

**DELAWARE VALLEY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION  
PLANNING COORDINATING COMMITTEE/  
REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE  
July 6, 2010 Meeting Highlights  
DVRPC Conference Room, Philadelphia, PA**

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

Natasha Manbeck (Chairperson – Chester County) welcomed everyone and thanked Linda Guarini, Jim Mosca, Elizabeth Schoonmaker and Gastonia Anderson-Ogoe for working on the FY2011-2014 Pennsylvania TIP. Ms. Manbeck then called the meeting to order.

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

Don Shanis (DVRPC) updated the members on the June 24, 2010 Board meeting, and stated that the Board passed all Action Items recommended by the RTC.

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

Details of the meeting can be found in the June 15, 2010 Meeting Minutes of the DVRPC RCC.

**ACTION ITEMS**

**4. Highlights of the Meeting of June 8, 2010**

The highlights from the June 8, 2010 meeting of the PCC/RTC were presented for adoption.

*Motion: by Jim Mosca, seconded by Stephen Buckley to adopt the highlights for the June 8, 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 six TIP amendments for consideration.

**a. PA09-108: Stone Arch Rehabilitation (Group F) (MPMS# 89018), Chester and Delaware 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 construction in FY10 (\$2,274,000 Bridge/\$569,000 State) and FY11 (\$3,646,000 Bridge/\$911,000

State) for Stone Arch Rehabilitation (Group F) (MPMS #89018), as part of PennDOT's Accelerated Bridge Program.

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 and programming construction in FY10 (\$2,274,000 Bridge/\$569,000 State) and FY11 (\$3,646,000 Bridge/\$911,000 State) for Stone Arch Rehabilitation (Group F) (MPMS #89018), as part of PennDOT's Accelerated Bridge Program.*

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

**b. PA09-109a: Lehigh Avenue East Signal Modernization Project (MPMS# 57893), Philadelphia – Add Final Design Phase**

PennDOT has requested that DVRPC modify the FY2009-2012 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a final design phase in FY10 (\$168,000 CMAQ/\$42,000 Local) for Lehigh Avenue East Signal Modernization Project (MPMS# 57893), as the project is ready to advance to final design. The project is already programmed for approximately \$7 million construction in both the current FY2009 and Draft FY2011 TIP for PA.

**c. PA09-109b: Quakertown Joint Closed Loop Signal System Project (MPMS# 57635), Bucks County – Add Final Design Phase**

PennDOT has requested that DVRPC modify the FY2009-2012 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a final design phase in FY10 (\$88,000 STP/\$22,000 State) to Quakertown Joint Closed Loop Signal System Project (MPMS# 57635), in order to accommodate ADA ramps, which will be added to the existing project scope. The construction phase is already included in both the current FY2009 and Draft FY2011 TIP for PA.

Motion: *by Richard Brahler, seconded by Linda Guarini to recommend that the Board modify the FY2009-2012 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a final design phase in FY10 (\$168,000 CMAQ/\$42,000 Local) for Lehigh Avenue East Signal Modernization Project (MPMS# 57893); and that the Board modify the FY2009-2012 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a final design phase in FY10 (\$88,000 STP/\$22,000 State) to Quakertown Joint Closed Loop Signal System Project (MPMS# 57635), in order to accommodate ADA ramps, which will be added to the existing project scope.*

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

**d. NJ10-33: Laurel Springs Streetscape Improvement Project (DB# D0901), Camden County – Add Back In**

The Borough of Laurel Springs has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2010-2013 TIP for New Jersey by adding a project back into the TIP, Laurel Springs Streetscape Improvements Project (DB# D0901), and programming \$383,000 DEMO in FY10 for construction. The DEMO funds will be provided by a SAFETEA-LU Earmark (Fed ID# 1642, NJ ID# 182). Any additional funds required to complete the project will be provided locally.

**e. NJ10-32: Pedestrian and Bicycle Facilities and Street Lighting, Haddon Heights (DB# D0905), Camden County – Add New Project**

The Borough of Haddon Heights has requested that DVRPC modify the FY2010-2013 TIP for New Jersey by programming a final design phase for the Pedestrian and Bicycle Facilities and Street Lighting in Haddon Heights (DB #D0905), in FY10 (\$25,000 DEMO), additionally, decreasing the \$277,000 DEMO construction phase by \$25,000 DEMO in order to provide funding for the final design phase. \$252,000 DEMO will be shifted to FY11 and is expected to fully cover the construction cost. Funding for this project will be provided by a \$277,766 SAFETEA-LU Earmark (NJ ID# 174, FED ID# 1386).

*Motion: by Curt Noe, seconded by Matthew Lawson to recommend that the Board amend the FY2010-2013 TIP for New Jersey by adding a project back into the TIP, Laurel Springs Streetscape Improvements Project (DB# D0901), and programming \$383,000 DEMO in FY10 for construction; and that the Board modify the FY2010-2013 TIP for New Jersey by programming a final design phase for the Pedestrian and Bicycle Facilities and Street Lighting in Haddon Heights (DB #D0905), in FY10 (\$25,000 DEMO), additionally, decreasing the \$277,000 DEMO construction phase by \$25,000 DEMO in order to provide funding for the final design phase. \$252,000 DEMO will be shifted to FY11 and is expected to fully cover the construction cost. Funding for this project will be provided by a \$277,766 SAFETEA-LU Earmark (NJ ID# 174, FED ID# 1386).*

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

**f. PA09-110: Chester Waterfront Rail Crossing, Townsend (MPMS# 90620), Delaware County – Proposed New Project**

PennDOT has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2009-2012 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a new railroad crossing project to the TIP, Townsend Avenue Grade Crossing (MPMS# 90620), and programming \$277,000 Statewide Discretionary Economic Development funds for construction, acknowledging a toll credit match, in FY10.

*Motion: by Brendan Cotter, seconded by Jim Mosca to recommend that the Board amend the FY2009-2012 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a new railroad crossing project to the TIP, Townsend Avenue Grade Crossing (MPMS# 90620), and programming \$277,000 Statewide Discretionary Economic Development funds for construction, acknowledging a toll credit match, in FY10.*

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

6. **Adoption of the DVRPC Draft FY2011-2014 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for Pennsylvania**

Elizabeth Schoonmaker (DVRPC) presented the Draft FY2011-2014 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for Pennsylvania for adoption.

Federal law and planning regulations require the development of a Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) in order for the metropolitan region to be eligible to receive and spend federal transportation funds. The creation of the TIP is to be done by the MPO in cooperation with the state(s) and transit operators, and must provide opportunity for input and comment by the public. A 30-day comment period must be conducted prior to a formal action to adopt the TIP.

Every other year DVRPC develops a TIP that covers the Pennsylvania portion of the region. The New Jersey portion is typically updated every year, but this year NJDOT will instead extend the life of the current FY2010 four year TIP and keep it in effect into FY11.

The Draft TIP document was made available for public review during a 30-day period which ended on June 30, 2010.

*Motion: by Leo Bagley, seconded by Linda Guarini to recommend that the Board adopt the Draft FY2011-2014 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for Pennsylvania along with the recommended changes as the region's official selection of transportation projects for federal funding.*

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

7. **Adoption of Conformity Determination of the FY2011-2014 TIP for Pennsylvania, FY2010-2013 TIP for New Jersey and the Connections Long-Range Plan**

DVRPC has demonstrated Transportation Conformity for the FY 2011 Pennsylvania TIP, FY 2010 New Jersey TIP and Connections Long-Range Plan. Sean Greene (DVRPC) presented the results of the Transportation Conformity Determination and requested that the RTC recommend that the DVRPC Board adopt the findings at the July Board meeting.

*Motion: by Jim Mosca, seconded by Lorraine Brill to recommend that the Board adopt the conformity findings of the Connections Long-Range Plan and FY 2011 Pennsylvania and FY 2010 New Jersey Transportation Improvements Programs.*

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

**PRESENTATION ITEMS**

8. **An Overview of Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority's (SEPTA) American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) Projects**

Jeffrey Knueppel, P.E., Assistant General Manager/Chief Engineer for SEPTA's Engineering, Maintenance, & Construction Division, presented an overview of transit projects underway throughout the SEPTA region that are funded by ARRA.

9. **Overview of Assistance to Local Governments for Energy Efficiency and Greenhouse Gas Reduction**

Robert Graff (DVRPC) provided a brief update on DVRPC's work to help municipalities make cost effective investments in energy-efficiency and greenhouse gas (GHG) reduction.

10. **Improving Transportation Safety in the Delaware Valley**

The efforts of DVRPC and its partners to improve transportation safety are drawing national attention. Kevin Murphy (DVRPC) provided a brief tour so all RTC members know the resources available to them. The presentation highlighted a new introductory publication, Using Crash Data to Improve Safety in the Delaware Valley.

**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 Brendan Cotter 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, September 7, 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  
 (not represented)  
 (not represented)  
 (not represented)  
 Brendan Cotter  
 Linda Hayes  
 (not represented)  
 Lorraine Brill  
 Rick Westergaard  
 Matthew Lawson  
 (not represented)  
 (not represented)  
 (not represented)  
 (not represented)  
 (not represented)  
 Jim Mosca  
 Linda Guarini  
 Anthony Santaniello  
 Darin Gatti  
 Stephen Buckley  
 Kathleen Zubrzycki

**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**

Bridget Chadwick – Regional Citizens Committee  
Jennifer Egmont – Economy League of Greater Philadelphia  
Jeffrey Knueppel – SEPTA  
Robert Lund – SEPTA  
Joe Minott – Clean Air Council  
Ananne Sellers – State Representative Steve Santarsiero's Office  
Warren Strumpfer – Regional Citizens Committee

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Elizabeth Schoonmaker  
John Ward  
Matthew West