

DELAWARE VALLEY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
PLANNING COORDINATING COMMITTEE/
REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
September 11, 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 Planning Director's Report

John Ward (DVRPC) began by welcoming one of the new Public Participation Task Force (PPTF) members, Harry Fox. Mr. Fox is from Burlington County, and is a civil engineer who has been involved in numerous Boards and Commissions in Burlington and Gloucester Counties, including chairing the Delran, NJ Zoning Board.

Mr. Ward explained that the PPTF members represent a county or community but have been asked, in their role at the RTC, to take a regional perspective in their thoughts and their votes. He anticipates that they will eventually be voting members. Because the PPTF will not be taking action on RTC or Board items, their views will be as "citizens of the region", and not representing a consensus of the PPTF. They will provide their feedback regarding the PCC/RTC meetings to the PPTF.

Mr. Ward then provided an update on MAP-21. He continued by stating that DVRPC Senior Management has been meeting with the Counties and Cities to discuss potential project ideas for the FY14 UPWP. Mr. Ward announced that there will be a Board Policy Analysis Committee on September 14, 2012, and that the Board Retreat will be held on December 6, 2012, at a location yet to be determined.

Mr. Ward announced that the NJDOT Planning Workshop will be held on September 20, 2012, and the PA Planning Partners meeting will be on October 22-24, 2012. Lastly, Mr. Ward announced the appointment of Greg Krykewycz as new Manager of the Office of Transit, Bike, and Pedestrian Planning.

Dr. Chris Puchalsky (DVRPC) provided the link to the DVRPC Household Survey:
<http://www.dvrpc.org/TravelSurvey/>

ACTION ITEMS

3. Highlights of the Meeting of July 10, 2012

The highlights from July 10, 2012 meeting of the PCC/RTC were presented for adoption.

Motion: by Jessica Savidge-Lucas, seconded by Tom Shaffer to adopt the highlights for the July 10, 2012 PCC/RTC meeting.

Motion passed. 18 voted for, 0 against, 2 abstentions.

4. Adoption of a New Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on Procedures to Amend or Modify the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for New Jersey

A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) exists between DVRPC, NJDOT, and NJ TRANSIT to establish agreed upon procedures for modifying or amending the TIP, as required by federal regulations. From time to time this MOU requires changes to improve, clarify, or streamline the process. Elizabeth Schoonmaker (DVRPC) asked the PCC/RTC to recommend that the Board adopt a new MOU for the New Jersey TIP/STIP.

Motion: by Carol Ann Thomas, seconded by Edward Williams, to recommend the Board adopt a new MOU for the New Jersey TIP/STIP

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

5. Adoption of 2040 Employment Forecasts

As a critical component of DVRPC's long-range planning process, staff has worked with member county planning agencies to prepare county and municipal-level employment forecasts in five-year increments through 2040. Mary Bell (DVRPC) explained that Bucks County was in the process of finalizing their numbers, therefore asked the RTC to recommend that the Board adopt the 2040 employment forecasts in five-year increments for Chester, Delaware, Montgomery, Philadelphia, Burlington, Camden, Gloucester and Mercer counties. The Board will be asked to adopt the 2040 employment forecasts for all nine counties.

Motion: by Barbara Holcomb, seconded by James Mosca, to recommend the Board approve the 2040 employment forecasts in five-year increments for Chester, Delaware, Montgomery, Philadelphia, Burlington, Camden, Gloucester and Mercer counties.

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

6. PennVEST Application Review

DVRPC and the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society (PHS) have jointly submitted five applications to PennVest to plant a total of 2,571 trees for stormwater management in the City of Chester and Collingdale Borough in Delaware County, Bristol Township and Sellersville Borough in Bucks County, and in South Coatesville Borough, Chester County. In addition, the Chester County Conservation District has submitted three applications to PennVest for agricultural best management practices to control stormwater runoff on mushroom and dairy farms. Amy Miller (DVRPC) reviewed the applications and explained how they are supported by county and regional plans.

Motion: by Tom Shaffer, seconded by Rich Brahler, to recommend the Board authorize the Executive Director to send a letter notifying PENNVEST that the five applications jointly submitted by DVRPC and PHS to plant a total of 2,571 trees for stormwater management are consistent with county and regional plans.

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

Motion: by Randy Waltermeyer, seconded by Leo Bagley, to recommend the Board authorize the Executive Director to send a letter notifying PENNVEST that the three applications for agricultural best management practices to control stormwater runoff on mushroom and dairy farms are consistent with county and regional plans.

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

PRESENTATION ITEMS

7. New Jersey State Rail Plan

Over the last year, NJ TRANSIT and NJDOT have been working to prepare an FRA-compliant State Rail Plan. The plan seeks to align rail transportation planning and policies of NJ TRANSIT, NJDOT, New Jersey's three Metropolitan Planning Organizations (NJTPA, DVRPC, and SJTPO), the port authorities (PANYNJ and DRPA), and the freight railroads. The State Rail Plan was introduced to each of the MPOs at meetings held in October 2011, and in March 2012, public outreach meetings were conducted with the support of the MPOs, in Newark, Trenton, and Vineland. As the State Rail Plan nears completion, the project team consisting of Alan Kearns, Assistant Program Manager - NJTRANSIT, Robert DeSando, Director of Multimodal Planning and Development – NJDOT, and Joseph Gurskis, Principal Consultant, Freight and Logistics Consulting Services - *Parsons Brinckerhoff* presented an overview of the plan and its key findings.

INFORMATION ITEMS**8. NJDOT Transportation Enhancements (TE) Projects**

NJDOT requested DVRPC's participation in their TE project selection committee. In doing so, DVRPC assisted NJDOT in reviewing and scoring each of the TE applications that were submitted within the region. John Coscia (DVRPC) gave an update on the process.

9. Fiscal Year 2014 Work Program Development

John Griffies (DVRPC) presented a schedule and information regarding plans for the development of the FY2014 Work Program.

10. Fiscal Year 2014 Supportive Regional Highway Planning Program (SRHPP) and Transit Support Program (TSP) Call for Special Studies

Each year funds are set aside in the SRHPP and TSP programs to fund special limited-duration studies. Sarah Oaks (DVRPC) presented the formal call for Special Study projects and announced the submission and approval schedules for Core and Special Study work programs.

11. One Minute Reports

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

12. Old Business and New Business**13. Meeting Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 11:50PM.

The next scheduled meeting of the PCC/RTC is Tuesday, October 2, 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
 Public Participation Task Force
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Representative

Rich Brahler
 Carol Thomas
 Andrew Levecchia
 Randy Waltermeyer
 Ed Williams
 (not represented)
 (not represented)
 Tom Shaffer
 Barbara Holcomb
 Jessica Savidge-Lucas
 Matthew Lawson
 Leo Bagley
 Andy Clark
 (not represented)
 (not represented)
 Lou Millan
 (not represented)
 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)
 (not represented)
 Don Steele
 (not represented)
 (not represented)
 (not represented)
 (not represented)
 (not represented)
 Martin Kotsch
 Harry Fox
 (not represented)
 (not represented)

ATTENDANCE (cont'd)

Other Member Representatives and Guests

Alex John – Delaware County Planning Department

Bob DeSando – NJDOT

Joseph Gurskis – *Parsons Brinckerhoff*

Ted Ritter – NJTPA

Bill Deguffrey – Chester County Planning

Sue Herman - Residents for Regional Traffic Solutions, Inc.

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

DVRPC Staff

John Ward

Chris Puchalsky

Matthew West

Greg Krykewycz

Zoe Neaderland

Elizabeth Schoonmaker

Rick Murphy

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Rich Bickel

Mike Boyer

Candy Snyder

Amy Miller

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Sarah Oaks

John Griffies

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Matt Gates

Brett Fusco

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