

DELAWARE VALLEY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

BOARD COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting of May 27, 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

Brent C. Barnes

Governor of New Jersey's Appointee

Tracie Gelbstein, Esq.

Governor of Pennsylvania's Appointee

Richard W. Hayden, Esq.

Pennsylvania Governor's Policy Office

Joanne R. Denworth

Pennsylvania Department of Transportation

Larry M. King

Bucks County

Lynn Bush

Chester County

William H. Fulton

Delaware County

Thomas Shaffer

Montgomery County

Lewis F. Gould, Jr.

Burlington County

Carol Ann Thomas

Camden County

Thomas J. Gurick
J. Douglas Griffith

Gloucester County

Charles E. Romick

Mercer County

(not represented)

City of Chester

(not represented)

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	(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 Smart Growth	Herman Volk
Federal Transit Administration, Region III	Janet Kampf
Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority	(not represented)
New Jersey Transit Corporation	James Schwartzwalder
Port Authority Transit Corporation	(not represented)
Delaware River Port Authority	Linda Hayes
New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection	(not represented)
Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection	Michael Shea
Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development	Kenneth Klothen
Regional Citizens Committee Chairman	Lorraine Brill
<u>DVRPC Co-Counsel</u>	
Pennsylvania Co-Counsel	Joseph Falcone, Esq.
New Jersey Co-Counsel	Thomas J. Coleman, Esq.
<u>DVRPC Staff:</u>	

John J. Coscia, Donald S. Shanis, Barry Seymour, William Greene, Thabet Zakaria,

Richard Bickel, John Ward, Elizabeth Schoonmaker, Candace Snyder, Patty Elkis, Phyllis Robinson, and Jean McKinney

Guests

Pennsylvania Department of Transportation	Robert Hannigan Greg Brown (Dist. 6-0)
New Jersey Department of Transportation	Brian Cuccia
Camden County	Curt Noe
Gloucester County	Morris Bayer
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Call to Order

Chairman Thomas J. Gurick called the meeting to order at 10:40 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 April 22, 2004

On a **motion** by Mr. Barnes, seconded by Mr. King, the minutes of the meeting of April 22, 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 PA03-54: Stanbridge Street Bridge, Montgomery County

PENNDOT has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2003-2006 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a new project to the TIP with a \$275,000 preliminary engineering phase in FY04 (\$220,000 state funds/\$55,000 Local match). This bridge is located in Norristown Farm Park and is one of four bridges in the park that belong to Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR). Montgomery county was not able to provide the local match as originally intended, and DCNR has agreed to provide the preliminary engineering phase for two of the four bridges so that the projects can advance.

Financial Constraint will be maintained as this project is using state funds only.

The TIP's conformity finding will not be impacted by this amendment as this project is exempt.

b. TIP Action PA03-55: Schuylkill River Park Ramp at the South Street Bridge, City of Philadelphia

The City of Philadelphia has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2003-2006 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a new project to the TIP with a \$500,000 preliminary engineering phase in FY04 (\$100,000 federal Transportation and Community and System Preservation (TCSP) funds/\$400,000 Local match). The Schuylkill River Development Corporation received \$100,000 of federal funding through the TCSP program for this project last year. Already included in the FY05 TIP update, the PE phase is now ready to advance and the city has requested that the project be added to FY04 so that the project can move ahead. The project will provide for the design of a pedestrian and bicycle ramp connecting the Schuylkill River Park Trail to the South Street Bridge. The project is located between the Schuylkill River's eastern bank and the CSX rail line, and from Lombard Street to South Street. The ramp will provide a safe southern terminus point as access for park visitors and will create a safe link for pedestrians and bicyclists between the Schuylkill River Park project (MPMS #17754) and the South Street Bridge.

Financial Constraint will be maintained as this project is using specially earmarked TCSP funds.

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/Regional Transportation Committee (PCC/RTC) and the Regional Citizens Committee (RCC) that the Board approve TIP Action PA03-54 and TIP Action PA03-55. With reference to TIP Action PA03-54, the RCC also urges PENNDOT to consider design that ensures safe bicycle and pedestrian access, and to address the Bicycle/Pedestrian Checklist.

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

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

- (1) TIP Action PA03-54 - PENNDOT's request to modify the FY 2003 TIP for Pennsylvania (FY2003-2006) by adding a new project, the Stanbridge Street Bridge (MPMS #16218). This action programs a \$275,000 preliminary engineering phase in FY04 (\$220,000 state funds/\$55,000 Local match) and,
- (2) TIP Action PA03-54 - The City of Philadelphia's request to amend the FY 2003 TIP for Pennsylvania (FY2003-2006) by adding a new project, the Schuylkill River Park Ramp at South Street Bridge (MPMS #70220). This action programs a \$500,000 preliminary engineering phase in FY04 (\$100,000 federal TCSP/\$400,000 Local Match).

c. TIP Action NJ03-11a: Gloucester County Bike Trail, Gloucester County

Gloucester County has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2004-2006 TIP for New Jersey by adding a project back onto the TIP, the Gloucester County Bike Trail. This action will program two new phases: a FY04 Final Design Phase for \$29,000 federal STP-STU funds, and a FY04 construction phase for \$250,000 federal STP-STU funds. The construction money will be combined with a \$ 500,000 grant already obtained by the county through NJDOT. These two phases will allow the project to complete final design and construction of the trail which provides for 2.8 miles of bike trail in Monroe Township.

Financial Constraint will be maintained by drawing down the necessary \$279,000 from DB #D026 DVRPC Future Projects Line Item.

The TIP's conformity finding will not be impacted by this amendment as this project is exempt.

d. TIP Action NJ04-11b: Gloucester County Restriping Project, Gloucester County

Gloucester County has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2004-2006 TIP for New Jersey by adding a new project into the TIP, Gloucester County Restriping (DB #D0401), programming a FY04 construction phase for \$500,000 federal STP-STU funds. This project will be for the restriping of a portion of Gloucester County's federal aid system roadways, and will include the installation of long life traffic markings for lines and symbols. This will allow for the installation of standard centerline, lane and edge lines as well as better reflective pavement

markings for gore markings, arrows, words, railroad crossing symbols, etc.

Financial Constraint will be maintained by drawing down the necessary \$500,000 from the DB #D026 DVRPC Future Projects Line Item.

The TIP's conformity finding will not be impacted by this amendment as this project is exempt.

e. TIP Action NJ04-12: Battery Back-Up for Traffic Signals, Burlington County

Burlington County has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2004-2006 TIP for New Jersey by adding a new project into the TIP, Traffic Signal Battery Back-Up (DB #D0413), programming a FY04 construction phase for \$660,000 federal STP-STU funds. The project involves the retrofit of thirty (30) signalized intersections with Unified Power Supply (UPS). These UPS units have the ability to power traffic signals for up to eight (8) hours in the event of electrical outage, provide increased intersection safety and lower manpower costs to local police departments.

Financial Constraint will be maintained by drawing down the necessary \$660,000 from the DB #X80B DVRPC Local Scoping Line Item.

The TIP's conformity finding will not be impacted by this amendment as this project is exempt.

f. TIP Action NJ04-13: Raised pavement Markers, Camden County

Camden County has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2004-2006 TIP for New Jersey by adding a new project into the TIP, programming a FY04 construction phase for \$400,000 federal STP-STU funds. This project will enable the county to install raised pavement markers on county roadways on the federal aid system to improve safety on those roadways.

Financial Constraint will be maintained by drawing down the necessary \$400,000 from the DB #D026 DVRPC Future Projects Line Item.

The TIP's conformity finding will not be impacted by this amendment as this project is exempt.

Favorable recommendation was received from the PCC/RTC for approval of TIP Actions NJ04-11a, NJ04-11b, NJ04-12, and NJ04-13.

Favorable recommendation was received from the RCC for approval of TIP Actions NJ04-11a, NJ04-11b, NJ04-12, and NJ04-13. The RCC added on TIP Actions NJ04-11b and NJ04-13 that they wish to remind Gloucester and Camden counties that resurfacing projects provide an opportunity to "complete the street"; i.e. to install bike lanes, sidewalks, etc.

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

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

- (1) TIP Action NJ04-11a, Gloucester County's request to amend the FY 2004 TIP for New Jersey (FY2004-2006) by adding a project back into the TIP, the Gloucester County Bike Trail project (DB #D0106). This action programs a \$29,000 preliminary engineering phase and a \$250,000 construction phase in FY04 using STP-STU funds, drawing down \$279,000 from the DVRPC Future Projects Line item, DB #D026. Also acknowledge a \$500,000 state grant of funds previously made available for this project,
 - (2) TIP Action NJ04-11b, Gloucester County's request to amend the FY 2004 TIP for New Jersey (FY2004-2006) by adding a new project, Gloucester County Restriping (DB #D0401). This action programs a \$500,000 construction phase in FY04 using STP-STU funds, drawing down \$500,000 from the DVRPC Future Projects Line item, DB #D026,
 - (3) TIP Action NJ04-12, Burlington County's request to amend the FY 2004 TIP for New Jersey (FY2004-2006) by adding a new project, the Burlington County Traffic Signal Battery Back-Up (DB #D0413). This action programs a \$660,000 construction phase in FY04 using STP-STU funds, drawing down \$660,000 from the DVRPC Local Scoping Line item, DB #X80B, and
 - (4) TIP Action NJ04-13, Camden County's request to amend the FY 2004 TIP for New Jersey (FY2004-2006) by adding a new project, the Camden County Raised Pavement Marker project (DB #D0414). This action programs \$400,000 STP-STU funds for a FY04 construction phase, drawing down \$400,000 from the DVRPC Future Projects Line item, DB #D026.
- g. TIP Action NJ04-14: Transportation and Community Development Initiative, Various Counties in New Jersey

DVRPC requests to modify the FY2004-2006 TIP for New Jersey by increasing the FY04 preliminary engineering phase of the Transportation and Community Development Initiative (TCDI) by \$500,000 federal STP-STU funds. TCDI provides funds to selected municipalities, targeting core cities, inner-ring

suburbs, and older boroughs of the region that have lost jobs and population. The purpose is to generate growth and redevelopment, and to improve or enhance the regional transportation system. The funding cannot be used for construction or capital improvements, but can support local planning, design, market studies or feasibility analyses that may lead to those improvements. A recent action by the DVRPC Board provided for the \$50,000 administration costs as part of the FY05 DVRPC Work Program. The call for projects for New Jersey will not happen until after the beginning of the FY05 Fiscal Year, but this action allows the funding to be in place when needed.

Financial Constraint will be maintained by drawing down the necessary \$500,000 from the DB #D026 DVRPC Future Projects Line Item.

The TIP's conformity finding will not be impacted by this amendment as this project is exempt.

Barry Seymour, DVRPC staff, added that the TCDI letters and applications should be in the mail by May 28th. Briefing sessions will be held on June 7, 2004 in Camden and June 9, 2004 at DVRPC. Applications will be due by July 23, 2004. The applications will then be reviewed and hopefully presented to the Board for action at its regular September meeting.

Favorable recommendation was received from PCC/RTC and the RCC that the Board approve TIP Action NJ04-14.

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

MOTION by Ms. Gelbstein, seconded by Mr. Barnes, that the Board approve TIP Action NJ04-14, DVRPC's request to modify the FY 2004 TIP for New Jersey (FY2004-2006) by increasing the FY04 preliminary engineering phase of the Transportation and Community Development Initiative (TCDI)(DB #D0204) by \$500,000 for a total of \$550,000. This action draws down \$500,000 from the DVRPC Future Projects Line item, DB #D026.

Chairman Gurick paused the meeting to introduce Lieutenant Colonel Larry Wilson who has returned from his service in Iraq. Mr. Wilson has been a Board representative for many years for the City of Philadelphia.

Mr. Wilson commented that it was an honor to represent the United States in Iraq and his duty was that of a Civil Affairs Officer which included examining operations and solving problems in accordance with the methods and funding sources available. Mr. Wilson thanked everyone for their support, cards, and letters while he

was there.

3. Proposed Amendments to the Tri-County Water Quality Management (WQM) Plan

Patty Elkis, DVRPC staff, briefed the Board on the Proposed Amendments to the Tri-County Water Quality Management Plan (WQMP) as follows:

a. Florence Township Wastewater Management Plan Amendment, Florence Township, Burlington County

The purpose of this amendment is to expand the sewer service area to include a 34-acre site along Florence-Bustleton Road that is being re-zoned for a public school development. The sewer service area expansion request is based on an amendment to the Township Zoning Ordinance that would formally designate lands owned by the Board of Education as a proposed school site.

The Tri-County WQM Board recommended approval of this proposed amendment.

b. North Hanover Township Comprehensive Wastewater Management Plan, North Hanover Township, Burlington County

The Township of North Hanover is a rural community in the northeast corner of Burlington County. North Hanover has no approved sewer service areas and none have been proposed by this wastewater management plan. The changes are that one of the mobile home parks request a change of its discharge from surface to groundwater and a NJDEP approved septic system at a newly

constructed school to treat wastewater from the new school and the existing elementary school.

The Tri-County WQM recommends approval of this amendment.

c. Four Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDL) for Total Phosphorus in the Cooper River Watershed, Camden County, Lower Delaware Water Region

This amendment has been proposed to establish four TMDL's for total phosphorus that address phosphorus impairment in four stream segments and three waterbodies in the Cooper River Watershed. TMDL's are impaired waters which do not meet the Federal Clean Water Act's surface quality standards for one or more pollutants. The pollutant of concern for this TMDL is phosphorus. The TMDL quantifies the amount of a pollutant that a water body can assimilate without violating its water quality standards.

The Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) identified six sites in the Cooper River Watershed that are impaired for phosphorus. DEP used an

empirical model to relate in-lake concentrations of phosphorus in the Cooper river with the load reduction that would be needed from the land uses within the watershed. A reduction of about 90% from each land use would be required to achieve the TMDL.

Ms. Elkins commented that, at this point, the TMDL amendment is only a target or goal and does not have an associated regulatory impact. The DEP will develop an implementation plan and lake restoration plan. Those two plans will consider specific measures to achieve the nutrient reductions that are required by the TMDL as well as what in-lake measures need to be taken to supplement the nutrient reductions required by the TMDL.

The Tri-county WQM Board recommended approval of the TMDL with the request that future plans for implementation and enforcement of the TMDL's also be handled as an amendment to the Tri-County Water Quality Management Plan.

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

MOTION by Mr. Romick, seconded by Mr. Gould that the Board approve the proposed amendments to the Tri-County Water Quality Management Plan as follows:

- (1) Florence Township Wastewater Management Plan Amendment, Florence Township, Burlington County, Resolution No. B-FY04-005.
- (2) North Hanover Township Comprehensive Wastewater Management Plan, North Hanover Township, Burlington County, Resolution No. B-FY04-006, and,
- (3) Four Total Maximum Daily Loads for Total Phosphorus in the Cooper river Watershed, Camden County, Lower Delaware Water Region, Resolution No. B-FY04-007.

4. Nominating Committee Report: Proposed Candidates for Fiscal Year 2005 DVRPC Board Officers

Chairman Gurick tabled the nominating committee's report until the regular June Board meeting.

5. Regional Citizens Committee (RCC) Report

Lorraine Brill, representing the RCC, reported on additional activities from the RCC Meeting of May 18, 2004. Ms. Brill stated that the RCC authorized its Transportation Subcommittee to move ahead, on behalf of the full committee, with

recommendations to the DVRPC Board and staff for the Draft DVRPC FY 2005 TIP for New Jersey and Pennsylvania and the amendments to *Horizons*, the Year 2025 Long-Range Plan. This will allow the recommendations to be submitted within the official comment period which ends June 3, 2004.

6. Executive Director's Report

John J. Coscia, Executive Director, reported on the following items:

a. New Jersey Central Forum, April 23, 2004

Mr. Coscia reported that New Jersey Central Forum held on April 23, 2004 was well attended. At that meeting, a presentation was given by the New Jersey Office of Smart Growth covering the cross-acceptance process and the involvement of the Forum from a land-use and transportation link.

Jack Kanarek, Project Development Division Manager for New Jersey Transit, gave an update on the Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Study. He commented that a purpose and needs document will be complete in the near future, projections on ridership are being done, and three public meeting/open houses are scheduled for early June.

New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) presented their Logistics Council project, a statewide effort on goods movement and freight. This project will specifically examine linking freight with the land use policies of the state.

NJDOT Department of Environmental Resources gave a presentation on the status of the Penns Neck Area Environmental Impact Study (EIS). Currently the preferred alternative is Route 1 in a cut which will minimize the environmental impact on Princeton University, however, discussions will continue on this issue.

b. TransitChek Policy Committee Meeting, April 29, 2004

Mr. Coscia reported that the mid-year sales for TransitChek revenue is up 8% over the same period last year. With 624 participating companies, the sales revenue is averaging \$1.79 million per month. The TransitChek Policy Committee adopted the draft work plan and project budget for FY 2005.

c. Pennsylvania Rail Freight Conference in Penn State, May 5-7, 2004

Mr. Coscia reported that the PA Rail Freight Conference was well attended and is noted as one of the best Rail Freight Conferences in the region.

d. DVRPC Annual Dinner held on May 19, 2004

Mr. Coscia reported that the DVRPC Annual Dinner was a great success.

e. Ozone Action Kick-Off, May 24, 2004

Mr. Coscia reported that the Ozone Action Kick-Off event held at City Hall was very well attended with extensive media coverage. The Ozone Action title will be changed to Air Quality Partnership due to the fact that during the year the committee will report on particular pollution as well as ozone.

A presentation was given on the Diesel Difference Charter, a voluntary program for the Diesel Bus operators to take steps to reduce particular pollution. Awards were presented to the Wissahickon School District and AstraZeneca for taking exemplary steps to reduce emissions. Grants were awarded to six recipients to convert their fleets to regular diesel buses to diesel free emission buses.

f. Transfer, Surface Transportation Policy Project's Electronic Update - TEA-21 Legislation Again on Track as Senate Appoints Conferees

Mr. Coscia urged the Board to review *Transfer* (distributed to the Board) which lists the Senate appointments for the TEA-21 legislation.

g. Status of New Office Space for DVRPC

Mr. Coscia reported that DVRPC has toured several buildings for new office space and would like to brief the Executive Board members in June. Board members will be notified as to the exact date for this briefing.

h. Forum on New Transit and Transit-Oriented Development

Mr. Seymour announced that on June 16, 2004 *A Forum on New Transit and Transit-Oriented Development* (program and registration form distributed to the Board) will be held at the Pennsylvania Convention Center from noon-6 p.m. and urged all Board members and alternates to attend.

7. Environmental and Open Space Planning at DVRPC

Patty Elkis, DVRPC staff, explained to the Board that DVRPC does four types of Open Space and Environmental Planning Projects as follows: (1) monitoring open space trends; (2) planning for open space implementation; (3) special studies DVRPC is uniquely qualified to conduct for the region; and (4) water quality related projects. Ms. Elkis then commented on each of the four projects explaining that the monitoring trend maps seen on the presentation slides could also be found on the DVRPC website. The funding has doubled for dedicated open space plans and over the last ten years, the counties have also increased their dedicated funds.

Future Open Space and Environmental Planning projects include: (1) 2030 Plan - Open Space Element; (2) more municipal and county (Camden and Salem) plans, as requested; (3) on-going monitoring of trends; (4) on-going administration of Tri-County Water Quality Management Plans and Coastal Zone Management; and (5) regional analyses as requested.

8. DVRPC Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) Program

Dr. Shanis explained to the Board that DVRPC has done extensive work on the ITS Program and commented that it is a very important concept in transportation. ITS helps keep the roads more operational by collecting information, in a real time sense, about the conditions of the transportation system and disseminates it throughout the system allowing drivers and emergency operators to communicate and make better decisions when an incident occurs.

John Ward, DVRPC staff, then presented an overview to the Board and explained that many non-traditional relationships with non-traditional partners have been formed in order to coordinate ITS. Two new Board committees have been formed at DVRPC, the ITS Coordinating Council and the ITS Technical Task Force. Mr.

Ward briefed the Board on the Regional Integrated Multimodal Information Sharing (RIMIS) efforts, incident management, and sharing of closed circuit TV video images.

The RIMIS concept was developed by the ITS Technical Task Force and is a system which improves interagency coordination to assist in identifying incident location, severity, impact and duration. This information would then allow a seamless information sharing of an incident to all agencies concerned and what resources are needed at the scene.

The next steps for the RIMIS Task Force is to hire a consultant team as an assistant manager to develop a concept of operations and functional requirements. A systems integrator would then be hired to design the software.

9. Committee Reports

The following committee reports were distributed to the Board for their review: (1) Planning Coordinating Committee/Regional Transportation Committee; and (2) Tri-County Water Quality Management Board.

10. One Minute Reports

James Schwartzwalder, New Jersey Transit, announced that \$45 million was awarded for renovation and reconstruction of the Trenton Train Station.

Carol Ann Thomas commented that the New Jersey River Line is very successful. Actual riders, by station, totals 4152 per day.

Chairman Gurick congratulated Mr. Coscia and the DVRPC staff for a very successful Annual Dinner. Chairman Gurick also announced that WOGL, FM, would be broadcasting live from the Farley Rest Plaza on the Atlantic Expressway and offering free tolls for vehicles passing through the Great Egg Harbor Toll from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m during the Memorial Day weekend.

OLD BUSINESS

No old business was stated.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business was stated.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

Attachments:

- (1) PCC/RTC Recommendations to the Board for May 27, 2004
- (2) RCC Recommendations to the Board for May 27, 2004

Additional Documents Distributed to the Board:

- (1) Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission *Regional Data Bulletin: Housing Units Authorized by Residential Building Permits: 2000-2003*, May 2004
- (2) DVRPC Brochure entitled: *Municipal Implementation Tool #5: Impact Fees*
- (3) *Alert*, May 2004
- (4) *Freight Lines*, May 2004
- (5) *TravelSmart*, May 2004

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Call to Order

Chairman Thomas J. Gurick called the meeting to order at 12:10 p.m.

1. Minutes of Meeting of April 22, 2004

On a motion by Mr. Barnes, seconded by Ms Paul, the minutes of the meeting of April 22, 2004 were approved as distributed.

2. Contract Authorization: Gloucester County Guiderail Replacement

Mr. Coscia explained to the Board that the County of Gloucester has numerous locations where the County roadways either cross over or under the NJ Turnpike without actual access to this toll facility. When the NJ Turnpike was constructed in the 1960's, steel three-beam guiderail and other dated appurtenances attached to the Turnpike's parapets were installed and given to the County for maintenance. The original installations are substandard and pose a traffic safety hazard (improper shielding for any errant vehicle as well as a blunt end fixed object hazard).

The chosen consultant will provide preliminary engineering and final design services at (5) locations where the County roadway crosses over the New Jersey Turnpike:

The estimated consultant cost is \$100,000 in Federal Highway Administration funds under the DVRPC Local Scoping Program.

A consultant selection committee comprised of representatives from the Gloucester County and the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission was formed to evaluate the proposals and to recommend a final selection consistent with the scope of the RFP. The committee recommends approval to contract with the selected firm.

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

MOTION by Mr. Barnes, seconded by Ms. Denworth, that the Executive Committee authorize the Executive Director to enter into, negotiate and execute a contract with the selected firm. If such negotiations prove not to meet the financial requirements of the Commission, to proceed on to negotiations with the second ranked firm.

3. Appointment of Nominating Committee for Fiscal Year 2005 DVRPC Executive Committee Officers

Chairman Gurick announced that the Nominating Committee report will be given at the regular June Board Meeting.

INFORMATION ITEM

Mr. Coscia called the Board's attention to the letter (distributed to the Board) addressed to Freeholder Thomas Gurick from James Redeker of NJ Transit. The letter addressed the Board's statements concerning NJ Transit's operation of bus services to shore points.

OLD BUSINESS

No old business was stated.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business was stated.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned a 12:15 p.m.