

DELAWARE VALLEY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

ITS Technical Task Force Meeting Minutes May 5, 2004

The following are highlights from the ITS Technical Task Force meeting held on Monday, May 5, 2004 at the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission Conference Room. A list of attendees is attached.

Agenda Item #1: Welcome and Individual Updates

Rich Montanez welcomed the Technical Task Force members and thanked them for coming. The minutes from the last meeting held on March 8, 2004 at the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission 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:

- ▶ The Pennsylvania State Police reported their roving patrols on PA 309 have been successful in slowing down traffic during the construction phase.
- ▶ SETPA will begin updating their website over the next six months. The Route 52 Bus Route and Traffic Signal Prioritization Project will go out for bid this month.
- ▶ New Jersey DOT will host a Variable Message Sign Operations training session May 11-13. Interested personnel are encouraged to attend.
- ▶ FHWA New Jersey will kick off a series of ITS Architecture training sessions on May 12th. A schedule of all workshops was handed out at the meeting.
- ▶ DRPA's new strategy to catch EZ-Pass toll violators is having a positive effect on reducing the number of violators.
- ▶ FHWA's Philadelphia Office reported that the current highway bill has been extended until June 30th.
- ▶ The Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission will run conduit on upcoming projects from the Mid-County to Valley Forge Interchanges and from the Landsdale to Norristown Interchanges.
- ▶ The American Trucking Association will bring their *Share the Road* highway safety

program to Philadelphia on Wednesday, May 26th.

Agenda Item #2: Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission's Central Software Deployment

Larry Bankert, PB Farradyne, gave a presentation on the PA Turnpike's ATIS Phase III System Integration. The PA Turnpike Commission recently completed an on-time and in-budget software deployment. This project involved a five step process: develop initial high-level requirements for integration for a system that meets most of the needs, demo integration systems, choose a baseline system and develop a concept of operations, and deploy system enhancements. The project was completed through a series of work orders beginning with program management and design, baseline system design and deployment, system administration and support, and software enhancements. The baseline system used the MIST software for deployment. Some of the keys to success followed a low-risk product delivery approach, a systems engineering process, created a partnership, and open, up-front communications.

Agenda Item #3: Freight ITS Initiatives

Eulois Cleckley, FHWA, gave an overview of the Federal Highway Administration's Freight ITS Initiatives. The Office of Freight Management and Operations functions to set policy, conduct analysis, develop freight professionals, enforce vehicle size and weight, and conduct freight technology and operations. Some of the key initiatives for freight and technology and operations include electronic freight manifest, freight process mapping and cost benefit analysis, border technology and architecture, and international coordination.

Agenda Item #4: New Jersey DOT Video: 'Keep the Traffic Moving'

Mark Smith, NJ DOT, presented a video entitled *Keep the Traffic Moving*. This short, informative video was produced in-house by NJ DOT Traffic Operations South. The video provides an overview of the function of the Traffic Operations South and their communications with responders and motorists. The center combines technology with response to aid in limiting nonrecurring congestion. NJ DOT's policy is to clear incidents quickly to reduce delay for motorists and to prevent secondary crashes.

Agenda Item #5: RIMIS Update

Stan Platt, DVRPC, gave a brief RIMIS update. The consultant responses to the RFP were due April 14th. Consultant selection is expected in May and a contract should be awarded sometime in June.

Agenda Item #6: Other Business

The next meeting date has been set for Friday, July 9th at the New Jersey State Police Statewide Communications Center in Hamilton, NJ.

**ITS Technical Task Force Meeting
May 5, 2004**

Attendance List:

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| 1) | Lou Cortelazzi | Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission |
| 2) | Dave McCann | Delaware River Joint Toll Bridge Commission |
| 3) | Susan Young | Delaware County TMA |
| 4) | Manny Anastasiadis | PennDOT - District 6 |
| 5) | Lou Belmonte | PennDOT - District 6 |
| 6) | Kim Ferroni | PennDOT - Bureau of Traffic Research |
| 7) | Lou Ferretti | PennDOT - Bureau of Traffic Research |
| 8) | Michael Pack | PennDOT Central Office |
| 9) | Robert Hannigan | PennDOT Central Office |
| 10) | Carmine Fiscina | Federal Highway - Philadelphia |
| 11) | Michael Roberson | Federal Highway - New Jersey |
| 12) | Eulois Cleckley | Federal Highway Administration |
| 13) | Lt. Tim McGraw | Philadelphia Police |
| 14) | Larry Bankert | PB Farradine |
| 15) | John Bukowski | SEPTA |
| 16) | Scott Perley | Mobility Technologies |
| 17) | Karl Ziemer | Delaware River Port Authority |
| 18) | Mark Smith | New Jersey DOT |
| 19) | Rich Montanez | City of Philadelphia |
| 20) | Lt. Paul Krupa | New Jersey State Police |
| 21) | David Lacy | Upper Merion Twp. Police |
| 22) | Lt. Lenny Bandy | Pennsylvania State Police |
| 23) | Lt. Charles Rodgers | Pennsylvania State Police |
| 24) | Sasha Harding | Burlington County Bridge Commission |
| 25) | Stan Platt | DVRPC |
| 26) | Chris King | DVRPC |
| 27) | Laurie Matkowski | DVRPC |
| 28) | Keith Hartington | DVRPC |