DELAWARE VALLEY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

ITS Technical Task Force
Meeting Minutes
October 23, 2000

The following are highlights from the meeting of the ITS Technical Task Force held on October 23, 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 of discussion was the legal implications of issuing speeding tickets via ITS technology. There were also several training announcements. The Institute of Transportation Engineers is hosting an ITS Standards training course in Washington DC November 13-15. DVRPC is hosting an Incident Management course November 7-8. The course is already full, and there is interest to offer the training again next year.

Agenda Item #2: 511 Traveler Information

▸ Karen M. Jehanian, of KMJ Consulting Inc., gave a presentation on 511 Traveler Information number. The objective is to establish a nationwide number for traveler information that can be accessed from a wide variety of media tools, including phone, web, pagers, and cellular. The number is easy to remember, logistically more simple, and can divert non-emergency calls from 911.

▸ It is important to act quickly to establish the 511 service. A Department of Transportation should take the lead in how the region will implement the service. It will take large regional cooperation in order to succeed. There is are private organizations who have already established 211 or other numbers for traveler information.

▸ In addition, there are questions concerning cellular charges, changing technology, and how to centralize offices. Fortunately, there are other agencies throughout the country who have already proceeded through the early stages of 511 implementation. Many are willing to share their experiences and provide information about their successes.

Agenda Item #3: Marketing ITS

- ▸ A discussion took place on the development of an informational video for the Delaware Valley. Two examples were shown.

- ▸ The first video was presented by Larry Wilson, City of Philadelphia. The Automated Traffic Surveillance and Control (ATSAC) Program is a complex system of using computer technology to manage traffic in the Los Angeles area. The program began just before the 1984 Olympics, and now monitors over 6,000 miles of streets. The system is capable of networking and rerouting traffic in the event of congestion, accidents, special events, and disasters.

- ▸ The second video, presented by Chris King, DVRPC, focused on the AZTech system in Maricopa County. This system, for the city of Phoenix, AZ, is aimed at improving travel times, safety, and the quality of life by monitoring the road network and providing real-time update conditions to the public and related agencies. Information is transmitted via e-mails, faxes, pages, and cellular technology. There are also GPS onboard public transit to monitor bus routes and aid in transit scheduling.

Agenda Item #4: AZTech Model Deployment Initiative

- ▸ Several members of the Technical Task Force attended the AZTech Model Deployment Initiative Showcase and reported on their visit. This initiative focuses on getting traffic information to as many agencies tied into the network as possible. Agencies can access cameras themselves if they pay for the initial hookups and instillation. AZTech can also share control of its cameras if an agency needs to view a specific area.

Agenda Item #5: Committee Chairperson Election

- ▸ Bill Roper, Delaware River Joint Toll Bridge Commission, was voted Chair. Bob Pento, PennDOT BHSTE, was elected Vice Chair. All were in favor, none opposed.

Agenda Item #6: Fiber Optic Course Logistics

- ▸ Stan Platt, DVRPC, informed the Task Force that there will be an upcoming training course on Fiber Optics. The course will be offered at DVRPC on Nov. 30th. The training will be conducted by Edwards and Kelcey. Those that are interested are encouraged to attend.

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Attendance List:

1) Robert Hannigan   PennDOT
2) Karen M. Jehanian   KMJ Consulting
3) Anthony Marino   SJTA
4) Bob Pento   PennDOT- BHSTE
5) William A. Roper   DRJTBC
6) Hugh Lynch   Philadelphia Highway Patrol
7) Bill Riveron   Philadelphia Highway Patrol
8) Sasha Harding   Burlington County Bridge Commission
9) Shawn Jalosinski   City of Philadelphia- Streets Dpt
10) Carol Ann Thomas   Burlington County Engineer's Office
11) Kevin Needham   Edwards and Kelcey
12) Jeff Purdy   Edwards and Kelcey
13) Carmine Fiscina   USDOT- FWHA
14) Larry Wilson   City of Philadelphia- Mayors office of Transportation
15) Jim Hogan   NJDOT
16) Steve Fletschut   ARL Penn State
17) Dan Morroco   NJSP
18) Tom Fuca   NJDOT
19) John Lightner   Amtrak
20) Bob Murphy   SmarTraveler
21) Bill Ragonize   Cross County Connection TMA
22) Don Shanis   DVRPC
23) John Ward   DVRPC
24) Stan Platt   DVRPC
25) Chris King   DVRPC
26) Laurie Matkowski   DVRPC
27) Keith Hartington   DVRPC