

DELAWARE VALLEY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

BOARD COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting of July 24, 2008

Location: Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission
Main Conference Room, 8th Floor
190 N. Independence Mall West
Philadelphia, PA 19106-1520

Membership Present

Representative

New Jersey Department of Community Affairs	James Requa
New Jersey Department of Transportation	David A. Kuhn
New Jersey Governor's Appointee	(not represented)
Pennsylvania Governor's Appointee	David Mandelbaum
Pennsylvania Governor's Policy Office	Joanne R. Denworth Kenneth Klothen
Pennsylvania Department of Transportation	James Ritzman
Bucks County	Lynn Bush
Chester County	Carol Aichele Ronald Bailey
Delaware County	John E. Pickett
Montgomery County	Joseph M. Hoeffel Kenneth Hughes
Burlington County	Jerald R. Cureton Carol Ann Thomas
Camden County	Louis Cappelli, Jr., Esq.
Gloucester County	Charles E. Romick
Mercer County	Donna Lewis
City of Chester	(not represented)
City of Philadelphia	Rina Cutler
City of Camden	Edward Williams
City of Trenton	(not represented)

Non-Voting Members

Federal Highway Administration New Jersey Division Pennsylvania Division	Jeanette Mar (not represented)
U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Region III	(not represented)
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region III	(not represented)
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region II	(not represented)
New Jersey Office of Smart Growth	(not represented)
Federal Transit Administration, Region III	(not represented)
Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority	Kathleen Zubrzycki
New Jersey Transit Corporation	Pippa Woods
Port Authority Transit Corporation	Cheryl Spicer
Delaware River Port Authority	James McQuilkin
New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection	(not represented)
Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection	Kevin Gallagher
Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development	(not represented)
Regional Citizens Committee Chairman	Warren Strumpfer

DVRPC Co-Counsel

Pennsylvania Co-Counsel	Elizabeth Witmar, Esq
New Jersey Co-Counsel	Thomas J. Coleman, Esq.

DVRPC Staff: Barry J. Seymour, Donald S. Shanis, Charles Dougherty, Richard Bickel, John Ward, Ted Dahlburg, Michael Boyer, Candace Snyder, Jane Meconi, Phyllis Robinson, and Jean McKinney.

Guests

Pennsylvania Department of Transportation	James Mosca Ray Green
New Jersey Department of Transportation	Brian Cuccia
Cross County Connection TMA	William Ragozine
Delaware River Joint Toll Bridge Commission	Glenn Reibman
New Jersey Turnpike Authority	Brian Wahler
Blakey & Agnew, LLC	Leslie Blakey

The Howlan Group
Residents for Regional Traffic Solutions, Inc.

Shelley Warren
Sue Herman

Call to Order - Chair's Comments

Commissioner Carol Aichele, Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:08 a.m.

Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items

No public comments were stated.

1. Minutes of Meeting of June 26, 2008

On a **Motion** by Mr. Hoeffel, seconded by Ms. Cutler, the minutes of the Board Meeting of June 26, 2008 were approved as distributed.

2. Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Action

Charles Dougherty, DVRPC Director of Technical Services, presented the following TIP Action for approval.

a. PA07-100 - I-95 Design Review Manager (MPMS #46959), Philadelphia

PennDOT has requested that DVRPC modify the FY2007-2010 TIP for Pennsylvania by increasing the preliminary engineering phase of the I-95 Design Review Manager project (MPMS #46959), by \$10.3 million (\$8,800,000 DEMO/\$1,500,000 State) in FY08 for the design support services of I-95. The additional funding is provided by a TEA-21 Earmark (Fed ID #1847/PA ID# 228), and a state match.

This project will provide for the design support services for the sections of the I-95 Corridor Improvement projects currently under design, sections "GIR" (Girard Avenue Interchange) north to the Cottman/Princeton Interchange. Support services include design reviews and coordination of numerous submissions including structural, environmental, geotechnical, and traffic components for these sections.

The funding will be programmed in FY08 for preliminary engineering (\$8.8 million DEMO/\$1.5 million state match).

Financial constraint will be maintained as this project uses specially earmarked DEMO funds.

The TIP's current conformity finding will not be impacted by this modification.

After favorable recommendation was received from the Planning Coordinating Committee/Regional Transportation Committee (PCC/RTC) and the Regional Citizens Committee (RCC) to approve TIP Action PA07-100, the Board unanimously adopted the following **motion**:

MOTION by Ms. Cutler, seconded by Ms. Denworth, that the Board approve TIP Action PA07-100, PennDOT's request to modify the FY2007-2010 TIP for Pennsylvania by increasing the FY08 preliminary engineering phase by \$10.3 million (\$8.8 million DEMO/\$1.5 million state match) for the I-95 Design Support Services project, MPMS #46959.

3. Fiscal Year 2009 Planning Work Program Amendment: Gloucester County Transportation Needs Study

John Ward, DVRPC Associate Director, Intermodal Planning, explained to the Board that over the past several decades, Gloucester County has experienced significant growth in both population and employment. A continuation of this growth is expected into the future as forecasts project increases of 35% by 2035 in both population and employment. These forecasts show Gloucester County with the highest growth rate in the Delaware Valley Region. This growth has created ever-increasing traffic demand, which is burdening the County's transportation system. This is becoming of particular concern as plans for the PATCO Transit Expansion move forward, which is expected to create major shifts in the County's travel patterns.

This two-year, three-phased study will provide a comprehensive review of the multi-modal and intermodal transportation improvements that will be needed to promote an efficient flow of people and goods through the county. It will be important to coordinate with the County and DRPA to share and obtain available data. This applies especially to items from DVRPC's travel simulation model currently being used by DRPA for the Alternatives Analysis that will help determine a possible PATCO expansion alignment. Phases I and II of the Study will include an analysis of the impacts of the proposed PATCO Transit Expansion alternatives on the transportation facilities that provide access to the proposed transit stations. Phase III (to be proposed for the FY10 Work Program) will take a comprehensive long-range look at overall mobility in the County and develop a set of improvement strategies to address the County's future transportation needs.

The total Study cost of \$240,000; Phase I and Phase II total is \$120,000 of which \$70,000 is from Gloucester County supplemented by work performed under the Regional Transit Planning Program in the FY09 DVRPC Work Program (9.41.040).

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

MOTION by Mr. Romick, seconded by Mr. Cappelli, that the Board amend the DVRPC Fiscal Year 2009 Planning Work Program to include the Gloucester County Transportation Needs Study.

4. Priority Transportation Investments from the Land Use, Transportation and Economic Development (LUTED) Planning Process

Barry J. Seymour, DVRPC Executive Director, explained to the Board that the creation of a Land Use, Transportation, and Economic Development (LUTED) Committee was initially developed for the state of Pennsylvania, however, was extended to the New Jersey counties as well. This purpose of this effort was to foster coordination and communication between the economic development and planning communities and insure consistency between land use and transportation goals and policies contained in regional plans with economic development strategies.

Working together with Select Greater Philadelphia and other members of the economic planning, development and freight communities a priority list of regional transportation projects was developed that was viewed as critical for future economic growth. These results were also augmented by the Regional Transportation Committee, the Regional Citizens Committee, and the DVRPC Board.

Mr. Seymour continued to say that the list of priority projects is consistent with the DVRPC Long-Range Plan and was developed to be a part of the proposed input into the Long-Range Plan. However, concerns have been raised about the list which include: (1) the list being tiered as “consensus priority investments” and “other priority investments”; and (2) the list being expanded beyond the traditional DVRPC scope of projects reflected in the TIP. Among others, issues related to one specific project, the Dredging of the Delaware River, was of great concern. Because of these and other concerns, Mr. Seymour stated that DVRPC would continue to work through the process to reach a consensus on priority projects, however, any action on this item would be tabled at this time.

Joanne Denworth, Pennsylvania Governor’s Office, commented that this process, requested by the State, was developed to help prioritize state investments and identify projects of regional significance. The initial deadline to submit the list to the State was in June, however, has been extended to September. Ms. Denworth suggested that we move forward with the list of projects for Pennsylvania for action by the Board in September.

James Ritzman, Pennsylvania Department of Transportation, stated that PennDOT would also be examining specific projects for funding.

Donna Lewis, Mercer County, Rina Cutler, City of Philadelphia, Kathleen Zubrzycki, SEPTA, and Cheryl Spicer, Port Authority Transit Corporation all commented on

their concerns with some of the projects and stated they would not support the priority list at this time.

David Mandelbaum, Pennsylvania Governor's Appointee, commented that his understanding was that the list was a qualitative list intended to be similar to a market research survey and by tabling any action, the importance of the list becomes elevated beyond its usefulness.

Ms. Denworth responded that the priority list is of high importance for the State of Pennsylvania. If this type of coordinated list is not submitted to the State for consideration, a priority list would be developed by the State.

Mr. Seymour stated three options for Board consideration: (1) the priority list be viewed as just a qualitative list developed by the LUTED Committee for consideration into the Long-Range Plan; (2) separate the Pennsylvania projects from the New Jersey projects and revisit all concerns and issues with the projects; (3) postpone the LUTED effort and let the adopted Long-Range Plan serve as the Board's endorsed list of priority projects for this region.

After discussion, the Board decided that DVRPC should continue the process with the LUTED Committee, examine all concerns, and aim to develop a list of priority projects for Pennsylvania that are appropriate for DVRPC action, and return the list for consideration by the Board at the regular September Board Meeting.

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

MOTION by Jerald R. Cureton, seconded by Ms. Cutler, that the Board table action at this time, separate the New Jersey projects from the Pennsylvania projects, and continue the process for developing a set of transportation investments for Pennsylvania.

5. Committee Appointments for FY 2009

Chair Aichele called the Board's attention to, and requested the Board to review, the memo listing the Committee Appointments for FY 2009 (distributed to the Board). The memo lists the appointed Board members to the Fiscal Year 2010 Work Program Committee, Policy Analysis Committee, Ethics Committee, and the Executive Director's Compensation Committee.

Mr. Seymour called the Board's attention to the DVRPC Committee Structure distributed to the Board for their information.

6. Giving a Voice to Freight

Leslie Blakey, a principal with Blakey & Agnew, LLC, and Executive Director of Coalition for America's Gateways and Trade Corridors (CAGTC) presented to the Board an overview of CAGTC's role to establish federal funding for freight and goods movement infrastructure.

Established in 2001, CAGTC was established to bring national attention to the need to significantly expand U.S. freight transportation capabilities and to work toward solutions for this growing national challenge. Consisting of 60 organizations, including motor carriers, railroads, ports, COTs and state DOTs, real estate and engineering firms and freight corridors, CAGTC has raised public recognition and Congressional awareness to promote sufficient funding in federal legislation for trade corridors, gateways, intermodal connectors, and freight facilities. CAGTC has promoted congressional education and support through meetings, congressional events, disseminating information on freight, and media coverage. funding. CAGTC has been one of the most effective voices for freight funding in SAFETEA-LU.

Ms. Blakey explained that huge investments in freight movement are being made outside our borders that will put enormous pressure on freight flows within the United States and by 2020 freight traffic within the U.S. borders will increase 100%. The current surface authorization act (SAFETEA-LU) expires in September 2009 and the U.S. needs to focus on future funding for freight to compete and prevent a fracture in the freight system. The primary goal for the next surface transportation act in congress would be to support a dedicated Freight Trust Fund; new funds which would not take away current funding from roads and transit.

7. Putting Some Teeth Into Comprehensive Planning

Joseph M. Hoeffel, Montgomery County Commissioner, addressed the Board and commented that Montgomery County is attempting to combine their existing open space funding program with new proposals for economic development and transportation by using county funds. Commissioner Hoeffel then introduced Kenneth Hughes, Director, Montgomery County Planning Commission.

Mr. Hughes began by stating that the Montgomery County Comprehensive Plan (Plan) was adopted by the County Commissioners in 2005 after four years of work by the Montgomery County Planning Commission staff. The Plan consists of eight elements: vision plan; transportation plan, economic development plan; housing plan; community facilities plan; water resources plan; open space, natural features, and cultural resources plan; and land use plan. The elements of the Plan have been funded with both state and local funds. Mr. Hughes then gave a brief synopsis of each element contained in the Plan.

The Plan continues to be evaluated for improvements. At present, two new

initiatives are being considered; expanding economic development, and transportation. An Economic Development Task Force was appointed by the Commissioners to focus on the highest priority economic development issues. The Task Force found that the two most important issues were economic challenges facing older communities, and transportation access issues. The Task Force is discussing these issues and developing recommendations for consideration by the County Commissioners.

In conclusion, Mr. Hughes commented that the continued evaluation of the Plan elements already in place and the new initiatives for the Plan and the appropriate funding will provide successful implementation of the Plan for the citizens of Montgomery County.

8. Regional Citizens Committee (RCC) Report

Warren Strumpfer, RCC Chair, reported on the activities of the RCC Meeting of July 15, 2008.

Mr. Strumpfer reported that New Jersey Transit has recently changed its customer service phone number from a toll-free number to a toll call. The RCC recommends that the DVRPC Board urge New Jersey Transit and all regional transit agencies to ensure that customer service lines are toll-free and offer live customer assistance 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Pippa Woods, New Jersey Transit, responded that a 511 expanded number is being addressed with NJDOT which will also deal with trip planning. The deletion of the toll-free number is due to the fact that double charges are being encountered by NJ Transit because of individuals using their cell phones. This is causing a serious budgetary impact. NJ Transit is working on improving ways for citizens to access trip planning (such as goggle transit).

Mr. Strumpfer also mentioned that the RCC heard a presentation from Joung H. Lee, Senior Analyst for Transportation Finance and Business Development, The American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO), entitled: *Funding and Policy Challenges Facing the National Surface Transportation Program*.

Lastly, Mr. Strumpfer requested that the RCC receive updates of the status on the DVRPC *Safe Routes to School* Program. The RCC is also concerned with the locations of new school construction in New Jersey, and the transportation needs. Mr. Strumpfer asked is there has been coordination between land use planning, New Jersey Transit, and the school system?

Mr. Seymour responded that DVRPC staff would put together a presentation for the RCC on his concerns with coordinating the Safe Routes to School program and new school construction.

9. Executive Director's Report

Mr. Seymour reported on the following:

a. Transportation Policy in the United States and Germany

Mr. Seymour reported that by invitation from the Brookings Institute, he had the opportunity to travel to Germany with representatives from around the country. The purpose of the trip was to follow the work of the Brookings Institute on the Metropolitan Policy Program.

b. Regional Greenhouse Gas Inventory

Mr. Seymour reported that the DVRPC is progressing on the Regional Greenhouse Gas Inventory. The first preliminary results of that analysis will be to develop a regional view of greenhouse gas emission broken down by state, county, and municipal level so the data can be used by different levels of government for planning.

c. Classic Towns of Greater Philadelphia

Mr. Seymour reported that on July 28, 2008, a ceremony at the Independence Visitors Center will be held to honor the eligible communities chosen to participate in the Classic Towns of Greater Philadelphia program.

d. DVRPC Board Retreat and Long-Range Plan

Mr. Seymour announced that the DVRPC Board Retreat is scheduled for September 25, 2008 at the HUB in the Cira Center Building in Philadelphia. The full-day event is structured for the Board Meeting to begin at 9:00 a.m. for Board Members/Alternates and will focus on Board actions and the FY 2010 Work Program. The afternoon session will begin at 12:00 p.m. and will be a workshop on the Long-Range Plan. Invitations for the afternoon session will be extended to select members of DVRPC committees and will focus on panels discussing four issue areas; transportation, land use, the economy, and the environment.

Neal Peirce, Syndicated Columnist, CitiStates, will be the keynote speaker over lunch.

10. Committee Reports

The following committee highlights were distributed to the Board for their review:

- (1) Planning Coordinating Committee/Regional Transportation Committee;
- (2) Information Resources Exchange Group, and (3) Delaware Valley Goods Movement Task Force.

Ted Dahlburg, DVRPC Manager, Freight Planning, invited all Board Members and Alternates to attend the DVRPC Freight Plan Showcase on October 15, 2008. The purpose of this showcase is to educate the DVRPC planning community about freight and to identify projects and improvements needed to maintain the freight network. The underlying foundation for the showcase is the supply chain which gets products from source to shelf. The DVRPC Main Conference Room will be organized into a virtual supply chain with 12 stations manned by industry representatives who will explain their role and help guide you through the chain. This is an excellent opportunity for the non-freight community to learn about industry trends, to understand the connections and links between the chain and to ask questions about freight. At the end of the chain, DVRPC will be presenting their Draft Freight Plan.

11. One Minute Reports

Lynn Bush, Bucks County, reported that Bucks County passed a "Cool Counties" resolution on Earth Day. This is a resolution promoted by the Sierra Club and the national Association of Counties which commits counties to work to reduce greenhouse gases. Bucks County was the first county in Pennsylvania to adopt the "Cool Counties" resolution.

OLD BUSINESS

No old business was stated.

NEW BUSINESS

No old business was stated.

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

Attachments:

- (1) PCC/RTC Recommendations to the Board for July 24, 2008
- (2) RCC Recommendations to the Board for July 24, 2008

Additional Documents Distributed to the Board:

- (1) *Alert*, July 2008
- (2) *TravelSmart*, July 2008

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Call to Order

Commissioner Carol Aichele, Chair, called the Executive Committee Meeting to order at 12:12 p.m.

1. Minutes of Meeting of May 22, 2008

On a **motion** by Ms. Denworth, seconded by Mr. Kuhn, the minutes of the meeting of May 22, 2008 were approved as distributed.

2. Election of DVRPC Executive Committee Officers for Fiscal Year 2009

Barry Seymour, DVRPC Executive Director, announced the Nominating Committee's slate of candidates for election to serve as DVRPC Executive Committee officers for Fiscal Year 2009 (July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009) as follows:

Chair:	Carole Aichele, Chester County Commissioner
Vice Chair:	Kris Kolluri, Commissioner, New Jersey Department of Transportation
Secretary:	Joseph M. Hoeffel, Montgomery County Commissioner

There were no nominations from the floor and the nominations were closed.

On a **motion** by Mr. Ritzman, seconded by Mr. Cuccia, the Executive Committee unanimously elected the recommended slate of Executive Committee officers for Fiscal Year 2009.

OLD BUSINESS

No old business was stated.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business was stated.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:42 p.m.

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