

activities and a workshop being created by DVRPC to help other agencies develop their own IMTFs.

## **INFORMATION ITEMS**

### **15. One Minute Reports**

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

### **16. Old Business and New Business**

### **17. Meeting Adjournment**

*Motion: by Jessica Savidge-Lucas, seconded by Brendan Cotter 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, May 12, 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  
 (not represented)  
 (not represented)  
 (not represented)  
 Brendan Cotter  
 Linda Hayes  
 Jim Richardson  
 Lorraine Brill  
 Jessica Savidge-Lucas  
 Matthew Lawson  
 Leo Bagley  
 (not represented)  
 (not represented)  
 (not represented)  
 Pippa Woods  
 (not represented)  
 Jim Mosca  
 Linda Guarini  
 Anthony M. Santaniello  
 Darin Gatti  
 Stephen Buckley  
 Kathleen Zubrzycki

**Representative**

Glenn Reibman  
 Kelvin MacKavanagh  
 (not represented)  
 (not represented)  
 (not represented)  
 (not represented)  
 (not represented)  
 Brian Wahler  
 William Ragozine  
 (not represented)  
 (not represented)  
 Don Steele  
 (not represented)  
 (not represented)  
 (not represented)  
 (not represented)  
 (not represented)  
 Martin Kotsch

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

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

Andrea Jordan – Philadelphia Department of Streets  
Alex Flemming – SEPTA  
Mike Monasteri – SEPTA  
Doug Schleifer - NJOIT

### **DVRPC Staff**

Gastonia Anderson  
Richard Bickel  
Charles Dougherty  
Ryan Gallagher  
Sean Greene  
Eric Grugel  
Chris King  
Laurie Matkowski  
Roger Moog  
Richard Murphy  
Elizabeth Schoonmaker  
Don Shanis  
John Ward