

DELAWARE VALLEY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

BOARD COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting of March 25, 2004

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

New Jersey Department of Transportation

Brian Cuccia

Governor of New Jersey's Appointee

Tracie Gelbstein

Governor of Pennsylvania's Appointee

(not represented)

Pennsylvania Governor's Policy Office

Joanne R. Denworth
Kenneth Kolthen

Pennsylvania Department of Transportation

Thomas Kotay

Bucks County

Lynn Bush

Chester County

William H. Fulton

Delaware County

John Pickett

Montgomery County

Kenneth Hughes

Burlington County

Carol Ann Thomas

Camden County

Thomas J. Gurick
J. Douglas Griffith

Gloucester County

(not represented)

Mercer County

Donna Lewis

City of Chester

William Payne

City of Philadelphia	Gary Jastrzab
City of Camden	(not represented)
City of Trenton	Andrew Carten
<u>Non-Voting Members</u>	
Federal Highway Administration New Jersey Division	Lawrence Cullari
Pennsylvania Division	Spencer Stevens
U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Region III	Milton R. Pratt, Jr. Laura Pelzer
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region III	(not represented)
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region II	(not represented)
New Jersey Office of Smart Growth	Herman Volk
Federal Transit Administration, Region III	Keith Lynch
Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority	Christopher Patton
New Jersey Transit Corporation	James Schwartzwalder
Port Authority Transit Corporation	Cheryl Spicer
Delaware River Port Authority	Linda Hayes
New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection	(not represented)
Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection	(not represented)
Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development	Kenneth Kolthin
Regional Citizens Committee Chairman	Lorraine Brill
<u>DVRPC Co-Counsel</u>	
Pennsylvania Co-Counsel New Jersey Co-Counsel	Timothy J. Carson Thomas Coleman, Esq.

DVRPC Staff: John J. Coscia, Donald S. Shanis, William Greene, Thabet Zakaria, Charles Dougherty, John Ward, Richard Bickel, Roger Moog, Reiner Pelzer, Candace Snyder, Phyllis Robinson, and Jean McKinney.

Guests

Pennsylvania Department of Transportation	Robert Hannigan Greg Brown (Dist. 6-0) Michael Girman
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Gloucester County	Morris Bayer
Delaware River Joint Toll Bridge Commission	Roger Srever
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Call to Order

Chairman Thomas J. Gurick called the meeting to order at 10:43 a.m.

Public Comments

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

1. Minutes of Meeting of February 26, 2004

On a **motion** by Mr. Cuccia, seconded by Mr. Payne, the minutes of the meeting of February 26, 2004 were approved as distributed.

2. Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Actions

Donald S. Shanis, DVRPC staff, briefed the Board on the following TIP Actions:

- a. TIP Action PA03-48: East Coast Greenway/Pedestrian and Bicycle Bridge

Across Route 13, Bucks County

Bucks County has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2003-2006 TIP for Pennsylvania. During a previous selection round of Transportation Enhancement (TE) projects, the Clean Air Council was selected to shepherd preliminary engineering activity of a to-be-determined project location along the designated route of the East Coast Greenway in Bucks, Delaware, and Philadelphia Counties. After 15 months, the Clean Air Council was not able to move ahead on a specific location or project. During this time period the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) identified a priority location and preliminary engineering funds for a pedestrian overpass on US Route 13 in Tullytown Borough, Bucks County. The overpass project has strong local and county support and is a needed link for the completion of this section of the East Coast Greenway. The request is to change the sponsoring agency from the Clean Air Council to the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources. No additional funds are being requested for this project which is currently programmed with an Engineering, Right-of-Way Acquisition and Construction phase using \$500,000 TE funds in FY04. The new project title will be *Pedestrian and Bicycle Bridge across PA Route 13* and it will be programmed for construction in FY04.

Financial Constraint will be maintained as there is no request for additional funds and the TIP's conformity finding will not be impacted by this amendment as this project is exempt.

b. TIP Action PA03-49: Market Street Gateway Phase 2, Delaware County

Delaware County has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2003-2006 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a new project into the TIP, the Market Street Gateway, Phase 2 project. This project would be added with a locally funded \$70,000 preliminary engineering phase in FY04. Comprised of three phases, the Gateway project is an overall economic development strategy to improve the "Gateway" area between Upper Darby and Philadelphia by implementing roadway and pedestrian improvements to Market Street (PA Route 3) from just west of the 69th Street Terminal to the Delaware/Philadelphia border. Upper Darby Township will fund the engineering work. Placing the project on the TIP at this time allows a PENNDOT project manager to be assigned to the project to assist in expediting the process. Construction on Phase 1 of this project began last year.

Financial Constraint will be maintained as this project is programming only local funds and the TIP's conformity finding will not be impacted by this amendment as this project is exempt.

Favorable recommendation was received from the Planning Coordinating Committee (PCC/RTC) and the Regional Citizens Committee (RCC) that the Board approve TIP Action PA03-48 and TIP Action PA03-49

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

MOTION by Mr. Pickett, seconded by Ms. Denworth, that the Board approve the following TIP Actions:

- (1) TIP Action PA03-48: Bucks County's request to amend the FY 2003 TIP for Pennsylvania (FY2003-2006) by changing the sponsor of this project from the Clean Air Council to the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR). The title will also be changed from the East Coast Greenway to "Pedestrian and Bicycle Bridge Across Route 13" and a \$500,000 construction phase will be programmed in FY04, and
- (2) TIP Action PA03-49: Delaware County's request to amend the FY 2003 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a new project. The Market Street Gateway Phase 2 will program a \$70,000 locally funded preliminary engineering phase in FY04.

c. TIP Action NJ04-06a: Route 168 / 41 Runnemede Drainage, Route 41 to Sixth Avenue, Camden County

NJDOT has requested that DVRPC modify the FY2004-2006 TIP for New Jersey by replacing the state funding for the Route 168/41 Runnemede Drainage project (DB #95059) with federal funds. The request would replace \$6.4 million state funds (\$1.2 million in FY04 and \$5.3 in FY05) with \$4.570 million federal NHS funds in FY04. The construction estimate is lower than initially projected. This project provides for construction of a new storm drainage system within the project limits.

Financial constraint will be maintained by making adjustments to other existing TIP projects whose schedules or costs have changed and the TIP's conformity finding will not be impacted by this amendment as this project is exempt.

d. TIP Action NJ04-06b: Local Safety Initiatives, New Proposed Project Various New Jersey Counties

NJDOT has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2004-2006 TIP for New Jersey by adding a new project into the TIP, programming a construction phase in FY04 using \$150,000 STP Safety funds. A call for specific local projects which could be quickly and easily implemented as part of a new safety initiative went out in December of 2003 from NJDOT. Based on consultation with DVRPC staff and the New Jersey Subcommittee, DVRPC recommended four projects be considered for this program, and recently, two projects were selected by NJDOT as follows:

- Safety Improvements to Cooper Street from Broadway (CR 551) to 8th Street, City of Camden

- Safety Program to Install Raised Pavement Markers, Gloucester County

The City of Camden improvement entails new road stripping and signal improvements and was based on priority recommendations from DVRPC staff that had been derived from completed corridor studies. Pavement marker installation was directly recommended as a priority program by county staff.

Financial Constraint will be maintained and the TIP's conformity finding will not be impacted by this amendment as these projects are exempt.

- e. TIP Action NJ04-06c: East Windsor - Bear Brook Bicycle Path, Mercer County

NJDOT has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2004-2006 TIP for New Jersey by adding a project back into the TIP, programming a FY04 construction phase with \$217,000 specially earmarked DEMO funds. The East Windsor - Bear Brook Bicycle/Pedestrian Path project was previously included in the FY2001 TIP, but inadvertently omitted from the FY2004-2006 TIP for New Jersey. The mile long path will run along Bear Brook from Wiltshire Parkway, cross over the brook, and terminate at the Mercer County Hickory Branch County Library off of Route 130.

Financial Constraint will be maintained as this project will use specially earmarked DEMO funds and the TIP's conformity finding will not be impacted by this amendment as this project is exempt.

- f. TIP Action NJ04-07: IdleAire Advanced Travel Center Electrification, Gloucester County

The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2004-2006 TIP for New Jersey by changing the scope to include a different location for installation of the truck idling system that was approved for funding under the recent round of competitive CMAQ projects. The intent of the IdleAire system is to eliminate unnecessary extended idling of long-haul diesel truck engines during mandated eight hour rest periods for drivers and provides heat/air conditioning, electric power, phone, internet, etc., for an hourly fee to drivers so that they may turn off their engines while resting. This project was originally to be implemented by installing equipment for 70 parking spaces at a selected truck rest stop (Paulsboro Travel Center, I-295, exit 18A) in Gloucester County. Recent negotiations between DEP, the Northeast States for Coordinated Air Use Management (NESCAUM, a consortium of air quality agencies), IdleAire and DVRPC, have resulted in a request to use the \$600,000 CMAQ funding to install the system at a location in Bordentown, Burlington County, near exit 7 of the New Jersey Turnpike, close to I-295, since another funding mechanism is available to fund the Paulsboro site. A penalty imposed on Eagle Point Refinery in Westville, NJ for air violations will

provide \$1,000,000 which must be used for installing this truck stop electrification project in Paulsboro. This provides an opportunity for the region to install the system at a second location in Bordentown, Burlington County.

Financial Constraint will be maintained as there is no request for additional funds and the TIP's conformity finding will not be negatively impacted by this amendment.

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

MOTION by Mr. Cuccia, seconded by Ms. Thomas that the Board approve the following TIP Actions:

- (1) TIP Action NJ04-06a, NJDOT's request to modify the FY 2004 TIP for New Jersey by federalizing the Route 168/41 Runnemede Drainage project and programming a \$4.570 million STP funded construction phase in FY04. Further, remove the \$6.5 million state funded construction phases in FY04 (\$1.2 million) and FY05 (\$5.3 million),
- (2) TIP Action NJ04-06b, NJDOT's request to amend the 2004 TIP for New Jersey by adding a new project. The Local Safety Initiatives, will program a \$150,000 construction phase in FY04 using STP-Safety funds.
- (3) TIP Action NJ04-06c, NJDOT's request to amend the 2004 TIP for New Jersey by adding a project back into the TIP. The East Windsor Bear Brook Bicycle Path, will program a \$217,000 DEMO funded construction phase in FY04.
- (4) TIP Action NJ04-07, NJDEP's request to amend the 2004 TIP for New Jersey by changing the location of the IdleAire Advanced Travel Center Electrification project to Bordentown in Burlington County.

Lorraine Brill, RCC, mentioned that some questions were raised by the RCC on some of the TIP projects, which were satisfactorily answered by the staff, however, Ms. Brill encouraged the Board to review the RCC minutes (distributed to the Board) for these comments.

3. FY 2002 Pennsylvania Job Access and Reverse Commute (JARC) Grant Program Disposition of Additional Funds in Southeastern Pennsylvania and TIP Commitment

Richard Bickel, DVRPC staff, explained that the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA-21) included a five-year (FY 1999 to FY 2003) Federal Transit

Administration (FTA) Initiative entitled the Job Access and Reverse Commute (JARC) Grant Program. This program was intended to help fund transportation services and supportive activities that facilitate access to jobs for welfare and lower income persons, as well as reverse commute trips for the general population. A total of \$125 million was available in FY 2002, nationwide, for this program. The program required a 50% non-Department of Transportation funds match.

FTA regulations for the JARC program require metropolitan planning organizations (MPO's), in regions more than 200,000 populations, 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.

In a February 25, 2004 letter from the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation, DVRPC was informed of a new funding opportunity related to the FY 2002 JARC program. Given the tight timetable and match requirement, on March 2nd, DVRPC solicited interest from the five TMAs with JARC program certification and experience. Project proposals were received from the three current JARC and welfare to work (w2w) grantees.

- The Partnership TMA requested \$19,000 of JARC funds to support continued operation of their *Community Coaster* shuttle bus service in Franconia, Lower Salford, Souderton and Telford, Montgomery County. The JARC grant would be matched by w2w funds.
- The Delaware County TMA requested \$64,800 of JARC funds to continue their four *Quicksilver* shuttle services in central Delaware County in cooperation with four major employers (Fair Acres, Brinton Manor, Sterling Healthcare and Rehabilitation Center and United Parcel Service). The JARC grant would be matched by a combination of w2w funds and employer contributions.
- The Chester County TMA requested \$39,925 of JARC funds for expanded operation (a new Saturday daytime schedule between Oxford and Longwood and extended service for some weekday trips) of their *SCCOOT* shuttle service between southern Chester County and West Chester. The JARC grant would be matched by w2w funds.

On March 10th, DVRPC convened the Pennsylvania JARC Subcommittee (composed of city, county, public transit agency, Regional Citizens Committee and U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development representatives) to evaluate and prioritize the proposals. In response to questions and discussion at the meeting, the TMAs provided additional clarification and information to DVRPC on March 12th for review.

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

MOTION by Mr. Hughes, seconded by Mr. Fulton that the Board approve the recommended projects for the Job Access and Reverse Commute Grant Program and direct DVRPC staff to forward the recommended project list to SEPTA, FTA's Philadelphia Regional Office, and PENNDOT and commit to amend the regional TIP at such time as the FTA approves any or all of the proposed projects for funding by adopting Resolution No. B-FY04-004 (copy attached).

4. U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)

Milton R. Pratt, Jr. Regional Director, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development briefed the Board on the functions and role of HUD. In addition to housing programs, HUD is involved in transportation and community development activities for low and moderate-income individuals and families and would like to partner with DVRPC to coordinate these efforts.

Mr. Pratt commented on HUD's Community Block Program which funds a host of services, activities, and events in the local communities. HUD is also the drive behind the affordable housing market. Typically, affordable housing is found in the county urban pockets. HUD has initiated a program entitled *American Affordable Communities Initiative*. HUD representatives would like to meet with local elected officials and discuss existing zoning ordinances to examine how these ordinances can become inclusionary instead of exclusionary to provide affordable housing for all income levels.

Finally, Mr. Pratt commented on the importance of the Section 8 program reform and stated that this year, HUD will block grant to individual housing authorities the total allocation of Section 8 funds.

John J. Coscia, Executive Director, stated the DVRPC would welcome the opportunity to partner with HUD particularly in the areas of economic development and land use planning. Mr. Coscia will follow up and schedule a meeting with Mr. Pratt.

5. Pennsylvania State Fiscal Year 2003-2007, Airport Capital Program, DVRPC Regional Portion

Reiner Pelzer, DVRPC staff, briefed the Board on DVRPC's new capital planning role for aviation. Historically, DVRPC's aviation program has received funding from the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and the State for specialized topic studies and airports system planning in four states (PA, NJ, DE, MD), 12 counties, and 31 aviation facilities.

In conjunction with the PENNDOT, FAA, and the Bureau of Aviation (BOA), DVRPC will participate in a new capital planning role for Pennsylvania which will include:

(1) defining airport system needs on a project level for each specific airport; (2) conducting more specialized studies; (3) evaluate BOA Airport Improvement Program Block Grant process; and (4) develop a regional Airport Capital Improvement Plan (ACIP) reflecting system needs and priorities. An excerpt from the draft ACIP (distributed to the Board) recommends 12 priority projects for PENNDOT review.

In the future, DVRPC will work closely with airport sponsors to identify necessary airport projects and develop sponsors' 12-year plan. In conjunction with BOA, DVRPC will supply a 4-year ACIP annually based on the 12-year plan, identify regional significant projects, and advocate for regional projects.

DVRPC's goal is to ensure Federal and State investment in our regional aviation system and to secure sufficient funding for economic stability of our region through a healthy aviation system.

6. I-95 Corridor Reconstruction Project

Michael Girman, PENNDOT, briefed the Board on the I-95 Corridor Reconstruction Project major redesign study between the Vine Street and Street Road interchanges. The goals of the study are to eliminate existing traffic bottlenecks and to accommodate projected 2030 traffic volumes. The improvements also are intended to make I-95 a better neighborhood for residents and businesses along the freeway by mitigating noise, truck, and other adverse traffic impacts.

Mr. Girman commented that \$120 million was allotted to PENNDOT to repair the worse sections of I-95 with the first concentration being the City of Philadelphia. Three sections were designed for reconstruction: Section 1, 17 miles from I-676 to Route 413; Section 2, 12.4 miles from Route 413 to the Scudders Falls Bridge; and Section 3, 21.8 miles from Namaans Road to I-676.

Mr. Girman explained how Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) elements were used by PENNDOT to help determine the needs of the vehicles using I-95. Mr. Girman then displayed, in a power point presentation, maps of the location and construction stages of each reconstructed section. Mr. Girman then reported on the upcoming projects as follows: (1) Girard Point Bridge (expected completion 1st quarter 2004); (2) Corridor Wide Pre-cast Parapet Retrofit (expected completion 4th quarter 2004); and (3) I-95 over Darby Creek (expected completion 2005 or 2006).

Mr. Girman added that the Board could visit the I-95 website (www.95revive.com) for more information on these and other I-95 projects.

7. Public Hearings on Norfolk Southern and CSX Acquisition of Conrail

Dr. Shanis reported that on March 11, 2004, DVRPC convened a special meeting to discuss the Conrail South Jersey/Philadelphia Shared Asset Area, the CSX and

Norfolk Southern acquisition of Conrail, and the April 2, 2004 public hearing to be conducted by the Surface Transportation Board (STB). The meeting had three goals: provide information and guidelines for the April 2nd STB hearing; evoke constructive discussion about the South Jersey/Philadelphia Shared Asset Area; and assure that the Delaware Valley's rail freight needs are identified.

The meeting attendees expressed various concerns about the South Jersey/Philadelphia Shared Asset Area and their viewpoints can be grouped into five categories: (1) transaction commitments; (2) benefits within the South Jersey/Philadelphia Shared Asset Area; (3) infrastructure investment; (4) disposition of real estate holdings; and (5) future of Conrail. The attendees recommended that DVRPC testify to the STB on the concerns discussed at the meeting. DVRPC staff recommended that a summary be presented to the STB and request the STB to: (1) review and verify fulfillment of the transaction commitments; and (2) review and verify realization of projected transaction benefits. A presentation will be given to the STB by DVRPC on April 2nd and the STB will be requested to due a thorough review of the commitments.

8. Regional Citizens Committee (RCC) Report

Lorraine Brill, Vice Chair of the RCC, reported on additional activities from the RCC meeting of March 16, 2004. Ms. Brill pointed out an attachment to the RCC meeting minutes (distributed to the Board) with regard to testing of diesel-hybrid locomotives (known as "Green Goats") in the region. Ms. Brill also urged the Board to consider the RCC's resolution and to forward it to SEPTA as follows: *In light of the success of SEPTA's hybrid buses, the RCC asks SEPTA to consider testing diesel-hybrid locomotives (know as "Green Goats") in the region. Such "Green Goat" technology could significantly reduce emissions, particularly in the commuter tunnel.*

Mr. Coscia responded that the resolution would be forwarded to SEPTA.

Chris Patton, SEPTA, commented that the "Green Goat" is a switching locomotive as opposed to a main line service locomotive and currently he is not aware of the age of SEPTA's limited number of switching locomotives. Based on the amount of use, Mr. Patton believes this type of testing would be cost prohibitive.

9. Committee Reports

The following committee reports were distributed to the Board for their review:
(1) Planning Coordinating Committee/Regional Transportation Committee;
(2) Information Resources Exchange Group; (3) Regional Citizens Committee; and
(4) Regional Aviation Committee

10. Executive Director's Report

- a. Response from legislators on the Federal Transportation Act

Mr. Coscia pointed out the two letters (distributed to the Board) of response were received from Senator Rick Santorum and Representative Jim Gerlach with reference to TEA-21 reauthorization (SAFETEA) funding.

Mr. Coscia stated that the U.S. House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure approved a bill (H.R. 3550) for \$275 billion that would provide federal funding for the nation's highway and transit programs for the next six years. This bill will now go to the full House for a vote.

Mr. Coscia continued to say that a provision in the Bill allows for a \$.95 equity share for each state. Each state would get back \$.95 for every dollar they contribute to the transportation trust fund. Some states would benefit from this provision but some would not. For example: New Jersey, which now gets less than a dollar return, would now get a \$1.07 return. Pennsylvania which now gets a \$1.21 return for every dollar would now only get a \$.97 return. Even though some states return will be less on the dollar, the total funding is greater (\$275 billion) than the previous ISTEA bill (\$218 billion) and the transit funding will be greater.

b. Forum Entitled *Destination 2030: The Future in Transit* Scheduled for April 8, 2004 at Lowes Hotel in Philadelphia

Mr. Coscia announced that DVRPC is sponsoring a Forum on the future of transit in the region. One meeting, Phase One will host approximately 75 professionals, to review and discuss all of the transit systems in the region. A second meeting, Phase Two, scheduled for June 16, 2004 will be held to discuss the results of the Phase One meeting and will engage a broad cross-section of the public. This second phase event will be designed to include the latest thinking on transit-oriented development for this region.

c. Status of DVRPC Annual Dinner

Mr. Coscia reported that several sponsorships for the May 19, 2004 DVRPC Annual Dinner have been received. Seating is limited to 350 attendees and Mr. Coscia urged the Board members and alternatives to make their reservation as soon as possible.

d. DVRPC Future Office Space

Mr. Coscia pointed out a memo (distributed to the Board) with reference to DVRPC's office space. DVRPC has rented office space in the Bourse Building for the last 22 years. Because of downsizing, the present vacancy rate for commercial office space in the Center City Business District (CBD) is relatively high; about 17%. As a result of this vacancy rate, landlords are now willing to negotiate leases for lower than normal rates, structured to include 12 to 18

months free rent, with allowances to cover build out, moving costs and other expenses considerable above historic levels. In lieu of these opportunities, we believe it is in DVRPC's best interests to begin exploring future office space leasing options. Options arising from the process will be fully presented to the Board for their deliberation.

In addition, Mr. Coscia reported that DVRPC has expanded its day-to-day presence in our New Jersey counties to the point that it may be appropriate to establish a much smaller, centrally located satellite office in the New Jersey portion of the region that could accommodate many of the meetings now held in our Main Office with the New Jersey member governments and constituents. The results of this analysis will also be presented to the Board for consideration.

e. April Board Meeting and Tour of Constitution Center

Mr. Coscia announced that after the April 22nd Board and Executive Committee meeting, the Board is invited to walk over to the National Constitution Center for lunch and a tour.

f. DVRPC Video *Creating Tomorrow Today*

Mr. Coscia announced that the DVRPC Video (distributed to the Board) is now available. The video includes an overview of DVRPC and also explains the DVRPC's programs.

g. Briefing for New Commissioners

Mr. Coscia announced that a commissioner's briefing is scheduled for April 15, 2004 after the Board Policy Analysis Committee Meeting and urged all commissioners and alternates to attend.

h. Electronic email: *New at DVRPC*

Mr. Coscia announced that DVRPC has a new electronic communication entitled *New at DVRPC*.

i. Information Resources Exchange Group (IREG) Newsletter

Mr. Coscia pointed out the IREG Newsletter (distributed to the Board), a new publication from the DVRPC IREG Committee.

j. Pennsylvania Action Plan on Transportation and Land Use for Economic Development

Mr. Coscia briefly reviewed the *Action Plan* resulting from the Pennsylvania 2003 Conference on Transportation and Land Use for Economic Development, February 2004 (distributed to the Board). It is anticipated that the Governor will

support and utilize this plan in making future decisions concerning transportation, land use and economic development.

11. One Minute Reports

Cheryl Spicer, Port Authority Transit Corporation (PATCO), reported that on February 29, 2004, PATCO hosted *Destination Your Town*. As a prelude to the Philadelphia Flower Show, this very successful open house event was coordinated between PATCO, the business community, and the New Jersey townships. The transit stations were decorated and free giveaways and food were available to the public compliments of the townships. Free transit service was offered between 12 and 4:00 p.m. during the event.

Carol Ann Thomas, Burlington County, reported on the grand opening of the Riverline. On March 13, 2004, the Riverline journeyed South from Trenton to the communities in Mercer, Burlington and Camden Counties. Public officials boarded the train in their communities and rode to the Camden Aquarium station for the grand opening celebration. Plaques, which will be mounted in each car, were presented from each community along the way. So far, ridership has been very successful. Ms. Thomas also reported that the Regional Transportation Committee will hold the April 6, 2004 meeting in the Delaware River Port Authority (DRPA) Board Room and then ride the Riverline. Ms. Thomas suggested that the DVRPC Board plan the same tour.

Joanne R. Denworth, Pennsylvania Governor's Policy Office, introduced Kenneth Klothen, Executive Director of the Governor's Center for Local Government Services. Mr. Klothen will be Ms. Denworth's alternate to the DVRPC Board and Executive 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 12:40 p.m.

Attachments:

- (1) PCC/RTC Recommendations to the Board for March 25, 2004
- (2) RCC Recommendations to the Board for March 25, 2004
- (3) Resolution No. B-FY04-004

Additional Documents Distributed to the Board:

- (1) Regional Data Bulletin entitled: *2000 Land Use by Minor Civil Division - 9-County DVRPC Region*, March 2004
- (2) *Alert*, March 2004

- (3) *Freight Lines*, March 2004
- (4) *TravelSmart*, March 2004
- (5) Greater Philadelphia Regional *Transit Map* - A Map for the everyday transit user

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