

TRANSPORTATION OPERATIONS TASK FORCE
MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

March 16, 2015

1. Welcome and Introductions

Laurie Matkowski, Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission (DVRPC), welcomed members and thanked them for attending.

2. 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: The new ATMS software for their Regional Traffic Management Center has been operational since last fall. In 2014, PennDOT's Safety Service Patrol vehicles registered over 14,000 assists.
- ▶ DVRPC: In February, DVRPC in partnership with the Mercer County Sheriff's, with NJSP, and NJDOT launched the region's eighth corridor-based Incident Management Task Force (IMTF). This IMTF is focused on the I-295, I-195, US 1, NJ 29, and I-95 (the New Jersey Turnpike) Corridors in Mercer County. The purpose of the new IMTF is to facilitate communication and cooperation among organizations involved in responding to traffic incidents with the goals of improving responder safety and incident clearance and minimizing impacts on traffic operations.
- ▶ CCTMA: In partnership with DVRPC, they are developing a mobile version of IDRUM. The first step is to conduct some field tests.
- ▶ Philadelphia Streets Department: The new Philadelphia Traffic Operation Center construction is underway, with it expected to be in operation by the Papal visit.

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)*

Will Day, NJDOT, presented construction projects focusing on the southern portion of the state. NJDOT continues to exercise day to day maintenance on New Jersey's roadways, especially the pothole patching blitz that is needed after dumping hundreds of thousands of gallons of brine and nearly one hundred thousand tons of sodium chloride on the road. In addition to maintenance, there is significant work in the upcoming 2015 construction season. These projects included:

- I-295/I-76/NJ Route 42 Direct Connect (2015-2021)
- US 30/US 130 Collingswood /Pennsauken Bridge Replacement (Project completion expected April 2015)
- I-76/I-676 bridge deck replacements; (in design, no let date)
- NJ-38, US-30/130 to Lenola Road (CR 608) Resurfacing (Projected starter earlier this year)
- I-76 / I-676 Bridge Deck Replacements. There are five bridge deck replacements along the I-76 and I-676 corridors that are proposed to be three separate contracts; however the project is currently delayed.
- NJ-70, NJ-38 to Cropwell Road Resurfacing (in design, scheduled to start early 2018)

The Direct Connect Advance ITS Project 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 as well as reconstructing sections of I-295 (south of NJ 42) and I-76 (at the northern end of the project).

Contract #2, will construct I-295 north of Browning Road to NJ-168, new ramps connecting I-76 East to I-295 North; I-295 South to I-76 West; and a portion of I-295 South to NJ-42. Also the Bell Road Bridge over I-295 will be replaced. Estimated construction completion for this contract is December 2017

Traffic impacts for this project include long term construction zones, bridge demolition and construction, local road detours, as well as daily daytime and night time temporary lane closures.

► *Pennsylvania Department of Transportation – District 6-0*

Jim Miller, Michael Baker, and Mike Girman, AECOM, presented projects for PennDOT focused on the I-95 corridor. Active projects included:

- I-95, Section CPR – Cottman Avenue (2014- 2017)
- I-95, Section GIR – Girard Avenue (2014-2020)
- I-95, Section MB3 – Walt Whitman Bridge to Philadelphia International Airport; (2014-2015)
- I-95, Section BSR/BSI – Betsy Ross Bridge (October 2014-2025)

Other Upcoming projects include:

- I-676 Vine Street Expressway project to include replacement of nine bridge structures from 18th Street to 22nd Street and other local road and sidewalk improvements (2015-2020).
- I-95, Section AFC – Allegheny (2017-2026)
- I-95 at US 322
- I-95/Scudder Falls Bridge
- I-95 at PA Turnpike Interchange
- 3037-JFK Boulevard Bridge Rehabilitations
- I-76 Advanced Traffic Management

Two sections of I-95 in Philadelphia are currently under construction: CPR (from north of Levick Street to north of Bleigh Avenue including the Cottman-Princeton Interchange) and GIR (from Vine Street to Allegheny Avenue, including Girard Avenue Interchange). Both projects will maintain three travel lanes in each direction, and traffic lanes will be shifted over the course of construction.

Along with the I-95 construction, several congestion management strategies are being implemented such as traffic signal upgrades to the city street grid and corridor wide expansion of ITS devices. Furthermore there are transit improvements including additional SEPTA train cars and improvement to several parking lots.

► *Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission (PTC)*

Amber Reimnitz, PTC, and Patrick Kelly, Jacobs presented several PTC projects.

PA Turnpike/I-95 Interchange Project

- Mainline, Delaware River Bridge, and US13 toll plazas (2014– 2016)
- Turnpike Widening With Interchange Flyovers (2015 – 2018)
- I-95 Widening and Interchange Flyovers completion (2014 – 2017)
- I-95/I-195 re-designation in PA and NJ
 - Original I-395 alternative was recently rejected by AASHTO and are working on a recommended new I-295 East/West alternative from the new I-95/PA Turnpike Interchange to US 1 in New Jersey. Approval is still pending endorsement by NJDOT and PennDOT.

I-276 Eastern Mainline Turnpike Widening & Reconstruction

- Milepost 320–326 (construction on hold pending receipt of environmental permits)
- Milepost 312–320 (in final design)
- Milepost 298–312 (in preliminary design)

I-476 North Extension Widening & Reconstruction Project

- Milepost A26–A31 (starting construction in April 2014 with anticipated completion by end of 2016))
- Milepost A31–A38 (final design underway)
- Milepost A38–A44 (final design underway)
- Milepost A44–A57 (preliminary design to start in May 2015)

Overhead Bridge Replacement

- Bensalem Blvd at milepost 355 (bids in Spring 2015 with construction to begin in Fall 2014)
- Hulmeville Rd at milepost 353.5 (bids Fall 2015)
- Bensalem Interchange Ramp bridge replacement (bids Spring 2015)
- Morewood Rd and Clump Rd bridges between Lansdale and Quakertown (November 2015 completion)

Other ITS projects

- 12 Full Color Dynamic Message Signs (DMS) East Mainline (August 2015 completion)
- ITS Conduit connection between Valley Forge and Norristown (anticipated completion in September 2015)
- 16 CCTV East Mainline and Northeast Extension (Project completion end of May 2015)
- DMS East Pre-Entry. Approximately 30 Full Color DMS locations along PennDOT roads (Anticipated to be for Construction Fall 2015/Spring 2016)

► SEPTA

Kevin Jurgelewicz, SEPTA, provided construction overview of their five year infrastructure plan. The following are a list of the categories of improvements with a few examples projects.

- Substations and Power Systems
 - In Construction: Jenkintown, Clifton, Ambler, Lenni and Morton
 - In Bid Cycle: Lenni
 - In Design: Morton
- Bridges
 - Crum Creek Viaduct (built in 1895)
 - Darby Creek Viaduct (built in 1900)
 - Cobbs Creek Viaduct (built in 1981)
- Railroad Stations (Exton and Levittown Station)
- Transit/ADA Stations and Loops: (ADA-Accessible High-Level Platforms & Modern Amenities)
- Center City Concourses
- Parking Expansion (Lansdale & 69th Street Transportation Center)

- Roofs and Maintenance Facilities
 - Fernrock Carhouse/Washer Roof Replacement
 - Callowhill Garage Roof Replacement
- Tracks and Signals
 - Route 100 Track Renewal
 - Route 102 Woodlawn Avenue & Springfield Avenue Track Replacement
 - Route 101/102 Grade Crossing Signals
 - Trolley Tunnel Rail Replacement (16-Day Shutdown)
 - West Trenton Line Wood-Trent Separation Project (New Third Track)
- Elwyn-to-Wawa Service Restoration (includes partial summer shutdown with bussing between stations)

4. **New Business**

- ▶ Next Meeting Date will be July 15th, 2015 as a joint meeting with DVPRC's Goods Movement Task Force for a Downtown Delivery Symposium.

MEETING ATTENDEES:

1. Mike Girman AECOM
2. Patrick Reilly Burlington Co. Bridge Commission
3. Matt Zochowski Camden County Division of Planning
4. Andrew Levecchia Camden County Division of Planning
5. William Ragozine CCCTMA
6. Bill Deguffery Chester County Planning Commission
7. Lou Hufnagle Delaware County Planning Commission
8. Kyle Guie GVFTMA
9. Pat Kelly Jacobs
10. Matt Lawson Mercer County
11. Jim Miller Michael Baker
12. Will Day NJDOT
13. Bill Kingsland NJDOT
14. Sgt. Stephen Uselb PA State Police
15. Amber Reimnitz PA Turnpike Commission
16. Manny Anastasiadis PennDOT District - 6.0
17. Patrice Nuble Philadelphia Streets Dept.
18. Sgt. William Stremel Philadelphia Police Department
19. Jim Fox SEPTA
20. Kevin Jurgelewicz SEPTA
21. Erik Johanson SEPTA
22. Jon Ewald TMA of Chester County
23. Seri Park Villanova University
24. Laurie Matkowski DVRPC
25. Matt West DVRPC
26. Chris King DVRPC
27. John Ward DVRPC
28. Paul Carafides DVRPC
29. Jesse Buerk DVRPC

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