

**DELAWARE VALLEY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION**  
**PLANNING COORDINATING COMMITTEE/**  
**REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**  
**October 6, 2009 Meeting Highlights**  
**DVRPC Conference Room, Philadelphia, PA**

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

Jessica Savidge-Lucas (Gloucester County) welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order.

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

Charles Dougherty (DVRPC – Director, Technical Services Division) updated the members on the September 24, 2009 Board meeting, and stated that the Board passed all TIP Actions recommended by the RTC. Mr. Dougherty mentioned that the Board Retreat was a success.

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

Jim Richardson (RCC) provided information on the RCC meeting held on September 15, 2009. Mr. Richardson made note that changes were finalized on how the RCC operates. (Details of the meeting can be found in the September 15, 2009 Meeting Minutes of the DVRPC RCC.)

**ACTION ITEMS**

**4. Highlights of the Meeting of September 8, 2009**

The highlights from the September 8, 2009 meeting of the PCC/RTC were presented for adoption.

*Motion: by Jim Richardson, seconded by Matthew Lawson to adopt the highlights for the September 8, 2009 PCC/RTC meeting.*

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

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

Gastonia Anderson (DVPRC) presented four TIP amendments for consideration.

**a. PA09-70: Project Selection for the Transportation Community System Preservation (TCSP) (Various MPMS#s), Various Counties**

FHWA has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2009-2012 TIP for Pennsylvania by approving the recommended list of TCSP projects and adding them to the TIP as individual projects.

A total of \$2,346,000 TCSP has been awarded to the following eight projects selected throughout the DVRPC Pennsylvania sub region:

1. Avenue of the Arts Revitalization and Streetscaping Project - City of Philadelphia (\$444,600 TCSP/\$111,150 Local match)
2. Bethlehem Pike Roadway and Streetscape Improvements, Springfield Township - Montgomery County (\$444,600 TCSP, acknowledging a Toll credit match)
3. Prophecy Creek Park Entrance Project, Whitpain Township - Montgomery County (\$222,300 TCSP/\$55,575 Local match)
4. US 422 River Crossing Complex Project, King of Prussia - Montgomery County (\$222,300 TCSP/\$55,575 Local match)
5. Construction of Bridge Over Valley Creek for Loop Trail at Valley Forge Park, King of Prussia - Montgomery County (\$166,725 TCSP/\$41,681 Local match)
6. Paxon Hollow Road, Pedestrian and School Children Safety Project, Marple Township - Delaware County (\$177,840 TCSP/\$44,460 Local match)
7. Bridge Over Brandywine Creek, Downingtown - Chester County (\$666,900 TCSP/\$166,725 Local match)
8. Parking and Street Enhancements at Historic Yellow Springs, Chester Springs – Chester County (Provisional Award - Pending FHWA Round 2 Approval)

Motion: *by Catherine Popp-McDonough, seconded by Leo Bagley to recommend that the Board amend the FY2009-2012 TIP for Pennsylvania by approving the recommended list of TCSP projects and adding them to the TIP as individual projects.*

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

**b. PA09-71a: PA 100 South Pines Community Noisewalls (MPMS# 84989), Chester County – Add PE Phase**

PennDOT has requested that DVRPC modify the FY2009-2012 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a preliminary engineering phase for PA 100 South, Pines Community Noisewalls (MPMS #84989), in FY09 (\$330,000 Economic Development).

**c. PA09-71b: High Street Bridge Over Manatawny Creek Bridge Replacement Project (MPMS# 16194), Montgomery County – Add FD Phase**

PennDOT has requested that DVRPC modify the FY2009-2012 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a final design phase for High Street Bridge Over Manatawny Creek Bridge Replacement Project (MPMS# 16194), in FY10 (\$385,000 Act 44). Final design was programmed in the FY2007 TIP, but was not encumbered (obligation of state funds).

Motion: *by Natasha Manbeck, seconded by Pippa Woods to recommend that the Board modify the FY2009-2012 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a preliminary engineering phase for PA 100 South, Pines Community Noisewalls*

*(MPMS #84989), in FY09 (\$330,000 Economic Development); and that the Board modify the FY2009-2012 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a final design phase for High Street Bridge Over Manatawny Creek Bridge Replacement Project (MPMS# 16194), in FY10 (\$385,000 Act 44).*

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

**d. PA and NJ Programming of Low-Bid Savings on Recovery Act Projects (Various DB#'s and MPMS#'s), Various Counties – Request to Delegate Discussion and Recommendation to the NJ and PA TIP Subcommittees**

PennDOT has requested that DVRPC modify the FY2009-2012 TIP for Pennsylvania by shifting funds made available from low-bid savings on projects initially selected for funding through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 and approved by the DVRPC Board in February, 2009. And DVRPC is requesting to amend the FY2010-2013 TIP for New Jersey by shifting funds made available from low-bid savings on projects initially selected for funding through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 and approved by the DVRPC Board in February, 2009, and seeking approval to add additional projects as funding becomes available.

*Motion: by Jim Richardson, seconded by Matthew Lawson to delegate the recommendations to the PA and NJ Subcommittees of the RTC.*

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

Note that both the PA and NJ Subcommittees recommend approval.

**6. Functional Classification Change for Wood and Vine Streets in the Borough of Lansdale, Montgomery County**

Lansdale Borough is requesting the addition of Wood Street and Vine Street in Lansdale Borough to the Federal Aid System. These are both existing local streets, and are proposed to become listed as Urban Collectors with a combined total length of approximately .5 miles. Charles Dougherty (DVRPC) asked the RTC to recommend that the Board approve the change of functional classification for Wood and Vine Streets in Lansdale Borough.

*Motion: by Leo Bagley, seconded by Matthew Lawson to recommend that the Board approve the change of functional classification for Wood and Vine Streets in Lansdale Borough.*

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

**7. Adoption of DVRPC's Transportation Operations Plan**

DVRPC staff, in cooperation with the Transportation Operations Task Force, prepared the Transportation Operations Plan, an element of the Connections long-range plan. The Plan presents operations goals and objectives, as well as a vision of where ITS infrastructure, emergency service patrols, and incident management task forces should be implemented. It recommends traffic management, incident management, and transit management projects and programs for the region to advance, and also includes a financial analysis that compares operations needs versus funding allocated to

operations in Connections. Stanley Platt (DVRPC) asked the RTC to recommend that the Board adopt the Transportation Operations Plan.

Motion: *by James Mosca, seconded by Stephen Buckley to recommend that the Board adopt the Transportation Operations Plan.*

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

#### **8. Adoption of the FY 2009 Safety Action Plan**

In FY07, the DVRPC Board adopted the Regional Safety Action Plan. The Plan was focused on reducing crashes and fatalities on the region's roadways. Through a data driven process and with significant input from the Regional Safety Task Force, the FY07 Plan has been updated to reflect the region's current seven key safety Emphasis Areas and the identified set of strategies to address these Emphasis Areas. This plan was closely coordinated with the development of PennDOT's and NJ DOT's Strategic Highway Safety Plans. Zoe Neaderland (DVRPC) asked the RTC to recommend that the DVRPC Board adopt the updated Safety Action Plan.

Motion: *by Catherine Popp-McDonough, seconded by Jim Richardson to recommend that the Board adopt the updated Safety Action Plan.*

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

#### **9. PCC/RTC Meeting Dates for 2010**

A set of proposed meeting dates for the PCC/RTC for calendar year 2010 was submitted to the committee for its consideration.

Motion: *by Leo Bagley, seconded by Jim Richardson to accept the proposed meeting dates for the PCC/RTC for calendar year 2010.*

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

### **PRESENTATION ITEMS**

#### **10. Philadelphia's Center City Mobility Enhancement Initiative**

Richard D. Dickson, Jr., Senior Director for Strategic Planning & Administration for the Philadelphia Parking Authority reviewed steps the City of Philadelphia has taken to improve access to and mobility in Center City. They include meter rate adjustments, new parking meter technology, improved loading guidelines, clearer parking regulations signs, motorcycle/scooter parking, bicycle parking, short-term garage parking rates and coordinated enforcement activities. All of these enhancements are designed to support Center City's economic vitality by reducing congestion and providing convenient, affordable parking.

**INFORMATION ITEMS****11. Coordinated Human Services Transportation Plan (CHSTP) Update**

Joseph Hacker (DVRPC) provided a brief summary of DVRPC's Coordinated Human Services Transportation Plan update and gave a preview of this year's Pennsylvania funding round.

**12. FY11 Supportive Regional Highway Planning Program and Transit Support Program Special Studies Final Call for Projects**

Sarah Oaks (DVRPC) issued the final call for special studies programs and reviewed the submission evaluation and approval schedules.

**13. Status of Upgrades to the DVRPC Travel Demand Model**

The DVRPC Travel Demand Model, used for various types of forecasts and analyses, is currently being upgraded to remain consistent with the state of the practice, new policy demands, and evolving Federal guidance on travel models. Christopher Puchalsky (DVRPC) gave an update on the translation of the model to a new software package and on the selection of possible improvements.

**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 Matthew Lawson, seconded by Natasha Manbeck 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, November 10, 2009.**

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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  
 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  
 Transportation Operations 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 Manbeck  
 Edward Williams  
 (not represented)  
 (not represented)  
 Dennis DeRosa  
 Linda Hayes  
 Jim Richardson  
 Lorraine Brill  
 Jessica Savidge-Lucas  
 Matthew Lawson  
 Leo Bagley  
 (not represented)  
 (not represented)  
 (not represented)  
 Pippa Woods  
 (not represented)  
 James Mosca  
 Linda Guarini  
 Anthony Santaniello  
 Chivas Grannum  
 Stephen Buckley  
 Catherine Popp-McDonough

**Representative**

(not represented)  
 Kelvin MacKavanagh  
 (not represented)  
 Matthew Smoker  
 (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**

Kivanc Caglar – HNTB  
Richard Dickson, Jr. – Philadelphia Parking Authority  
David Harvery – PRPA  
David Heller – SJTPO  
Andrea Jordan – City of Philadelphia  
James McQuilkin – DRPA  
Zoe Robertson – SEPTA  
Les Toaso – PennDOT

### **DVRPC Staff**

Gastonia Anderson  
Charles Dougherty  
Joseph Hacker  
Richard Murphy  
Zoe Neaderland  
Sarah Oaks  
Stanley Platt  
Christopher Puchalsky  
John Ward  
Matthew West