

DELAWARE VALLEY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

ITS Technical Task Force Meeting Minutes September 20, 2006

The following are highlights from the ITS Technical Task Force (TTF) meeting held on Wednesday, September 20, 2006 at the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission's Conference Room. 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 May 1, 2006 were approved.

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

- ▶ The Pennsylvania Turnpike has recently updated their website. Information on traffic cameras, message signs, detour routes, road construction, and single lane closures is now available on the *Travel Conditions Map* page.
- ▶ Chester County TMA is conducting a feasibility study for transit signal priority on PA 3 West Chester Pike. The study includes a bus-only lane for the SEPTA Route 104. The TMA is now inventorying land use and traffic signals and will conduct an engineering study in the near future.
- ▶ The Federal Highway Administration reported that the PA 309 reconstruction project is the first Design / Build ITS project.
- ▶ Pennsylvania DOT has acquired six new Emergency Service Patrol trucks to extend their regional coverage of District 6.
- ▶ New Jersey DOT added two new Emergency Service Patrol trucks to the fleet in Operations South.
- ▶ The Delaware River Port Authority has joined the consortium of agencies working with TrafficLand to provide CCTV video sharing with other agencies in the network. DRPA hopes to also use this system for intra-agency video sharing.

Agenda Item #2: New Jersey DOT Statewide Operations Center

Dennis Motiani, NJDOT, gave a presentation on the vision of their new Statewide Operations Center. NJDOT researched several other facilities throughout the United States, gathering the best ideas from each facility to take into consideration when designing the new Operations Center. Collected information included occupancy and space requirements, floor plans, optimum building location, and functional requirements. The new Statewide Operations Center will be located in Woodbridge, NJ, adjacent to the current New Jersey Turnpike Authority building. The new facility will house representatives from the New Jersey Turnpike, the Garden State Parkway, New Jersey State Police, and New Jersey DOT.

Agenda Item #3: PennDOT Regional Operations Plan (ROP)

Steve Buckley, Parsons Brinkerhoff, gave a presentation on PennDOT's District 6 Regional Operations Plan (ROP). An effective operations plan can assist in identifying technologies and institutional arrangements that allow transportation systems to operate in terms of capacity, speed, safety, logistics, navigation, and convenience for the user. The ROP is an outgrowth of PennDOT's recently approved Transportation Systems Operations Plan (TSOP). The purpose of the TSOP is to set statewide direction for projects in intelligent transportation systems and operations. The Regional Operations Plan extends TSOP to the regional level, defines the strategic transportation operations program for the region, expands cooperative relationships between regional transportation operators and planning partners, and achieves uniformity across regions. The ROP process will define the regional operations program of prioritized projects for short- and long-term funding and placement in the Long-Range Plans, 2009 TIP, and in the Congestion Management Process. PennDOT expects to initiate work on the District ROP this fall. The adoption of the ROP is planned for early 2007.

Agenda Item #4: Suggestions for DVRPC's FY 2008 Work Program

DVRPC is currently asking for suggested projects to input into the FY 2008 Work Program. Current ITS related projects in the work program include RIMIS, Transportation Systems Management and Operations, Transportation System Security, and Integrating Travel Detection Data for Transportation Planning. Proposals should be submitted by mid-October. One suggested project was the development of a Regional Fiber Optic Inventory and Plan. To increase a project's profile for selection, submitted projects may want to demonstrate how they will integrate into the region's ITS system.

Agenda Item #5: Status Reports

- TrafficLand Video Sharing

PennDOT is finalizing their contract with TrafficLand and will begin implementation in the near future, starting with District 6. New Jersey DOT is in discussions with TrafficLand to be able to use common encoder / decoders for digital distribution.

-ITS Architecture Update Process

DVRPC Regional Architecture needs to be updated due to changes in the National Architecture. The new Regional Architecture will have interfaces with Pennsylvania and New Jersey State Architectures and incorporate RIMIS and SAFETEA-LU regulations. The Regional Architecture will be updated using Turbo Architecture.

- RIMIS

The RIMIS Subcommittee held meetings in June and July in which software vendors gave demonstrations of existing center-to center software packages. The functional requirements are currently being revised to ensure clarity and streamline the process. An inventory of agencies software equipment is also needed to better estimate costs before the RFP process begins.

- Emergency Evacuation Committee

The last Emergency Evacuation Committee was held on August 9, 2006. Communications remain the prominent concern as each agency is using different software. The committee is looking into adopting a framework to be able to respond to any emergency, rather than any single event. Elements of the plan will consider a purpose, geographic coverage, evacuation, notification, coordination, and communication.

Agenda Item #6: Election of New Chairperson

The Technical Task Force's Nominating Committee selected Carmine Fiscina, FHWA- Philadelphia, and William Hoffman, FHWA-New Jersey as the new TTF Chairperson and Vice Chair, respectively.

Agenda Item #7: Other Business

The next meeting data for the ITS Technical Task Force is scheduled for ~~November 3, 2006 at 9:30~~ am in the DVRPC conference room.

This meeting has been CANCELED. A future Task Force meeting will be scheduled at later date and time that has yet to be determined.

**ITS Technical Task Force Meeting
September 20, 2006**

Attendance List:

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| 1) | Manny Anastasiadis | PennDOT District - 6.0 |
| 2) | Lou Belmonte | PennDOT District - 6.0 |
| 3) | David Lacy | Upper Merion Twp. |
| 4) | Stephen Jesiolowski | SEPTA |
| 5) | Karl Ziemer | Delaware River Port Authority |
| 6) | Mark Cassel | TMA of Chester County |
| 7) | Lou Cortelazzi | Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission |
| 8) | Don Steele | Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission |
| 9) | Steven Chandler | Michael Baker |
| 10) | Bill Hoffman | FHWA - New Jersey |
| 11) | Ekaraj Phomsavath | FHWA _ New Jersey |
| 12) | Carmine Fiscina | FHWA - Philadelphia |
| 13) | Dennis Motiani | New Jersey DOT |
| 14) | Mike Bartholomew | Pennsylvania State Police |
| 15) | Matt Edelman | TRANSCOM |
| 16) | Tom Batz | TRANSCOM |
| 17) | Steve Buckley | Parsons Brinkerhoff |
| 18) | Josh Diamond | Greater Valley Forge TMA |
| 19) | Rich Montanez | City of Philadelphia |
| 20) | William Ragozine | Cross County Connection TMA |
| 21) | Debra Kubiak | Philadelphia Police Department ,Traffic Unit |
| 22) | Thomas Helker | Philadelphia Police Department, Traffic Unit |
| 23) | John Ward | DVRPC |
| 24) | Stan Platt | DVRPC |
| 25) | Chris King | DVRPC |
| 26) | Laurie Matkowski | DVRPC |
| 27) | Matt West | DVRPC |
| 28) | Keith Hartington | DVRPC |
| 29) | John Griffes | DVRPC |