

DELAWARE VALLEY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

PLANNING COORDINATING COMMITTEE/

REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

May 12, 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. Mr. Mosca discussed the Pennsylvania Community Transportation Initiative (PCTI). Information about PCTI can be found at <http://www.smart-transportation.com>

2. Deputy Executive Director's Report

Don Shanis (DVRPC) updated the members on the April 23, 2009 Board meeting, and stated that the Board passed all TIP 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 April 14, 2009. (Details of the meeting can be found in the April 14, 2009 Meeting Minutes of the DVRPC RCC.)

ACTION ITEMS

4. Highlights of the Meeting of April 7, 2009

The highlights from the April 7, 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 April 7, 2009 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 four TIP amendments for consideration.

a. PA09-34a: Watermark Road over Muddy Run Bridge Replacement Project (MPMS #86696), Chester County – Proposed New Local Bridge Project

PennDOT has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2009-2012 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a new project into the TIP, Watermark Road over Muddy Run Bridge Replacement Project (MPMS #86696), and programming preliminary engineering (\$360,000 Bridge/\$68,000 State/\$22,000 Local) in FY09, and final

design (\$280,000 Bridge/\$83,000 State/\$17,000 Local) in FY12 for the replacement of Watermark Road bridge.

b. PA09-34b: Osborne Road over Beaver Creek Bridge Replacement Project (MPMS #86698), Chester County – Proposed New Local Bridge Project

PennDOT has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2009-2012 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a new project into the TIP, Osborne Road over Beaver Creek Bridge Replacement Project (MPMS #86698), and programming preliminary engineering (\$96,000 Bridge/\$18,000 State/\$6,000 Local) in FY09, and final design (\$64,000 Bridge/\$12,000 State/\$4,000 Local) and right of way (\$40,000 Bridge/\$8,000 State/\$2,000 Local) in FY12 for the replacement of Osborne Road bridge, which provides the local access between State Route 340 and US Route 322.

c. PA09-34c: Mount Alverno Road over Chester Creek Bridge Replacement Project (MPMS #86368), Delaware County – Proposed New Local Bridge Project

PennDOT has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2009-2012 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a new project into the TIP, Mount Alverno Road over Chester Creek Bridge Replacement Project, (MPMS #86368), and programming preliminary engineering (\$320,000 Bridge/\$60,000 State/\$20,000 Local) and final design (\$280,000 Bridge/\$53,000 State/\$17,000 Local) in FY09 for the replacement of Mount Alverno bridge.

d. PA09-34d: Tribett Avenue over Hermesprota Creek Bridge Replacement Project (MPMS #86370), Delaware County – Proposed New Local Bridge Project

PennDOT has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2009-2012 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a new project into the TIP, Tribett Avenue over Hermesprota Creek Bridge Replacement Project (MPMS #86370), and programming preliminary engineering (\$320,000 Bridge/\$60,000 State/\$20,000 Local) and final design (\$280,000 Bridge/\$53,000 State/\$17,000 Local) in FY09 for the replacement of Tribett Avenue bridge.

Motion: by Thomas Shaffer, seconded by Natasha Goguts to recommend that the Board amend the FY2009-2012 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a new project into the TIP, Watermark Road over Muddy Run Bridge Replacement Project (MPMS #86696), and programming preliminary engineering (\$360,000 Bridge/\$68,000 State/\$22,000 Local) in FY09, and final design (\$280,000 Bridge/\$83,000 State/\$17,000 Local) in FY12 for the replacement of Watermark Road bridge; that the Board amend the FY2009-2012 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a new project into the TIP, Osborne Road over Beaver Creek Bridge Replacement Project (MPMS #86698), and programming preliminary engineering (\$96,000 Bridge/\$18,000 State/\$6,000 Local) in FY09, and final design (\$64,000 Bridge/\$12,000 State/\$4,000 Local) and right of way (\$40,000 Bridge/\$8,000 State/\$2,000 Local) in FY12 for the replacement of Osborne Road bridge, which provides the local access between State Route 340 and US

Route 322; that the Board amend the FY2009-2012 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a new project into the TIP, Mount Alverno Road over Chester Creek Bridge Replacement Project, (MPMS #86368), and programming preliminary engineering (\$320,000 Bridge/\$60,000 State/\$20,000 Local) and final design (\$280,000 Bridge/\$53,000 State/\$17,000 Local) in FY09 for the replacement of Mount Alverno bridge; and that the Board amend the FY2009-2012 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a new project into the TIP, Tribett Avenue over Hermesprota Creek Bridge Replacement Project (MPMS #86370), and programming preliminary engineering (\$320,000 Bridge/\$60,000 State/\$20,000 Local) and final design (\$280,000 Bridge/\$53,000 State/\$17,000 Local) in FY09 for the replacement of Tribett Avenue bridge.

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. US 422 Expressway Tolling and Transit Feasibility Study (Draft)

W. Thomas Walker (DVRPC) asked the RTC to recommend that the Board modify the Fiscal Year 2009 Work Program by adding the US 422 Expressway Tolling and Transit Feasibility Study (Draft). This project is a feasibility study of the general tolling of the 25-mile US 422 Expressway from US 202 in King of Prussia to its terminus in Amity Township, Berks County. Project management will be provided by Montgomery County Planning Commission staff, supplemented by DVRPC who will provide (1) travel forecasts for highway and transit alternatives for the US 422 Expressway Corridor, with and without tolling US 422, and (2) cost accounting and contract administration services. It anticipated that the expressway alternatives will include the no-build and widening from four to six lanes as far west as Limerick. Transit alternatives will include 1) the Wyomissing to Philadelphia 30th Street duals mode "start up" service described in the February 2009 "R6 Norristown Line Service Extension Study and possibly a second alternative with improved service frequencies.

It is anticipated that two consultant firms will be hired by DVRPC under separate contracts. DVRPC will assist Montgomery County and the consultant team and provide travel forecasts for the traffic and revenue study and ridership estimates for the no-build and up to two transit/ expressway improvement alternatives. DVRPC's cost is estimated at \$200,000.

Motion: by Catherine Popp-McDonough, seconded by Leo Bagley to recommend that the Board modify the Fiscal Year 2009 Work Program by adding the US 422 Expressway Tolling and Transit Feasibility Study (Draft).

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

PRESENTATION ITEMS

7. Alternatives to Buses on I-76: SEPTA Rail Feeder Bus Study

Michael Becker (DVRPC) presented the Alternative to Buses on I-76: Septa Rail Feeder Bus Study. The study analyzed the feasibility of reconfiguring eight bus routes that operate on the Schuylkill Expressway (I-76) to act as feeders to SEPTA's rail system in the corridor. The existing bus route configuration operates with poor on-time performance and directly competes with existing rail service. Bus and rail passenger estimates, capital improvements needs, and operational requirements were determined through the study.

8. American Community Survey Data

The US Census Bureau has replaced the traditional Long-Form of the Census with the American Community Survey (ACS). The ACS is a continuous survey that provides annual estimates of Census data, beginning in 2005. Matthew Gates (DVRPC) reviewed and discussed recently released ACS "1-year" and "3-year" data products.

DISCUSSION ITEM

9. American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) Discretionary Program

Don Shanis (DVRPC) led a discussion on possible regional projects for the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) Discretionary Program. The possible projects discussed included, but are not limited to: port, rail, and intermodal possibilities; freight that serves all rail lines; Gloucester County rail initiative; "shovel ready" projects; a bridge in Montgomery County; replacement of rail cars for DRPA; Pennsylvania Turnpike/I-95 interchange in Philadelphia; SEPTA fare collection upgrade; a new rail station for the River Line in Burlington County; Section 300 of US 202 in Chester County; a BRT on US 1 corridor in Mercer County; and a Roosevelt Boulevard Subway Extension.

INFORMATION ITEMS

10. One Minute Reports

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

11. Old Business and New Business

12. Meeting Adjournment

Motion: *by Jessica Savidge-Lucas, seconded by Jim Richardson 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, June 9, 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)
 Thomas Shaffer
 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
 Darin Gatti
 Christopher Zearfoss
 Catherine Popp-McDonough

Representative

(not represented)
 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)
 (not represented)

ATTENDANCE (cont'd)

Other Member Representatives and Guests

Bridget Chadwick – Cheltenham Township EAC
Steve D'Antonio - SEPTA
Alex Flemming – SEPTA
Paul Redman – City of Camden
Warren Strumpfer - RCC

DVRPC Staff

Michael Becker
Richard Bickel
Jerry Coyne
Charles Dougherty
Matthew Gates
Richard Murphy
Christopher Puchalsky
Elizabeth Schoonmaker
Don Shanis
W. Thomas Walker
John Ward
Matthew West