

**DELAWARE VALLEY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
PLANNING COORDINATING COMMITTEE/
REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
June 8, 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 May 27, 2010 Board meeting, and stated that the Board passed all Action Items recommended by the RTC. Dr. Shanis also welcomed Board Member David Reiner (New Jersey Governor's Office) and new members, Rick Westergaard (Gloucester County) and Lou Millan (NJ Transit). Finally, Dr. Shanis announced that DVRPC's Celebration of Regional Excellence, held on May 20, 2010, was a success.

3. Report on Regional Citizens Committee Activities

Jim Richardson (RCC) provided information on the RCC meeting held on May 18, 2010. (Details of the meeting can be found in the May 18, 2010 Meeting Minutes of the DVRPC RCC.)

ACTION ITEMS

4. Highlights of the Meeting of May 11, 2010

The highlights from the May 11, 2010 meeting of the PCC/RTC were presented for adoption.

Motion: by Jim Richardson, seconded by Jim Mosca to adopt the highlights for the May 11, 2010 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 two TIP amendments for consideration.

a. NJ10-25: Berlin Road, Gibbsboro Road and White Horse Road, Streetscape Improvements Project (DB# D1009), Camden County – Proposed New DEMO Project

Lindenwold Township has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2010-2013 TIP for New Jersey by adding a new DEMO project to the TIP, Berlin Road, Gibbsboro Road and White Horse Road, Streetscape Improvements Project (DB# D1009), and

programming final design in FY10 (\$71,300 DEMO), and construction in FY11 (\$648,621 DEMO). This project will be funded by \$719,921 made available by a SAFETEA-LU earmark (ID# NJ 197).

Motion: by Brian Cuccia, seconded by Matthew Lawson to recommend that the Board amend the FY2010-2013 TIP for New Jersey by adding a new DEMO project to the TIP, Berlin Road, Gibbsboro Road and White Horse Road, Streetscape Improvements Project (DB# D1009), and programming final design in FY10 (\$71,300 DEMO), and construction in FY11 (\$648,621 DEMO).

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

b. PA09-105: Capital Asset Lease Program (MPMS# 59966), SEPTA – Federalizing

SEPTA has requested that DVRPC modify the FY2009-2012 TIP for Pennsylvania by federalizing the Capital Asset Lease Program (MPMS# 59966), which is currently programmed with Act 44 and local funds totalling \$29,650,000 in FY11.

Due to the unavailability of Act 44 funding, \$24,127,000 of Act 44 “1514” funds are being removed from FY11 of the Capital Asset Lease Program, and are being replaced by FTA Section 5307 funding available as a result of deferring three SEPTA projects: New Payment Technologies, MPMS# 60611 (\$16,000,000 Section 5307); Utility Fleet Renewal, MPMS# 59973 (\$2,800,000 Section 5307); Jenkintown Parking Garage, MPMS# 84642 (\$2,662,000 Section 5307), and low-bid cost savings from SMART Stations, MPMS# 70691 (\$2,665,000 Section 5307). The Capital Asset Lease Program will now contain a mix of federal (“federalized”) as well as state and local funds, and will be programmed as follows in FY11 (\$24,127,000 Section 5307/\$4,691,000 Section 1514/\$832,000 Local).

This action must occur prior to the beginning of FY2011 as SEPTA is expecting to incur costs in July for capital asset leases and will need to use “pre-award authority” to pay for leases. Additional funding shifts to this project will be made as part of the FY2011 Draft TIP for Pennsylvania to accommodate this new funding structure.

Motion: by Jim Richardson, seconded by Matthew Lawson to recommend that the Board modify the FY2009-2012 TIP for Pennsylvania by federalizing the Capital Asset Lease Program (MPMS# 59966), which is currently programmed with Act 44 and local funds totalling \$29,650,000 in FY11.

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

6. Project Selection for TIGER (Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery) Bike and Pedestrian Trails in Pennsylvania and New Jersey

In February of 2009, \$1.5 billion of federal discretionary TIGER (Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery) grant funds was appropriated nationally for capital investments in surface transportation infrastructure. This program was a component of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. US DOT received over 1,400 applications with funding requests totalling almost \$60 billion; nationwide, only 51 projects were selected for funding. Projects were selected based on their alignment with the following selection criteria: 1) Long term outcomes including

state of good repair, economic competitiveness, liveability, sustainability, and safety; 2) job creation and economic stimulus; 3) innovation; and 4) partnership.

The DVRPC region was awarded \$23 million of TIGER Grant funds. Monies will help fund the construction of ten different bicycle/pedestrian trail projects in PA and NJ: 7 links along the Schuylkill River Trail (SRT) and East Coast Greenway (ECG) in Philadelphia (\$17.2 million), and 3 trail segments in the City of Camden (\$5.8 million) near the Ben Franklin Bridge, Wiggins Park Promenade, and a connection to waterfront paths along the Cooper River.

Motion: by Richard Brahler, seconded by Linda Guarini to recommend that the Board approve the list of projects selected for TIGER (Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery) funds with \$17.2 million TIGER funds in PA: Tidal Schuylkill River Greenway & Trail - TIGER (MPMS# 68067), Walnut Street Gateway Project - TIGER (MPMS# 74824), Schuylkill River Park Pedestrian Bridge - TIGER (MPMS# 81584), Schuylkill River Trail at Bartram's Garden (ECG) (MPMS# 90141), Schuylkill River Trail- Shawmont Ave. To MontCO Line - TIGER (MPMS# 90144), East Coast Greenway - 58th Street Connector Greenway - TIGER (MPMS# 90180), North Delaware Riverfront Greenway - TIGER (MPMS# 90482 and \$5.8 million TIGER funds in NJ: Pearl Street Bicycle/Pedestrian Enhancement – TIGER (DB#D1006), Martin Luther King Waterfront Connection - TIGER (DB#D1007), Pine Street Greenway Enhancement - TIGER (DB#D1008); and to further amend the FY2009 TIP for PA (TIP Action PA09-104) and the FY2010 TIP for NJ (TIP Action NJ10-49) to add projects and associated TIGER funding. Note that all PA TIGER projects will be included in the FY2011 TIP for PA which becomes effective October 1, 2010.

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

7. Fiscal Year 2010/2011 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. Tri-County Water Quality Management Board (WQMB)

This continuing project provides for maintenance of the Tri-County Water Quality Management Board (WQMB). DVRPC is the designated Water Quality Management Planning Agency for Burlington, Camden and Gloucester Counties in New Jersey. That function is administered through the Tri-County Water Quality Management Board which is composed of a freeholder, mayor and citizen from each of the three counties and the mayor and a citizen from the City of Camden. Activities of the Tri-County Water Quality Management Program are determined annually by the WQMB and funded by the three counties and the City of Camden. Suzanne McCarthy (DVRPC) asked that the PCC/RTC recommend that the DVRPC Board amend the DVRPC FY2011 Work Program to add changes to the tasks and budget amount for the project Tri-County Water Quality Management Board (#11-47-020) and authorize

the Executive Director to enter into a grant recipient agreement with the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection.

Motion: by Curt Noe, seconded by Jim Richardson to recommend that the Board amend the DVRPC FY2011 Work Program to add changes to the tasks and budget amount for the project Tri-County Water Quality Management Board (#11-47-020) and authorize the Executive Director to enter into a grant recipient agreement with the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection.

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

b. Regional Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) Annual Evaluation and Update

In September 2009 the U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA) adopted the Greater Philadelphia Economic Development Framework, co-authored by DVRPC, as the region's Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS). EDA requires that the CEDS be evaluated and updated annually and substantially revised or re-written at least once every five years. DVRPC has applied to the EDA for a grant that will enable staff to continue to facilitate coordinated regional economic development planning in the Greater Philadelphia region and complete the required annual evaluation of the Greater Philadelphia regional CEDS. Funds already programmed for Economic Analysis and Coordination in the FY 2011 Planning Work Program (\$50,000) will be used as matching funds for this grant. Mary Bell (DVRPC) asked the PCC/RTC to recommend that the DVRPC Board amend the FY2011 Planning Work Program to create a separate project (#11-44-025) for the evaluation and update of the regional CEDS; shift \$50,000 from current FY 2011 work program project #11-44-020 (Economic Analysis and Coordination) to this new project; and authorize the Executive Director to enter into a grant recipient agreement with the U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA) in the amount of \$50,000.

Motion: Matthew Lawson, seconded by Jim Richardson to recommend that the Board amend the FY2011 Planning Work Program to create a separate project (#11-44-025) for the evaluation and update of the regional CEDS; shift \$50,000 from current FY 2011 work program project #11-44-020 (Economic Analysis and Coordination) to this new project; and authorize the Executive Director to enter into a grant recipient agreement with the U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA) in the amount of \$50,000.

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

8. PennVest Application Review

DVRPC has reviewed 3 PennVest applications (two in Delaware County and one in Philadelphia) to ensure that they are consistent with city, county, and regional land use plans. Patty Elkis (DVRPC) provided an overview of the submitted applications, and asked that the PCC/RTC recommend that the Board authorize the Executive Director to send a letter notifying PENNVEST that the funding applications in Delaware and

Philadelphia Counties are consistent with the Connections - The Regional Plan for a Sustainable Future.

Motion: Louis Hufnagle, seconded by Stephen Buckley to recommend that the Board authorize the Executive Director to send a letter notifying PENNVEST that the funding applications in Delaware and Philadelphia Counties are consistent with the Connections - The Regional Plan for a Sustainable Future.

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

9. Annual Self-Certification of the Regional Transportation Planning Process

Federal regulations require that the Metropolitan Planning Organization self-certify that the Regional Transportation Planning Process is carried out in conformance with applicable federal regulations. Dr. Shanis (DVRPC) presented his recommendation for Board adoption.

Motion: by Linda Hayes, seconded by Jim Mosca to recommend Board adoption of the annual self-certification of the Regional Transportation Planning Process.

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

10. Election of Fiscal Year 2011 Officers

The PCC/RTC nominating committee presented a slate of candidates for FY2011. The candidates nominated were Natasha Manbeck (Chester County) for the position of PCC / RTC Chairperson and Carol Thomas (Burlington County) for the position of Vice – Chairperson.

Motion: by Cure Noe, seconded by Brian Cuccia to close the nomination proceedings.

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

Motion: by Matthew Lawson, seconded by Brian Cuccia to elect Natasha Manbeck to the position of PCC/RTC Chairperson, and Carol Thomas to the position of Vice Chairperson.

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

PRESENTATION ITEMS

11. Overview of Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority's (SEPTA) Greenhouse Gas Emission Inventory

Erik Johanson (SEPTA) described how the inventory, conducted based on industry-recommended practices, quantifies emissions produced from energy consumption as well as emissions displaced from reduced vehicle miles travelled, associated congestion relief, and support of more efficient land use development patterns. He concluded that transit is a valuable asset for climate change mitigation strategies, and that SEPTA is doing its part to reduce transportation-related emissions in Greater Philadelphia.

12. Travel Monitoring: It's Not Just Counting Cars Anymore

The increasingly multi-modal focus of transportation planning encoded in the last few transportation reauthorizations coupled with an explosion of available technology has forever changed the face of travel monitoring. The last few years have seen the growth of non-motorized travel monitoring, GPS & Bluetooth equipment for travel time analysis, video logging roadway conditions, as well as a range of new equipment for performing the traditional traffic count. Scott Brady (DVRPC) reviewed how the face of travel monitoring is changing and how this may lead to a better planning process.

DISCUSSION ITEM**13. Developing DVRPC's Fiscal Year 2012 Work Program**

With the development of the FY2012 Work Program about to begin, potential revisions to the work program development process were discussed, including current Program Areas, and potential regional needs that could be better addressed.

INFORMATION ITEMS**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 Brian Cuccia, 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, July 6, 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
 (not represented)
 (not represented)
 Louis Hufnagle
 Linda Hayes
 Jim Richardson
 Lorraine Brill
 Rick Westergaard
 Matthew Lawson
 (not represented)
 Brian Cuccia
 (not represented)
 (not represented)
 Lou Millan
 (not represented)
 Jim Mosca
 Linda Guarini
 Deborah Schaaf
 (not represented)
 Stephen Buckley
 John Dooner

Representative

Glenn Reibman
 (not represented)
 (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

Andrew Benjamin – Chester County
Bridget Chadwick – Cheltenham Township EAC
Freddie Fuller - CUBIC
Jacob Gordon – Coopers Ferry Development Association, Camden
Erik Johanson - SEPTA
Andrew Levecchia – Camden County Improvement Authority
Joe Minott – Clean Air Council
David Reiner – New Jersey Governor's Office

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