

**DELAWARE VALLEY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION  
PLANNING COORDINATING COMMITTEE/  
REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE  
May 11, 2010 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 April 22, 2010 Board meeting, and stated that the Board passed all Action Items recommended by the RTC. Dr. Shanis also announced that DVRPC's Celebration of Regional Excellence will be held on Thursday, May 20, 2010.

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

Jim Richardson (RCC) provided information on the RCC meeting held on April 13, 2010. (Details of the meeting can be found in the April 13, 2010 Meeting Minutes of the DVRPC RCC.)

**ACTION ITEMS**

**4. Highlights of the Meeting of April 6, 2010**

The highlights from the April 6, 2010 meeting of the PCC/RTC were presented for adoption.

*Motion: by Jim Mosca, seconded by Jim Richardson to adopt the highlights for the April 6, 2010 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 four TIP amendments for consideration.

**a. PA09-99: Silo Hill Road over North Branch Neshaminy Creek Bridge Rehabilitation Project (MPMS# 85465), Bucks County - Proposed New Project**

PennDOT has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2009-2012 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a new project to the TIP, Silo Hill Road over North Branch Neshaminy Creek Bridge Rehabilitation Project (MPMS# 85465), and programming construction in FY10 (\$225,000 State/\$56,000 Local) in order to reimburse Bucks county for the emergency rehabilitation of the bridge.

**b. PA09-100: Chester Waterfront Rail Crossings (Various MPMS#s), Delaware County - Proposed New Project**

**1. Highland Avenue Grade Crossing (MPMS# 90473)**

**2. Flower Street Grade Crossing (MPMS# 90477)**

**3. Norris Street (1) Grade Crossing (MPMS# 90478)**

**4. Norris Street (2) Grade Crossing (MPMS# 90480)**

PennDOT has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2009-2012 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding four new Chester Waterfront Rail Crossing projects to the TIP, funded with \$1,500,000 Statewide Discretionary Economic Development funds additional to the region. The four rail crossing projects include:

Highland Avenue Grade Crossing (MPMS# 90473) - \$467,000

Flower Street Grade Crossing (MPMS# 90477) - \$607,000

Norris Street (1) Grade Crossing (MPMS# 90478) - \$251,000

Norris Street (2) Grade Crossing (MPMS# 90480) - \$175,000

**c. PA09-101: Lehigh Avenue, Ridge Avenue to Broad Street, Signal Improvement Project (MPMS# 62717), Philadelphia - Add Final Design**

PennDOT has requested that DVRPC modify the FY2009-2012 TIP for Pennsylvania by programming a final design phase in FY10 (\$360,000 CMAQ/\$90,000 Local) for Lehigh Avenue, Ridge Avenue to Broad Street, Signal Improvement Project (MPMS# 62717). This project is already programmed for construction, but final design was never authorized.

*Motion: by Linda Guarini, seconded by Chivas Grannum to recommend that the Board amend the FY2009-2012 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a new project to the TIP, Silo Hill Road over North Branch Neshaminy Creek Bridge Rehabilitation Project (MPMS# 85465), and programming construction in FY10 (\$225,000 State/\$56,000 Local) in order to reimburse Bucks county for the emergency rehabilitation of the bridge; that the Board amend the FY2009-2012 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding four new Chester Waterfront Rail Crossing projects to the TIP, funded with \$1,500,000 Statewide Discretionary Economic Development funds additional to the region; and that the Board modify the FY2009-2012 TIP for Pennsylvania by programming a final design phase in FY10 (\$360,000 CMAQ/\$90,000 Local) for Lehigh Avenue, Ridge Avenue to Broad Street, Signal Improvement Project (MPMS# 62717).*

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

**d. NJ10-47: Reprogramming of Local Funds Available to the New Jersey Subregion, Various Counties**

DVRPC requested that the New Jersey subcommittee of the RTC (Regional Transportation Committee) be designated to make project recommendations to the DVRPC Board regarding the reprogramming of ARRA (American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009) low Bid Savings, STP-STU, and any other funds that might be available for New Jersey Local Projects, since a full project list was not available at the May 10, 2010, RTC meeting.

*Motion: by Matthew Lawson, seconded by Linda Guarini to recommend that the Board approve the request to accept funding recommendations of the New Jersey Subcommittee of the RTC for project funds available in the DVRPC New Jersey Subregion, to be detailed at the May 27 2010, DVRPC Board meeting*

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. South Jersey Bus Rapid Transit Modeling Support**

New Jersey Transit (NJT) is studying the potential for Bus Rapid Transit Service on the Route 42/55/Atlantic City Expressway corridor. This requires the use of a travel demand forecasting model to assess the impacts of various alternatives. DVRPC will provide the DVRPC regional travel demand model to NJT and support both NJT and their consultants for the duration of the study. DVRPC will also perform additional calibration and validation on the model so as to be suitable for the Federal Transit Authority compliant analysis in the corridor. As an optional Task, DVRPC will also fine tune the model so as to be suitable for studying a Light Rail Transit line from Camden to Glassboro. Chris Puchalsky (DVRPC) asked that the RTC recommend that the Board approve the addition of the South Jersey Bus Rapid Transit Modeling Support Project to the DVRPC FY 2010 Planning Work Program.

*Motion: by Catherine Popp-McDonough, seconded by Dennis Martin to recommend that the Board approve the addition of the South Jersey Bus Rapid Transit Modeling Support Project to the DVRPC FY 2011 Planning Work Program.*

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

**b. Appointment of Nominating Committee for Fiscal Year 2011 (FY11) DVRPC Planning Coordinating Committee/Regional Transportation Committee (PCC/RTC) Officers**

A Nominating Committee of Jessica Savidge-Lucas (Gloucester), Don Shanis (DVRPC) and Chivas Grannum (City of Philadelphia – Department of Streets) was selected to appoint candidates for Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson for the PCC/RTC for FY11 (July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011). The Chairperson for FY11 must be a voting member from Pennsylvania, and the Vice-Chairperson must be a voting member from New Jersey. The committee will report these candidates and elections will take place at the June 2010 PCC/RTC meeting.

No motion was required for this Action

**PRESENTATION ITEMS**

**7. Campus Circulation: A Study of Multi-Modal Access**

The University's 2006 Penn Connects campus development plan proposed a blueprint for managing Penn's growth over the next 20 years. As a compliment to this planned physical expansion, the University commissioned a study, led by Orth-Rodgers and Associates, to identify a list of sustainable infrastructure and policy initiatives to improve multi-modal access and insure safe and efficient circulation throughout the campus. Anne Papageorge (Vice President, Facilities and Real Estate Services) and Mark Kocent (Principal Planner, Office of the University Architect) presented how this study analyzes the existing conditions and proposes short term and longer term transportation improvements.

**8. TIGER Funded Bike and Pedestrian Trails in the DVRPC Region**

The DVRPC region received \$17.2 million from the federal Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) program that was a component of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. Monies will help fund the construction of ten different bicycle/pedestrian trail projects: 7 links along the Schuylkill River Trail (SRT) and East Coast Greenway (ECG) in Philadelphia, and 3 trail segments in the City of Camden near the Ben Franklin Bridge, Wiggins Park Promenade, and a connection to waterfront paths along the Cooper River. Stephen Buckley from the Philadelphia Office of Transportation and Utilities presented an overview of the projects selected for TIGER funding.

**INFORMATION ITEMS**

**9. One Minute Reports**

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

**10. Old Business and New Business**

11. **Meeting Adjournment**

Motion: *by Catherine Popp-McDonough, seconded by William Payne 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 8, 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**

Richard Brahler  
 Carol Thomas  
 Curt Noe  
 Natasha Manbeck  
 Edward Williams  
 William Payne  
 (not represented)  
 Louis Hufnagle  
 Linda Hayes  
 Jim Richardson  
 Lorraine Brill  
 (not represented)  
 Matthew Lawson  
 (not represented)  
 (not represented)  
 (not represented)  
 (not represented)  
 Dennis Martin  
 (not represented)  
 Jim Mosca  
 Linda Guarini  
 (not represented)  
 Chivas Grannum  
 Stephen Buckley  
 Catherine Popp-McDonough

**Representative**

Glenn Reibman  
 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**

Mark Kocent – University of Pennsylvania  
Joe Minott – Clean Air Council  
Anne Papageorge – University of Pennsylvania  
Wesley Ratko – Montgomery County  
Andy Sharpe – DVARP

**DVRPC Staff**

Gastonia Anderson  
Charles Dougherty  
Richard Murphy  
Chris Puchalsky  
Don Shanis  
Elizabeth Schoonmaker  
John Ward  
Matthew West