

DELAWARE VALLEY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

BOARD COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting of July 22, 1999

Location: Commission Officer
The Bourse Building, 8th Floor
111 S. Independence Mall, East
Philadelphia, PA 19106

Membership Present

Representative

New Jersey Department of Community Affairs	Joyce Paul
New Jersey Department of Transportation	William S. Beetle
Governor of New Jersey's Appointee	(not represented)
Governor of Pennsylvania's Appointee	Timothy Carson
Pennsylvania Governor's Policy Office	Charles Bohnenberger
Pennsylvania Department of Transportation	Thomas Kotay
Bucks County	Charles H. Martin
Chester County	Colin A. Hanna
Delaware County	John E. Pickett
Montgomery County	Arthur F. Loeben
Burlington County	Ridgeley P. Ware
Camden County	J. Douglas Griffith
Gloucester County	James G. Atkinson
Mercer County	Donna Lewis
City of Chester	(not represented)

City of Philadelphia	Larry Wilson
City of Camden	(not represented)
City of Trenton	Andrew Carten
<u>Non-Voting Members</u>	
Federal Highway Administration New Jersey Division	(not represented)
Pennsylvania Division	Spencer Stevens
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 II	(not represented)
New Jersey Office of State Planning	(not represented)
Federal Transit Administration, Region III	(not represented)
Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority	Christopher Patton
New Jersey Transit Corporation	Brent Barnes
Port Authority Transit Corporation	(not represented)
Delaware River Port Authority	Neil Weissman
New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection	(not represented)
Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection	Lou Guerra
Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development	Ronald K. Bednar
Regional Citizens Committee Chairman	Dennis Winters

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Buchanan Ingersoll (Counsel for Township and Borough of Princeton)	Mary Sue Henefin
Sensible Transportation Option Partnership (STOP)	Peggy Killmer
Princeton University	Pam Hersh
MSM Regional Council	Diane Brake
Princeton Borough Councilwoman	Wendy Benchley
West Windsor Township	George Fries
Jere Downs	Philadelphia Inquirer

Call to Order

Vice Chairman Charles H. Martin presided for incoming Chairman Jerrold D. Colton and called the meeting to order at 10:35 a.m.

Vice Chairman Martin presented Colin A. Hanna with a gift for his distinguished service as the DVRPC Board Chairman from July 1, 1998 through June 30, 1999.

Commissioner Hanna thanked the Board for the gift and expressed his gratitude for the opportunity to serve as Chair of the DVRPC Board.

Public Comments

Comments from the public were invited to be heard on non-agenda items. No comments were stated.

1. Minutes of Meeting of June 24, 1999

John J. Coscia, Executive Director, stated a correction to the Minutes of the Meeting of June 24, 1999 as follows:

On page 12, Item 5 - Approval of Program Management for Non-Traditional Project Implementation (Pennsylvania). An additional sentence should be added to the end of the first paragraph to read: ***At the present time, however, only one project manager position will be filled.***

On a **motion** by Mr. Hanna, seconded by Mr. Carson the minutes of June 24, 1999 were approved as corrected.

2. Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendments and Modification

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

New Jersey Section of TIP

- a. Amendment 9829 - Soybean-Based Biodiesel Fuel Demonstration
(New Jersey Transit)

NJ TRANSIT has requested that DVRPC amend the TIP by expanding the scope of their Clean Air Programs project to include \$250,000 for a soybean-based biodiesel fuel demonstration at the Hamilton Bus Facility. The Maryland Soybean Board has offered a \$50,000 grant to NJ TRANSIT for the incremental cost of the biodiesel fuel. NJ TRANSIT has submitted an application to the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) for \$200,000 to purchase fuel filters and to pay for the additional maintenance to the bus fleet that this project may require. There will be

a ten month trial period with the new fuel, after which time a decision to continue the program will be made.

This project is exempt from the regional air quality conformity analysis.

Pennsylvania Section of the TIP

- b. Amendment 9911 - Pottstown Urban Transit - Transit Mall and Park (Montgomery County)

Pottstown Urban Transit (PUT) has requested that DVRPC amend the TIP to add the Transit Mall and Park project at a total cost of \$400,000 (\$320,000 federal, \$67,000 state, \$13,000 local.) This project involves the creation of a transit-related park and pedestrian mall on about one acre of undeveloped land in the Pottstown's business district. Improvements include planting, landscaping and grading, a bus shelter, bike racks, benches, trash cans, lighting, and public art. This area will serve as the focus and connection for public transportation in the borough.

There will be no impact on financial constraint and this project is exempt from the regional air quality conformity analysis.

- c. Amendment 9914 - Adjustment Package (PennDOT)

PennDOT has requested a series of amendments and modifications to the FY1999-2002 TIP involving twenty-two existing or former TIP projects. The adjustments will address project readiness issues and minor scope changes, all within the fiscal constraints of the adopted program.

The list of projects and proposed adjustments were distributed to the Board.

Financial constraint will be maintained through a series of adjustments to other existing TIP projects, primarily involving reprogramming delayed project phases into later years.

There will be no impact on the conformity finding.

- d. Amendment 9915B - 1999 Transportation enhancements (TE) Program (PennDOT)

Eleven projects (list distributed to the Board) submitted by this region for funding under the 1999 Statewide Transportation Enhancements Program have been selected for implementation by PennDOT and the State Transportation Commission. These projects must appear in the region's adopted TIP to be

eligible for the federal funds. The first project on the list was already approved by the DVRPC Board at their June 1999 meeting. PennDOT is now requesting that the TIP be amended to add the remaining ten projects.

The eleven projects total \$12.7 million (\$6.6 million TE funds, \$6.1 million matching funds.)

There will be no impact on financial constraint and these projects are exempt from the regional air quality conformity analysis.

New Jersey and Pennsylvania Section of the TIP

e. Modification 9916 - Aerial Photography - Year 2000 (DVRPC)

DVRPC is requesting a TIP modification to move all of the funding for the Aerial Photography - Year 2000 project into FY 1999 and to note that the Local funds will come from the Toll Credit account.

Currently, the Aerial Photography - Year 2000 project is programmed with \$500,000 spread over FY 2000 and FY 2001. The purpose of this project is the acquisition and editing of black and white aerial imagery and conversion and editing to digital-ortho imagery. The flights are to be done in the spring of 2000.

In addition to the action necessary to modify the FY 1999-2002 TIP for Pennsylvania, it is also necessary to amend the current FY 1998-2002 TIP for New Jersey. This project was included in the proposed FY 2000-2002 TIP for New Jersey under FY 2000 and FY 2001 for a total of \$382,000 of STU funds, but it does not appear in the current FY 1998-2002 New Jersey TIP.

Financial constraint will be maintained by using the residual FY 1999 funds made available as a result of project adjustments.

This project is exempt from the regional air quality conformity analysis.

Favorable recommendation was received from the Planning Coordinating Committee/Regional Transportation Committee (PCC/RTC) for TIP Amendments 9829, 9911, 9914, 9915B and TIP Modification 9916.

The Regional Citizens Committee (RCC) recommends approval of TIP Amendments 9911, 9915B and TIP Modification 9916.

The RCC also reported a favorable recommendation for TIP Amendment 9914, however the RCC continues to oppose US 202, Section 700 and the Chestnut Street Intermodal project contained within this TIP Amendment.

The RCC did not recommend approval of TIP Amendment 9829 because the committee believes that bio-diesel fuel is not significantly cleaner than diesel fuel and both NJ Transit and SEPTA should be converting their fleets to something much cleaner than bio-diesel.

After discussion, the Board unanimously adopted the following **motion**:

MOTION by Mr. Hanna, seconded by Mr. Carson; that the Board approve the following TIP Amendments for Pennsylvania: (1) 9911, Pottstown Urban Transit - Transit Mall and Park in Montgomery County, (2) 9914, PennDOT Adjustment Package, and (3) 9915B, 1999 PennDOT Transportation Enhancements Program; and that the Board also approve TIP Modification 9916, DVRPC Year 2000 Aerial Photography for Pennsylvania and New Jersey.

Chairman Martin called for additional comments on TIP Amendment 9829. Colin A. Hanna, Chester County, questioned whether this TIP project would result in a significant economic benefit to the New Jersey soybean farm industry. Mr. Coscia remarked that this is clearly a demonstration project to assist NJ Transit in finding a fuel which is less reliant on a non-renewable resource.

The Board unanimously adopted the following **motion**:

MOTION by Mr. Hanna, seconded by Mr. Carson; that the Board approve TIP Amendment 9829, NJ Transit's request to modify their Clean Air Program by using an anticipated FTA grant for \$200,000 and a Maryland Soybean Board grant of \$50,000 for costs associated with a bio-diesel fuel demonstration at the Hamilton Bus Facility.

3. **Proposed Amendment to the Year 2020 Transportation Plan: Delaware River Port Authority (DRPA) Aerial Tram from Camden Waterfront to Penns Landing, Philadelphia**

Donald Shanis, DVRPC staff, briefed the Board on the Year 2020 Transportation Plan Amendment. He explained that the DRPA will design and construct an aerial tramway over the Delaware River. The intent is to create a mode of transporting visitors between destinations at the Camden and Philadelphia waterfronts. The tram infrastructure will consist of terminals in Philadelphia and Camden and a cable system suspended between two tower structures to be constructed in the Delaware River. The tram will be able to transport as many as 3,000 people per hour in eight-person gondolas suspended from the cables at a height of 160 feet above the Delaware River.

The federal Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA-21) provided funding

for this project under the High Priority Projects Program. The Act provides for a six-year distribution of these funds. Funds are distributed yearly on the following percentage basis: FY1998-11%, FY 1999-15%, FY 2000-18%, FY2001-19%, and FY 2003-19%. Federal reimbursement is limited to the six-year funding distribution.

Amendments to the Plan must be consistent with the policy recommendations in the transportation element as well as applicable sections of the land use element. DVRPC completed an analysis (distributed to the Board) of the consistency of this project with each of several Plan components and determined that this project contributes to the overall goals and objectives of the Plan.

DVRPC concluded the required 30-day public comment period for the proposed amendment (along with the Draft FY2000-2002 TIP for the New Jersey subregion).

DVRPC completed the conformity analysis and found that the Year 2020 Plan does conform to the applicable state implementation plans with the inclusion of this project.

Favorable recommendation was received from the PCC/RTC.

The RCC recommended that the Board oppose the Year 2020 Plan Amendment from DRPA for the following reasons:

- (1) there is no justification for the project;
- (2) the project is tantamount to an amusement park ride;
- (3) there is much concern about the operation of the tram in different weather extremes;
- (4) DRPA should focus on its core mission which is to expand PATCO operations; and
- (5) the agency should be addressing other, more timely transportation issues.

After discussion, the Board unanimously adopted the following **motion**:

MOTION by Mr. Hanna, seconded by Mr. Beetle; that the Board amend the Year 2020 Plan to include the Delaware River Tram.

4. Adoption of the DVRPC FY 2000-2002 Regional Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for New Jersey

Charles Dougherty, DVRPC staff presented the DVRPC FY 2000-2002 New Jersey TIP to the Board. He explained that the 30-day public comment period of the Draft TIP document has concluded and the TIP is ready for adoption by the Board.

Ten individuals or agencies provided written or oral comments (distributed to the Board). Of these, one concerned the Route 42/295/76 Interchange project and the

rest concerned the Route 1 / Millstone Bypass project. NJDOT provided a lengthy response to the Millstone comments.

The FY 2000-2002 TIP for the New Jersey portion of the region contains nearly 160 projects totaling about \$840 million to be implemented over the next three years. Included are \$480 million in projects primarily addressing the highway system and \$360 million of transit projects for PATCO and NJ TRANSIT. These projects in the TIP represent a consensus of what regional improvements should be made in this period and is fiscally constrained to the financial resources identified by NJDOT and negotiated for this region's projects.

It is also being recommended that the Board approve the list of Transition Projects, those projects in the current TIP which may not receive federal authorization before the end of the current fiscal year, but which FHWA has agreed to authorize if received within the first 60 days of the next fiscal year. (List of transition projects distributed to the Board.)

This TIP has been drawn from the Year 2020 Plan and that plan has been found to conform with the requirements of the Clean Air Act Amendments and the final conformity rule. Therefore, the FY 2000-2002 TIP is in conformity with these requirements.

The FY 2000-2002 TIP is fiscally constrained to funds reasonably available to the region.

Favorable recommendation was received from the PCC/RTC for the Board to adopt the FY 2000-2002 TIP for New Jersey as amended, including the Transition Projects.

The RCC recommended that the Board adopt the FY 2000-2002 TIP for New Jersey, after noting and considering the comments listed in the *Recommendations to the Board for July 22, 1999* (attached).

Following Mr. Dougherty's presentation, public comments were heard with reference to the TIP Project #4311A, Millstone Bypass in Mercer County, New Jersey, as follows:

Mary Sue Henefin, Special Transportation Counsel to the Borough of Princeton and Princeton Township, stated that she believes action by the DVRPC Board is premature prior to completion of the Environmental Assessment (EA), and further, more comprehensive, traffic projections by NJDOT are needed. Ms. Henefin went on to state that the proposed alignment for the bypass has serious problems which include impacts to environmentally sensitive areas. She realizes that the consensus is that a bypass is needed, however, the specific alignment is under considerable controversy. Ms. Henefin also believes that the current traffic data

contained errors and additional traffic analysis is needed. She urged the Board to defer any action at this time until these issues of concern are alleviated.

Phyllis Marchand, Mayor of Princeton Township, also encouraged the Board not to act on the Millstone Bypass Project at this time. Mayor Marchand believes that a more appropriate alignment needs to be analyzed. Her concerns included: (1) the present alignment is too close to one of the most heavily used parks in New Jersey; the Delaware and Raritan Canal Park, and (2) the lack of EA documents.

Peggy Killmer, member of the RCC and a member of Sensible Transportation Option Partnership (STOP) objected to programming funds for a project before the EA has been completed and also believes more consistent traffic data is needed.

Pam Hersh, Director, Community and State Affairs, Princeton University, supported the Millstone Bypass project stating that further delays in the improvements of Route 1 and the simultaneous construction of the Bypass would be very detrimental to the well being of those who live and work in this severely congested area. Ms. Hersh continued to explain that the University has made considerable concessions to ensure the ability of residents to enjoy the Canal environment, as well as the historic areas. The University has also agreed to maintaining, as open space, all the land between the Canal and the Millstone Bypass. With the understanding that environmental and traffic issues have to be addressed successfully by NJDOT, Ms. Hersh believes that the project should move forward.

Diane Brake, President, MSM Regional Council, expressed support for the Millstone Bypass. Mr. Brake commented on the issues stated in her letter of July 8, 1999 (distributed to the Board) and believes that the approval of this project is of critical importance to the region. Ms. Brake summarized that the current proposal for the Millstone Bypass should be included in the New Jersey TIP because it: (1) protects the neighborhood of Penn's Neck, (2) protects its historic buildings, (3) evenly distributes traffic to and from the Princetons and West Windsor, (4) addresses the concerns of the landowners whose property will be used to construct the project and whose cooperation is required, (5) will adequately protect the quality of the environment within this State Plan growth area, and (6) was configured with the active involvement of the public, NJDEP, the Canal Commission, and with the agreement of West Windsor, the residents of Penns Neck, Princeton Borough, Princeton Township, Mercer County, Princeton University, Eden Institute and Sarnoff Corporation.

Wendy Benchley, Princeton Borough Councilwoman, urged the Board to delay action on the Millstone Bypass Project prior to NJDOT's completion of the EA, and a more accurate traffic analysis is submitted to the public for review. Ms. Benchley is not in agreement with the present proposed alignment and has been working with STOP to propose a frontage line alignment which keeps traffic along Route 1 and does not

divert traffic along the canal.

George Fries, West Windsor Township Engineer, representing Carol Carson, Mayor of West Windsor Township stated support for the Millstone Bypass project from the Mayor and the township's governing body. Mr. Fries encouraged the Board to take action to approve funding for this project in the TIP.

NJDOT Board representative, William S. Beetle, responded to the public comments. Mr. Beetle clarified that the action called for by the Board for the Millstone Bypass project is not to endorse an alignment or approve the EA. The action is to approve funding in the TIP for this project. The technicalities and public concerns will continue to be examined. However, when the project is ready to move to the next phase the funds will be in place.

Lynn Middleton, and Mark Stout, NJDOT, presented the history of the Millstone Bypass planning process. Ms. Middleton reviewed all the stages up to this point which involved proposed alignment, environmental impact, traffic data, and public input. Mr. Stout addressed the procedural issues. He assured the public that the Millstone Bypass project has advanced within normal NJDOT practices and procedures of the planning process.

Mercer County Board Representative, Donna Lewis, commented that the County and the business community remains supportive of the Millstone Bypass project.

After significant discussion, the Board unanimously adopted the following **motion**:

MOTION by Mr. Beetle, seconded by Ms. Paul that the Board adopt Resolution No. B-FY00-001 (copy attached) approving the FY 2000-2002 TIP for the New Jersey portion of the region, as the region's official selection of transportation projects for federal funding, including the list of *Transition Projects* and other such changes agreed to at its July 22, 1999 meeting. In addition, the inclusion of funding for the right-of-way for the Millstone Bypass project (TIP #4311A) does not represent an endorsement of any particular alignment. No action on the right-of-way acquisition can be taken until a Record of Decision has been issued by the state and federal environmental review agencies.

5. Fiscal Year 2000 DVRPC Planning Work Program Amendment: New Jersey Supportive Regional Highway Planning Projects

Mr. Claffey, explained that this amendment adds two projects to the Supportive Regional Highway Planning Program portion of the Fiscal Year 2000 Planning Work Program. The two projects are The Delaware River/Assunpink Creek Walkway study (\$50,000), proposed by the City of Trenton and the Route 38 Corridor study (\$70,000),

proposed by Camden and Burlington Counties.

The Delaware River/Assunpink Creek Walkway study (the final phase of a three-year study) is needed to complete a conceptual riverwalk plan in coordination with NJDOT studies concerning Route 29 and Trenton's downtown traffic circulation.

The Route 38 Corridor Study (phase one of a two-year project) will fund DVRPC's portion of a study of the Route 38 corridor from Pennsauken in Camden County to Southampton Township in Burlington County (Route 130 to Route 206).

Funding for both projects will come from the Supportive Regional Highway Program pass through funding already allocated in the FY 2000 Planning Work Program. No additional funds will be needed to complete these projects.

Favorable recommendation was received from the PCC/RTC.

The RCC recommended approval of the Route 38 Corridor study. However, this study should consider the results of the Mount Holly component of the Burlington-Gloucester Major Investment Study (MIS). Furthermore, the thinking on the study's technology aspects of the commuter rail alternative needs to be considered and updated to reflect recent advancements in commuter rail propulsion technologies. More specifically, the capital costs of the commuter rail alternatives should be retabulated substituting: (1) diesel multiple unit (DMU); and (2) dual mode locomotive technology for the electric multiple unit technology studied in the MIS.

Mr. Coscia assured the RCC that the results of the Mount Holly component of the Burlington-Gloucester MIS would be included in the Route 38 Corridor study.

Favorable recommendation was received from the RCC for the FY 2000 DVRPC Planning Work Program amendment entitled *Delaware River/Assunpink Creek Walkway*.

The Board unanimously adopted the following **motion**:

MOTION by Mr. Griffith, seconded by Mr. Ware; that the Board amend the Fiscal Year 2000 DVRPC Planning Work Program to add two additional projects for the New Jersey Supportive Highway Planning: Delaware River/Assunpink Walkway Study and the Route 38 Corridor Study (from US 130 to US 206) and modify the TIP as necessary.

6. FY 2000 DVRPC Regional Airport Capital Improvement Program Recommendations for the Delaware Valley Region

Roger Moog, DVRPC staff, briefed the Board on the FY 2000 Regional Airport Capital Improvement Program recommendations. The Harrisburg Airports District Office of FAA requires DVRPC to develop a regional capital program of current airport improvement projects to be considered for FAA and states funding in FY 2000 (October 1, 1999 - September 30, 2000). This activity is one component of the DVRPC continuing Regional Airport System Planning (RASP) program funding by FAA.

DVRPC contacted all eligible regional system airports, through the Regional Aviation Committee (RAC) process, to identify projects to be considered for federal aid in FY 2000 and beyond. All proposed projects were analyzed with regard to regional demand and capacity, scheduling, local match and owner commitment and capability, and federal funding history to determine recommended project timing and priority. All projects have been determined to be consistent with the facility objectives of the 2020 RASP. Public capital needs for FY 2000 total over \$44 million.

Mr. Moog pointed out the memorandum dated June 22, 1999 (distributed to the Board) which detailed the FY 1999 Regional Airports Grant Summary, an Analysis of Progress Toward Regional Aviation System Plan Targets and Project Priority Recommendations for FY 2000. He also noted that PennDOT has requested that the Brandywine, Runway Extension Design project shown on the FY 2000 Project Priorities list be deleted because private owners have provided funding.

Favorable recommendation was received from the PCC/RTC and the Regional Aviation Committee.

The RCC recommended that the Board approve the FY 2000 Regional AIP, however, the RCC is concerned that a number of airports that fulfill business aviation needs will contribute to sprawl in the region.

The Board unanimously adopted the following **motion**:

MOTION by Mr. Ware, seconded by Mr. Bohnenberger that the Board approve the FY 2000 DVRPC Regional Airport Capital Improvement Program Recommendations, as amended, for transmittal to FAA and the states of Pennsylvania and New Jersey for appropriate integration in each agency's Airport Improvement Program.

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

Michael Ontko, DVRPC staff, briefed the Board on the proposed amendment to the Tri-County Water Quality Management (WQM) Plan. The amendment proposes to close the existing wastewater treatment plant that serves the rest areas along both sides of I-295, in Springfield Township, Burlington County. The current wastewater

treatment facility is rated at 60,000 gpd. However, current flows are approximately 7,500 gpd which is not sufficient for optimal operation of the facility. Construction of the new connection had been completed before the applicant was aware that a plan amendment was required. However, this amendment meets the requirements of the Tri-County Water Quality Management Plan, the DVRPC Year 2020 Land Use Plan, the New Jersey State Development and Redevelopment Plan, and the New Jersey Statewide Water Supply Plan.

Mr. Ontko, explained that, although the Tri-County Water Quality Management Board (WQMB) recommends approval of the amendment, the WQMB also recommends that the DVRPC Board submit a letter to NJDOT and the Department of Environmental Protection identifying the importance of state agency coordination and approval before such amendments are adopted.

The Board unanimously adopted the following **motion**:

MOTION by Mr. Griffith, seconded by Mr. Atkinson that the Board adopt the proposed amendment to the Tri-County Water Quality Management Plan entitled: *Springfield Rest Area (I-295) Township and City of Burlington, Burlington County* by passing Resolution No. B-FY00-004 (copy attached).

8. Regional Citizens Committee Report

Dennis Winters reported on the activities from the RCC meeting of July 13, 1999 not detailed under the previous action items as follows:

- (1) PENNVEST Request from Bucks County - The RCC was disheartened by the Board's decision to approve the PENNVEST request in Bucks County in June. The RCC believes that this was not in the best interest of the community. The RCC will send a letter to the Board asking for an explanation of its decision.
- (2) DVRPC's Report entitled: *New Regionalism: Building Livable Communities Across the Delaware Valley* - The RCC wholeheartedly supports this concept as exemplified in the report and recommends that this publication be sent to county planners and municipalities with a request for their response to this concept.

9. Chairman's Report

Vice Chairman Martin called the Board's attention to the memorandum with reference to the Board Committee Appointments for FY 2000 (distributed to the Board).

10. **DVRPC Report entitled: *New Regionalism: Building Livable Communities Across the Delaware Valley***

Barry Seymour, DVRPC staff, presented to the Board DVRPC's report entitled: *New Regionalism*. The report focuses on key strategies and design principles for enhancing livability at the neighborhood and region wide scale; and presents local case studies of how various localities in the Delaware Valley are applying these principles to make themselves more livable.

Ronald Bednar, Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development, requested that the Board forward the *New Regionalism* Report with a cover letter to the Center for Local Government Services.

The Board unanimously adopted the following **motion**:

MOTION by Mr. Bednar, seconded by Mr. Beetle; that DVRPC submit the Report entitled: *New Regionalism* to the Center for Local Government as a staff prepared document being considered by the Board in the context of its Year 2025 Plan Development.

11. **Executive Director's Report**

Mr. Coscia reported on the following items (distributed to the Board):

- a. FY 1999-2002 Pennsylvania TIP, Third Quarter Status Report - Pennsylvania Highway-funded Program,
- b. Statement of the DVRPC at the Governor's Center for Local Government Services Southeastern Pennsylvania Land Use Forum, July 1, 1999,
- c. Letter from Delaware County Council dated July 12, 1999 to Secretary Mallory expressing displeasure with the Transportation Enhancement (TE) funding allocations,
- d. Agreement with USDOT and EPA to use TEA-21 as a vehicle for the *Sustainable America* Program,
- e. Letter from Larry King dated July 15, 1999 addressing the RCC's request for PennDOT to undertake a new Needs Study for PA Route 41, and
- f. Pennsylvania State Transportation Board Public Hearing scheduled for October 15, 1999 in King of Prussia, PA.

12. Committee Reports

The Board received reported from the following committees: (1) PCC/RTC, (2) RCC, (3) Goods Movement Task Force, and (4) Tri-County Water Quality Management Board.

OLD BUSINESS

No old business was stated.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business was stated.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:49 p.m.

Attachments:

- (1) PCC/RTC Recommendations to the Board for July 22, 1999
- (2) RCC Recommendations to the Board for July 22, 1999
- (3) Resolution Numbers: B-FY00-001, B-FY00-002, B-FY00-003, and B-FY00-004

Additional Documents distributed to the Board:

- (1) *TravelSmart*, July 7, 1999
- (2) *Freight Lines*, July 1999
- (3) *Alert*, July 1999

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Call to Order

Vice Chairman Charles H. Martin presided for Chairman Colton and called the meeting to order at 12:49 p.m.

1. Minutes of Meeting of June 24, 1999

On a **Motion** by Mr. Carson, seconded by Mr. Ware; the minutes of June 24, 1999 were approved as distributed.

2. Contract Authorization: Roosevelt Boulevard Corridor Transportation Investment Study

Mr. Coscia explained that the City of Philadelphia has requested DVRPC to take part in and assist the contractor (Parsons Brinckerhoff) in providing technical assistance in developing the Roosevelt Boulevard Corridor Transportation Investment Study.

DVRPC will review the 1995 simulation results, data and models and run and recalibrate the 1995 simulation. The staff will provide the consultant with the simulation model and supporting data, including demographic and

employment data by Transportation Analysis Zone (TAZ), highway and transit networks, and all computer files needed to run the simulation for the MIS corridor.

The Executive Committee unanimously adopted the following **motion**:

MOTION by Mr. Carson, seconded by Ms. Paul that the Executive Committee authorize the Executive Director to enter into, negotiate and execute a contract with Parsons Brinckerhoff to perform the tasks for the Roosevelt Boulevard Corridor Transportation Investment Study.

3. Participation in the Pennsylvania Department of General Services Cooperative Purchasing Program

Mr. Coscia explained that the Department of General services is requiring all “local public procurement units” to submit new resolution forms reflecting the establishment of Act 57 of 1998. This will replace DVRPC Resolution dated September 24, 1992 that reflected Act 31 of July 1971.

This will enable DVRPC to purchase goods and services using contracts negotiated by the Pennsylvania Department of General Services.

The Executive Committee unanimously adopted the following **motion**:

MOTION by Mr. Ware, seconded by Mr. Carson that the Executive Committee adopt Resolution No. EC-FY00-001 (copy attached) requesting permission for DVRPC to participate in the Pennsylvania Department of General Services Cooperative Purchasing Program.

4. Work Program Progress Report - Fourth Quarter Fiscal Year 1999

Mr. Coscia reported on the Work Program Progress Report - Fourth Quarter Fiscal Year 1999 (distributed to the

Board) as being successfully completed, on schedule, and within budget.

OLD BUSINESS

No old business was stated.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business was stated.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:52 p.m.

Attachment:

- (1) Resolution No. EC-FY00-001