

DELAWARE VALLEY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

Highlights of ITS Technical Task Force Meeting of September 18, 2000

The following are highlights from the meeting of the ITS Technical Task Force held on September 18, 2000. The meeting was held in the DVRPC conference room. A list of attendees is attached.

Agenda Item #1: Welcome and Individual Updates

- ▶ Each person in attendance introduced themselves and added any relevant ITS update from their agency. One topic that was brought up several times was E-Z Pass, and its deployment on the Garden State Parkway, New Jersey Turnpike, and the Pennsylvania Turnpike. The electronic toll collection is a key feature of regional ITS integration.

Agenda Item #2: ITS Policy

- ▶ Chris King, DVRPC, gave a presentation addressing ITS Policy. Some of the individual policy areas covered were regional planning and implementation, operations, incident management, traveler information, and architecture.
- ▶ Several issues were brought up at the conclusion of the presentation. A question of whether it is possible to co-locate the Pennsylvania State Police in the District Six Traffic Control Center was raised. It was suggested to hold a future Technical Task Force meeting at the PennDOT center. A map of cameras, variable message signs, and highway advisory sign locations is needed to better coordinate information. DVRPC will work with PennDOT and NJDOT to produce these maps.
- ▶ The vehicle probe technology, TRANSMIT and digital phones, generated a discussion that raised privacy issues. Information gathered from E-ZPass tags will be employed by Pennsylvania Turnpike for traffic monitoring. It is necessary to investigate what information is provided to the general public and if changes need to be made. A discussion of privacy issues and how it relates to ITS data collection and dissemination ensued.
- ▶ The Task Force will be creating a subcommittee to develop ITS policy.

Agenda Item #3: FHWA ITS Service Plan

- ▶ John Ward, DVRPC, gave a presentation on the FHWA ITS Service Plan for 2001. This years plan is requesting \$40,000, almost double from last year. More than half of the funds will be used for training purposes. Other money will be allocated to public awareness, and a small sum will be used for scanning tours.

Agenda Item #4: Committee Organizational Issues

- ▶ Stan Platt, DVRPC, gave a presentation on several of the pending Organization Issues of the ITS Technical Task Force. One topic of discussion was whether or not to invite consultants to be members of the Technical Task Force. There was debate on both sides. It was decided that consultants would not be invited to become members at this time but may be asked to attend to give presentations on specific issues.
- ▶ It was decided that there should be better communication with the DVHOG's. A DVRPC staff member will begin attending their meetings and report back with updates. The minutes for meetings will also be exchanged.
- ▶ The list of participating agencies should be expanded to include 911 services and other Information Service Providers.
- ▶ A nominating committee was also established to create a Committee Chair and Vice Chair.

Agenda Item #5: Other Business

- ▶ John Ward, DVRPC, talked about the activities of Edwards and Kelcey. They are planning on giving a seminar on fiber optics and how they work. The workshop will also focus on the communication options for various agencies involved with ITS. Edwards and Kelcey also plan to contact several agencies on behalf of DVRPC to discuss their communication network needs in coordination with the three PRIMIS stages.
- ▶ Laurie Matkowski, DVRPC, gave a short presentation about the additions to the DVRPC web site. The new page includes an ITS Technology page, DVRPC ITS

Planning Efforts page, and a PRIMIS page. The information can be accessed through the DVRPC homepage (www.dvrpc.org). It was suggested that the site also include a regional contact list and a calendar of upcoming meetings and training events.

- ▶ John Ward, DVRPC, gave a presentation on the 511 number for Traveler Information. On July 21, 2000, the Federal Communications Commission assigned 511 as the nationwide telephone number for ITS traveler information. There are questions of who will pay for the service. There is a five year window for the service to be developed, so there is a need to quickly get agencies involved. A consultant has been scheduled to give a presentation on 511 at the next Technical Task Force meeting.

- ▶ Next Meeting Date- The next meeting for the ITS Technical Task Force has been scheduled for **Monday, October 23, at 10:00 am** (please note the time change from the usual 9:30 start time).

**ITS Technical Task Force Meeting
September 18, 2000**

Attendance List:

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| 1) Karl Ziemer | Pennsylvania DOT District 6-0 |
| 2) Karen Jehanian | KMJ Consulting |
| 3) Walt Green | Pennsylvania Turnpike |
| 4) Gina Holmes | DRPA |
| 5) Robert Hannigan | PennDOT |
| 6) Anthony Marino | SJTA |
| 7) Jim Hilbert | SmarTraveler |
| 8) Bob Pento | PennDOT- BHSTE |
| 9) Susan Simkus | Montgomery County Planning Commission |
| 10) Jim Wain | SEPTA |
| 11) William A. Roper | DRJTBC |
| 12) Hugh Lynch | Philadelphia Highway Patrol |
| 13) Jim Hogan | NJDOT |
| 14) Sasha Harding | Burlington County Bridge Commission |
| 15) Shawn Jalosinski | City of Philadelphia- Streets Dpt. |
| 16) Carol Ann Thomas | Burlington County Engineer's Office |
| 17) Kevin Needham | Edwards and Kelcey |
| 18) Joseph Hacker | Delaware County Planning Department |
| 19) Don Shanis | DVRPC |
| 20) John Ward | DVRPC |
| 21) Stan Platt | DVRPC |
| 22) Chris King | DVRPC |
| 23) Laurie Matkowski | DVRPC |
| 24) Keith Hartington | DVRPC |