

**DELAWARE VALLEY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
PLANNING COORDINATING COMMITTEE/
REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
May 10, 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

Charles Dougherty (DVRPC – Director, Technical Services Division) stated that the Board approved all TIP actions at the Board meeting held on April 28, 2011, and continued by updating the RTC on a number of issues.

3. Report on Regional Citizens Committee Activities

Jim Richardson (RCC) provided an update on the RCC meeting that was held on April 19, 2011. (Details of the last RCC meeting can be found in the April 19, 2011 Meeting Minutes of the DVRPC RCC.)

ACTION ITEMS

4. Highlights of the Meeting of April 5, 2011

The highlights from the April 5, 2011 meeting of the PCC/RTC were presented for adoption.

Motion: by Matthew Lawson, seconded by Jim Mosca to adopt the highlights for the April 5, 2011 PCC/RTC meeting.

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

5. Authorization to Open a Public Comment Period for the Draft FY 2012-2015 New Jersey Transportation Improvement Program (TIP); and the Draft Conformity Finding of the FY 2011 Pennsylvania TIP and FY 2012 New Jersey TIP

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 federal transportation funds. The creation of the TIP is to be done by the MPO in cooperation with the state and transit operators, and must provide opportunity for input and comment by the public. A minimum 30-day public comment period must be conducted prior to a formal action to adopt the TIP. The final conformity rule promulgated by US EPA (40 CFR 51 and 93) requires that the TIP must not cause new air quality violations, worsen existing violations, or delay timely attainment of federal standards; that Transportation Plans and Programs conform to the applicable State Implementation Plans (SIP) for air quality. Sean Greene (DVRPC) requested to open a 30-day public comment period with proper public notification, to publish the Draft TIP

and Conformity documents on the Internet, to make copies available at certain public libraries, and to hold public meetings.

Motion: by Ed Williams, seconded by Jim Richardson to recommend that the Board open a public comment period for the draft FY 2012-2015 New Jersey Transportation Improvement Program (TIP); and the draft conformity finding of the FY 2011 Pennsylvania TIP and FY 2012 New Jersey TIP.

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

6. FY12 Coordinated Human Services Transportation Plan (CHSTP) List of New Jersey Project Applications Recommended for Approval

Megan Weir (DVRPC) summarized DVRPC's list of New Jersey Job Access and Reverse Commute (JARC) and New Freedom (NF) recommended projects for the next funding year. The list has been approved by the New Jersey CHSTP sub-committee of DVRPC. The recommended list consists of 4 JARC and 3 NF projects. This action includes modification of the TIP when funds are allocated by New Jersey Transit.

Motion: by Carol Ann Thomas, seconded by Matthew Lawson to recommend that the Board approve the FY12 Coordinated Human Services Transportation Plan (CHSTP) list of New Jersey project applications.

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

7. PA Functional Classification Change - French Creek Parkway

The Borough of Phoenixville, Chester County, has requested the addition of existing sections of Main Street and Taylor Alley and a new roadway connection known as the French Creek Parkway to the Federal Functional Classification System as Urban Collectors. Charles Dougherty (DVRPC) presented the details and asked the RTC to recommend to the Board the approval of the change to the Functional Classification System

Motion: by Tom Shaffer, seconded by Leo Bagley to recommend that the Board approve the change to the Functional Classification System.

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

8. Appointment of Nominating Committee for Fiscal Year 2012 (FY12) DVRPC Planning Coordinating Committee/Regional Transportation Committee (PCC/RTC) Officers

A Nominating Committee consisting of Don Shanis (DVRPC), Natasha Manbeck (Chester County), and Matthew Lawson (Mercer County) was selected to appoint candidates for Chairman and Vice Chairman for the PCC/RTC for FY12 (July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012). The Chairman for FY12 must be a voting member from New Jersey, and the Vice Chairman must be a voting member from Pennsylvania. The committee will report these candidates and elections will take place at the June 2011 PCC/RTC meeting.

Motion: by Cathy Popp-McDonough, seconded by Jim Mosca to appoint a Nominating Committee consisting of Don Shanis, Natasha Manbeck, and

Matthew Lawson to appoint candidates for Chairman and Vice-Chairman for the PCC/RTC for FY12.

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

PRESENTATION ITEMS

9. Impact of Trucking on Pennsylvania's Economy

Jim Runk, President & CEO of the Pennsylvania Motor Truck Association (PMTA), provided information about the PMTA and the importance and impact the industry has on the Commonwealth's and Delaware Valley area's economy. Other issues covered included; fuel taxes, safety programs, highway funding possibilities and local economic and traffic congestion and mitigation coalitions.

10. Implementing Connections: The Benefits for Greater Philadelphia

Brett Fusco (DVRPC) explained how this analysis illustrates and quantifies the benefits of implementing the policies and goals defined in the Connections Plan. The report compares an implemented Plan scenario with the continuation of a business-as-usual Trend scenario and current (2010) conditions.

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 Thomas Shaffer, seconded by James Mosca 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 7, 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

Richard Brahler
 Carol Thomas
 Kevin Becica
 Natasha Manbeck
 Edward Williams
 (not represented)
 (not represented)
 Tom Shaffer
 (not represented)
 Jim Richardson
 Lorraine Brill
 Rick Westergaard
 Matthew Lawson
 Leo Bagley
 (not represented)
 (not represented)
 (not represented)
 (not represented)
 (not represented)
 James Mosca
 Linda Guarini
 Anthony Santaniello
 Michelle Webb
 Stephen Buckley
 Cathy Popp-McDonough

Representative

Glenn Reibman
 Kelvin MacKavanagh
 (not represented)
 Camille Otto
 (not represented)
 (not represented)
 (not represented)
 (not represented)
 William Ragozine
 (not represented)
 (not represented)
 Don Steele
 (not represented)
 (not represented)
 (not represented)
 (not represented)
 (not represented)
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ATTENDANCE (cont'd)

Other Member Representatives and Guests

Jim Runk – PMTA
Eric Powers – NJDOT

DVRPC Staff

Gastonia Anderson-Ogoe
Elizabeth Schoonmaker
Charles Dougherty
Matthew West