

**DELAWARE VALLEY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
PLANNING COORDINATING COMMITTEE/
REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
January 11, 2011 Meeting Highlights
DVRPC Conference Room, Philadelphia, PA**

1. Call to Order - Chairperson's Comments

Natasha Manbeck (Chairperson – Chester County) welcomed everyone, wished everyone a Happy New Year and called the meeting to order.

2. Deputy Executive Director's Report

Don Shanis (DVRPC) wished everyone a Happy New Year and updated the members on the December 2, 2010 Board meeting. Dr. Shanis stated that the Board passed all RTC Action Items that were sent to the Board. Dr. Shanis also announced the DVRPC Board has cancelled the annual dinner. Finally, Dr. Shanis thanked Jessica Savidge-Lucas (Gloucester County) and presented her with a gift of appreciation for her service to the RTC as the FY10 Chairperson.

3. Report on Regional Citizens Committee Activities

Jim Richardson (RCC) stated that at the next RCC meeting, there will be a special presentation titled Guaranteed Energy Savings Act: Think Long Term by Bruce Stultz, Director of Energy Management for the PA Department of General Services. Lastly, Mr. Richardson stated that there will be a meeting between DVRPC staff and the RCC to discuss rails-to-trails policy. (Details of the last RCC meeting can be found in the December 15, 2010 Meeting Minutes of the DVRPC RCC.)

ACTION ITEMS

4. Highlights of the Meeting of November 9, 2010

The highlights from the November 9, 2010 meeting of the PCC/RTC were presented for adoption.

Motion: by Matthew Lawson, seconded by Jim Richardson to adopt the highlights for the November 9, 2010 PCC/RTC meeting.

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

5. DVRPC Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Actions

Gastonia Anderson-Ogoe (DVPRC) presented seven TIP amendments for consideration.

a. PA11-07: Dilworth Plaza Renovation and Concourse Improvements (MPMS# 92394), Philadelphia – Proposed New TIGER Project

The Center City District (CCD) has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2011-2014 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a new project to the TIP, Dilworth Plaza Renovation and Concourse Improvements (MPMS# 92394), and programming construction in FY12 (\$6,486,000 TIGER), FY13 (\$6,732,000 TIGER), and FY14 (\$1,782,000 TIGER). PennDOT recently awarded this project a \$15 million through the national competitive TIGER program (Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery) to construct transportation improvements as part of a larger \$50 million Dilworth Plaza Renovation project. These TIGER funds are additional to the DVRPC region.

Motion: by Kathleen Zubrzycki, seconded by Stephen Buckley to recommend that the Board amend the FY2011-2014 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a new project to the TIP, Dilworth Plaza Renovation and Concourse Improvements (MPMS# 92394), and programming construction in FY12 (\$6,486,000 TIGER), FY13 (\$6,732,000 TIGER), and FY14 (\$1,782,000 TIGER).

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

b. PA11-08: 30th Street Stop Signage Program (SEPTA/Amtrak) (MPMS# 92325), Philadelphia – Proposed New Transit Project

PennDOT has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2011-2014 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a new transit project to the TIP, 30th Street Stop Signage Program (SEPTA/Amtrak) (MPMS# 92325), and programming construction in FY11 (\$2,000,000 FTA Section 5309/\$500,000 State (Section 1516)). Both the Federal and State funds are provided by PennDOT's Statewide allocation and are additional funds to the region.

Motion: by Stephen Buckley, seconded by Jessica Savidge-Lucas to recommend that the Board amend the FY2011-2014 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a new transit project to the TIP, 30th Street Stop Signage Program (SEPTA/Amtrak) (MPMS# 92325), and programming construction in FY11 (\$2,000,000 FTA Section 5309/\$500,000 State (Section 1516)).

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

c. PA11-09: Memorial Park over Pennypack Creek (MPMS# 75765), Montgomery County – Proposed New Project

PennDOT has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2011-2014 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a new project to the TIP, Memorial Park over Pennypack Creek (MPMS# 75765), and programming construction in FY11 (\$450,000 Bond) in

order to reimburse Upper Moreland Township for completing the rehabilitation of this structurally deficient bridge under a Highway Occupancy Permit (HOP).

Motion: by Matthew Edmond, seconded by Ray Green to recommend that the Board amend the FY2011-2014 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a new project to the TIP, Memorial Park over Pennypack Creek (MPMS# 75765), and programming construction in FY11 (\$450,000 Bond) in order to reimburse Upper Moreland Township for completing the rehabilitation of this structurally deficient bridge under a Highway Occupancy Permit (HOP).

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

d. PA11-10: I-76 Mudslide Improvements (MPMS# 87522), Montgomery County – Add Back In

PennDOT has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2011-2014 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a project back into the TIP, I-76 Mudslide Improvements (MPMS# 87522) and programming right of way in FY11 (\$40,000 STP/\$10,000 State) and construction in FY11 (\$800,000 STP/\$200,000 State) to implement recommendations generated by the I-76 Mudslide Study.

Motion: by Jim Richardson, seconded by Matthew Edmond to recommend that the Board amend the FY2011-2014 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a project back into the TIP, I-76 Mudslide Improvements (MPMS# 87522) and programming right of way in FY11 (\$40,000 STP/\$10,000 State) and construction in FY11 (\$800,000 STP/\$200,000 State) to implement recommendations generated by the I-76 Mudslide Study.

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

e. PA11-12: PA 309, Welsh Road to Highland Avenue (101) (MPMS# 16477), Montgomery County – Cost Increase

PennDOT has requested that DVRPC modify the FY2011-2014 TIP for Pennsylvania by increasing the construction phase by \$6.8 million for 309, Welsh Road to Highland Avenue (101) (MPMS# 16477), and programming in FY11 (\$3,098,000 STU/\$2,348,000 NHS/\$1,362,000 State) as the cost estimate for this project was recently updated.

Motion: by Matthew Edmond, seconded by Jim Richardson to recommend that the Board modify the FY2011-2014 TIP for Pennsylvania by increasing the construction phase by \$6.8 million for 309, Welsh Road to Highland Avenue (101) (MPMS# 16477), and programming in FY11 (\$3,098,000 STU/\$2,348,000 NHS/\$1,362,000 State).

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

f. PA11-13: Districtwide Structurally Deficient Bridges (MPMS# 88706), Philadelphia - Federalize

PennDOT has requested that DVRPC modify the FY2011-2014 TIP for Pennsylvania by federalizing the project, Districtwide Structurally Deficient Bridges (MPMS# 88706), and programming a \$940,000 cost increase for the preliminary

engineering phase in FY11 (\$752,000 STU/\$188,000 State). This project is being federalized as a result of the loss of Act 44 funds.

Motion: by Matthew Edmond, seconded by Jim Richardson to recommend that the Board modify the FY2011-2014 TIP for Pennsylvania by federalizing the project, Districtwide Structurally Deficient Bridges (MPMS# 88706), and programming a \$940,000 cost increase for the preliminary engineering phase in FY11 (\$752,000 STU/\$188,000 State), contingent upon the understanding that some of the region's future financial resources will be dedicated to "local" structurally deficient bridges.

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

g. NJ10-51: Restriping Program & Line Reflectivity Management System (DB# X03A), Various Counties – removing from TIP; Adding to Statewide Program

NJDOT has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2010-2013 TIP for New Jersey by removing this project from the DVRPC TIP, Restriping Program & Line Reflectivity Management System (DB# X03A), and adding it as a line item to the NJDOT Statewide Program in the TIP. This action would require that the FY11 (\$5,000,000 STP), FY12 (\$5,000,000 STP), FY13 (\$5,000,000 STP), and LFYs (\$30,000,000 STP) engineering and construction phase be removed from the highway portion of the TIP and transferred to NJDOT's Statewide Program, therefore decreasing the region's portion of highway funds. In addition, SJTPO's and NJTPA's regional highway funds programmed on DB# X03A will also be transferred to the Statewide line item.

The reason for this action is that each year NJDOT lets their restriping contracts based on a three year cycle. These cycles do not match the funding levels which are allocated by MPO and causes NJDOT logistical problems each year when preparing advertisements and AD-12 forms, which are used to request final payment, acceptance, and project close out with FHWA. The need for a Statewide line item arises because the funding mix has to change each year in order to match the workload by MPO locations, and flexibility is needed when preparing engineering estimates.

This program provides for the application of long-life pavement markings and raised pavement markers on the state highway system. DVRPC will be working in concert with NJDOT in an effort to obtain a report reflecting the award of funds in each contract period for specific projects in each MPO region.

Motion: by Curt Noe, seconded by Carol Thomas to recommend that the Board approve TIP Action NJ10-51, NJDOT's request to amend the FY2010-2013 TIP for New Jersey by removing this project from the DVRPC TIP, Restriping Program & Line Reflectivity Management System (DB# X03A), and adding it as a line item to the NJDOT Statewide Program in the TIP. This action would require that the FY11 (\$5,000,000 STP), FY12 (\$5,000,000 STP), FY13 (\$5,000,000 STP), and LFYs (\$30,000,000 STP) engineering and construction phase be removed from the DVRPC portion of the TIP and transferred to the Statewide portion, thereby decreasing the region's portion

of highway funds. The approval of this action is contingent upon the agreement of NJDOT to provide a report to the MPOs for review and comment showing the award of funds in each contract period for specific projects in each region (by SRI and milepost) before NJDOT publishes any request for bids for any new, updated, or extended vendor contracts under this line item.

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

6. Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between DVRPC and the Pottstown Area Rapid Transit (PART)

Joseph Hacker (DVRPC) presented a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between DVRPC and the Pottstown Area Rapid Transit (PART) for recommendation for Board approval. This is a formalization of agency roles for planning between two regional agencies as required by Federal legislation. It does not address specific projects or impose a specific outcome from the planning process. DVRPC has similar MOUs with DRPA, NJTransit, and SEPTA.

Motion: by Matthew Edmond, seconded by Linda Hayes to recommend that the Board approve the Memorandum of Understanding for the Pottstown Area Rapid Transit (PART) and DVRPC

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

7. Recommendation for Reaffirmation of Conformity Determination of the FY 2011- 2014 TIP for Pennsylvania and the Connections Long Range Plan

WILMAPCO is currently in the process of adopting their FY 2011-14 TIP and 2040 Regional Transportation Plan. Since New Castle County, Delaware is part of the Philadelphia-Wilmington PM 2.5 non-attainment area and neither DVRPC's Pennsylvania Counties nor New Castle County, Delaware have SIP budgets for PM 2.5, DVRPC must reaffirm its conformity findings to support WILMAPCO's conformity findings for their new TIP and Plan. The public comment period on the Conformity Reaffirmation ends on January 16, 2011. Sean Green (DVRPC) requested that the RTC recommend Board adoption of the Conformity Reaffirmation.

Motion: by Lorraine Brill, seconded by Thomas Shaffer to recommend that the Board adopt the Conformity Reaffirmation to support WILMAPCO's conformity findings for their FY 2011-2014 TIP.

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

8. DVRPC Fiscal Year (FY) 2012 Planning Work Program

The Draft Planning Work Program for FY 2012 was approved by the Board for distribution and review, with the public comment period closing on January 14, 2011. 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 into 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 2012 Planning Work Program, pending the resolution of any outstanding comments and issues.

Motion: by Thomas Shaffer, seconded by Curt Noe to recommend that the Board adopt the Final FY 2012 Planning Work Program, pending the resolution of any outstanding comments and issues.

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

PRESENTATION ITEM

9. Impact of Dredging on Navigational Efficiency in the Delaware River Main Channel

Dr. Tayfur Altioik of Rutgers University described the results of the computer simulation model of the vessel traffic in the Delaware River that simulates all vessel classes, current vessel handling practices and performance metrics including vessel anchorage delays and port times. The Rutgers team finalized their analysis showing how dredging may affect navigational efficiency in the Channel over a planning horizon of 30 years. The model can be used as a decision-making tool to consider issues such as vessel traffic logistics, port expansion, safety and security analysis, and long term anchorage planning.

INFORMATION ITEMS

10. Regional Trails Network Re-Grant and Technical Assistance Program

Patty Elkis (DVRPC) provided details about this Work Program Amendment that was approved by the Board in December 2010.

11. 2011 Classic Town Nominations

Karen Cilurso (DVRPC) provided an update of the Classic Towns Program and communities being recommended for inclusion in FY 2011.

12. One Minute Reports

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

13. Old Business and New Business

14. **Meeting Adjournment**

Motion: *by Matthew Lawson, seconded by Jim Richardson 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 8, 2011.

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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)
 Thomas Shaffer
 Linda Hayes
 Jim Richardson
 Lorraine Brill
 Jessica Savidge-Lucas
 Matthew Lawson
 Matthew Edmond
 (not represented)
 (not represented)
 (not represented)
 Louis Millan
 (not represented)
 Ray Green
 (not represented)
 Anthony Santaniello
 Michelle Webb
 Stephen Buckley
 Kathleen Zubrzycki

Representative

(not represented)
 Kelvin MacKavanagh
 (not represented)
 Camille Otto
 (not represented)
 (not represented)
 (not represented)
 (not represented)
 (not represented)
 (not represented)
 Rob Henry
 Don Steele
 Nick Walsh
 (not represented)
 (not represented)
 (not represented)
 (not represented)
 Martin Kotsch

ATTENDANCE (cont'd)

Other Member Representatives and Guests

Tayfur Altioik – Rutgers University
Patricia Ellis – City of Philadelphia
Nancy Goldenberg – Center City District
David Harvey - PRPA
Joe Minott – Clean Air Council
Elizabeth Mintz – SEPTA
Andy Sharpe – Delaware Valley Association of Rail Passengers
David Reiner – NJ Governor's Office

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