

DELAWARE VALLEY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

ITS Technical Task Force Meeting Minutes September 19, 2005

The following are highlights from the ITS Technical Task Force meeting held on Monday September 19, 2005 at the Pennsylvania State Police Consolidated Dispatch Center. A list of attendees is attached.

Agenda Item #1: Welcome & Introductions

Dennis Motiani, New Jersey DOT, Chairman of the Technical Task Force, welcomed the Technical Task Force members and thanked them for attending. The minutes from the last meeting held on July 11, 2005 were approved.

Each person in attendance introduced themselves and added any relevant ITS updates from their agency. Some of the highlights included:

- ▶ DVRPC is currently developing the 2007 Work Program. Any member agency can submit a project for the Work Program.
- ▶ The I-295/I-76/NJ 42 and the I-476 Incident Management members are being asked to assist in the creation of two new Incident Management Task Forces: US 1 in the Brandywine Creek vicinity and I-95 in Bucks County.
- ▶ ITS Pennsylvania will be conducting a Sub-Committee Meeting on October 12, 2005 at the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission's Conference Room at 7:30 AM.
- ▶ DVRPC will be assisting in the set up of two new Incident Management Task Forces. The Bucks County TMA is initiating a Task Force on the I-95 Corridor, while the Chester County TMA is starting a Task Force on the US 1 Corridor in the Chadds Ford area.
- ▶ The Delaware Valley Highway Operations Group will hold their annual meeting in Saratoga Springs, NY on December 11 & 12.
- ▶ The TMA of Chester County is taking the lead role in establishing an Incident Management Task Force for US 202 Section 300.

Agenda Item #2: PA Turnpike / I-95 Interchange Project: An ITS Update

Jeff Purdy, Edwards and Kelcey, and Barry Brandt, RK&K, gave a presentation on the PA Turnpike

/ I-95 Interchange Project. This is a regionally significant project, allowing the continuity of I-95 between Philadelphia and New York. A new toll plaza will be build east of the Philadelphia Interchange 351 with Express E-ZPass, where as the current Delaware Valley Interchange 358 will become toll free. I-276 will be widened to three lanes from the Philadelphia Interchange to the Delaware River Bridge. The ITS components of the project are to be developed via a Systems Engineering process. The Concept of Operations is the first step of the Systems Engineering process and will outline the CMS requirements from planning process affecting ITS. Some of the ITS devices included in the plan are dynamic message signs, cctv cameras, traffic flow detectors, travel time detectors, and highway advisory radio.

Agenda Item #3: PA Turnpike Northeast Extension (I-476) / PA 309 Corridor Unified Traffic Management and Signal Coordination Plan

Brain Keaveney, Pennoni Associates, gave a presentation on the Pennsylvania Turnpike Northeast Extension (I-476) / PA 309 Corridor Unified Traffic Management and Signal Coordination Plan. The study area includes all or parts of Routes 29, 63, 113, 152, 202, 463, 563, and 663. The goals of the project are to assemble and combine existing information and develop a coordinated, regional plan to manage diverted traffic I-476 and PA 309 onto local roads. Phase I of the Scope of Work inventoried traffic signals, ITS equipment, communication networks, and the roadway network. Municipalities were surveyed to gather traffic signal information and it was determined that there are 255 traffic signals along diversion routes. The result of this data gathering effort resulted in a series of recommendations, including modifying diversion routes, adding ITS devices, introduce trailblazer signage along key arterials, and create uniform compatibility among the communication networks.

Agenda Item #3: Other Business

- ▶ The next meeting has been scheduled for ___ in Norristown.
- ▶ The ITS America Annual Meeting will be held in Philadelphia May 7-9. The Technical Task Force is looking for vendors for exhibits and volunteers to help.
- ▶ The RIMIS Subcommittee has almost completed the Concept of Operations.

Agenda Item #4: Tour: Pennsylvania State Police Consolidated Dispatch Center

Mike Bartholomew, PA State Police hosted an informative tour of the Dispatch Center. The Center, which opened in November 2004, is only one of two in the State. One of the benefits of a Consolidated Center is that it allows more troopers to be on the road.

**ITS Technical Task Force Meeting
July 11, 2005**

Attendance List:

- 1) David Wolfe PennDOT District - 6
- 2) Manny Anastasiadis PennDOT District - 6
- 3) David Lacy Upper Merion Twp.
- 4) Stephen Jesiolowski SEPTA
- 5) Mark J. Smith New Jersey DOT - Traffic Operations South
- 6) Dennis Motiani New Jersey DOT - Traffic Operations South
- 7) Pete Amin New Jersey DOT - ITS Engineering
- 8) Kurt Naprawa New Jersey State Police
- 9) Karl Ziemer Delaware River Port Authority
- 10) Lou Cortelazzi Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission
- 11) Les Ford Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission
- 12) Don Steele Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission
- 13) Jeff Beard Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission
- 14) John Redos Delaware River Joint Toll Bridge Commission
- 15) Jay Roth Edwards & Kelcey
- 16) Jeff Purdy Edwards & Kelcey
- 17) Kevin Hunt Pennoni Associates
- 18) Brian Keaveney Pennoni Associates
- 19) Barry Brandt RK & K Engineers
- 20) Jim Hunt Federal Highway Administration
- 21) Bill Hoffman FHWA - New Jersey
- 22) Carmine Fiscina FHWA - Philadelphia
- 23) Mark Cassel TMA Chester County
- 24) Rich Brahler Bucks County Planning Commission
- 25) Leo Bagley Montgomery County Planning Commssion
- 26) John Ward DVRPC
- 27) Stan Platt DVRPC
- 28) Chris King DVRPC
- 29) Laurie Matkowski DVRPC
- 30) Keith Hartington DVRPC