

DELAWARE VALLEY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

BOARD COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting of April 25, 2002

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

Deirdre Naughton, Esq.

Governor of Pennsylvania's Appointee

Caroline Anderson Novak

Pennsylvania Governor's Policy Office

Robert E. Baker, Jr.

Pennsylvania Department of Transportation

Thomas TenEyck

Bucks County

Lynn Bush

Chester County

Colin A. Hanna

Delaware County

John E. Pickett

Montgomery County

Lewis F. Gould, Jr., Esq.
Kenneth Hughes

Burlington County Jerald

R. Cureton, Esq.

Carol Ann Thomas

Camden County

Thomas J. Gurick
J. Douglas Griffith

Charles E. Romick		Gloucester County
Mercer County	Donna Lewis	
City of Chester	(not represented)	
City of Philadelphia		Lawrence Wilson
City of Camden		Robert L. Wisniewski
City of Trenton	(not represented)	
<u>Non-Voting Members</u>		
Federal Highway Administration New Jersey Division Pennsylvania Division		Lawrence Cullari 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	Janet Kampf	
Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority		Jerry Kane
New Jersey Transit Corporation		Kathy Vossough
Port Authority Transit Corporation		Linda Hayes
Delaware River Port Authority		Anisah Abiola
New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection		(not represented)
Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection		Michael Shea

Pennsylvania Department of Community and
Economic Development

(not represented)

Regional Citizens Committee Chairman

Patrick Starr

DVRPC Co-Counsel

Pennsylvania Co-Counsel
New Jersey Co-Counsel

Timothy J. Carson, Esq.
Thomas Coleman, Esq.

DVRPC Staff: John J. Coscia, John B. Claffey, William Greene, Barry Seymour, Thabet Zakaria, Donald Shanis, Charles Dougherty, Richard Bickel, Candace Snyder, Phyllis Robinson, and Jean McKinney.

Guests

Pennsylvania Department of Transportation

Robert Hannigan
Greg Brown (Dist. 6-0)

New Jersey Department of Transportation

Brian Cuccia
Jerry Mooney

Federal Highway Administration (NJ Division)

Patty Leech

Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority

Steve D'Antonio
Catherine Popp-McDonough

Delaware River Joint Toll Bridge Commission

Roger Sager

Cross County Connection Transportation Management

Association
William Ragozine

Family Services Association of Bucks County

Audrey J. Tucker

WorkForce 21

Michael Van Stein
Bradley C. Brown

Call to Order

Chairman Jerald R. Cureton, Esq. called the meeting to order at 10:50 a.m.

Chairman Cureton introduced Caroline Anderson Novak, appointed to the DVRPC Board to serve as the Pennsylvania Governor's Appointee.

Public Comments

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

1. Minutes of Meeting of March 28, 2002

On a **motion** by Mr. Hanna, seconded by Mr. Pickett the minutes of the meeting of March 28, 2002 were approved as distributed.

2. Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Actions

John B. Claffey, DVRPC staff, briefed the Board on the following TIP Actions:

New Jersey Portion of the FY 2002-2004 TIP

- a. TIP Action NJ 02-10 - Delaware River Pedestrian / Bicycle Path
(Mercer County)

NJDOT has requested that DVRPC amend the FY 2002-2004 TIP for New Jersey by increasing FY 2002 and FY 2003 funding by \$1.1 million. As part of the Route 29 tunnel project, the current alignment for the path is adjacent to the municipal water treatment plant. Due to security concerns raised by the events of September 11, the City of Trenton wants NJDOT to examine a new alignment for this project. The Department of Environmental Protection has also asked NJDOT to extend the existing limits. The request is to add \$600,000 to the FY 2002 Final Scope Development phase, and \$500,000 to the FY 2003 Design phase, using Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ) funds in both instances. Both the right of way and design phases for the project will be deferred one year, with a \$100,000 increase included in the FY 2003 right of way phase.

Financial constraint will be maintained by making adjustments to existing TIP projects whose schedules or costs have changed. Fiscal constraint charts provided by NJDOT showing all of the adjustments taking place, including several that are being handled by staff as Administrative Actions in accordance with the TIP Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) were distributed to the Board. Also, there will be no impact on the TIP's conformity finding since this project is exempt and DVRPC has determined that this project is consistent with the goals and objectives of the region's long range Transportation Plan.

Favorable recommendation was received from the Planning Coordinating

Committee/Regional Transportation Committee (PCC/RTC) that the Board approve TIP Action NJ 02-10.

The Regional Citizens Committee (RCC) also recommended approval of TIP Action NJ 02-10. However, the RCC requests that NJDOT consider the need for a connection between the path and the East Coast Greenway, and also asks that the agency report back to the RCC to inform them of the final alignment chosen. John J. Coscia, Executive Director, responded that the DVRPC staff will forward the RCC comments to NJDOT for their consideration.

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

MOTION by Mr. Beetle, seconded by Ms. Paul, that the Board approve TIP Action NJ 02-10, NJDOT's request to modify the FY 2002-2004 TIP for New Jersey by increasing the FY 2002 Final Scope Development phase by \$600,000 and increasing the FY 2003 design phase by \$500,000 using CMAQ funds in both instances.

Pennsylvania Portion of the FY 2001-2004 TIP

b. TIP Action PA 01-65 - I-95 / Bleigh Avenue to Academy Road (Philadelphia)

PennDOT has requested that DVRPC amend the FY 2001-2004 TIP for Pennsylvania by increasing the FY 2002 funding by \$5.6 million, programming an additional \$2.2 million (\$1.980 CMAQ/\$220,000 State) in the construction phase, and adding a utility phase of \$3.4 million (\$3.060 million Federal Bridge/\$340,000 State). PennDOT also requests a net increase of \$18,000,000 in FY 2004 for a variety of construction cost increases, including measures for maintenance and safety, increased estimates, and construction inspection costs. It is also proposed to change the match scenario from an 80/20 Federal/State split to 90/10 for the Bridge and Highway funds currently programmed.

Financial constraint will be maintained by making adjustments to existing TIP projects whose schedules or costs have changed. Fiscal constraint charts provided by PennDOT showing all of the adjustments taking place, including several that are being handled by staff as Administrative Actions in accordance with the TIP MOU were distributed to the Board. Also, there will be no impact on the TIP's conformity finding since this project has already been included in the regional analysis and DVRPC has determined that this project is consistent with the goals and objectives of the region's long range Transportation Plan.

Favorable recommendation was received from the PCC/RTC that the Board approve TIP Action PA 01-65.

Favorable recommendation was also received from the RCC that the Board approve TIP Action PA 01-65. However, the RCC also requests that the appropriate DVRPC staff make a presentation to the committee regarding available CMAQ funding and the goals of the program. In addition, the committee wished to express its concern about the tendency to use CMAQ funds for Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) projects.

Mr. Coscia responded that the DVRPC staff will present, to the RCC. the available CMAQ funding and the goals of the program.

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

MOTION by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Gould, that the Board approve Action PA01-65, PennDOT's request to modify the FY 2001-2004 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding \$2.2 million (\$1.980 CMAQ/\$220,000 State) in the FY 2002 construction phase and adding an FY02 utility phase of \$3.4 million (\$3.060 million Federal Bridge/\$340,000 State). In addition change the match scenario of the existing federal highway and bridge funds in FY 2002, FY 2003, and FY 2004 from an 80/20 match to 90/10 (Federal/State). Further, program a net increase of \$18 million in the FY 2004 construction phase (\$16,200,000 Federal Highway/\$1.8 million State).

3. DVRPC FY 2003 Planning Work Program Amendments

- a. Statewide Geographic Information System (GIS) Technical Assistance - PennDOT

Charles Dougherty, DVRPC staff, explained to the Board that this project enables DVRPC to issue and administer a contract to the Cooperative Extension GIS Program of Penn State University to provide technical training and support services for the MPO/LDDs of PENNDOT's Pennsylvania Planning Partnership related to GIS. This effort will be guided by the Planning Partners GIS Work Group. The training will consist of three phases: Introductory In-Class sessions, Advanced In-Class sessions, and Continuing Support. This training will focus on using ArcView GIS 8.x to manipulate and perform analyses using PENNDOT GIS datasets. The training will offer hands-on use of classroom computers for each attendee using actual PENNDOT data. Included in the

materials and services to be developed and rendered under this project are: course outlines, handouts, course notes, Powerpoint presentations, software (including ArcView 8.x licenses, sample applications, scripts, etc.), lunches and snacks, and participant evaluations and session status reports. The contract will be 12 months, commencing July 1, 2002.

The project budget is \$65,000. Funding will come from PennDOT Supplemental Planning Funds (\$52,000) and State Match State Motor License Fund (\$13,000).

Favorable recommendation was received from the PCC/RTC and the RCC to amend the DVRPC FY 2003 Planning Work Program to include the Statewide GIS Technical Assistance project.

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

MOTION Mr. Hanna, seconded by Mr. Pickett that the DVRPC Board amend the DVRPC FY 2003 Planning Work Program to include the Statewide GIS Technical Assistance project.

b. Assessment of Land use and Transportation Solutions for the Route 413 / 513 Corridor in Southeastern Bucks County

Barry Seymour explained to the Board that the four small boroughs (Langhorne, Langhorne Manor, Pennel and Hulmeville) that comprise the Route 413 and 513 corridor in southeastern Bucks County, intersected by US Route 1 and Route 1 Business, are examples of first generation suburbs surrounded by the larger and still growing Middletown Township. These communities share a common transportation corridor that serves private automobile, trucks and bus traffic. The corridor is congested and experiences traffic and vehicular conflicts, exacerbated by the four central business districts clustered along the highways. Working closely with county planners, SETPA, PennDOT District 6-0, local officials and the public, DVRPC would identify and map corridor issues and problems; develop goals and objectives; define the array of potential modal solutions; and the scope and scale of proposed improvement projects. In addition to the transportation issues, the study would also look at first generation suburb land use and economic revitalization issues, with the goal of integrating and coordinating corridor recommendations

The project would strive to enhance regional, county and local land use patterns, mobility and accessibility within the defined corridor, while implementing the region's adopted Year 2025 Land Use and Transportation Plan. The proposed project would also strive to demonstrate the role of the region's MPO in the

neutral evaluation of corridor issues and problems and in the development of locally accepted land use/transportation solutions.

The project budget in FY 2003 is \$75,000. Funding will come from PennDOT Supplemental Planning funds (\$60,000), Bucks County (\$7,500) and DVRPC General Fund (\$7,500). The project is anticipated to continue in the FY 2004 Work Program.

Favorable recommendation was received from the PCC/RTC that the Board approve amending the DVRPC FY 2003 Planning Work Program to include the project for the Assessment of Land Use and Transportation Solutions for the Route 413 / 513 Corridor in Southeastern Bucks County.

The RCC also favorably recommends approval of the Planning Work Program Amendment and also encourages the consideration of traffic calming measures and of linkages to the East Coast Greenway.

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

MOTION by Mr. Baker, seconded by Mr. Gould; that the Board amend the DVRPC FY 2003 Planning Work Program to include the project:
Assessment of Land use and Transportation Solutions for the Route 413/513 Corridor in southeastern Bucks County, in the amount of \$75,000.

4. Authorization to Open Public Comment Period and Hold Public Meetings for The Revised Year 2025 Land Use and Transportation Plan

Mr. Seymour explained to the Board that on April 26, 2001 the DVRPC Board adopted the Year 2025 Land Use, Transportation and Aviation Plan, following completion of several technical documents and the holding of five public workshops and three public meetings. At the time of adoption, it was noted that work on the Plan would continue and that the Plan may need to be modified or amended at a later date.

Since that time, staff has continued to amend and revise the Year 2025 Plan as follows: 1) In the fall of 2001, five Town Meetings were held throughout the region to engage the public and draw additional information and direction for the Plan; 2) New long-range population forecasts were completed and adopted by the DVRPC Board in February 2002 and a revised air quality analysis was completed; 3) Additional policies were added to the Plan to reflect the new national homeland security policies since September 11; 4) The Transportation and Community Development Initiative was adopted by the DVRPC Board in December 2001 as a new implementation direction for the Plan; 5) Several new proposed planning study

projects were identified for inclusion in the Plan; and 6) A new implementation and action strategy chapter was developed for the Plan.

Collectively, these changes to the Plan as adopted in April 2001 serve to create a revised and amended Plan which the DVRPC Board will be asked to adopt as a new Year 2025 Plan, replacing that adopted in April 2001. In order to proceed to that final plan, a 30-day public hearing period and three public meetings will be held May 6 to June 5, 2002.

Donald Shanis, DVRPC staff highlighted some of the inclusions and deletions in the Plan taken from the *Analysis of Consistency between a Plan Amendment and Plan Policies* (distributed to the Board). Three new major studies are being proposed to be included in the Plan as follows:

- (1) *Study of Pennsylvania Turnpike Capacity Improvements* - A widening of the Turnpike from the Valley Forge Interchange west to the Downingtown interchange.
- (2) *Study of Bus Rapid Transit in Princeton Area* - Providing a bus rapid transit, on a combination of existing streets and new right-of-way, with the objective of reducing congestion.
- (3) *Study of Potential for Expanded Transit for Delaware River Waterfront Areas* - To address the potential of using transit improvements to promote the redevelopment of land adjacent to the Delaware River in Philadelphia and areas of Burlington, Camden, and Gloucester County opposite Philadelphia.

Dr. Shanis then briefed the Board on some of the projects being deleted from the Plan. The projects being proposed for removal are three widening projects which all focus on the King of Prussia area; US-202 (Section 500) Main Street in Norristown to Allendale Road in Upper Merion; I-76 Schuylkill Expressway from I-476 to US-202; and US-422 from US-202 to the Limerick Interchange. The rationale for removal is that all three projects: (1) compete with the Schuylkill Valley Metro (SVM); (2) a belief that these highways cannot be constructed by 2025; and (3) a desire to complete corridors already in analysis.

Mr. Coscia added that the comments from the public will be brought to the Board Policy Analysis Committee at a meeting scheduled for May 15, 2002 for their review and to formulate recommendations to the full Board.

Favorable recommendation was received from the RTC and the RCC to conduct public meetings for the amended and updated Year 2025 Land Use and Transportation Plan.

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

MOTION Mr. Gurick, seconded by Ms. Paul that the Board authorize staff to conduct public meetings and hold a 30-day comment period on the amended and updated Year 2025 Land Use and Transportation Plan.

5. Authorization to Open 30-Day Public Comment Period for the Draft DVRPC Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for New Jersey (FY 2003-2005) and for Pennsylvania (FY 2003-2006)

Mr. Dougherty explained to the Board that the Federal law and planning regulations require the development of a Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) in order for the metropolitan region to be eligible to receive federal transportation funds. The creation of the TIP is to be done by the MPO in cooperation with the state and transit operators, and must provide opportunity for input and comment by the public. A 30-day comment period must be conducted prior to a formal action to adopt the TIP. Every other year DVRPC develops a TIP that covers both state portions of the region (the New Jersey portion is done every year). Work began in November 2001 on the development of the FY 2003-2005 TIP for the New Jersey portion of the region and the FY 2003-2006 TIP for the Pennsylvania portion of the region. The New Jersey and Pennsylvania Subcommittees of the RTC, under the direction of the DVRPC staff, have been working on a draft TIP that meets the requirements of the federal laws and regulations, including those concerning financial constraint and air quality. In addition, DVRPC and PennDOT held a public meeting in the fall to gather input for the Pennsylvania transportation program, while DVRPC conducted outreach through its Problem Identification and Prioritization project to gather input for the Study and Development Program portion of the NJ transportation program. PennDOT has requested that DVRPC adopt the TIP no later than the June Board meeting date so that the Pennsylvania portion can be approved by the State Transportation Commission at its July meeting.

Staff and the RTC Subcommittees are now prepared to release a draft TIP document to the public and other agencies for review and comment. The draft document will be available for public review by May 6th, with the public comment period running through June 5th. Following this 30-day public comment period, staff and the Subcommittees will review the comments received and the RTC and RCC will prepare recommendations to the Board for adoption of the final TIP.

Mr. Dougherty announced the dates and location of the public meetings as follows:

(1) May 15, 2002, Camden County College, Blackwood, NJ; (2) May 22, 2002, Columbia Station, Phoenixville, PA; and (3) May 29, 2002, DVRPC Conference Room, Philadelphia, PA.

Favorable recommendation was received from the RTC and the RCC that the Board authorize a public comment period for the DVRPC draft Pennsylvania and New Jersey TIPs.

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

MOTION by Mr. Hanna, seconded by Mr. Beetle, that the Board authorize staff to open a 30-day public comment period for the purpose of gathering public and agency comments on the draft DVRPC Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for New Jersey (FY2003-2005) and for Pennsylvania (FY2003-2006), to issue proper public notification, to publish the draft TIP on the Internet, to make copies available at certain public libraries, and to hold public meetings in New Jersey and Pennsylvania.

6. FY 2002 Job Access and Reverse Commute (JARC) Grant Program - Family Service Association of Bucks County - Plan Consistency, Applicant Qualifications, Project Priorities and TIP Commitment

Richard Bickel, DVRPC staff briefed the Board and explained that the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA - 21) includes a five-year (FY 1999 to FY 2003) Federal Transit Administration (FTA) initiative entitled the Job Access and Reverse Commute (JARC) Grant Program. This grant program is intended to help fund transportation services and supportive activities that facilitate access to jobs for welfare recipients and lower income persons, as well as reverse commute trips for the general population. In FY 2002, \$125 million is available, nationwide, for this program (most of it already earmarked), and \$150 million is available in FY 2003. A 50% non-Department of Transportation match is required.

In FY 2002, the Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority (SEPTA) received a \$6 million earmark and New Jersey TRANSIT received a \$3 million statewide earmark. Separately, the Family Service Association of Bucks County received a Congressional earmark of \$1.5 million to establish a Ways to Work car purchase loan program in Pennsylvania in which Bucks County would be one of the eligible sites.

The FTA's JARC regulations require metropolitan planning organizations (MPO's),

in regions over 200,000 population, to select project applicants, evaluate the consistency of proposed projects with an adopted Regional Job Access and Reverse Commute Transportation Plan and commit to add projects to the regional Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), pending grant approvals.

On February 5, independent from DVRPC's January JARC program notification and briefing process, DVRPC staff received a letter from Family Service Association of Bucks County informing us of the FTA grant to provide \$1.5 million in FY 2002 funds to enable Family Services Association of Bucks County to establish "*a new program called Ways to Work that would provide loans to low income families for cars purchased to ensure transportation to jobs that transit systems cannot reach...*" and requesting that DVRPC include the project on the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). If approved and implemented, the applicant proposes to use \$1.45 million of Temporary Assistance to Needy families funding to match the FTA JARC earmark.

Following staff consultation with the FTA Regional office and SEPTA, it was agreed that the proposed project should be processed separately from the other JARC applicants that responded to DVRPC's February 19th submission deadline for Letters of Intent. Initially, DVRPC staff reviewed the project summary and found: (1) the proposed project is consistent with Strategy 4, *Improve Accessibility with New Transit Services, Ridesharing and Non-Traditional Initiatives*, in the adopted Regional Job Access and Reverse Commute Transportation Plan and (2) the applicant is qualified to undertake the proposed transportation services. In addition to the DVRPC staff review, comments were also requested from the Special Committee, authorized at the February 28th Board meeting, to review and prioritize Pennsylvania projects. The Committee was directed not to include this project in the overall project rankings for Pennsylvania, given its separate earmark. At the Special Committee's March 12th meeting, the proposed project received relatively low scores because: (1) the Special Committee did not support the auto orientation of the proposed project, rather than a transit approach, and (2) it was difficult to define at present those geographic areas that would be designated for auto loans and purchases "*that transit systems cannot reach....*"

On April 8, 2002, the FTA published guidance for the submission of applications for FY 2002 and 2003 JARC projects, including the disposition of Congressional earmarks. Specifically, the FTA Regulations state that "*Automobile Programs*" are an eligible activity, but with the following conditions:

"While direct funding to individuals for private automobile ownership and repair is not eligible under the program, funds may be used for local programs that assist individuals in acquiring and maintaining vehicles, such as loan programs that help low-income individuals purchase vehicles. Agencies that receive

funding for such projects must ensure that the vehicles are used for shared rides, and that the vehicles are used for intended purposes.”

Based on the FTA Regulations and the Special Committee’s review comments, the Special Committee and DVRPC staff recommend:

(1) The proposed project is consistent with DVRPC’s adopted Job Access Plan; (2) the applicant is qualified to undertake the services proposed; (3) the applicant should continue to work with the FTA to complete the application process for project selection and funding; and (4) should the FTA select the project for funding, that the Board commit to add the project to the TIP.

In addition, should the project be selected for funding, it is recommended that the applicant coordinate with SEPTA and the Bucks County Transportation Management Association prior to and during implementation to ensure the maximum possible use of public transit and paratransit services by eligible program participants.

Audrey Tucker, Executive Director, Family Service Association of Bucks County, addressed the Board and stated that the grant of \$1.5 million will be divided within the state of Pennsylvania for the Job Access program. All of the participants are members of an organization called Alliance for Children and Families which will administer this program. Ms. Tucker commented and assured that the vehicles would be used for the share-a-ride and the intended purposes. The program will be coordinated with the TMAs and SEPTA.

Patrick Starr, RCC Chairman, commented and was concerned about how to trace the use of these cars to be sure they are used for the intended purpose. Ms. Tucker responded that the Bucks County TMA will work closely with her to monitor the cars given to individuals where there is no transit service and the vehicles will be shared with other individuals in order to get to work.

Colin Hanna, Chester County, added that Chester County addressed the same concerns with the program. In an effort to solve some of the problems, the county worked with SEPTA and the TMA to expand the scope of operations of the transportation used for seniors to help these individuals get to work.

Ms. Tucker stated that her organization has investigated these options also.

Janet Kampf, Federal Transit Administration, commented that as a result of related concerns in other states where the program exists that new FTA guidelines are trying to be implemented. These guidelines would state that the titles of the vehicles would be maintained by the Ways to Work group throughout the course of the loan. During

that period, the loan recipients agree to use the vehicles for mass transportation purposes during the commute to and from work and for related activities. Recipients can agree to participate in existing local ride sharing programs or use park-and-ride to satisfy the requirement.

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

MOTION by Ms. Bush, seconded by Mr. Baker, that the Board adopt Resolution B-FY02-010 (copy attached) which forwards the proposed Family Services Association of Bucks County Ways to Work car purchase loan program for low income families to the FTA that would use a portion of a statewide \$1.5 million earmark in FY 2002 JARC funds and commits to amend the regional TIP at such time as the FTA may approve the proposed project for funding.

7. FY 2002 Pennsylvania Job Access and Reverse Commute (JARC) Grant Program - Project Priorities and TIP Commitment

Mr. Bickel briefed the Board and stated that a total of \$125 million is available in FY 2002, nationwide, for the JARC Program and \$150 million is available in FY 2003. For FY 2002, SEPTA has received a \$6 million earmark. A 50% non-Department of Transportation funds match is required.

Following project solicitations in early January 2002, DVRPC received nine Letters of Intent from Pennsylvania applicants by the February 19th deadline. Following staff review of the submissions, the Board acted on February 28th, and found that: (1) all of the proposed projects were consistent with DVRPC's adopted Job Access Plan; (2) all of the potential applicants were qualified to undertake the services proposed; and (3) each applicant should continue to work with SEPTA to complete the full

application process. The Board also authorized the formation of a Special Committee for Pennsylvania to act on their behalf to review and prioritize the proposed projects for funding.

DVRPC convened the Special Committee (composed of city, county, public transit agency, Regional Citizens Committee and U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development representatives) on March 12th. The outcome was deferred until the April Board meeting to await the release of the FTA's Federal Register notice for the FY 2002/2003 program. The FTA guidance was published in the *Federal Register* on April 8th, and indicates that the FTA may consider additional new projects in FY 2003. Consequently, in consultation with

SEPTA, it was agreed to proceed with the FY 2002 project recommendations (distributed to the Board) in April and to reconvene the Special Committee on May 7th to make Pennsylvania project recommendations for FY 2003.

Michael Van Stein, Chairman and CEO, representing the nonprofit corporation WorkForce 21's "Employee Express", addressed the Board with reference to the WorkForce 21 application submitted under Round IV of the Job Access and Reverse Commute Program which has been rejected. Mr. Van Stein expressed his disappointment with the selection process. Mr. Van Stein read his comments (attached as part of these minutes) to the Board.

Mr. Coscia explained that the selection process is correct and not flawed. The five member governments from southeastern Pennsylvania, HUD, DVRPC, and SEPTA sit on the ranking committee and the criteria is sound. The WorkForce 21 application needs a significant amount of refinement before the application can be considered.

John Pickett, Delaware County, commented that there is a need for this type of program in Delaware County and urged WorkForce 21 to continue to refine their proposal for future inclusion in the JARC Program.

The Board adopted the following **motion with Delaware County abstaining**:

MOTION by Mr. Baker, seconded by Mr. TenEyck that the Board adopt Resolution No. B-FY02-011 to: (1) accept the overall findings and recommendations of a Special Committee that met on their behalf to prioritize the list of applicant projects in Pennsylvania for the Job Access and Reverse Commute Program; and (2) commits to amend the regional Transportation Improvement Program at such time as the Federal Transit Administration may approve the proposed project for funding.

8. Appointment of Nomination Committee for Fiscal Year 2003 DVRPC Board Officers

Chairman Cureton appointed a Nominating Committee to propose a slate of Board officers for Fiscal year 2003 (July 1, 2002 to June 30, 2003) as follows:

Jerald R. Cureton, Esq., Burlington County
Colin A. Hanna, Chester County
Larry M. King, Pennsylvania Department of Transportation

William Beetle, New Jersey Department of Transportation
Larry Wilson, City of Philadelphia

Chairman Cureton announced that the Chairman for next fiscal year must be from Pennsylvania. The committee nominations are to be reported at the regular may meeting with the election to take place at the regular June meeting.

9. Regional Citizens Committee (RCC) Report

Patrick Starr, RCC Chairman, reported additional items from the RCC Meeting of April 16, 2002. He stated that the RCC recommends that the Board consider the Petroleum Consumption Resolution (attached as part of the *RCC recommendations to the Board for April 25, 2002*).

Chairman Cureton responded that the Board would take the RCC's resolution under consideration.

10. Transportation and Community Development Initiative (TCDI)

Mr. Seymour presented to the Board an update of the TCDI Program. The TCDI Program is a program authorized by the Board to provide grants to municipalities to support implementation of the policies of the regional plan through local revitalization efforts. Projects must improve the market for development and they must serve to enhance the operations of the transportation network. A maximum of \$100,000 per project is available. \$1 million is available in Pennsylvania and 500,000 available in New Jersey.

A program guide was mailed out to all municipalities and applications were due by April 10, 2002. Thirty-two proposals were received in Pennsylvania which represented 29 municipalities. Thirty-two proposals were received in New Jersey which represented 34 municipalities. The variety of projects that were received met the goals between transportation and revitalization.

The review committee will reconvene in early May to compile recommendations for the Board Policy Analysis Committee meeting scheduled for May 15, 2002. The recommendations will be presented to the Board at the May 23, 2002 meeting. Mr. Coscia added that after the applicants are selected the grants will be distributed at the DVRPC Annual Dinner on June 5th.

11. Executive Director's Report

Mr. Coscia reported on the following items:

a. Progress of the DVRPC Annual Awards Dinner

Mr. Coscia pointed out the invitation (distributed to the Board) to the DVRPC Annual Dinner scheduled for June 5, 2002. He commented that the invitations have also been mailed to all Board members and alternates. \$12,000 has been received in sponsorships for the dinner and reservations for approximately ten tables of ten have been received. Mr. Coscia urged the Board and Alternates to attend and make their reservations early.

b. *Building from Strength: Strategies for Older Suburbs and Boroughs* Conference, April 30, 2002

Mr. Seymour commented that the conference has approximately 300 registered to attend. Representatives for the three Pennsylvania gubernatorial candidates will be in attendance.

c. 2002 Pennsylvania Joint Rail Freight Seminar, May 8-10, 2002

Mr. Coscia reported that the 2002 Joint Rail Freight Seminar is scheduled for May 8-10, 2002 at the Hyatt Hotel, Penns Landing. Approximately 220 attendees are anticipated. A full agenda is planned for the two and a half day conference including a rail freight tour. The keynote speaker will be Senator Arlen Specter and Bradley Mallory will also be giving a luncheon speech.

d. Mr. Coscia pointed out to the Board the CRS Report for Congress: *The Role of Regional Councils in the Federal System: Policy Issues and Options* (distributed to the Board).

e. Mr. Coscia also pointed out to the Board the DVRPC FY 2002 Transportation Improvement Program Implementation Report Second Quarter (October 1, 2001 to March 31, 2002) which was distributed to the Board. The report shows the actual progress of the projects which have been completed.

g. 26th Annual TransAction Conference held in Atlantic City on April 15 - 17, 2002. DVRPC staff participated on five panels as moderators or speakers and was also an exhibitor. Notable panelists included former Governor Florio and U.S. Congressman Bob Roe.

12. Committee Reports

The Board received the following committee reports for their review:

- (1) Regional Housing Committee
- (2) Planning Coordinating Committee/Regional Transportation Committee;
- (3) Delaware Valley Goods Movement Task Force; and
- (4) Regional Aviation Committee.

OLD BUSINESS

No old business was stated.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business was stated.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:35 p.m.

Attachments:

- (1) PCC/RTC Recommendations to the Board for April 25, 2002
- (3) RCC Recommendations to the Board for April 25, 2002
- (4) Board Resolutions B-FY02-010 and B-FY02-011
- (6) Public Comments to the DVRPC Board of Directors Regarding the Workforce21 Applications under Round IV of the Job Access and Reverse Commute Program

Additional Documents distributed to the Board:

- (1) DVRPC Analytical Data Report: *Analysis of Cost of Living Index for Select Metropolitan Statistical Areas, 2001*
- (2) DVRPC Analytical Data Report: *Population and Employment Forecasts, 2000 - 2025 9-County DVRPC Region*
- (3) *Alert*, April 2002
- (4) *Freight Lines*, April 2002
- (5) *TravelSmart*, April 2002
- (6) USDOT Booklet entitled: *Transportation Air Quality - Selected Facts and Figures*, January 2002

DELAWARE VALLEY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting of April 25, 2002

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

Membership Present

Representative

New Jersey Department of Community Affairs

Joyce Paul

Pennsylvania Department of Transportation

William S. Beetle

New Jersey Department of Transportation

Thomas TenEyck

New Jersey Governor's Appointee

Deirdre Naughton

Pennsylvania Governor's Appointee

Caroline Anderson Novak

Pennsylvania Governor's Policy Office

Robert E. Baker, Jr.

Pennsylvania Counties

Lynn Bush

New Jersey Counties

Jerald R. Cureton, Esq.
Carol Ann Thomas

City of Camden

Robert L. Wisniewski

City of Philadelphia

Lawrence Wilson

Guests

Chester County

Colin A. Hanna

Delaware County

John E. Pickett

Montgomery County

Lewis F. Gould, Jr., Esq.
Kenneth Hughes

Camden County	Thomas J. Gurick J. Douglas Griffith Charles E. Romick
Gloucester County	
Mercer County	Donna Lewis
Pennsylvania Department of Transportation	Robert Hannigan Greg Brown (Dist. 6-0)
New Jersey Department of Transportation	Brian Cuccia Jerry Mooney
Federal Highway Administration New Jersey Division	Lawrence Cullari Patty Leech
Pennsylvania Division	Spencer Stevens
Federal Transit Administration, Region III	Janet Kampf
Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority	Jerry Kane Steve D'Antonio Catherine Popp-McDonough
New Jersey Transit Corporation	Kathy Vossough
Port Authority Transit Corporation	Linda Hayes
Delaware River Port Authority	Anisah Abiola
Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection	Michael Shea
Delaware River Joint Toll Bridge Commission	Roger Sager
Cross County Connection Transportation Management Association	William Ragozine
Family Services Association of Bucks County	Audrey J. Tucker
WorkForce 21	Michael Van Stein Bradley C. Brown

Regional Citizens Committee Chairman

Patrick Starr

DCRPC Co-Counsel

Pennsylvania Co-Counsel
New Jersey Co-Counsel

Timothy J. Carson, Esq.
Thomas Coleman, Esq.

DVRPC Staff: John J. Coscia, John B. Claffey, William Greene, Barry Seymour, Thabet Zakaria, Donald Shanis, Charles Dougherty, Richard Bickel, Candace Snyder, Phyllis Robinson, and Jean McKinney.

Call to Order

Chairman Jerald R. Cureton, Esq. called the meeting to order at 12:35 p.m.

1. Minutes of Meeting of March 28, 2002

On a **motion** by Mr. Baker, seconded by Mr. Beetle, the minutes of the meeting of March 28, 2002 were approved as distributed.

2. Contract Authorization: Statewide Geographic Information System (GIS) Technical Assistance - PennDOT

Mr. Coscia explained that this project enables DVRPC to issue and administer a contract to the Cooperative Extension GIS Program of Penn State University to provide technical training and support services for the MPO/LDDs of PENNDOT's Pennsylvania Planning Partnership related to geographic information systems (GIS). The contract will be 12 months, commencing July 1, 2002.

The project budget is \$65,000. Funding will come from PennDOT Supplemental Planning Funds (\$52,000) and State Match SMLF (\$13,000).

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

MOTION by Mr. TenEyck, seconded by Ms. Bush, that the Executive Committee authorize the Executive Director to enter into, negotiate and execute a contract with the Cooperative Extension GIS Program of Penn State University to provide technical training and support services for the MPO/LDDs of PENNDOT's Pennsylvania

Planning Partnership related to Geographic Information Systems (GIS).

3. Appointment of Nominating Committee for Fiscal Year 2003 DVRPC Executive Committee Officers

Chairman Cureton appointed a Nominating Committee to propose a slate of Executive officers for Fiscal Year 2003 (July 1, 2002 to June 30, 2003) as follows:

Jerald R. Cureton, Esq., Burlington County
Colin A. Hanna, Chester County
Larry M. King, Pennsylvania Department of Transportation
William Beetle, New Jersey Department of Transportation
Larry Wilson, City of Philadelphia

The committee nominations are to be reported at the regular May meeting with the election to take place at the regular June meeting.

4. DVRPC FY 2002 Planning Work Program Third Quarter Report

Mr. Coscia pointed out to the Board the DVRPC FY 2002 Planning Work Program Third Quarter Report (distributed to the Board). Mr. Coscia also urged the Board to submit any outstanding invoices to DVRPC by the end of the Fiscal Year.

OLD BUSINESS

No old business was stated.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business was stated.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:40 p.m.

I certify that this is a true and correct copy.

Jean L. McKinney, Recording Secretary