

**DELAWARE VALLEY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION**

**BOARD COMMITTEE**

**Minutes of meeting of October 22, 1998**

Location: Commission Offices Bourse Building, 8th Floor 1 1 1 South Independence Mall,  
East Philadelphia, PA 19106

Membership Present	Representative
New Jersey Department of Community Affairs	Joyce Paul
New Jersey Department of Transportation	John H. Moore
Governor of New Jersey's Appointee	Jerrold D. Colton
Governor of Pennsylvania's Appointee	Timothy Carson
Pennsylvania Governor's Policy Office	Charles Bohnenberger
Pennsylvania Department of Transportation	Larry King
Bucks County	Charles Martin
Chester County	Colin A. Hanna William Fulton
Delaware County	John E., Pickeft
Montgomery County	Arthur F. Loeben
Burlington County	Ridgeley P. Ware Carol Ann Thomas
Camden County	Gail Elbert
Gloucester County	James G. Atkinson Charles Romick
Mercer County	(not represented)

City of Chester	(not represented)
City of Philadelphia	Larry Wilson
City of Camden	Edward Williams
City of Trenton	(not represented)
Non-Voting Members	
Federal Highway Administration New Jersey Division Pennsylvania Division	Calvin Edghill (not represented)
U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Region III	(not represented)
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region III	(not represented)
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 11	(not represented)
New Jersey Office of State Planning	(not represented)
Federal Transit Administration, Region III	John Garrity
Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority	Christopher Patton
New Jersey Transit Corporation	Brent Barnes
Port Authority Transit Corporation	Robert G. Schwab
Delaware River Port Authority	Neill Weissman
New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection	(not represented)
Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection	Lou Guerra
Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development	Ronald Bednar
Regional Citizens Committee Chairman	Dennis Winters

DVRPC Counsel

Pennsylvania Co-Counsel  
New Jersey Co-Counsel

Kenneth Zielonis  
(not represented)

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DVRPC Staff: John J. Coscia, John B. Claffey, Barry Seymour, William Greene, Donald Shanis, Charles Dougherty, Thabet Zakaria, Michael Ontko, Roger Moog, Richard Bickel, Candy Snyder, and Jean McKinney.

Guests

Pennsylvania Department of Transportation

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**Call to Order**

Chairman Hanna called the meeting to order at 1 1:00 a.m.

Chairman Hanna introduced Freeholder James G. Atkinson. Mr. Atkinson is the newly appointed representative to the DVRPC Board for Gloucester County. He replaces John R. Maier.

**Public Comments**

1. **Minutes of Meeting of September 24, 1998**

On a **motion** by Mr. King, seconded by Mr. Martin; the minutes of September 24, 1998 were approved as distributed.

2. **Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Modification and Amendment**

John B. Claffey, DVRPC staff, briefed the Board on the following TIP Modification and Amendment:

FY 1997-2000 Pennsylvania Section of the TIP

a. Modification 9751 - SEPTA, Preventive Maintenance

SEPTA has requested that DVRPC modify the TIP by providing additional FY1999 funds for their Operating Assistance project (TIP #SO32). Currently, this project has \$12.7 million (all federal) programmed in FY 1999. SEPTA is proposing to add a total of \$21.675 million (\$14.8 million federal, \$6.875 million SEPTA) to the existing amount.

Financial constraint will be maintained by eliminating the FY1 999 phase of the Broad Street Subway Signal project (TIP #SO28).

This modification will not alter the TIP's conformity finding since the projects are exempt from the regional air quality conformity analysis.

FY 1998-2002 New Jersey Section of the TIP

b. Amendment 9815 - Delaware River Port Authority (DRPA),  
ADA Compliance Plan

DRPA has requested that DVRPC amend the TIP by adding the ADA Compliance Plan (TIP #DOO5) to FY1999 at a total cost of \$500,000 (\$400,000 federal, \$100,000 local). This project, involving alterations to the PATCO High Speed Line to improve access for disabled customers, had previously been on the TIP but must be reprogrammed due to higher than anticipated costs.

Financial constraint will be maintained by eliminating the FY1999 phase of the Electrical Cable Replacement project (TIP #DOI 1).

This amendment will not alter the TIP's conformity finding since the projects are exempt from the regional air quality conformity analysis.

After favorable recommendation from the Planning Coordinating Committee/ Regional Transportation Committee (PCC/RTC) and the Regional Citizens Committee (RCC) the Board unanimously adopted the following **motion**:

**MOTION** by Mr. Carson, seconded by Mr. Williams; that the Board approve modifying the FY 1997-2000 TIP (Pennsylvania Section) and amending the FY 1998-2002 TIP (New Jersey Section) as follows:

- a. Modification 9751 - SEPTA's request to add a total of \$21.675 million (\$14.8 million federal, \$6.875 million SEPTA) in FY 1999 to the existing amount programmed for the Operating Assistance project (TIP #SO32) and, to maintain financial constraint, eliminate the FY 1999 phase of the Broad Street Subway Signal project (TIP #SO28).
- b. Amendment 9815 - DRPA's request to add the ADA Compliance Plan (TIP #DOO5) to FY 1999 at a total cost of \$500,000 (\$400,000 federal, \$100,000 local) and, to maintain financial constraint, eliminate the FY 1999 phase of the Electrical Cable Replacement project (TIP #DOI 1).

**3. Request to Initiate the Public Participation Process for the Draft FY 1999-2002 TIP (Pennsylvania Portion only)**

Mr. Claffey, explained that federal law and planning regulations require the development of a TIP for the metropolitan region to become eligible for federal transportation funds. The creation of this document is to be done by the MPO in cooperation with the state and the transit operators, and must provide opportunity for input and comment by the public.

Charles Dougherty, DVRPC staff, briefed the Board on the preliminary draft of the Pennsylvania Portion of the FY 1999-2002 TIP and distributed to the Board projects to be considered for a year 2020 Plan Amendment. The draft TIP document is expected to be available for public review the beginning of November.

Mr. Dougherty also noted that the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) has been working with the MPOs of the state to re-engineer the planning and programming process, of which the TIP is the centerpiece. One of the main elements of the reengineering process has been reaching consensus on Financial Guidance for the FY 1999-2002 Program. PennDOT issued its Financial Guidance on September 10, 1998. The Pennsylvania Subcommittee of the RTC and DVRPC staff have been working on a draft TIP that meets the requirements of TEA-21 and is within the financial constraints of the Guidance.

After favorable recommendation from the PCC/RTC and the RCC, the Board unanimously adopted the following **motion**:

**MOTION** by Mr. Loeben, seconded by Mr. Carson; that the Board authorizes staff to initiate a 30-day public comment period with proper notification, to publish the draft TIP on the internet, to make copies available at certain public libraries, and to hold public meetings in Pennsylvania, for the purpose of gathering public comments on the draft FY 1999-2002 Pennsylvania TIP and on any plan. amendments.

**4. FY 1999 Planning Work Program Amendment: Traffic Analysis Zone (TAZ) System Revisions Required by the Year 2000 Census**

John J. Coscia, Executive Director, briefed the Board on the TAZ System Revisions Required by the Year 2000 Census. The Federal Highway Administration has requested DVRPC to revise the system of traffic analysis zones (TAZ) used in the travel simulation models. These revisions were required in past census years to insure data compatibility between census years, however, the work was performed after the census. This project will update the regional TAZ system in cooperation with the county planning commissions and the Bureau of the Census and prepare the required census/TAZ correspondence for the ninecounty DVRPC region and three zones in Berks county. In FY 1999 the 2020 TAZ zone system will be prepared. In FY 2000, coordination with the counties and Bureau of the Census will be completed. This correspondence will then be transmitted to the Bureau of the Census for use in planning for the Year 2000 census and tabulating the census data.

The estimated cost is \$30,000 with \$20,000 in reallocated FY 1999 funds from Project 9-42-060: Implement New Travel Models and \$1 0,000 in FY 2000 funds.

The PCC/RTC did not review this Work Program Amendment, therefore, no recommendation was made. After favorable recommendation was received from the RCC the Board unanimously adopted the following **motion**:

**MOTION** by Mr. Carson, seconded by Mr. Martin that the Board amend the FY 1999 Planning Work Program to include Project 9-42-140: Year 2000 Traffic Analysis Zone System Revisions and authorize the Executive Director to submit any required documentation and enter into, negotiate, and execute any necessary contracts modifications.

Agenda item 4b entitled *FY 1999 Planning Work Program Amendment - Year 2030 Transportation and Land Use Plan* was postponed until the December 4, 1998 Board meeting. Some additional coordination is required between DVRPC, PADOT, and NJDOT to decide when would be the most prudent time to start preparing the new Plan.

**5. Proposed Amendment to the Tri-County Water Quality Management Plan**

Michael Ontko explained to the Board that DVRPC is the designated area-wide water quality management planning agency for the Tri-County area (Burlington, Camden and Gloucester counties), and DVRPC approval is one of several that amendment applicants must receive before New Jersey DEP will consider the amendment package complete.

The following amendment has been requested:

- a. Wrightstown Municipal Utilities Authority (MUA) - Wrightstown Borough, Burlington County

This amendment would add an expanded sewer service area encompassing a portion of Wrightstown Borough, a planned Residential District in Springfield Township, a parcel of land in Fort Dix that will be reassumed by the MUA to the Wastewater Management Plan, and a new wastewater conveyance from HAC Farm lines to the MUA.

Discussion ensued and a Board member raised concern that although the amendment is consistent with the Tri-County Water Quality Management Plan it is not consistent with the DVRPC Year 2020 Land Use Plan and the New Jersey State Development and Redevelopment Plan. In response, Mr. Ontko explained that their concern raises three issues.

First, the requirements for an amendment to any Wastewater Management and/or Water Quality Management Plan are specifically defined in the New Jersey Administrative Code. Currently, there are no requirements for consistency with either of these plans. Applicants cannot be held to requirements not specified in the rules.

Secondly, there has been some discussion during a series of statewide committee meetings to redesign the water quality plan amendment process and to include a requirement (with some flexibility) for consistency with the State Development and Redevelopment Plan. However, to date, there has been no formal rule proposing this change. If consistency with the State Development and Redevelopment Plan and/or the DVRPC plan were to be included in the water

quality amendment process, those recommendations would need to go through the rule making process.

Lastly, the portion of the amendment which is inconsistent with the State Development and Redevelopment Plan and the DVRPC 2020 Land Use Plan is a Council On Affordable Housing (COAH) project which is adjacent to Wrightstown Borough in neighboring Springfield Township. That project predates agreements between COAH and the New Jersey State Planning Commission and is grand fathered from current consistency requirements.

After discussion and favorable recommendation from the Tri-County Water Quality Management Board, the Board unanimously adopted the following **motion**:

**MOTION** by Mr. Ware, seconded by Ms. Paul; that the Board adopt the proposed Water Quality Management Plan Amendment entitled:  
Wrightstown Municipal Utilities Authority, Burlington County by passing Resolution No. B-FY99-005.

**6. Pennsylvania Infrastructure Investment Authority (PENNVEST) Funding Request in Delaware County**

Barry Seymour, DVRPC staff, briefed the Board on the PENNVEST application forwarded to DVRPC for review for consistency with the regional plan. The Borough of Upland in Delaware County has requested \$184,950 in funding to improve and extend the storm water collection system at various locations throughout the borough. The areas served by this project are now developed and identified as future growth areas in the DIRECTION 2020 plan. Therefore, this application is consistent with DIRECTION 2020.

After favorable recommendation from Delaware County, the RCC, and the Staff the Board unanimously adopted the following **motion**:

**MOTION** by Mr. Martin, seconded by Mr. Carson; that the Board authorize the Executive Director to send letter notifying PENNVEST that their application for a funding request in Delaware County is consistent with the DIRECTION 2020 Plan.

**7. Regional Citizens Committee (RCC) Report**

Dennis Winters, RCC Chairman, reported that the recommended actions of the RCC meeting of October 13, 1998 were reported under the appropriate agenda items. Mr. Winters thanked

Chairman Hanna and Mr. Coscia for their attention to the concerns of the RCC and thanked them for attending the October RCC meeting.

### **8. Transportation Enhancements (TE) Funding**

Mr. Claffey presented the highlights of the Pennsylvania Transportation Enhancements Program contained in TEA-21. The program represents a 10% set-aside from STP funds, about \$20 million per year from 1998-2002. The first round of funding will program two years worth of projects, or \$40 million and followed by two more rounds during the six year period. PennDOT will call for projects in early September and applications will be due around the end of November. DVRPC will begin prioritizing projects in December, the statewide TE Advisory Committee will select projects in March and April, with the goal of the State Transportation Committee approval in May. Some of the eligible transportation enhancement activities include:

- (1) facilities for pedestrians and bicycles,
- (2) safety and educational activities for pedestrians and bicycles,
- (3) acquisition of scenic easements and historic sites
- (4) scenic or historic highway programs,
- (5) landscaping or other scenic beautification,
- (6) historic preservation,
- (7) rehabilitation and operation of historic transportation buildings, structures or facilities,
- (8) Preservation of abandoned railroad corridors,
- (9) Control and removal of outdoor advertising,
- (10) Archeological planning and research,
- (11) Mitigation of water pollution due to highway runoff, and
- (12) Establishment of Transportation Museums

Mr. Claffey mentioned some of the successfully completed TE projects in Southeastern Pennsylvania as follows: (1) Kings Row Covered Bridge, (2) Overbrook Train Station, and (3) Logan Circle. He also added that the Chester Valley Trail project is currently underway for a 15-mile multi-use trail that will primarily follow the abandoned Chester Valley Railroad.

The prioritized list of TE projects will be presented to the Board in January or February.

## 9. Transportation Impact Fees

Mary Bell, DVRPC staff presented to the Board the results of a DVRPC survey of the municipalities in Pennsylvania and New Jersey regarding their use of transportation impact fees. The purpose of the study was to determine what benefits, if any, communities derive from the fees. The study determined that of those communities which impose fees, many have done so in response to, rather than in anticipation of, development, and that the fees have no impact on the rate

of development or affordability of houses. The draft report on the study will be complete and distributed for comments by the end of November and the final report will be available in December.

## 10. Executive Director's Report

### a. DVRPC Board Retreat, December 4, 1998

Mr. Coscia reported to the Board that the Annual Board Retreat is scheduled for **December 4, 1998** and will be held at the Forrestal at Princeton Hotel & Conference Center, Princeton, New Jersey. Invitations and the Agenda will be mailed to all Board members, alternates, and additional invitees in the near future.

### b. NJDOT Meeting of September 28, 1998 on revised Population and Employment Projections

Mr. Coscia reported that NJDOT brought together the MPO's and several state agencies to discuss population and employment forecasts. The main purpose of the meeting was to reach a consensus on development of a common set of forecasts to be used by the MPO's and the state agencies. Each MPO agreed to forestall Board adoption/acceptance, of new demographic forecasts until at least March 1999 and remain consistent with current assumptions in the development of the MPO SIP budgets. The Office of State Planning (OSP) agreed to take the lead in convening the Working Group for the development of a common set of new forecasts for New Jersey disaggregated to the smallest unit possible, i.e., municipal

### c. Federal Transit Administration (FTA) TEA-21 Listening Sessions held in Philadelphia, October 2, 1998

Mr. Coscia reported that FTA presented a very interesting overview of the transit aspects of TEA-21 and what it means to the MPOs, the Transit properties, and the stakeholders.

d. Route 202, Section 300 Meeting, October 15, 1998

Mr. Coscia reported that the attendees at the Route 202, Section 300 meeting included municipalities, environmental groups, Chester County commissioners, and state representatives, DVRPC and PennDOT presented an overview of the completion schedule for Route 202, Section 400 which is scheduled to begin in early Spring 1999. The Section 400 portion of Route 202 will have an impact on Section 300. Consequently, the Section 300 preliminary plan and environmental impact study needs to move forward. A detailed schedule for the Section 300 project was also presented to those in attendance. The total project cost is approximately \$120 million. It was

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strongly agreed by those in attendance that the development of this project needs to be an open process with all stakeholders and the public involved.

Representatives from the Valley Creek Watershed requested that consideration be given for preservation of the Valley Creek which is along a portion of the Route 202 project.

e. 1-95 Intermodal Freight Leadership Summit held in Princeton, NJ on October 15-16, 1998

Mr. Coscia reported that the 1-95 Intermodal Freight Leadership Summit assembled private and public sector stakeholders in intermodal facilities, services, and operations for a one and a half day working meeting. Attendees articulated needs, and began to discuss an intermodal freight program and action plan for the 1-95 corridor.

The Summit was sponsored by the 1-95 Corridor Coalition, which is a partnership of transportation agencies in the 12 northeast corridor states extending from Maine to Virginia. The Coalition supports programs to apply Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) and to coordinate private and public sector transportation planning and investment.

Specific ITS programs targeted towards Commercial Vehicle Operations (CVO) are electronic credentialing, pre-clearance through inspections and weigh stations, in-transit cargo visibility, and on-board navigation systems. Other ITS program facilitating truck flows are Highway Advisory Radio (HAR), Variable Message Signs (VMS), and Electronic Toll and Traffic Management (ETTM).

f. FY 1998 TIP Performance Report for New Jersey and Pennsylvania Highway Program

Mr. Coscia highlighted the FY 1998 TIP Performance Report (distributed to the Board). He pointed out that the total obligated funds for New Jersey was \$468 million. Of those funds

implemented, DVRPC's share (expected 15 to 18%) was approximately 11%. The obligated funds for Pennsylvania were approximately \$819 million. Of those funds implemented, DVRPS's share was 21% (expected 25 to 29%).

11. **Committee Reports**

The items in the following committee reports were previously reported under the appropriate agenda items: (1) PCC/RTC, and (2) RCC.

In addition, the following committee reports were highlighted.

a. DVRPC FY 2000 Planning Work Program Committee

Chairman Hanna reported the activities of the Work Program Committee held before the Board meeting of October 22, 1998. He pointed out that additional input on the projects proposed for inclusion in the Work Program need to be submitted by the member governments. The next Board Work Program Committee meeting is scheduled for November 9, 1998.

b. Regional Aviation Committee

Roger Moog, DVRPC staff reported on the activities of the Regional Aviation Committee's meeting of October 1, 1998. Three major issues were discussed at that meeting as follows: (1) the survey into reasons for the closure of privately owned airports, (2) FAA/PennDOT distribution of grant funds to noncommercial airports, and (3) Pennsylvania Legislative Bill SB220.

c. Regional Housing Committee

Ronald Bednar, Regional Housing Committee Chair reported that the Housing Committee discussed potential projects to be included in the Commission's FY 2000 Work Program.

d. Tri-County Water Quality Management Board

Michael Ontko, DVRPC staff, reported that the Tri-County Water Quality Management Board recommended approval of the Water Quality Management Plan amendment entitled; Wrightstown Municipal Utilities Authority, Wrightstown Borough, Burlington County. Additional items discussed at that meeting are as follows: (1) the status of four additional wastewater planning amendments, (2) Water Supply Critical Area No. 1, (3) the status of the proposed Tri-County involvement in;the Lower Delaware River Tributaries Watershed, (3) approved the CY1 999 Work Program and budget, and (4) Radium in the Cohansey Formation.

e. Reaional Air Quality Committee

A copy of the Regional Air Quality Committee Highlights of the meeting of October 20, 1998 was distributed to the Board.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:50 p.m.

Attachments:

- (1) PCC/RTC Recommendations to the Board for October 22, 1998
- (2) RTCRecommendationstotheBoardforOctober22,1998
- (3) Resolution No. B-FY99-005

Additional Documents Distributed to the Board:

- (1) Alert, October 1998
- (2) *Freight Lines*, October 1998
- (3) *TravelSmart*, October 17, 1998
- (4) Brochure of PennDOT's *PennPlan*

**PLANNING COORDINATING COMMITTEE/  
REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**

**RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE BOARD FOR  
OCTOBER 22,1998**

**BOARD  
AGENDA ITEM**

**2. Pennsylvania TIP Modification and New Jersey TIP Amendment**

a. TIP Modification 9751

The RTC/PCC Recommend:

That the Board approve TIP Modification 9751, SEPTA's request to modify the FY 1997-2000 TIP to add a total of \$21.675 million (\$14.8 million federal, \$6.875 million SEPTA) in FY1 999 to the existing amount programmed for the Operating Assistance project (TIP #SO32) and, to maintain financial constraint, eliminate the FY1999 phase of the Broad Street Subway Signal project (TIP #SO28).

b. TIP Amendment 9815

The RTC/PCC Recommend:

That the Board approve TIP Amendment 9815, The Delaware River Port Authority's request to amend the FY 1998-2002 TIP to add the ADA Compliance Plan (TIP #DOO5) to FY1999 at a total cost of \$500,000 (\$400,000 federal, \$100,000 local) and, to maintain financial constraint, eliminate the FY1999 phase of the Electrical Cable Replacement project (TIP #DOI 1).

**3. Pennsylvania FY 1999-2002 Transportation Improvement Program**

The PCC/RTC Recommend:

The Board authorizes staff to initiate a 30-day public comment period with proper notification, to publish the draft TIP on the internet, to make copies available at certain public libraries, and to hold public meetings in Pennsylvania, for the purpose of gathering public comments on the draft FY 1999-2002 Pennsylvania Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

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**In Other Business:**

- 1 The RTC approved the approach for CMAQ project funding, including the TEA21 round of the DVRPC Competitive CMAQ Program, as developed by the Pennsylvania Subcommittee.
2. The RTC empowered the Pennsylvania Subcommittee to complete a preliminary list of projects and identify candidates for "Spike" funding consideration for submission to the Pennsylvania Secretary of Transportation by October 15th.

**DVRPC REGIONAL CITIZENS COMMITTEE**

**RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE BOARD FOR OCTOBER 22, 1998**

**BOARD  
AGENDA ITEM**

2. **TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) MODIFICATION  
AND AMENDMENT**

The RCC recommends:

- a. TIP Modification 9751 (Preventive Maintenance, SEPTA) That the DVRPC Board approve TIP Modification 975 1.
- b. TIP Amendment 9815 (ADA Compliance Plan, DRPA) That the DVRPC Board approve TIP Amendment 9815.

**3. REQUEST TO INITIATE THE PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS FOR THE DRAFT FY 1999 - 2002 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) FOR PENNSYLVANIA**

The RCC recommends that the DVRPC Board authorize staff to initiate a 30-day public comment period with proper notification, to publish the draft TIP on the internet, to make copies available at certain public libraries, and to hold public meetings in Pennsylvania, for the purpose of gathering public comments on the draft FY 1999 - 2002 Pennsylvania TIP.

**4. FY 1999 PLANNING WORK PROGRAM AMENDMENTS The RCC**

recommends:

- a. Traffic Analysis Zone (TAZ) System Revisions Required by the Year 2000 Census  
  
That the DVRPC Board amend the FY 1999 Work Program to include Project 9-42-140: the Year 2000 Traffic Analysis Zone System Revisions, and authorize the Executive Director to submit any required documentation and enter into, negotiate and execute any necessary contracts modifications.
- b. Year 2030 Transportation and Land Use Plan  
  
That the DVRPC Board amend the FY 1999 - FY 2001 Work Program to include the Year 2030 Transportation and Land Use Plan and authorize the Executive Director to seek additional funding as required.

**6. PENNSYLVANIA INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT AUTHORITY (PENNVEST) FUNDING REQUEST IN DELAWARE COUNTY**

The RCC recommends that the DVRPC Board approve the PennVest application for the Borough of Upland.

**Resolution No. B-FY99-005**

**STATEMENT OF CONSENT**

**A RESOLUTION CONSENTING TO THE PROPOSED WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT  
(WQM) PLAN AMENDMENT ENTITLED:**

**TRI-COUNTY WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT PLAN  
WRIGHTSTOWN MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY  
BURLINGTON COUNTY**

**WHEREAS**, the Wrightstown Borough Municipal Utilities Authority desires to provide for the orderly development of wastewater facilities within the Wrightstown Borough and Springfield Township, Burlington County; and

**WHEREAS**, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) requires that proposed wastewater treatment and conveyance facilities and wastewater treatment service areas, as well as related subjects, be in conformance with an approved WQM plan; and

**WHEREAS**, The NJDEP has established the WQM plan amendment procedure as the method of incorporating unplanned facilities into a WQM plan; and

**WHEREAS**, a proposed WQM plan amendment noticed in the New Jersey Register on September 21, 1998 for the Wrightstown Municipal Utilities Authority Amendment has been prepared by Kluk Consultants for the Wrightstown Municipal Utilities Authority.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** on this 22nd day of October 1998, by the governing body of the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission that:

- 1 . The Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission hereby consents to the amendment entitled Tri-County Water Quality Management Plan Amendment, Wrightstown Municipal Utilities Authority, Wrightstown Borough, Burlington County Publicly noticed on September 21, 1998, prepared by Kluk Consultants for the Wrightstown Municipal Utilities Authority, for the purpose of its incorporation into the applicable WQM plan(s).
2. This consent shall be submitted to the NJDEP in accordance with N.J.Q.C. 7:15-3.4.

Adopted this 22nd day of October, 1998 by the Board  
of the Delaware Valley Regional Planning  
Commission.

I do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of a Resolution passed by the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission.

**DELAWARE VALLEY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION**

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

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### **Call to Order**

Chairman Colin A. Hanna called the meeting to order at 12:50 p.m.

#### 1. **Minutes of Meeting of September 24, 1998**

On a **Motion** by Ms. Paul, seconded by Mr. Ware; the minutes of October 22, 1998 were approved as distributed.

#### 2. **Selection of Consultant for Preparation of Environmental Clearance Documentation and Related Work for Widening US 202, Section 300 between the Swedesford Road Interchange in Tredyffrin Township and the Exton Bypass Interchange in East Whiteland Township in Chester County**

Mr. Coscia explained to the Board that the federal regulations require environmental studies be undertaken to identify and assess the impacts the project will have upon the natural and human environment. As a result of a field view / scoping meeting conducted in May 1998, responsible agency personnel concluded that widening, within the existing median, would not result in significant environmental impacts. Still, an environmental study needs to be performed to fully document that initial finding and to identify abatement procedures to be implemented with the project. Approval of the final environmental document by FHWA is also required before subsequent project phases (e.g., design, construction, etc.) may be initiated.

In order to advance this high priority project in a timely manner, a unique partnership has been formed between the County, PennDOT and the DVRPC to identify and engage the most qualified consultant to perform the environmental study. DVRPC is acting as administrative manager to secure and monitor the consultant's services. PennDOT is serving as a technical advisor.

The total cost is estimated at \$750,000 with 80% federal and 20% state and local funding. The consultant fee is approximately \$600,000 with the balance going to DVRPC staff for traffic estimating, CMS analysis, and project management.

After favorable recommendation by Staff, the Executive Committee unanimously adopted the following **motion**:

**MOTION** by Mr. King, seconded by Mr. Carson that the Board authorize the Executive Director to enter into, negotiate, and execute a contract with the consultant recommended by the Consultant Selection Committee to conduct the environmental study.

Chairman Hanna requested that the consultant be selected under a unanimous vote from the Selection Committee. Mr. Coscia assured Chairman Hanna that DVRPC would attempt to adhere to his request.

3. Contract Authorizations

a. Private Industry Council of Philadelphia

Mr. Coscia explained to the Board that the Private Industry Council of Philadelphia (PIC) is responsible for administering funds received by the City of Philadelphia from the U.S. Department of Labor to assist individuals with the transition from welfare to work. Under the heading *Greater Philadelphia Works* the PIC is coordinating a variety of programs including job training, social services, and transportation.

DVRPC has worked with the PIC, SEPTA, regional TMAs and the City of Philadelphia to develop a pilot program to improve SEPTA service to two suburban destinations, to provide information on transit service and options, and to coordinate activities between economic, social service and transportation providers. PIC would enter into an Agreement with DVRPC for two years to assist with the implementation of this project. First year funding is \$43,500 from the PIC to DVRPC.

After favorable recommendation by Staff, the Executive Committee unanimously adopted the following **motion**:

**MOTION** by Mr. Carson, seconded by Mr. Wilson that the Executive Committee authorize the Executive Director to enter into, negotiate, and execute a contract with the Private Industry Council of Philadelphia to assist with the implementation of *Greater Philadelphia Works*.

b. Partnership for the Delaware Estuary. Inc.

Mr. Coscia explained that the *Delaware Estuary Management Plan* was completed and released in 1996 following six years of cooperative planning between Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, and a wide variety of local partners. One of the recommendations of that Plan was to assist residents in the proper use and disposal of chemicals and to develop a public education program on chemical usage and household toxic

waste collection.

The Partnership for the Delaware Estuary, Inc. was established following release of the Plan to help implement its recommendations. The Partnership has secured a grant from the ISOPIA and proposed a subagreement with DVRPC to research household hazardous waste collection programs in the region and help the Partnership to develop a public outreach strategy. The Partnership would provide \$15,000 and DVRPC would provide \$5,000 of Regional Technical Assistance.

After favorable recommendation by Staff, the Executive Committee unanimously adopted the following **motion**:

**MOTION** by Mr. Carson, seconded by Mr. Ware; that the Executive Committee authorize the Executive Director to enter into, negotiate, and execute a contract with the Partnership for the Delaware Estuary, Inc. to undertake an analysis of household hazardous waste collection programs in the Delaware Estuary region.

C. Delaware Valley Industrial Resource Center

Mr. Coscia explained that *Team Pennsylvania* was established by the Department of Community and Economic Development to improve the communication between State agencies and existing businesses and to promote new business activities in the Commonwealth. The program is administered in southeastern Pennsylvania by the Delaware Valley Industrial Resource Center (DVIRC).

One element of the *Team Pennsylvania* program is a Business Resource Network that would provide information via the Internet on demographic, economic and real estate conditions across the Commonwealth. DVIRC would enter into a Subagreement with DVRPC to examine the existing databases of real estate information now held by the counties in this region and determine how this data could be integrated with the Commonwealth's system and the DVRPC on-line GIS program. A total of \$23,000 would be available for this one-year project.

After favorable recommendation by Staff the Executive Committee unanimously adopted the following **motion**:

**MOTION** by Mr. Moore, seconded by Mr. Ware; that the Executive Committee authorize the Executive Director to enter into, negotiate, and execute a contract with the Delaware Valley Industrial Resource Center to assist with *Team Pennsylvania* activities.

**4. FY 1999 Planning Work Program First Quarter**

The FY 1999 Planning Work Program First Quarter Report was distributed to the Board. Mr. Coscia reported that the FY 1999 Planning Work Program is proceeding according to schedule and within budget.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:03 p.m.

