

**TRANSPORTATION OPERATIONS TASK FORCE**  
**MEETING HIGHLIGHTS**

**March 18, 2013**

**1. Welcome and Introductions**

Bill Ragozine, Cross County Connection TMA (CCCTMA), welcomed members and thanked them for attending.

**2. New Transportation Operation Task Force Chairperson**

It was announced that Lou Belmonte, Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT), will become the new Chair of the Transportation Operations Task Force (TOTF) beginning next meeting. Ek Phomsavath, Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), has accepted the role of Vice-Chair. Bill Ragozine was presented a certificate of appreciation and thanked for all of his hard work and effort for the past several years.

**3. Two Minute Agency Reports**

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

- ▶ Pennsylvania Department of Transportation: PennDOT will be initiating three additional Emergency Service Patrol routes operating in the AM and PM peak periods along the US 30 Bypass, US 422, and PA 309.
- ▶ Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission (PTC): The PTC has initiated a statewide CCTV project to put cameras at each of their interchanges. Another project will be installing 15 Dynamic Message Signs (DMS) between Reading and Willow Grove interchanges.
- ▶ Cross County Connection TMA: The CCTMA has developed a new smart phone app that allows users to check real-time traffic conditions and view live traffic cameras at intersections known for congestion in South Jersey. For more information, go to [www.njintersections.com](http://www.njintersections.com).
- ▶ DVRPC: RIMIS is currently installed at over 70 entities in the region. Since the last TOTF meeting, DVRPC has started coordinating with Haverford and Lower Merion Police Departments to use RIMIS during the USGA Open Golf Championship this June. They plan to examine PennDOT's I-95 and I-476 cameras, via RIMIS, to monitor shuttle bus routes bringing spectators to the event. DVRPC continues to work with the Philadelphia Streets Department to establish a data interface with the department's street closure permit system.

Also, DVRPC organized a Traffic Management Center Operators Summit enabling personnel from different organizations to identify common operational issues and procedures. The meeting was very successful, and will be held on a regular basis.

### **3. Construction Coordination – Forum Discussion**

Agency representatives highlighted major regional construction projects scheduled for this upcoming construction season and what might be forthcoming in the next two to three years.

#### ▶ *New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT)*

Sal Cowan, NJDOT, presented construction projects focusing on the southern portion of the state. The projects included:

- I-295/I-76/NJ Route 42 Direct Connect; (2013-2021)
- US 30/US 130 Collingswood /Pennsauken Bridge Replacement; (2013-2015)
- Collings Avenue (CR 630) Bridge over I-676 southbound; (October 2013 completion)
- NJ Route 70 westbound over NJ Route 38; (January 2014 completion)
- US 30 east of Brand Avenue to east of London Avenue; (July 2013 completion)
- NJ Route 168 at Benigno Blvd; (June 2013 completion)
- US 322 Raccoon Creek Bridge over Mullica Hill Pond Dam; (April 2014 completion)
- I-76/I-676 bridge deck replacements; (in design, no let date)

Direct Connect advance ITS is under construction on I-76, I-295, I-676, US 130, NJ 42, NJ 55, and NJ 168. Contract #1, awarded January 2013, will construct four new bridges, a new interim ramp between northbound NJ 42 to northbound I-295, as well as reconstructing sections of I-295 (south of NJ 42) and I-76 (at the northern end of the project). Traffic impacts include eliminating shoulders and temporary lane closures.

#### ▶ *Pennsylvania Department of Transportation – District 6-0*

Elaine Elbich and Harold Windish, PennDOT, presented projects focused on the I-95 corridor. Active projects included:

- I-95, Section CPR – Cottman Avenue; (2013-2017)
- I-95, Section GIR – Girard Avenue; (2013-2020)
- I-95, Section MB3 – Walt Whitman Bridge to Philadelphia International Airport; (2013-2015)
- George Platt Bridge; (20113-2014)
- Girard Point Bridge; (June 2013 completion)

Future projects include:

- I-95, Section BSR – Betsy Ross Bridge; (2014-2024)
- I-95, Section AFC – Allegheny; (2016-2025)
- I-95 at US 322
- I-95/Scudder Falls Bridge
- I-95 at PA Turnpike Interchange

Two sections of I-95 in Philadelphia are currently under construction, CPR (from north of Levick Street to north of Bleigh Avenue) and GIR (from south of Shackamaxon Street to north of Columbia Avenue). Both projects will maintain three travel lanes in each direction, and traffic lanes will be shifted over the course of construction.

► *Delaware River Port Authority (DRPA)*

Dan Cosgrove, DRPA, reported that they are currently in Stage 6 of 7 of the Walt Whitman Deck Replacement Project; the project should be completed by the end of 2013. In 2014, both the Walt Whitman and Commodore Barry Bridges will begin a three-year painting project. Other future projects include resurfacing of the approach roads on the New Jersey side of the Commodore Barry Bridge and the Philadelphia side of Ben Franklin Bridge. The Betsy Ross Bridge will also undergo a two-year resurfacing project that will begin later this year.

► *Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission (PTC)*

Lou Cortalize, PTC, and Jay Roth, Jacobs Engineering, presented several PTC projects.

I-476 North Extension Widening & Reconstruction Project

- Milepost A20–A26; (late 2014 completion)
- Milepost A26–A31; (starting construction in 2014)
- Milepost A31–A38; (preliminary design underway)
- Milepost A38–A44; (preliminary design underway)
- Milepost A44–A57; (preliminary design to start early 2014)

I-276 Eastern Mainline Turnpike Widening & Reconstruction

- Milepost 320–326; (starting construction Spring 2014)
- Milepost 312–320; (preliminary design underway)
- Milepost 298–312; (preliminary design just starting)

#### PA Turnpike/I-95 Interchange Project

- Advance ITS Contract
- Mainline, Delaware River Bridge, and US13 toll plazas; (2013– 2016)
- Turnpike Widening With Interchange Flyovers; (2014 – 2016)
- I-95 Widening and Interchange Flyovers completion; (2015 – 2017)
- US 13 Turnpike ramp/at-grade intersection; (2016 – 2017)
- I-95/I-195 re-designation in PA and NJ

In preparation of mainline construction, PTC is currently widening bridges over I-95 and the Turnpike. PTC and PennDOT District 6-0 will jointly share ITS devices and data. As the interchange nears completion, PTC will work with other agencies to resign the new connection as I-95 and the existing interstate north of the interchange and around Trenton as I-195.

#### ► *Philadelphia Streets Department*

Rich Montanez, Street Department, presented several joint City of Philadelphia/PennDOT projects currently in design.

- Vine Expressway Bridges – 18<sup>th</sup> Street, 19<sup>th</sup> Street, 20<sup>th</sup> Street, 21<sup>st</sup> Street, 22<sup>nd</sup> Street, and Spring Garden Street over the Schuylkill River/I-76
- Schuylkill Bridges – Chestnut Street, Market Street, and John F. Kennedy Boulevard
- Philadelphia Traffic Operations Center; (anticipated to open summer 2014)

A series of structures over I-676 will be reconstructed requiring pier removal, abutment modifications, and new steel and concrete decks. The project will be constructed over three phases.

#### ► *Future Construction Coordination Efforts*

A yearly regional construction meeting will be held each year, in March, prior to the construction season. A regional map of construction projects will be developed to familiarize agencies with the location of all projects discussed.

## 4. **New Business**

- Next Meeting Date: Monday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2013 at DVRPC.

## **MEETING ATTENDEES:**

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| 1.  | Bill Ragozine          | Cross County Connections TMA                   |
| 2.  | Jay Kruse              | Dewberry                                       |
| 3.  | Dan Cosgrove           | DRPA   |
| 4.  | Joe Zito               | DRPA   |
| 5.  | Ek Phomarasth          | FHWA – New Jersey Office                       |
| 6.  | Kyle Guie              | GVFTMA   |
| 7.  | Jay Roth               | Jacobs   |
| 8.  | Patrick Kelly          | Jacobs   |
| 9.  | Wes Ratko              | Montgomery County Planning Commission          |
| 10. | Sal Cowan              | NJDOT  |
| 11. | Stan Worosz            | NJDOT  |
| 12. | Ken Beam               | NJDOT  |
| 13. | Jo Wal                 | NJDOT  |
| 14. | John Biront            | NJTA   |
| 15. | Alison Schneider       | NJ Office of Homeland Security and Preparednes |
| 16. | Sgt. Nicolas Delromano | PA State Police                                |
| 17. | Lou Cortelazzi         | PA Turnpike Commission                         |
| 18. | Amber Reimnitz         | PA Turnpike Commission                         |
| 19. | Manny Anastasiadis     | PennDOT District - 6.0                         |
| 20. | Lou Belmonte           | PennDOT District - 6.0                         |
| 21. | Elaine Elbich          | PennDOT District - 6.0                         |
| 22. | Harold Windisch        | PennDOT District - 6.0                         |
| 23. | David Harvey           | Philadelphia Regional Port Authority           |
| 24. | Shawn Jalosinski       | Philadelphia Sports Complex District           |
| 25. | Lt. Mike Anderson      | Philadelphia Police Department                 |
| 26. | Sgt. Mike Bergiven     | Philadelphia Police Department                 |
| 27. | Rich Montanez          | Philadelphia Streets Department                |
| 28. | Kristin Del Rossi      | Philadelphia Streets Department                |
| 29. | John M. Power          | SEPTA  |
| 30. | Seri Park              | Villanova University                           |
| 31. | Laurie Matkowski       | DVRPC  |
| 32. | Matt West              | DVRPC  |
| 33. | Chris King             | DVRPC  |

- 34. Erin McCann DVRPC
- 35. Stan Platt DVRPC
- 36. John Ward DVRPC
- 37. Jesse Buerke DVRPC
- 38. Elizabeth Shoemaker DVRPC
- 39. Kwan Hui DVRPC

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