

DELAWARE VALLEY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

ITS Technical Task Force Meeting Minutes February 25, 2002

The following are highlights from the meeting of the ITS Technical Task Force held on Monday, February 25, 2002 at the New Jersey Department of Transportation Traffic Operations Center in Cherry Hill. A list of attendees is attached.

Agenda Item #1: Welcome and Individual Updates

Tom Fuca, New Jersey Department of Transportation, welcomed the Technical Task Force members and thanked them for coming. The minutes from the last meeting on December 10, 2002 were approved. The first item of business was the individual updates. Each person in attendance introduced themselves and added any relevant ITS updates from their agency. Some of the highlights included:

- ▶ Jim Hogan, New Jersey DOT, gave a brief overview of the NJ DOT's new Traffic Operations Center which opened in July 2001. A 1300 square foot viewing area houses eighteen 27" monitors and one 87" monitor. The system incorporates 40 cameras along Route 1, NJ 37, NJ 42, NJ 73, and I-76.
- ▶ Carmine Fiscina, FWHA, notified the Technical Task Force that FWHA is soliciting preliminary applications for the FY 2002 ITS Deployment Program. Requests are strongly encouraged to focus on technologies that offer the opportunity to significantly improve transportation security and monitor critical infrastructure elements. The deadline for the preliminary applications is April 1, 2002.
- ▶ Dennis Tiley, PennDOT, reported that US 202 Section 300 and PA 309 are both currently in the design stage.
- ▶ Rich Montanez, City of Philadelphia, reported that the city is currently working on a traffic signal system on Washington Avenue, from Delaware Ave. to Greys Ferry Ave.
- ▶ Jerry Kraft, New Jersey Turnpike Authority, reported that Interchange One on the NJ Turnpike will be reconstructed to add capacity and install high speed EZ-Pass lanes. The Turnpike is currently operating 61% EZ-Pass on a daily basis.
- ▶ John Ward, DVRPC, reported that DVRPC's ITS video, *The Information Highway*

Hits the Road, produced by Hall Video, will soon be available for distribution on CD-ROM.

- ▶ Mark Cassel, TMA of Chester County, reported that construction on US 202 Section 400 will resume in March.

Agenda Item #2: PennDOT Video Sharing Policy

Dennis Tiley, PennDOT, gave a presentation concerning PennDOT's video sharing policy. PennDOT recognizes that other agencies have an interest in incident management and traveler information, and would benefit from access to PennDOT's video images. For this reason, PennDOT has made the video feeds available to interested agencies in the region. However, there are guidelines concerning the use of PennDOT's video. Some of the video sharing general provisions include: the video will be free of charge to shareholders, all shared video will be branded with a PennDOT logo, PennDOT will retain control of all cameras, shareholders will not share video to a third party without permission from PennDOT, and the video will only be used for incident management and traveler information. As part of this initiative, PennDOT is hopeful that other agencies that use video technology will share their video with PennDOT.

Agenda Item #3: Overview of Stakeholder Access to Mobility Technology's Traffic Data Base

Scott Perley, Mobility Technologies, introduced the Technical Task Force members to Mobility Technology's archived traffic data. Mobility Technologies has been collecting traffic data via solar powered roadside sensors, which record travel speeds and volumes. Individual sensors can be accessed to provide lane-by-lane occupancy data. Specific sensors can be found on the web site either by location from a map or sensor ID number. Archived data can be displayed according to specifically queried days and times. Incidents can also be viewed by time period and queried in accordance to location, criticality, and incident type. The sensor data that is now available to stakeholders can be useful in researching lane speed, capacity analysis, construction work zone evaluations, heavy vehicle volumes, and special event management.

Agenda Item #4: PRIMIS II Update - Next Steps

Stan Platt, DVRPC, gave a presentation concerning the next steps for the PRIMIS II initiative. A PRIMIS subcommittee will be meeting soon to discuss improving information sharing throughout the region. DVRPC, DRPA, PennDOT, NJ DOT, FWHA, and the City of Philadelphia will make up the core group, although any interested agencies are welcome to attend. In addition to information sharing, the committee will look at improving the deficiencies of PRIMIS I, establishing a clear vision statement, and prioritizing

the roadway network for ITS technology deployment. An update from this meeting will be presented at the next Technical Task Force meeting.

Agenda Item #5: ITS / Components Map Update

John Ward, DVRPC, gave a presentation on the ITS Components Map. DVRPC is looking to update both the ITS Components Map and the Regional ITS Architecture. DVRPC will be sending out requests to all of the agencies with ITS components to review and update the information if new components have been added. The updates will be added to the ITS Components Map and to the ITS Architecture text for dissemination to all agencies.

Agenda Item #6: Other Business

- ▶ The next Technical Task Force Meeting is set for Monday April 22, 2002 at 9:30 am in the DVRPC's Conference Room.
- ▶ Two Technical Task Force Members have recently taken positions at new agencies. Their new contact information is:

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- ▶ Additionally, Susan Simkus has left the Montgomery County Planning Commission for a position in Illinois. Bob Murphy will be leaving SmartRoute Systems but will still remain involved with the Technical Task Force. His new contact information is:

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Thanks to these Technical Task Force members for their past and continued support.

**ITS Technical Task Force Meeting
February 25, 2002**

Attendance List:

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| 1) | Fred Pourki | Philadelphia International Airport |
| 2) | Anthony Marino | South Jersey Transportation Authority |
| 3) | Bob Murphy | SmartTraveler/SmartRoute |
| 4) | Warren Maurer | SmartTraveler/SmartRoute |
| 5) | Sasha Harding | Burlington County Bridge Commission |
| 6) | Carol Ann Thomas | Burlington Co. Engineers Office |
| 7) | Shawn Jalosinski | City of Philadelphia- Streets Department |
| 8) | Richard Montanez | City of Philadelphia- Streets Department |
| 9) | Ryan Ramirez | NJ Transit |
| 10) | Tom Fuca | New Jersey DOT |
| 11) | Jim Hogan | New Jersey DOT |
| 12) | Scott Perley | Mobility Technologies |
| 13) | John Bukowski | SEPTA |
| 14) | Ambrose Duckett | SEPTA |
| 15) | Joseph Buckley | New Jersey Turnpike Authority |
| 16) | Jerry Kraft | New Jersey Turnpike Authority |
| 17) | Carmine Fiscina | FHWA |
| 18) | Michael T. Walsh | AAA Mid-Atlantic |
| 19) | Mark Cassel | TMA of Chester County |
| 20) | Michael Pack | PennDOT |
| 21) | Bob Hannigan | PennDOT |
| 22) | Kim Ferroni | PennDOT |
| 23) | Dennis Tiley | PennDOT |
| 24) | Lou Belmonte | PennDOT |
| 25) | William Ragozine | Cross County Connection TMA |
| 26) | W. Keith Libengood | Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission |
| 27) | Lou Cortelazzi | Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission |
| 28) | Susan Simkus | Montgomery County Planning Commission |
| 29) | Lee Cartwright | New Jersey State Police |
| 30) | Dan Morocco | New Jersey State Police |
| 31) | Don Shanis | DVRPC |
| 32) | John Ward | DVRPC |
| 33) | Stan Platt | DVRPC |

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| 34) | Chris King | DVRPC |
| 35) | Laurie Matkowski | DVRPC |
| 36) | Keith Hartington | DVRPC |