

# DELAWARE VALLEY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

## **ITS Technical Task Force Meeting Minutes January 26, 2001**

The following are highlights from the meeting of the ITS Technical Task Force held on January 26, 2001 at the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission 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 during the two minute update. Some of the highlights included:

- ▶ PennDOT has opened the bid on the US 202 Project. As of now, there is \$10 million set aside for the ITS element. The project will begin in March and finish at the end of 2003.
- ▶ The Burlington County Bridge Commission is preparing for E-ZPass on their Bridges. Installation will begin in the spring, and be operational by January 2002.
- ▶ NJ DOT reported that a recent incident on I-295 resulted in a quick response by emergency agencies. An overturned tanker had blocked the highway, and a full detour route was implemented. Thanks to ITS and early driver notification, the back up was limited, and the detour was deemed a success.
- ▶ The minutes from the December 15, 2000 meeting at PennDOT were approved.

### **Agenda Item #2: Update on Traffic.com Stakeholders Meeting**

John Ward, DVRPC, reported on last weeks meeting with Traffic.com and the stakeholders. The group identified key corridors. There was some discussion whether to select sites that would best serve cost recovery, or take a more comprehensive approach. Some of the additional suggested areas for sensors included the Platt Bridge, parts of Route 1, US 202 Section 400, and I-676. The next meeting is scheduled for February 20th to further discuss more specific sensor locations.

Several Technical Task Force members asked Traffic.com for clarification about identification of the stakeholders. The stakeholders are listed in the contract. Traffic.com will bring the February 20<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes and a full list of stakeholders to the next Technical Task Force meeting.

There was also a lengthy discussion concerning the National Transportation Data Center. All of the Traffic.com data is warehoused in this building. This brought up questions of ownership and operating procedures at the Data Center, and who has access to the data. The final issue raised was how and to what extent Traffic.com's sensors are related to PRIMIS.

### **Agenda Item #3: Formation of an Outreach Committee**

Stan Platt, DVRPC, informed the Task Force members of an Outreach Committee that will use part of the Service Plan Funds to develop a video to showcase the Region's ITS. Larry Wilson will head the committee. Volunteers included Karl Ziemer of PennDOT, Marcy Feldman-Rost of DRP, Mark Cassel of TMACC, Jim Hogan of NJDOT, and Bob Pento of PennDOT.

Several suggestions followed in a discussion which included:

- ▶ Several questions and comments were made concerning the video: Should we focus on what the Region has implemented so far or what will be done in the future? Who is the audience- citizens, officials, or other agencies?
- ▶ It was also suggested that the Task Force organize a newsletter. The newsletter would be a joint effort among the agencies, and promote and highlight events and current topics.
- ▶ Another member raised the point about using the video and newsletter to better inform the public about the purpose and function of ITS and related equipment. This could be a useful tool to improve the image and awareness of ITS in the Region.

### **Agenda Item #4: Selection of a Scanning Tour**

Chris King, DVRPC, gave a presentation about possible future scanning tours. Suggested sites included Transcom, the New Jersey Turnpike, Montgomery County in Maryland, and the Delaware DOT Operations Center. Another possibility is having one tour in the spring and another in the fall. DVRPC will contact the potential host agencies to arrange a visit and keep the Task Force informed on the results.

### **Agenda Item #5: ITS Components Map**

Stan Platt, DVRPC, presented a map on the location of ITS Components in the Region. The map includes Highway Advisory Radio, CCTV cameras, and Variable Message Signs for a number of area agencies. A map was on display, and handed out to several agencies, and questions and comments were welcomed. Once more agencies are contacted, the map will be available as a reference to all agencies. Future components may include Delaware DOT equipment, Police State Coverage Zones, and extensions of equipment on major corridors outside the region.

### **Agenda Item #6: ITS Email Contact List**

Keith Hartington, DVRPC, is in the process of creating a contact list which will eventually be distributed as an Outlook file for the Technical Task Force core members. The list will include essential information for contacting other members outside meetings.

### **Agenda Item #7: Periodic Email Updates of ITS Information**

Bill Roper, DRJTBC, suggested setting up an email update for all of the Technical Task Force members. Information such as courses, training sessions, and conferences will be collected and sent to the DVRPC staff for distribution to all members on a periodic basis. All members wanting to share points of interest, suggested readings, and future meeting topics are encouraged to participate.

### **Agenda Item #8: On-Line Training**

Laurie Matkowski, DVRPC, informed the members that the I-95 Corridor Coalition is sponsoring an on-line series of classes related to ITS. Information for the classes can be found at [www.citeconsortium.org](http://www.citeconsortium.org). DVRPC would like to make these courses available free of charge to our stakeholders through funding from the ITS Service Plan. Anyone interested in taking these courses should contact Laurie Matkowski.

### **Agenda Item #9: Other Business**

Several items were handed out in a packet to the attendees including information on US DOT's Final Rule on ITS Architecture. There will be a National Highway Institute training course held at DVRPC March 27-29 Deploying Integrated ITS. Spaces are still available. For more information, contact Chris King of DVRPC.

- ▶ Next Meeting Date: **March 2, 2001 at 9:30** in the DVRPC Conference Room

**ITS Technical Task Force Meeting  
December 15, 2000**

**Attendance List:**

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| 1) Anthony Marino     | South Jersey Transportation Authority  |
| 2) Marcy Feldman-Rost | Delaware River Port Authority          |
| 3) Karen Jehanian     | Traffic.com                            |
| 4) Kim Ferroni        | PennDOT                                |
| 5) John Haynes        | Chester County Planning Commission     |
| 6) Derrick Sawyer     | Philadelphia Fire Dept.                |
| 7) Dennis Starr       | PennDOT                                |
| 8) Larry Wilson       | Philadelphia Office of Transportation  |
| 9) William Roper      | DRJTBC                                 |
| 10) Karl Ziemer       | PennDOT Traffic Control Center         |
| 11) Josh Diamond      | Greater Valley Forge TMA               |
| 12) John Garrity      | Federal Transit Authority - Region III |
| 13) Asiyah Grant      | FHWA- New Jersey Division              |
| 14) John Bukowski     | SEPTA                                  |
| 15) Mark Cassel       | TMACC                                  |
| 16) Bill Ragozine     | Cross County Connection TMA            |
| 17) Robert Only       | Delaware River Port Authority          |
| 18) Robert Hannigan   | PennDOT                                |
| 19) Sasha Harding     | Burlington County Bridge Commission    |
| 20) Susan Simkus      | Montgomery County Planning Commission  |
| 21) Jim Hogan         | NJDOT                                  |
| 22) Carmine Fiscina   | US DOT- FHWA- Philadelphia             |
| 23) Gina Holmes       | DRPA                                   |
| 24) Don Shanis        | DVRPC                                  |
| 25) John Ward         | DVRPC                                  |
| 26) Stan Platt        | DVRPC                                  |
| 27) Chris King        | DVRPC                                  |
| 28) Laurie Matkowski  | DVRPC                                  |
| 29) Keith Hartington  | DVRPC                                  |