

DELAWARE VALLEY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
PLANNING COORDINATING COMMITTEE/
REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
October 4, 2011 Meeting Highlights
DVRPC Conference Room, Philadelphia, PA

1. Call to Order - Chairperson's Comments

Carol Thomas (Chairperson – Burlington County) welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order.

2. Deputy Executive Director's Report

Don Shanis (DVRPC) updated the members on the September 22, 2011 Board Retreat.

3. Report on Regional Citizens Committee Activities

Jim Richardson (RCC) informed the members that the RCC did not meet in September.

ACTION ITEMS

4. Highlights of the Meeting of September 6, 2011

The highlights from the September 6, 2011 meeting of the PCC/RTC were presented for adoption.

Motion: by Jim Mosca, seconded by Barbara Holcomb to adopt the highlights for the September 6, 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 one TIP amendment for consideration.

a. PA11-46: I-95 Columbia Street to Ann Street (MPMS# 79686), Philadelphia

PennDOT has requested that DVRPC modify the FY2011-2014 TIP for Pennsylvania by increasing the construction phase by \$5,131,000 (FY11 \$649,000 STU/\$162,000 State; FY12 \$3,456,000 NHS/\$864,000 State) of the I-95, Columbia Street to Ann Street project (MPMS# 79686) in order to process and award this construction contract. The additional funds would cover the difference between the low bid amount plus construction inspection and the engineers estimate on this approximately \$100 million construction project.

While there were savings on some elements of the low bid, other items came in over bid, resulting in an overall bid over-run of \$5,131,000. The additional cost increase is related to the following four (4) items:

Mobilization: The bid price is \$2.46 million more than the engineer's cost estimate. The bid price is reflective of the contractor's needs of a 4-year construction schedule

and estimated mobilization percentage of 4% based on the project's large size and its regional proximity to various contractors and suppliers.

Construction Surveying: The bid price is \$700,000 more than the engineer's cost estimate due to the amount of utility relocation work. Extensive utility relocations are required due to the dense residential/commercial neighborhoods. Therefore, extensive surveying is associated with this project.

Gas Main: The bid price is \$1.638 million more than the cost estimate provided by the designer of this work, Philadelphia Gas Works. Costs were based on Philadelphia Gas Works historic pricing for this type of gas main installation. The bid price reflects labor, production rates and other costs.

Bypass Pumping: The bid price is \$1.125 million more than the engineer's cost estimate based on contractor's differing construction phasing and approach from the proposed staging sequence in the design plans. The contractor's proposed plan and more aggressive approach is dependent on using bypass pumping to protect their work area and is cost effective in reducing the amount of time required to complete the work were there a failure of the primary pumping system.

Motion: by Linda Guarini, seconded by Jim Mosca to recommend the Board approve TIP action PA11-46, PennDOT's request to amend the FY2011-2014 TIP for Pennsylvania by increasing the construction phase by \$5,131,000 (FY11 \$649,000 STU/\$162,000 State; FY12 \$3,456,000 NHS/\$864,000 State) of the I-95, Columbia Street to Ann Street project (MPMS# 79686) in order to process and award this construction contract..

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

6. Fiscal Year 2012 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. Norristown Transportation center Intermodal Study & Concept Plan

Joseph Hacker (DVRPC) explained that this project will help SEPTA determine how best to accommodate and integrate the multiple modes converging at the Norristown Transportation Center. SEPTA is planning a considering alignment which would discontinue use of the existing Dekalb Street station building, providing a prime opportunity to consider reuse. Others considerations include nearby planned and proposed road and trail improvement projects. Staff will work with stakeholders to examine the current NTC layout and operation, including its transportation and development context. Appropriate future strategies and concepts will include capital and operational improvements.

b. Fare Sensitivity Modeling Project

Chris Puchalsky (DVRPC) explained that the Fare Sensitivity Model Project will improve DVRPC's travel forecasting model's (TIM 2.0) ability to forecast the effects of different fare policies and changes. Data from the most recent (2010) SEPTA fare increase will be used, along with other fare change data in the region. Time series data will be examined to separate short and long term effects. Other data, such as gas prices, regional unemployment, and regional GDP, will also be examined to separate the effect of fare increases on ridership from the effect of other variables. TIM 2.0's ability to reproduce the impacts of this fare increase will be assessed and improvements to the TIM 2.0 model will be made as required. The improved TIM 2.0 model will be suitable for assessing future fare increases as well as for assisting in the planning of SEPTA's fare modernization program.

Motion: by Barbara Holcomb, seconded by Zoe Robertson to recommend that the Board amend the DVRPC Fiscal Year 2012 Planning Work Program to include \$208,000 allocated equally between the two projects: the Norristown Transportation Center Intermodal Study and Concept Plan and the Fare Sensitivity Modeling Project.

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

7. DVRPC Regional Trails Grant Program: Phase I Selected Projects

A list of 14 trail design and construction projects were selected for funding from Phase I of the DVRPC Regional Trails Grant Program. Chris Linn (DVRPC) presented an overview of the projects, and asked the PCC/RTC to recommend Board approval. Mr. Linn also presented four "early-action" projects approved by the DVRPC Board on July 28, 2011.

Motion: by Natasha Manbeck, seconded by Jessica Savidge-Lucas to recommend that the Board approve the list of 14 trail design and construction projects that were selected for funding from Phase I of the DVRPC Regional Trails Grant Program.

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

PRESENTATION ITEMS**8. Mobility Alternatives Program Evaluation**

In FY11, DVRPC contracted with Portfolio Associates to conduct an evaluation of the marketing messages and methods that are used in the Mobility Alternatives Program (MAP). Owen Franklin (Portfolio) presented report findings, and Sarah Oaks (DVRPC) addressed changes to the FY12 program that will be made based on study recommendations.

9. Giving a Voice to Freight

Leslie Blakey, a principal with Blakey & Agnew, LLC and Executive Director of the Coalition for America's Gateways and Trade Corridors, provided an update on the

federal outlook for a surface transportation authorization and other Washington proposals that could affect funding for transportation and freight infrastructure. Her presentation described the Coalition's strategies for freight advocacy in the coming months and considered factors that will influence the state of play, such as compromises in the Super Committee and momentum for an infrastructure bank.

INFORMATION ITEMS

10. Mercer County Future Bus Plan – Draft Results

As part of an update to the transportation element of the county Master Plan, Mercer County asked DVRPC to develop a cohesive bus transit network to serve forecast county development. DVRPC gathered service proposals from a series of plans (Central Jersey BRT and others), identified new routes based on journey-to-work data and stakeholder workshop results, and simulated the full Plan Network in the regional travel demand model to assist with prioritization. Gregory Krykewycz briefly summarized the draft outcomes of this work.

11. Final Call for Special Studies Work Programs for Supportive Regional Highway Planning Program and Transit Support Program

Each year funds are set aside from the overall budgets of the Supportive Regional Highway Planning Program in New Jersey and the Transit Support Program in both Pennsylvania and New Jersey for planning studies outside of core work that program grantees wish to undertake. Sarah Oaks (DVRPC) issued the second and final call for candidate work programs and review submission requirements.

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 Andrew Levecchia, 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 November 15, 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
 Andrew Levecchia
 Natasha Manbeck
 Edward Williams
 (not represented)
 (not represented)
 Brendan Cotter
 Barbara Holcomb
 Jim Richardson
 (not represented)
 Jessica Savidge-Lucas
 Matthew Lawson
 Matthew Edmond
 Eric Powers
 (not represented)
 (not represented)
 Lou Millan
 (not represented)
 James Mosca
 Linda Guarini
 Anthony Santaniello
 (not represented)
 Stephen Buckley
 Zoe Robertson

Representative

Glenn Reibman
 Kelvin MacKavanagh
 (not represented)
 Camille Otto
 (not represented)
 (not represented)
 (not represented)
 (not represented)
 (not represented)
 (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

Patricia Ellis – City of Philadelphia
Greg Young – Philadelphia Streets Department
Leslie Blakey – CAGTC
Aissia Richardson – RCC

DVRPC Staff

Charles Dougherty
Joseph Hacker
Chris Puchalsky
Elizabeth Schoonmaker
Don Shanis
Matthew West
Sarah Oaks