

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

1. Call to Order - Chairperson's Comments

Natasha Manbeck (Vice-Chairperson – Chester County) welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order.

2. Deputy Executive Director's Report

Don Shanis (DVRPC) updated the members on the October 22, 2009 Board meeting, and stated that the Board passed all TIP Actions recommended by the RTC.

3. Report on Regional Citizens Committee Activities

Jim Richardson (RCC) provided information on the RCC meeting held on October 13, 2009. (Details of the meeting can be found in the October 13, 2009 Meeting Minutes of the DVRPC RCC.)

ACTION ITEMS

4. Highlights of the Meeting of October 6, 2009

The highlights from the October 6, 2009 meeting of the PCC/RTC were presented for adoption.

Motion: by Leo Bagley, seconded by James Mosca to adopt the highlights for the October 6, 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 six TIP amendments for consideration.

a. PA09-75a: Adjacent Box Beam Rehab (Group A) (MPMS# 87241), Delaware and Montgomery Counties – Proposed New Project

PennDOT has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2009-2012 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a new project to the TIP and programming final design (\$150,000 Act 44) and construction in FY10 (\$5,807,000 Act 44) for Adjacent Box Beam Rehab (Group A) (MPMS# 87241). Funding is being provided by the Act 44 Line Item (MPMS #82395).

b. PA09-75b: Adjacent Box Beam Rehab (Group B) (MPMS# 87243), Bucks and Chester Counties – Proposed New Project

PennDOT has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2009-2012 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a new project to the TIP and programming final design (\$150,000 Act 44) and construction in FY10 (\$4,814,000 Act 44) for Adjacent Box Beam Rehab (Group B) (MPMS# 87243). Funding is being provided by the Act 44 Line Item (MPMS #82395).

c. PA09-75c: Adjacent Box Beam Rehab (Group C) (MPMS# 87244), Montgomery County – Proposed New Project

PennDOT has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2009-2012 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a new project to the TIP and programming final design (\$150,000 Act 44) and construction in FY10 (\$1,395,000 Act 44) for Adjacent Box Beam Rehab (Group C) (MPMS# 87244). Funding is being provided by the Act 44 Line Item (MPMS #82395).

Motion: by Brendan Cotter, seconded by Linda Guarini to recommend that the Board amend the FY2009-2012 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a new project to the TIP and programming final design (\$150,000 Act 44) and construction in FY10 (\$5,807,000 Act 44) for Adjacent Box Beam Rehab (Group A) (MPMS# 87241); amend the FY2009-2012 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a new project to the TIP and programming final design (\$150,000 Act 44) and construction in FY10 (\$4,814,000 Act 44) for Adjacent Box Beam Rehab (Group B) (MPMS# 87243); and amend the FY2009-2012 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a new project to the TIP and programming final design (\$150,000 Act 44) and construction in FY10 (\$1,395,000 Act 44) for Adjacent Box Beam Rehab (Group C) (MPMS# 87244).

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

d. PA09-76: Grove Road Drainage Improvements (MPMS# 87281), Chester County - Proposed New Project

PennDOT has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2009-2012 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a new project to the TIP, Grove Road Drainage Improvements (MPMS# 87281), and programming preliminary engineering in FY10 (\$250,000 State), and final design (\$200,000 State), utility (\$50,000 State), right of way (\$50,000 State), and construction (\$1,000,000 STP) in FY11, acknowledging a toll credit match in FY11.

Motion: by Leo Bagley, seconded by Linda Guarini to recommend that the Board amend the FY2009-2012 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a new project to the TIP, Grove Road Drainage Improvements (MPMS# 87281), and programming preliminary engineering in FY10 (\$250,000 State), and final design (\$200,000 State), utility (\$50,000 State), right of way (\$50,000 State), and construction (\$1,000,000 STP) in FY11, acknowledging a toll credit match in FY11.

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

e. **PA09-77: I-76 Mudslide Study (MPMS# 87522), Montgomery County – Proposed New Project**

PennDOT has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2009-2012 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a new project to the TIP, I-76 Mudslide Study (MPMS# 87522), and programming a study phase in FY10 (\$65,000 State) for the completion of a hydraulic study on I-76 to determine what improvements will be required to move the project to preliminary engineering so that environmental clearance can be obtained.

Motion: by Linda Guarini, seconded by Leo Bagley to recommend that the Board amend the FY2009-2012 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a new project to the TIP, I-76 Mudslide Study (MPMS# 87522), and programming a study phase in FY10 (\$65,000 State) for the completion of a hydraulic study on I-76 to determine what improvements will be required to move the project to preliminary engineering so that environmental clearance can be obtained.

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

f. **PA09-78: Avenue of the Arts/North Broad Street Revitalization and Streetscape, (MPMS# 87937), Philadelphia - Cost Increase**

PennDOT has requested that DVRPC modify the FY2009-2012 TIP for Pennsylvania by increasing funding for the construction phase of, Avenue of the Arts/North Broad Street Revitalization and Streetscape – Phase I (MPMS# 87937), by a total of \$9.1 million and programming in FY10 (\$2,500,000 ECON/\$2,050,000 Local) and FY11(\$2,500,000 ECON/\$2,050,000 Local).

Motion: by Leo Bagley, seconded by Chivas Grannum to recommend that the Board modify the FY2009-2012 TIP for Pennsylvania by increasing funding for the construction phase of, Avenue of the Arts/North Broad Street Revitalization and Streetscape – Phase I (MPMS# 87937), by a total of \$9.1 million and programming in FY10 (\$2,500,000 ECON/\$2,050,000 Local) and FY11 (\$2,500,000 ECON/\$2,050,000 Local).

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

6. **Fiscal Year 2010 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. **Center City Philadelphia Evacuation and Traffic Model**

Christopher Puchalsky (DVRPC) asked the RTC to recommend that the Board amend the Fiscal Year 2010 Work Program by adding the Center City Philadelphia Evacuation and Traffic Model project. This project will develop an operational microsimulation model of the transportation network within Center City. Microsimulation models simulate the behavior of individual vehicles and pedestrians on a second by second basis. The VISSIM/VISUM software packages by PTV will be used to build and run the model. The model will be used for evacuation and traffic

management modeling and will have the capacity for fine grained analysis of micro-simulated signal timing. Travelers in Center City utilize a wide range of transportation modes including auto, transit, walk, and bike. The highway network for modeling auto and transit bus services will include all roadway facilities (except for alleys), signalized and unsignalized intersections, and interchanges within the defined boundary. Expressways will also be modeled some distance beyond the boundaries of Center City. A micro-scale pedestrian model will be created to include all sidewalks. Transit bus routes will be modeled with limited detail in order to capture their effects on traffic and pedestrian flow; rail transit services will only be modeled as they affect the flow of pedestrians. While a bicycle model is desirable, it will not be included at this time.

Motion: by Jim Richardson, seconded by Brendan Cotter to recommend that the Board amend the Fiscal Year 2010 Work Program by adding the Center City Philadelphia Evacuation and Traffic Model project.

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

b. New Jersey Route 70 Traffic Study

W. Thomas Walker (DVRPC) asked the RTC to recommend that the Board amend the Fiscal Year 2010 Work Program by adding the New Jersey Route 70 Traffic Study. This project will improve access to and efficiency of the region's transportation system, improve safety and air quality, and reduce congestion by preparing current and 2035 traffic forecasts for New Jersey Route 70 for a study area between the I-295 Interchange and North Cropwell Road in Camden and Burlington counties. These forecasts will provide input to project level planning, evaluation, and design studies for this segment of NJ 70.

Motion: by Matthew Lawson, seconded by Leo Bagley to recommend that the Board amend the Fiscal Year 2010 Work Program by adding the New Jersey Route 70 Traffic Study.

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

c. Supplemental Pottstown Bypass (US 422) Traffic Study

W. Thomas Walker (DVRPC) asked the RTC to recommend that the Board amend the Fiscal Year 2010 Work Program by adding the Supplemental Pottstown Bypass (US 422) Traffic Study. This project will improve access to and efficiency of the region's transportation system, improve safety and air quality, and reduce congestion by updating the traffic forecasts for the Pottstown (US 422) Bypass and the Stowe, Keim Street, PA 724, and Armand Hammer interchanges and selected associated arterial and local highway facilities.

Motion: by Leo Bagley, seconded by Natasha Manbeck to recommend that the Board amend the Fiscal Year 2010 Work Program by adding the Supplemental Pottstown Bypass (US 422) Traffic Study.

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

d. Supplemental I-95 Interchange Enhancement, Phase III

W. Thomas Walker (DVRPC) asked the RTC to recommend that the Board amend the Fiscal Year 2010 Work Program by adding the I-95 Interchange Enhancement Traffic Study, Phase III. This project will improve access to and efficiency of the region's transportation system, improve safety and air quality, and reduce I-95 reconstruction costs by analyzing the traffic volume and congestion effects of various partial closure strategies for the reconstruction of I-95. This project will also prepare supplemental pedestrian movement forecasts for N. Delaware Avenue and other impacted pedestrian facilities under Penn Treaty Park special events.

Motion: by James Mosca, seconded by Stephen Buckley to recommend that the Board amend the Fiscal Year 2010 Work Program by adding the I-95 Interchange Enhancement Traffic Study, Phase III.

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

7. Functional Classification Change for Roadways in the Naval Business Center, Philadelphia

The City of Philadelphia has requested that certain roadways within the former Naval base be added to the federal functional classification system. FHWA has determined that these roadways are public roads. The City has worked with DVRPC and PennDOT to determine their appropriate classes. Charles Dougherty (DVRPC) asked the RTC to recommend that the Board approve the change of functional classification.

Motion: by Leo Bagley, seconded by Chivas Grannum to recommend that the Board approve the change of functional classification.

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

8. FY 2011 Supportive Regional Highway Planning Program and Transit Support Program Candidate Special Studies

Sarah Oaks (DVRPC) presented the slate of candidate Special Studies projects for Pennsylvania and New Jersey. The RTC was asked to approve them for inclusion in the draft FY 2011 Planning Work Program.

Motion: by Leo Bagley, seconded by Natasha Manbeck to recommend that the Board approve the Pennsylvania slate of candidate Special Studies projects for inclusion in the draft FY 2011 Planning Work Program.

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

Motion: by Curt Noe, seconded by Matthew Lawson to recommend that the Board approve the New Jersey slate of candidate Special Studies projects for inclusion in the draft FY 2011 Planning Work Program.

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

PRESENTATION ITEMS

9. Transit Program Update in lieu of Regional Transit Advisory Committee (RTAC) Meeting

Joseph Hacker and Gregory Krykewycz (DVRPC) provided a summary on the status of current and completed transit projects throughout the region. This summary was provided in lieu of an additional Regional Transit Advisory Committee meeting.

DISCUSSION ITEM

10. Regional Infrastructure Improvement Zones (RIIZs)

Regions are exploring innovative funding approaches to meet infrastructure improvement and maintenance needs and to leverage federal and state funds. The Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana Regional Council of Governments (OKI) and the National Association of Regional Councils have developed the RIIZ approach to encourage private sector investment in infrastructure through favorable tax treatment of funds and streamlined approval processes. Richard Bickel (DVRPC) provided an overview of the approach and solicited a discussion.

INFORMATION ITEMS

11. One Minute Reports

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

12. Old Business and New Business

13. Meeting Adjournment

Motion: by Curt Noe, 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, January 12, 2010.

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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
 (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)
 James Mosca
 Linda Guarini
 Deborah Schaaf
 Chivas Grannum
 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)
 Rob Henry
 Don Steele
 David Harvey
 (not represented)
 (not represented)
 (not represented)
 (not represented)
 Martin Kotsch

ATTENDANCE (cont'd)

Other Member Representatives and Guests

Warren Strumpfer – RCC
Andrea Jordan – City of Philadelphia
James McQuilkin – DRPA

DVRPC Staff

Gastonia Anderson
Richard Bickel
Charles Dougherty
Joseph Hacker
Gregory Krykewycz
Richard Murphy
Sarah Oaks
Christopher Puchalsky
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