

**DELAWARE VALLEY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION  
PLANNING COORDINATING COMMITTEE/  
REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE  
March 8, 2011 Meeting Highlights  
DVRPC Conference Room, Philadelphia, PA**

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

Natasha Manbeck (Chairperson – Chester County) welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order.

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

Don Shanis (DVRPC) welcomed Barbara Holcomb to the PCC/RTC as the representative for the DRPA. Dr. Shanis then updated the members on the February 24, 2011 Board meeting. Dr. Shanis stated that the Board approved the budget. Dr. Shanis also stated that the Board approved the FY 2012 DVRPC Unified Planning Work Program, with one abstention. Finally, Dr. Shanis brought to the attention of the committee the change in date for the next PCC/RTC meeting, which will now be held on Tuesday, April 5, 2011.

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

Jim Richardson (RCC) stated that the implemented RCC meeting format changes can be found in the February 15, 2011 meeting minutes. Also, Mr. Richardson noted that membership to the different RCC Task Forces will be by appointment. (Details of the last RCC meeting can be found in the February 15, 2011 Meeting Minutes of the DVRPC RCC.)

**ACTION ITEMS**

**4. Highlights of the Meeting of February 8, 2011**

The highlights from the February 8, 2011 meeting of the PCC/RTC were presented for adoption.

*Motion: by Edward Williams, seconded by Jessica Savidge-Lucas to adopt the highlights for the February 8, 2011 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 five TIP amendments for consideration.

### a. PA11-21: Susquehanna Road Over Sandy Run Bridge Reconstruction (MPMS# 74812), 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, Susquehanna Road Bridge Over Sandy Run Bridge Reconstruction (MPMS# 74812), and programming \$50,000 (\$40,000 STP/\$10,000 Local) for design and \$1,450,000 (\$1,160,000 STP/290,000 Local) for construction in FY11. The construction phase was programmed in Later Fiscal Years with only local funds, but is now being proposed to advance in the current TIP with federal funds. The statement about local funding would be removed from the project description.

*Motion: by Catherine Popp-McDonough, seconded by Linda Guarini to recommend that the Board amend the FY2011-2014 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a project back into the TIP, Susquehanna Road Bridge Over Sandy Run Bridge Reconstruction (MPMS# 74812), and programming \$50,000 (\$40,000 STP/\$10,000 Local) for design and \$1,450,000 (\$1,160,000 STP/290,000 Local) for construction in FY11.*

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

### b. PA11-22: Limekiln Pike Bridge Over Little Neshaminy Creek Bridge Rehabilitation (MPMS# 15769), Montgomery County – Add Final Design

PennDOT has requested that DVRPC modify the FY2011-2014 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a final design phase to the Limekiln Pike Bridge Over Neshaminy Creek Bridge Rehabilitation (MPMS# 15769), and programming (\$80,000 State 916 Funds) in FY11. Final design has not yet been encumbered and is being programmed in the FY2011 TIP for revisions to the structural design plan, specifically the traffic control plan, which indicates changes to the detour route as a result of additional public involvement, as well as use of existing stones on the new bridge veneer to maintain the historic appearance.

*Motion: by Linda Guarini, seconded by Leo Bagley to recommend that the Board modify the FY2011-2014 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a final design phase to the Limekiln Pike Bridge Over Neshaminy Creek Bridge Rehabilitation (MPMS# 15769), and programming (\$80,000 State 916 Funds) in FY11.*

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

**c. NJ10-56: Pedestrian Crosswalk Upgrade, ARRA (DB# FSD09496), Gloucester County – Cost Increase**

Gloucester County has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2010-2013 TIP for New Jersey by adding a project back into the TIP, Pedestrian Crosswalk Upgrade, ARRA (DB# FSD09496), and programming \$850,000 STP-STU in FY11 for construction.

*Motion: by Matthew Lawson, seconded by Jessica Savidge-Lucas to recommend that the Board amend the FY2010-2013 TIP for New Jersey by adding a project back into the TIP, Pedestrian Crosswalk Upgrade, ARRA (DB# FSD09496), and programming \$850,000 STP-STU in FY11 for construction.*

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

**d. NJ10-57: Pearl Street Bicycle/Pedestrian Enhancement, TIGER (DB# D1006), Camden County – Cost Increase/Increased Project Scope**

Cooper's Ferry Development Association, on behalf of Camden County, has requested that the FY2010-2013 TIP for New Jersey be modified by increasing the construction phase of the Pearl Street Bicycle/Pedestrian Enhancement, TIGER project (DB# D1006) by programming an additional \$1,000,000 (\$920,000 CMAQ/\$12,000 TIGER/\$68,000 STP-STU) for construction in FY11.

*Motion: by Edward Williams, seconded by Matthew Lawson to recommend that the Board modify the FY2010-2013 TIP for New Jersey by increasing the construction phase of the Pearl Street Bicycle/Pedestrian Enhancement, TIGER project (DB# D1006) by programming an additional \$1,000,000 (\$920,000 CMAQ/\$12,000 TIGER/\$68,000 STP-STU) for construction in FY11.*

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

**e. NJ10-58: Route 47, Howard Street to South of High Street Resurfacing (DB# 10337), Gloucester County – Proposed New Project**

NJDOT has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2010-2013 TIP for New Jersey by adding a new project to the TIP, Route 47, Howard Street To South of High Street Resurfacing (DB# 10337), and programming \$2,570,000 STP for construction in FY11 as the project is ready to advance to construction.

*Motion: by Matthew Lawson, seconded by Anthony Santaniello to recommend that the Board amend the FY2010-2013 TIP for New Jersey by adding a new project to the TIP, Route 47, Howard Street To South of High Street Resurfacing (DB# 10337), and programming \$2,570,000 STP for construction in FY11 as the project is ready to advance to construction.*

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

6. **Transportation Management Association Assistance Grant and Mobility Alternatives Program Grant Applications**

Sarah Oaks (DVRPC) presented the FY 2012 Transportation Management Association Assistance and Mobility Alternatives Program Grant Applications. Each year the Pennsylvania Transportation Management Associations, the Clean Air Council and SEPTA submit applications for these grants. Draft work programs were distributed in February for comments. The comments were summarized at the RTC and the Committee was asked to approve the final applications.

*Motion: by James Mosca, seconded by Linda Guarini to recommend that the Board approve the list of final applications for the Transportation Management Association Assistance Grant.*

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

*Motion: by Brendan Cotter, seconded by Catherine Popp-McDonough to recommend that the Board approve the list of final applications for the Mobility Alternatives Program Grant.*

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

7. **FY 2012 and FY2013 Coordinated Human Services Transportation Plan (CHSTP) List of Pennsylvania Project Applications Recommended for Approval**

Joseph Hacker (DVRPC) summarized DVRPC's list of Pennsylvania Job Access and Reverse Commute (JARC) recommended projects for the next two funding years. This list has been vetted through and approved by the CHSTP subcommittee of DVRPC. It consists of 28 JARC projects totaling about \$6.4 million dollars. This action includes modification of the TIP when funds are allocated by PennDOT.

*Motion: by Jim Richardson, seconded by Brendan Cotter to recommend that the Board approves the project recommendations for JARC Urban applications and the Small-Urban application funding; approves modification of the TIP, JARC program (MPMS# 60629) for FY12, \$6,413,686 (\$2,154,945 FTA / \$4,258,741 PA state match); and further should additional funding become available, every effort will be made to fund additional JARC projects.*

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

**8. Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between DVRPC and PennDOT**

Stan Platt (DVRPC) presented a Data Sharing Agreement MOU that will permit DVRPC to construct a data interface to access PennDOT's Road Condition Reporting System (RCRS), which is a statewide database where PennDOT Traffic Management Centers enter information about highway crashes, construction and maintenance activities, and other events that impact traffic flow. With construction of the data interface, DVRPC's Regional Integrated Multi-modal Information Sharing (RIMIS) system will be able to directly import PennDOT incident information and make it available to regional transportation agencies, county 911 call centers, and local police and fire responders. Users will be able to view situational information about highway conditions unavailable to the public in 511PA.

*Motion: by Catherine Popp-McDonough, seconded by James Mosca to recommend that the Board authorize the DVRPC Executive Director to execute a Memorandum of Understanding with PennDOT.*

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

**9. PennVEST Application Review**

PENNVEST is an independent agency of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania managed by a 13-member Board of Directors and chaired by the Governor, which provides funding for drinking water, wastewater treatment, stormwater management and brownfield assessments and remediation projects. The Program provides long-term loans through a revolving loan fund to municipalities, authorities and some private entities at below-market interest rates, as well as some grants. PENNVEST has forwarded two applications to DVRPC, one from Chester County and one from Bucks County, to review for consistency with the long range plan Connections - The Regional Plan for a Sustainable Future. Patty Elkis (DVRPC) provided an overview of the submitted applications, as well as staff recommendations.

*Motion: by Leo Bagley, seconded by Richard Brahler to recommend that the Board authorize the Executive Director to send a letter notifying PENNVEST that the funding applications in Chester and Bucks counties are consistent with Connections - The Regional Plan for a Sustainable Future.*

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

**PRESENTATION ITEMS****10. PennDOT Linking Planning and NEPA Process**

The "Linking Planning and the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)" initiative is currently being implemented statewide. The new process is designed to create joint PennDOT and MPO ownership of fiscal responsibility, select projects that are needed, affordable and supportive of state, regional, and community goals, and improve and increase the efficiency of the environmental process. Brian Wall (PennDOT) provided a high level overview of the changes related to asset management planning, data and information sharing, the new "Program Development and Project Delivery Process", and the technology being developed to support the change.

11. **DVRPC Travel Improvement Model (TIM) – Report on the New Network Model under TIM 2.0**

As reported at the February 2011 RTC, DVRPC's Travel Improvement Model (TIM), used for various types of forecasts and analyses, is currently going through a multi-year process of upgrades. One major task that is near completion has been to rebuild the supply side of the model, a.k.a. the network model. The approach taken is special as it uses innovative data sources such as the Open Street Map ([www.osm.org](http://www.osm.org)) and Google transit feeds (GTFS format) in addition to regional GIS data. Wolfgang Scherr (DVRPC) explained the effort to develop the new network model as well as the benefits it provides.

12. **US 30 (Lancaster Avenue) Corridor Study – Phase 1 Summary**

Patricia Fought (DVRPC) presented a summary of the work completed in the first phase of the US 30 Corridor Study. The study focuses on US 30 between 52nd Street in West Philadelphia and Old Eagle School Road in Wayne. This effort seeks to address transportation and livability issues and concerns while enhancing the existing cultural and historic assets of the corridor.

**INFORMATION ITEMS**

13. **One Minute Reports**

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

14. **Old Business and New Business**

15. **Meeting Adjournment**

*Motion: by Jessica Savidge-Lucas, seconded by Catherine Popp-McDonough 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, April 5, 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

**Representative**

Richard Brahler  
 Carol Thomas  
 (not represented)  
 Natasha Manbeck  
 Edward Williams  
 (not represented)  
 (not represented)  
 Brendan Cotter  
 Barbara Holcomb  
 Jim Richardson  
 Lorraine Brill  
 Jessica Savidge-Lucas  
 Matthew Lawson  
 Leo Bagley  
 Cheryl Brennan  
 (not represented)  
 (not represented)  
 Lou Millan  
 (not represented)  
 Jame Mosca  
 Linda Guarini  
 Anthony Santaniello  
 Michelle Webb  
 Stephen Buckley  
 Catherine Popp-McDonough

**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**

Glenn Reibman  
 Kelvin MacKavanagh  
 (not represented)  
 (not represented)  
 (not represented)  
 (not represented)  
 (not represented)  
 (not represented)  
 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 – Cheltenham EAC  
Matthew Edmond – Montgomery County Planning Commission  
Jacob Gordon – Coopers Ferry Development Association, Camden  
Michael Herron - TMAAC  
Andrew Levecchia – Camden County  
Kate Meade – New Jersey Office for Planning Advocacy  
Nick Rogers – Clean Air Council  
Nellia Shakhmina – New Jersey Turnpike Authority  
Andy Sharpe – Delaware Valley Association of Rail Passengers  
James Vari – New Jersey Department of Transportation  
Brian Wall – PennDOT Central Office

### **DVRPC Staff**

David Anderson  
Gastonia Anderson-Ogoe  
Joseph Banks  
Mike Boyer  
Rich Bickel  
Patty Elkis  
Patricia Fought  
Brett Fusco  
Joseph Hacker  
Richard Murphy  
Sarah Oaks  
Stan Platt  
Christopher Puchalsky  
Wolfgang Scherr  
Elizabeth Schoonmaker  
Don Shanis  
Elizabeth Smith  
Elise Turner  
Meghan Weir  
Matthew West