

DELAWARE VALLEY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
PLANNING COORDINATING COMMITTEE/
REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
January 12, 2010 Meeting Highlights
DVRPC Conference Room, Philadelphia, PA

1. Call to Order - Chairperson's Comments

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

2. Deputy Executive Director's Report

John Ward (DVRPC – Associate Director, Planning Division) updated the members on the December 3, 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 November 17, 2009. He introduced Aissia Richardson as the new Chairperson of the RCC. (Details of the meeting can be found in the November 17, 2009 Meeting Minutes of the DVRPC RCC.)

ACTION ITEMS

4. Highlights of the Meeting of November 10, 2009

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

Motion: by Matthew Lawson, seconded by Leo Bagley to adopt the highlights for the November 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 (DVPRC) presented four TIP amendments for consideration.

a. PA09-83: Gateway Revitalization/Torresdale Avenue Streetscape Improvement Project (MPMS# 73134), Philadelphia – Add Back In

The City of Philadelphia has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2009-2012 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a project back into the TIP, Gateway Revitalization/Torresdale Avenue Streetscape Improvement Project (MPMS# 73134), and programming construction in FY10 (\$1,000,000 SXF/\$252,000 Local) and FY11(\$920,000 STP/\$700,000 Local). This project was programmed in the

FY2007 TIP, but was dropped from the TIP due to the City of Philadelphia's indication that the project would be fully funded through the Commercial Corridors Bond Program.

Funding for this project is being provided by a \$1 million SAFETEA-LU Earmark (FED ID #3094; PA ID# 496), Hometown Streets/Safe Routes to School discretionary award of \$920,000, and local funding provided by the City of Philadelphia (\$952,000) which was spent for the construction of Phase 1, which is already completed.

Motion: by Chivas Grannum, seconded by Catherine Popp-McDonough to recommend that the Board amend the FY2009-2012 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a project back into the TIP, Gateway Revitalization/Torresdale Avenue Streetscape Improvement Project (MPMS# 73134), and programming construction in FY10 (\$1,000,000 SXF/\$252,000 Local) and FY11 (\$920,000 STP/\$700,000 Local).

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

b. NJ10-09: New Jersey Low Bid ARRA Savings Project: Route 70, East of North Branch to CR 539 (DB# 10307), Burlington County – Proposed New ARRA Project

NJDOT has requested that DVRPC approve a project that could be added to the FY2010-2013 TIP for New Jersey by shifting funds expected to be available from low-bid savings on state projects initially selected for funding through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. Should funding be available, the request is to add a new ARRA project to the TIP, Route 70, East of North Branch to CR 539 (DB# 10307), programming \$2,175,000 ARRA-DOT for construction in FY10 at the appropriate time.

Motion: by Matthew Lawson, seconded by Brendan Cotter to recommend that the Board approve a project that could be added to the FY2010-2013 TIP for New Jersey by shifting funds expected to be available from low-bid savings on state projects initially selected for funding through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

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

c. NJ10-10: Battleship New Jersey Access Repaving Project (DB# 1005), Camden County – Proposed New DEMO Project

The City of Camden, on behalf of the Cooper's Ferry Development Association, has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2010-2013 TIP for New Jersey by adding a new DEMO project to the TIP, Battleship New Jersey Access Repaving Project, (DB# 1005), and programming construction in FY10 (\$413,658 DEMO). Funding for this project will be provided by a 2008 Congressional Earmark.

Motion: by Matthew Lawson, seconded by Christopher Zearfoss to recommend that the Board amend the FY2010-2013 TIP for New Jersey by adding a new

DEMO project to the TIP, Battleship New Jersey Access Repaving Project, (DB# 1005), and programming construction in FY10 (\$413,658 DEMO).

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

d. NJ10-14: Programming of Low-Bid Savings on a NJDOT Recovery Act Project Route 195 Resurfacing, NJ Turnpike to East of Imlaystown/Hightown Road, Paving Project (DB# 09359), Mercer County – Add ARRA Project Back into TIP

NJDOT has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2010-2013 TIP for New Jersey by using funds made available from state 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.

NJDOT has experienced cost savings due to low bids on various projects within the state and is working towards shifting funds onto other important shovel ready projects that can be advanced quickly. Some of these shifts involve funds from a project in one region of the state being used on projects in another region of the state. Specifically in the DVRPC region, NJDOT has experienced \$2.5 million cost savings on a state project, Route 1, Vicinity of D and R Canal to North CR 533, Resurfacing (DB #09309), NJDOT is proposing to program the \$2.5 million savings as well as an additional \$12.5 million provided by NJTPA on a resurfacing project, the Route 195 Resurfacing, NJ Turnpike to East of Imlaystown/Hightown Road, Paving Project (DB #09359) located in Mercer County of the DVRPC region, and Monmouth County of the NJTPA region. This is the only section of Route 195 that has not been re-paved recently and funds are expected to be authorized in FY10.

Action to add this project to the FY2009 TIP took place in July of 2009; however, the funds for this project were not authorized by the end of FY09, nor in time for the "Transition Period". DVRPC must take action to amend this project into the FY2010 TIP.

Motion: by Matthew Lawson, seconded by Catherine Popp-McDonough to recommend that the Board amend the FY2010-2013 TIP for New Jersey by using funds made available from state 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.

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. Regional Multi-Use Trails GIS Data Update

Chris Linn (DVRPC) asked the RTC to recommend that the Board amend the Fiscal Year 2010 Work Program by adding the Regional Multi-Use Trails GIS Data Update project. The William Penn Foundation awarded a contract to Strauss and Associates to manage the "Regional Trail Scan Project". DVRPC will serve as a

subcontractor to Strauss and Associates for mapping tasks. The amount of the contract is \$10,000. DVRPC will also be serving on the Regional Trail Scan steering committee. The objectives of the Trail Scan are twofold: (a) increase WPF's knowledge of current trail projects, grantees, non-grantees and opportunities; and (b) facilitate program development and grant-making through an evaluation of regional projects, key qualitative organization inputs, and construction and maintenance costs, a review of best practices, and identification of near-term opportunities.

In support of this work, DVRPC will assemble an up-to-date baseline of existing multi-use trails, trail projects under development, and proposed trails for a 14-county region with a focus on the Philadelphia-Camden inner core, connections to the inner-ring suburbs, and the Delaware and Schuylkill river trails. DVRPC will use the updated trails data to create a "working map" to assist with the identification of key gaps, opportunities for early investment, opportunities for leveraging other investments, and nodes of synergy within the regional trail network.

The work would commence on February 1, 2010 and officially conclude on June 30, 2010.

Motion: by Leo Bagley, seconded by Natasha Manbeck to recommend that the Board amend the Fiscal Year 2010 Work Program by adding the Regional Multi-Use Trails GIS Data Update project.

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

7. DVRPC Fiscal Year (FY 2011 Planning Work Program)

The Draft Planning Work Program for FY 2011 was approved by the Board for distribution and review, with the public comment period closing on January 13, 2010. DVRPC staff are in the process of responding to comments that have been received and are working to resolve any open issues. After Board adoption, relevant revisions will continue to be incorporated in the Work Program and the Final document will be produced. John Griffies (DVRPC) asked the RTC to recommend that the Board adopt the Final FY 2011 Planning Work Program, pending the resolution of any outstanding comments and issues.

Motion: by Jim Richardson, seconded by Jim Mosca to recommend that the Board adopt the Final FY 2011 Planning Work Program, pending the resolution of any outstanding comments and issues.

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

PRESENTATION ITEMS

8. DVRPC's ITS Activities and RIMIS Update

John Ward (DVRPC) and Stan Platt (DVRPC) presented a summary of recent and ongoing ITS coordination with our county and DOT partners as well as the advancement of the RIMIS system.

9. Paoli Station Intermodal Access and Parking Study

Evangeline Linkous (DVRPC) presented the Paoli Station Intermodal Access and Parking Study, which presents the findings obtained through research conducted as part of the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission's (DVRPC) Paoli Transportation Center Planning Assistance – Phase 2 initiative. The main contribution of the study is an inventory and assessment of access modes which currently arrive, park, idle, and/or leave Paoli Station, which provides access to SEPTA Regional Rail and Amtrak service. Evaluated modes include drive/park, kiss-and-ride, bus, shuttle, bicycle, and pedestrian. Also as part of this study, DVRPC evaluated issues of parking management and identified potential improvements to the current station and future station area.

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 Catherine Popp-McDonough, seconded by Curt Noe 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, February 9, 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

(not represented)
 Carol Thomas
 Curt Noe
 Natasha Manbeck
 Edward Williams
 (not represented)
 (not represented)
 Brendan Cotter
 Linda Hayes
 Jim Richardson
 (not represented)
 Jessica Savidge-Lucas
 Matthew Lawson
 Leo Bagley
 Brian Cuccia
 (not represented)
 (not represented)
 (not represented)
 (not represented)
 James Mosca
 Linda Guarini
 (not represented)
 Chivas Grannum
 Christopher Zearfoss
 Catherine Popp-McDonough

Representative

(not represented)
 Kelvin MacKavanagh
 (not represented)
 Matt Smoker
 (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

Andy Sharpe – Delaware Valley Association of Rail Passengers
Andrew Lavecchia – Camden County Improvement Authority

DVRPC Staff

Gastonia Anderson
John Griffies
Chris King
Chris Linn
Evangeline Linkous
Laurie Matkowski
Richard Murphy
Stan Platt
Elizabeth Schoonmaker
John Ward
Matthew West