

**DELAWARE VALLEY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
PLANNING COORDINATING COMMITTEE/
REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
July 10, 2012 Meeting Highlights
DVRPC Conference Room, Philadelphia, PA**

1. Call to Order - Chairperson's Comments

Stephen Buckley (Chairperson; City of Philadelphia – Mayor's Office of Transportation) welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order.

2. Deputy Executive Director's Report

Don Shanis (DVRPC) updated the members on the June 28, 2012 Board meeting. He provided a brief update on the 2012 federal surface transportation authorization: HR4348, Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century (MAP-21), and stated that DVRPC would forward to members a compilation of MAP-21 summaries from various sources. Dr. Shanis announced that DVRPC will be modifying the *TransitChek* program due to the recent purchase of the "TransitChek" trademark by a private company. Details of those modifications will be forthcoming.

In commemoration of Dr. Shanis' dedication to working with the PCC/RTC during his tenure with DVRPC, Barry Seymour presented him with a plaque on behalf of the committee; and John Ward gave parting gifts to celebrate his retirement.

ACTION ITEMS

3. Highlights of the Meeting of June 12, 2012

The highlights from June 12, 2012 meeting of the PCC/RTC were presented for adoption.

Motion: by James Mosca, seconded by Matthew Edmond to adopt the highlights for the June 12, 2012 PCC/RTC meeting.

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

4. **DVRPC Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Actions**

Rick Murphy (DVRPC) presented three TIP amendments for consideration.

a. **NJ12-27: Route 9, over Jobs Creek Bridge (DB #11368), Burlington County**

NJDOT has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2012 - 2015 TIP for New Jersey by adding the Route 9, over Jobs Creek Bridge (DB# 11368) to the TIP with \$1,400,000 Bridge funds (within the four-year TIP period, FY12 – FY15) accordingly: \$500,000 for FY13 preliminary engineering, \$800,000 for FY14 final design, and \$100,000 for FY15 right-of-way. Additionally in the out years, \$3,500,000 Bridge funds will be programmed for construction in FY18. The project description will be updated to include the specific scope of work.

Motion: by Carol Thomas, seconded by Andy Clark to recommend the Board amend the FY2012 - 2015 TIP for New Jersey by adding the Route 9, over Jobs Creek Bridge (DB# 11368) to the TIP with \$1,400,000 Bridge funds (within the four-year TIP period, FY12 – FY15) accordingly: \$500,000 for FY13 preliminary engineering, \$800,000 for FY14 final design, and \$100,000 for FY15 right-of-way.

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

b. **NJ12-28: Route 29, Cass Street to Calhoun Street, Drainage (DB# 07319B), Mercer County**

NJDOT has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2012 - 2015 TIP for New Jersey by adding the Route 29, Cass Street to Calhoun Street, Drainage project (DB# 07319B) to the TIP with \$1,300,000 STP funds (within the four-year TIP period, FY12 – FY15) accordingly: \$350,000 for FY13 preliminary engineering, \$850,000 for FY14 final design, and \$100,000 for FY15 right-of-way. Additionally in the out years, \$2,400,000 STP funds will be programmed for construction in FY17.

c. **NJ12-29: Route 29, Drainage Improvements (DB# 07319), Mercer County**

NJDOT has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2012 - 2015 TIP for New Jersey by deleting Route 29, Drainage Improvements (DB# 07319) from the TIP, as a new breakout project (see TIP Action NJ12-28) will address the critical flooding area in the southern section of this project, and the northern section did not have a cost effective solution. This deletion removes \$1,000,000 STP funds accordingly: \$400,000 for FY12 preliminary engineering, \$500,000 for FY13 final design, and \$100,000 for FY14 right-of-way.

Motion: by Matthew Lawson, seconded by Jessica Savidge-Lucas to recommend the Board amend the FY2012 - 2015 TIP for New Jersey by adding the Route 29, Cass Street to Calhoun Street, Drainage project (DB# 07319B) to the TIP with \$1,300,000 STP Funds (within the four-year TIP period, FY12 – FY15) accordingly: \$350,000 for FY13 preliminary

engineering, \$850,000 for FY14 final design, and \$100,000 for FY15 right-of-way; and amend the FY2012 - 2015 TIP for New Jersey by deleting Route 29, Drainage Improvements (DB# 07319) from the TIP, as a new breakout project (see TIP Action NJ12-28) will address the critical flooding area in the southern section of this project, and the northern section did not have a cost effective solution.

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

5. Fiscal Year 2013 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. Supplemental Traffic Counting Equipment Purchase

The PennDOT Bureau of Planning and Research has requested that DVRPC perform a vehicle classification traffic counting program along various roadways in the five county Pennsylvania portion of the region. This new program requests a 16 vehicle-type classification scheme which differs from our traditional 13 vehicle-type classification scheme. Because our existing traffic counting equipment is calibrated for the traditional scheme, many of these counts will be done manually while other counts will require the acquisition of new equipment. Many of the requested count locations are on interstate facilities where parking alongside the shoulder of the roadway for an extended period of time creates unsafe conditions for both the data collectors and the travelling public. To address the need to gather this data in a safe manner, DVRPC will purchase and deploy video equipment to record the traffic stream. The vehicle classification information will be safely transcribed in the office from the recorded video using a manual traffic counting device with video mode. Funding from this project will allow DVRPC to purchase the appropriate equipment to fulfill PennDOT's request to provide a comprehensive set of traffic data. John Ward (DVRPC) asked that the RTC recommend the Board amend the DVRPC Fiscal Year 2013 Work Program to include this project.

Motion: by Linda Guarini, seconded by Matthew Lawson, to recommend the Board amend the DVRPC Fiscal Year 2013 Work Program to include the Supplemental Traffic Counting Equipment Purchase.

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

6. Update of Transportation Safety Action Plan

The final draft 2012 update of the guide to reducing crash fatalities in the Delaware Valley was presented. The same seven emphasis areas remained the contributing factors to 95% of crash fatalities. This update focused more on specific, trackable actions that the Regional Safety Task Force and its members will undertake. Zoe Neaderland (DVRPC) asked the RTC to recommend the Board accept the 2012 Transportation Safety Action Plan as a coherent regional approach to reducing crash fatalities and injuries, as well as the cost and congestion that results from crashes.

Motion: by James Mosca, seconded by Jessica Savidge-Lucas, to recommend the Board accept the 2012 Transportation Safety Action Plan as a coherent regional approach to reducing crash fatalities and injuries, as well as the cost and congestion that result from crashes.

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

7. The Delaware Valley Freight Center Inventory: Taking Stock of a Vital Regional Asset

A new DVRPC report that identifies 44 distinct clusters of freight and economic activity in the Delaware Valley was presented. The freight centers are made up of various combinations of land use and each is profiled in detail in the report. Prepared as an outgrowth of the County Freight Scan initiative, the Freight Center Inventory also provides recommendations for the preservation and enhancement of the centers. Walker Allen (DVRPC) asked the RTC to recommend the Board accept the underlying policies and next steps identified in The Delaware Valley Freight Center Inventory.

Motion: by Matthew Edmond, seconded by James Mosca, to recommend the Board accept the underlying policies and next steps identified in The Delaware Valley Freight Center Inventory.

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

8. DVRPC Regional Trails Phase II Grant Program Project:

This study will leverage \$45,000 in DCNR funds, and investigate the feasibility of extending the existing Cobbs Creek Trail northward into the Karakung Park in Haverford Township, extending the Radnor Trail eastward to Villanova, thereby advancing critical pieces of *The Circuit*. Chris Linn (DVRPC) requested that the RTC recommend the Board approve this additional project.

Motion: by Jessica Savidge-Lucas, seconded by Randy Waltermeyer, to recommend the Board approve funding for the revised Regional Trails Phase

Il grant program project, Forge to Refuge Trail Corridor Study, submitted by the Delaware County Planning Department.

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

PRESENTATION ITEMS

9. Overview of the DVRPC Report *Ready to Roll?*

Rob Graff (DVRPC) provided a brief overview of the DVRPC report *Ready to Roll?*. This report identifies challenges and opportunities for alternative fuel vehicles in the Delaware Valley.

10. Overview of the DVRPC Report *Accessing the Tidal Delaware: Pennsylvania*

Presentation postponed to a later date.

DISCUSSION ITEM

11. Migrating from Hard Copy to Digital Meeting Documents

Matthew West (DVRPC) started a discussion on the feasibility of the PCC/RTC discontinuing the practice of mailing meeting materials prior to each meeting and replacing that process with an all-digital method. The Board has successfully used an all-digital method, and it is expected that the PCC/RTC would follow that model. Mr. West will follow-up with all committee members via email.

INFORMATION ITEMS

12. One Minute Reports

PCC/RTC Members and guests provided updates on the activities of their agencies.

13. Old Business and New Business

14. Meeting Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 12:15PM.

The next scheduled meeting of the PCC/RTC is Tuesday, September 11, 2012.

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
 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
 Andrew Levecchia
 Randy Waltermeyer
 (not represented)
 David Swedrowski
 (not represented)
 Lou Hufnagle
 (not represented)
 Jessica Savidge-Lucas
 Matthew Lawson
 Matthew Edmond
 Andy Clark
 (not represented)
 (not represented)
 Lou Millan
 Patrick Patterson
 James Mosca
 Linda Guarini
 Anthony Santaniello
 Michelle Webb
 Stephen Buckley
 Zoe Robertson

Representative

Glenn F. Reibman
 Kelvin MacKavanagh
 (not represented)
 (not represented)
 (not represented)
 (not represented)
 (not represented)
 (not represented)
 William Ragozine
 (not represented)
 Rob Henry
 Don Steele
 (not represented)
 (not represented)
 (not represented)
 (not represented)
 (not represented)
 Martin Kotsch

ATTENDANCE (cont'd)

Other Member Representatives and Guests

András Fekete – RBA Group

Justin John – Greater Valley Forge Transportation Management Association

Sue Herman - Residents for Regional Traffic Solutions, Inc.

Patricia Ellis - City of Philadelphia – Mayor's Office of Transportation and Utilities

DVRPC Staff

John Ward

Patty Elkis

Don Shanis

Erin McCann

Matthew West

Greg Krykewycz

Zoe Neaderland

Scott Brady

Barry Seymour

Rick Murphy

Kwan Hui

Rich Bickel

Rob Graff

Jane Meconi

Jean McKinney

Walker Allen

Christina Arlt

Chris Linn

Regina Moore

Jesse Buerk

Matt Gates

Kevin Murphy

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