

**DELAWARE VALLEY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION**

**BOARD COMMITTEE**

Minutes of Meeting of June 25, 2015

Location: Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission  
190 N. Independence Mall West  
Philadelphia, PA 19106

**Membership Present**

**Representative**

New Jersey Department of Community Affairs  
New Jersey Department of Transportation  
Pennsylvania Department of Transportation

Sean Thompson  
Dave Kuhn  
James Ritzman  
James Mosca  
Chris Howard  
(not represented)  
Nedia Ralston  
Diane Ellis-Marseglia  
Michele Kichline  
David Ward  
John McBlain  
Linda Hill  
Valerie Arkoosh  
Jody Holton  
Carol Ann Thomas  
Andrew Levecchia  
Richard Westergaard  
Donna Lewis  
(not represented)  
Denise Goren  
Edward Williams  
Jeffrey Wilkerson

New Jersey Governor's Appointee  
Pennsylvania Governor's Appointee  
Pennsylvania Governor's Policy & Planning Office  
Bucks County  
Chester County

Delaware County

Montgomery County

Burlington County  
Camden County  
Gloucester County  
Mercer County  
City of Chester  
City of Philadelphia  
City of Camden  
City of Trenton

**Non-Voting Members**

Federal Highway Administration  
New Jersey Division

(not represented)

Pennsylvania Division

(not represented)

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development,  
Region III

(not represented)

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region II	(not represented)
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region III	(not represented)
Federal Transit Administration, Region III	Tony Cho
Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority	(not represented)
New Jersey Transit Corporation	Lou Millan
New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection	(not represented)
Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection	(not represented)
Delaware River Port Authority	Barbara Holcomb
Port Authority Transit Corporation	Ben Cornelius
New Jersey Office of Planning Advocacy	Alan Miller
Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development	(not represented)

**DVRPC Co-Counsel**

Pennsylvania Co-Counsel	Andrew Bockis
New Jersey Co-Counsel	Douglas Heinold

**DVRPC Staff:** John Ward, Patty Elkis, Chris Puchalsky, Elizabeth Schoonmaker, Alison Hastings, Rick Murphy, Kwan Hui, Taghi Ozbeki, Elise Turner, Julia Strapp, Rob Graff, Mike Boyer, Brett Fusco, Sean Greene, Mary Bell, Dave Anderson, John Griffies, Chris Linn, John Coscia, Jr., and Renee Wise.

**Guests**

PennDOT	Linda Guarini
Mercer County Planning Commission	Leslie Floyd
Borton-Lawson	John Caperilla
Devine & Partners for the Circuit	Christine Reimert
Bicycle Coalition	John Boyle
East Coast Greenway Association	Andy Hamilton
NJ Conservation Foundation	Olivia Glenn
Bicycle Coalition	Bob Previdi
Gilmore Associates	Rich Avicelli
Residents for Regional Traffic Solutions	Sue Herman
Pennoni Associates, Inc.	Don Shanis

**Call to Order - Chair's Comments**

Chair Diane Ellis-Marseglia called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m. and asked if there was any press in the room or anyone recording the meeting. The Chair welcomed Sean Thompson, representing the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs.

## **Public Comments on Agenda and Non-Agenda Items**

Public comments were stated by Andy Hamilton of the East Coast Greenway Association and Olivia Glenn of the New Jersey Conservation Foundation. Both speakers expressed support for action item number four (DVRPC Circuit Funding: Phase IV Grants and PA TIP Circuit Line Item) and noted that the health and economic benefits will be substantial for the region.

### **Action Items**

#### **1. Minutes of Meeting of May 28, 2015**

A **motion** was made by Mr. Kuhn, seconded by Mr. Ritzman, to approve the minutes of May 28, 2015.

#### **2. Transportation Improvement Program (TIP Actions)**

Elizabeth Schoonmaker, DVRPC Capital Program Manager, presented the following TIP actions to the Board:

##### **2a. PA15-46: Montgomery County Act 13 Local Bridges, (Various MPMS #s), Montgomery County**

Montgomery County has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2015 - 2018 TIP for Pennsylvania by deleting the \$1,825,000 Easton Road over Branch of the Tacony Creek (County Bridge #268) (MPMS #104185) local bridge replacement project from the TIP and adding a new \$1,825,000 local bridge project to the TIP, Morris Avenue Bridge over Mill Creek (County Bridge #8) (MPMS #15796). The funding levels, funding sources and programming years are exactly the same for both bridges. \$100,000 Act 13 for PE in FY15; \$200,000 Act 13 for FD in FY15, \$25,000 Act 13 for ROW in FY16; and \$1,500,000 local for CON in FY17. The County is using \$325,000 of their 2014 Act 13 allocation plus \$1,500,000 of local County funds. These are additional funds to the region. The improvements will remove the structural deficient (SD) status of the bridge structure.

The Morris Avenue Bridge over Mill Creek is located in Lower Merion Township and is a two span concrete T-Beam bridge. The superstructure of the bridge has a 3-serious condition code with both the deck and substructure having a 4-poor condition code. The superstructure has advance section loss due to the concrete deterioration which has exposed the reinforcement. The bridge is categorized as structurally deficient due to the deck, superstructure and substructure being rated as 4-poor, 3-serious, and 4-poor condition rating respectively. The bridge will be completely replaced due to the severe deterioration.

Financial constraint will be maintained as these funds are additional to the region.

Favorable recommendation was received from the Regional Technical Committee.

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

**MOTION** by Ms. Arkoosh, seconded by Ms. Goren, that the Board approve the following TIP action:

PA15-46, Montgomery County's request that DVRPC amend the FY2015 - 2018 TIP for Pennsylvania by deleting the \$1,825,000 Easton Road over Branch of the Tacony Creek (County Bridge #268) (MPMS #104185) local bridge replacement project from the TIP and adding a new \$1,825,000 local bridge project to the TIP, Morris Avenue Bridge over Mill Creek (County Bridge #8) (MPMS #15796). The funding levels, funding sources and programming years are exactly the same for both bridges. \$100,000 Act 13 for PE in FY15; \$200,000 Act 13 for FD in FY15, \$25,000 Act 13 for ROW in FY16; and \$1,500,000 local for CON in FY17. The County is using \$325,000 of their 2014 Act 13 allocation plus \$1,500,000 of local County funds. These are additional funds to the region. The improvements will remove the structural deficient (SD) status of the bridge structure.

**2b. PA15-47: Chester County Act 13 Local Bridges, (Various MPMS #s), Chester County**

Chester County has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2015 - 2018 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding two new local bridge projects to the TIP for preliminary engineering, final design, right-of-way, and construction in FY15 and FY16, in the amount of \$1,630,000 (using \$405,000 of the 2014 allocation of Act 13 funds, combined with \$1,225,000 of local County funds). These are additional funds to the region.

These improvements will remove the structural deficient (SD) status of the two bridge structures which are:

1. Old Schuylkill Road over Pigeon Creek (County Bridge #207) (MPMS# 105181) in East Coventry Township in the amount of \$1,130,000 (\$200,000 Act 13 preliminary engineering in FY15, \$125,000 Act 13 final design in FY16, \$10,000 Local right-of-way in FY16, and \$795,000 Local construction in FY16). This bridge is the oldest county owned bridge and was originally constructed in 1804. It consists of two closed spandrel stone masonry arches under fill. Each arch has a span of 25 feet. Extensive re-pointing and maintenance was performed on the structure in 1983. The bridge is currently posted for a 5-ton weight limit based on engineering judgment in accordance with current PennDOT Guidelines. The deck is not rated due to the structure classification but the bituminous wearing surface has longitudinal cracking in the wheel paths, minor map cracking at the ends and minor

settlement along the parapets. The average daily traffic for this bridge is 416 vehicles per day. It is structurally deficient as a result of the superstructure rating of 3-serious resulting from substantial cracking and missing mortar within the intrados and bulging of the spandrel walls. The recommended rehabilitation includes a historically appropriate rebuilding and strengthening of the stone masonry arch including reconstruction of the spandrel walls including replacement of missing stones, repoint stone masonry, throughout the structure, strengthening of the arch barrel, installation of drainage facilities, installation of rock protection along the substructure, and the installation of approach guiderail, transitions and end treatments;

2. Halteman Road over Pigeon Creek (County Bridge #255) (MPMS# 13975) in East Coventry Township in the amount of \$500,000 (\$50,000 Act 13 preliminary engineering in FY15, \$30,000 Act 13 final design in FY16, and \$420,000 Local construction in FY16). This bridge was originally constructed in 1914. It consists of a through plate girder span and a single closed spandrel stone masonry arch under fill. Repairs were performed to the substructure in 1978; the superstructure in 1980, 1997 and 2007; and the deck in 2007. The bridge is currently posted for a 5-ton weight restriction based on the condition of the floorbeam at the far abutment. The bridge is in poor overall condition. The average daily traffic for this bridge is 212 vehicles per day. The bridge is classified as structurally deficient as a result of the superstructure rating of 3-poor which is due to significant section losses of the transverse floor beam and sever deterioration and section loss of the girders. Recommended repairs include replacement of the deteriorated floor beams; replacement of deteriorated rivets along the bottom flange of the girders; repair the frozen steel bearings; removal and replacement of the concrete deck; re-point the stone masonry, as needed; spot paint the superstructure; installation of structure-mounted guide rail across bridge and approach guide rail, transitions, and end treatments.

Financial constraint will be maintained as these funds are additional to the region.

Favorable recommendation was received from the Regional Technical Committee.

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

**MOTION** by Ms. Kichline, seconded by Mr. McBlain, that the Board approve the following TIP action:

PA15-47, Chester County's request that DVRPC amend the FY2015 - 2018 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding two new local bridge projects to the TIP for preliminary engineering, final design, right-of-way, and construction in FY15 and FY16, in the amount of \$1,630,000 (using \$405,000 of the 2014 allocation of Act 13 funds, combined with \$1,225,000 of local County funds). These are additional funds to the region.

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**2c. PA15-48: Newtown-Yardley Road Intersection Improvements, (MPMS #57639), Bucks County**

PennDOT has requested that DVRPC modify the FY2015 - 2018 TIP for Pennsylvania by federalizing (add federal funds) to the Newtown-Yardley Road Intersection Improvements project, by replacing \$918,000 State 581 funds with federal STU funds for the construction phase in FY15. In order to establish FHWA as the lead environmental reviewing agency, federal funds must be programmed on the project. There is no cost change to this project.

This project involves widening and pavement markings to provide one through lane in each direction along with protected left-turn lanes at the intersection of Newtown Yardley Road and Terry Drive/Lower Dolington Road. There will also be an installation of a traffic signal at the intersection of Newtown-Yardley Road and Friends Lane. There will be an upgrade of existing traffic signal equipment/operations on Newtown Yardley Road and an installation of a closed loop system interconnection of traffic signals on Newtown Yardley Road at Terry Drive/Lower Dolington Road, Friends Lane and Penns Trail. This system will be connected to the closed loop system along the Newtown Bypass (SR 0332).

Financial constraint will be maintained by making adjustments to other existing TIP projects whose schedules or costs have changed. All projects listed contribute to fiscal constraint.

Jim Ritzman, PennDOT, commented that because of the good working relationships between the states and the Federal Highway Administration, the states can pursue these kinds of improvements.

Favorable recommendation was received from the Regional Technical Committee.

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

**MOTION** by Mr. Ritzman, seconded by Ms. Marseglia, that the Board approve the following TIP action:

PA15-48, PennDOT's request that DVRPC modify the FY2015 - 2018 TIP for Pennsylvania by federalizing (add federal funds) to the Newtown-Yardley Road Intersection Improvements project, by replacing \$918,000 State 581 funds with federal STU funds for the construction phase in FY15.

**3a. DVRPC FY2016 Work Program Amendment: Pennsylvania Turnpike Traffic Forecasts**

Matt Gates, DVRPC Manager, Office of Modeling and Analysis, explained that the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission and their consultants, RK&K, are conducting a feasibility study of highway improvements between the Norristown and Bensalem interchanges (Exits 333 to 351). Future year traffic forecasts are required to support that effort. This project will prepare daily and AM and PM peak hour traffic forecasts for a No-Build Alternative and four Build alternatives, using DVRPC's regional Travel Demand Model (TIM2.2)

Denise Goren, Mayor's Office of Transportation and Utilities, asked how autonomous vehicles would be factored into the future year traffic forecasts. Mr. Gates responded that a different model would be used and that there would be many issues to consider with regard to transit ridership, safety, and more.

Favorable recommendation was received from the Regional Technical Committee.

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

**MOTION** by Mr. Levecchia, seconded by Mr. McBlain, that the Board amend:

The DVRPC Fiscal Year 2016 Work Program to include the "Pennsylvania Turnpike Traffic Forecasts."

**3b. DVRPC FY 2016 Work Program Amendment: PennDOT Supplemental Traffic Counts**

Scott Brady, DVRPC Manager of the Office of Travel Monitoring, explained that the FY 2016 project 16-43-010 is the Program Area project for the Office of Travel Monitoring. The primary activity in this project is the collection of traffic counts at locations identified by PennDOT's Bureau of Planning and Research. The Bureau of Planning and Research has requested that DVRPC conduct traffic counts at additional locations beyond the initial request covered in this project.

A public comment was received from Cheryl Graff Tumola of Delaware County who questioned where the sites would be located. A response followed indicating that the sites have not yet been determined.

Favorable recommendation was received from the Regional Technical Committee.

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

**MOTION** by Mr. Ritzman, seconded by Ms. Goren, that the Board amend:

FY 2016 Planning Work Program project 16-43-010 to include the PennDOT Supplemental Traffic Counts.

#### **4. DVRPC Circuit Funding: Phase IV Grants and PA TIP Circuit Line Item**

Chris Linn, DVRPC Manager, Office of Environmental Planning, explained that this is the fourth phase of awards for the Regional Trails Program. The program, funded by the William Penn Foundation, aims to continue implementation of the Circuit. The 10 awards pending approval will fund design, construction and right-of-way analysis studies. The design projects will be included in a PA TIP Circuit line item to be created as part of this action (see attached TIP project record spreadsheet). These projects will work through the PennDOT process during design to prepare them for federal construction funding. Five million dollars in CMAQ funding is being programmed in FY19/FY20 as part of the Circuit line item.

The projects listed below were cultivated through a prioritization process conducted by the PA County Planner Circuit Working Group. Proposed awards include six design projects, two construction project and two studies. Five of the six design projects will be placed on the TIP upon approval of this action (one project already has an MPMS #). Project selection was based on multiple rounds of coordination with the counties including field views of all the projects. All proposed awards were identified in close coordination with DCNR, and most will leverage DCNR funding.

The first round of funding for New Jersey projects is anticipated to occur in September. A second phase of funding for PA is anticipated, timing to be determined.

The following 10 projects have been nominated for funding.

1. Bridge Street Crossing – D&L Canal Towpath – Morrisville Borough, Bucks County – \$61,000 (design)
2. Newtown Branch Rail Trail, County Line to Bristol Road – Bucks County – \$100,000 (design)

3. Chester Valley Trail 4a – Chester County Department of Facilities and Parks -- \$200,000 (construction)
4. Chester Valley Trail Extension – Montgomery County – \$150,000 (design)
5. Pennypack Trail Extension – Montgomery County – \$60,000 (design)
6. Schuylkill River Trail – 422 to Moser Road – Montgomery County – \$188,300 (construction)
7. Cross County Trail – Montgomery County – \$60,000 (study)
8. Pennypack Trail Extension – State & Rhawn Crossing – Philadelphia Streets Department – \$60,000 (design)
9. Spring Garden Street Greenway Philadelphia Streets Department – \$400,000 (design)
10. Frankford Creek Greenway – Philadelphia Department of Parks and Recreation – \$56,500 (study)

The total amount is \$1,335,800 for these ten projects.

Public comments were received from the Circuit Coalition in support of this action.

Favorable recommendation was received from the Regional Technical Committee.

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

**MOTION** by Ms. Goren, seconded by Mr. Ritzman, that the Board approve:

1) The above nominated Regional Trails Program grant awards; and 2) amend the PA FY2015 TIP (TIP Action PA15-49) by including the Circuit Line Item (MPMS #TBD) with \$931,000 Local funds (\$831,000 William Penn Funds/\$100,000 County contribution) for design in FY16. Five million dollars in CMAQ funding (\$2,500,000 in FY19 and \$2,500,000 in FY20) is available for construction of CMAQ eligible trail segments. Projects may be assigned individual MPMS #'s and draw from the Line item at the appropriate time.

##### **5. DVRPC Annual Self-Certification of the Regional Transportation Planning Process**

John Ward, DVRPC Deputy Executive Director, explained that federal regulations for metropolitan planning (23 CFR 450 and 49 CFR 613) require the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) to annually certify to the Federal Highway Administration and the Federal Transit Administration that its transportation planning process addresses the major issues facing the area and is being conducted in accordance with all applicable requirements.

The regulation lists specific requirements, which must be addressed. DVRPC's compliance with these requirements is outlined below:

1. Improvements to the transportation system in the region have been the result of continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive planning process carried out by state and local officials.
2. The transportation planning process, including the adoption of the TIP and Long-Range Plan, is consistent with the Clean Air Act and is in conformance with the applicable State Implementation Plans.
3. Private citizens, affected public agencies, representatives of transportation agency employees, other affected employee representatives, private providers of transportation, and other interested parties were provided with a reasonable opportunity to comment on the TIP, Long-Range Plan, and planning process.
4. The TIP is financially constrained and includes a financial plan that demonstrates how the TIP can be implemented, indicates resources from both public and private sources that are reasonably expected to be available, and is supportive of innovative financing techniques.
5. A performance based planning approach to transportation decision making is being integrated into the development of the LRP, TIP, CMP, and other appropriate regional planning documents through coordination with state and federal partners for the development of performance measures and targets.
6. DVRPC's planning process is administered in accordance with FTA Circular 4702.1, Title VI, and DVRPC employment practices comply with FTA Circular 4704, Equal Employment Opportunity Guidelines for Grant Recipients.
7. DVRPC's programs are conducted consistent with Title 49 CFR Part 23 as implemented by FTA Circular 4716.1A regarding disadvantaged business enterprise programs.
8. The Americans with Disabilities Act and US DOT regulations entitled Transportation for Individuals with Disabilities have been met.
9. Environmental justice for low income and minority populations is being addressed
10. Congestion Management Process requirements for non-attainment Transportation Management Areas have been met.

11. Regarding transit agency representation on MPO policy boards, DVRPC elects to continue to use the exemption provision specified in the June 2, 2014 Policy Guidance by reaffirming Board Resolution B-FY-15-004, while continuing to include SEPTA, NJ Transit and DRPA/PATCO as participating, non-voting members of the Board and as voting members of the Regional Technical Committee and Regional Transit Advisory Committee.
12. DVRPC certifies that it qualifies for the exemption referred to above by meeting the particular specifications of the exemption.
13. The provision of 49 CFR part 20 regarding restrictions on influencing certain activities has been met.

Favorable recommendation was received from the Regional Technical Committee.

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

**MOTION** by Mr. Kuhn, seconded by Ms. Arkoosh, that the Board adopt:

Resolution No. B-FY15-007 certifying that the DVRPC Regional Transportation Planning Process is in conformance with federal regulations implementing MAP-21, the Clean Air Act Amendments, and other federal legislation.

## **6. Election of Fiscal Year 2016 Board Officers**

Elections took place for the Fiscal Year 2016 DVRPC Board Officers. A recommended slate of officers was proposed by the Nominating Committee. No nominations were offered from the floor.

On a **motion** by Mr. Levecchia, seconded by Mr. Kuhn, the Board unanimously approved the Fiscal Year 2016 DVRPC Board Officers:

Mayor Dana Redd (Alternate, Edward Williams, Camden City) was elected Chair.  
Pennsylvania State Representative, Nedia Ralston, Pennsylvania Governor's Policy and Planning Office, was elected Vice Chair.  
Commissioner Valerie Arkoosh (Alternate, Jody Holton, Montgomery County) was elected Secretary.  
Rick Westergaard (Alternate, Giuseppe Chila, Gloucester County) was elected Treasurer.

Barry Seymour, DVRPC Executive Director, noted that all officers will also serve on the Executive Committee but that since there is no Treasurer position on the Executive Committee, Gloucester will serve as the New Jersey County representative.

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

### **7. One Minute Reports**

Ben Cornelius, PATCO, apologized for PATCO's service disruptions on Tuesday as a result of the storms. Normal service has been restored. Mr. Cornelius thanked NJ Transit for cross-honoring PATCO tickets on Tuesday as many of PATCO's customers used NJ Transit for their commutes. The refurbished PATCO cars were released on May 28 and every other week two more will be put into service. PATCO has started accepting debit and credit cards for all transactions and a new schedule will begin July 1 when track work will start again. There will be fewer service gaps and the schedules will return to partial outages after Labor Day.

Barbara Holcomb, DRPA, reported that DRPA Commissioner Whitney White has expressed his gratitude to Barry Seymour and DVRPC for a productive meeting and for going above and beyond.

Lou Millan, NJ Transit, reported that as a result of Tuesday's storms there have been power issues for NJ Transit. Mr. Millan noted that NJ Transit is happy to work with transit partners and provide cross-honoring of transit tickets.

Jim Ritzman, PennDOT, reported that applications for the Multimodal Fund through the DCED are open until the end of July. There is approximately \$60 million available and some of the options available to receive funding include bicycle and pedestrian, streetscapes, and economic development. Mr. Ritzman noted that last week the State Transportation Commission met with the counties, the state, DVRPC and others to discuss traffic congestion. The goal was to get an understanding of traffic in the region. Mr. Ritzman thanked everyone for their participation.

Edward Williams, City of Camden, thanked the nominating committee for electing the City of Camden for the Chair position. Mayor Dana Redd will be at the next Board meeting as the new Chair. Mr. Williams thanked Barbara Holcomb and the DRPA for their assistance with the TIGER grant.

Michelle Kichline, Chester County, reported that the county is undertaking a feasibility study in July to extend the Chester Valley Trail west to Downingtown which is part of the Circuit that the Board just discussed. The County is in the process of a search for the Executive Director of Planning position. Ms. Kichline introduced David Ward who is currently serving as Acting Director.

John McBlain, Delaware County, thanked PennDOT and SEPTA for their excellent communications and collaboration on service as a result of Tuesday's storm.

Valerie Arkoosh, Montgomery County, thanked the DVRPC Board for their vote and election as Secretary. Ms. Arkoosh reported that the Healthy Communities Task Force meeting held earlier in the month was well-attended and a lot of cross-sectors were represented. The focus was on reducing small particulates and emissions in and around ports and to improve air quality. The County has launched its Walk Montco effort to seek public input to find out where sidewalks are needed and the response has already been impressive.

Andrew Levecchia, Camden County, reported that the Tall Ships are coming to the Camden Waterfront.

Donna Lewis, Mercer County, reported that she is retiring at the end of the month. Ms. Lewis introduced the new Planning Director for the County, Leslie Floyd.

Denise Goren, City of Philadelphia, noted that Tuesday's storm affected everyone in the region and she thanked everyone for great coordination in dealing with the aftereffects.

### **Presentation Item**

#### **7. Bucks County Activities and Initiatives**

Lynn Bush and Diane Ellis-Marseglia, Bucks County, presented on the County's current planning activities and initiatives.

#### **8. Executive Director's Report**

##### **a. TIGER Grant Applications**

Mr. Seymour noted that six TIGER Grant applications were received including two from the City of Philadelphia, one from the Philadelphia Regional Port Authority, SEPTA, the City of Camden, and DRPA/PATCO. Mr. Seymour noted that details on these applications were in the Board packets.

##### **b. NARC Annual Conference**

Mr. Seymour called the Board's attention to NARC's Annual Conference which recently took place. There was a presentation by USDOT Secretary Foxx in which he asked participants to tell Congress both which projects won't move without more money, and to identify the transformation projects that will lead us forward. Additionally NARC crafted a ports and waterways statement and produced a letter regarding air quality and new regulations.

c. Regional Traffic Incident Management Conference

Mr. Seymour reported that DVRPC put together this Conference at Citizens Bank Park on June 23. This meeting included police, fire and emergency responders, as well as all the other different disciplines that respond to traffic incidents on the highways. There were over 200 attendees and presentations were given on how best to stage a site in order to respond most effectively. Mr. Seymour thanked sponsors and participants.

d. June 30 Anniversary Event

Mr. Seymour announced that next Tuesday, June 30, DVRPC is holding a 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Event at Dilworth Plaza. There will be a press event at 9:30 and Board members are invited to attend from 9:00 am to 10:00 am.

e. Tall Ships Parade

Mr. Seymour called the Board's attention to the Tall Ships coming to the Camden Waterfront. He noted that a map of the tall ships and locations is available in the Board packet.

f. World Meeting of Families

Mr. Seymour noted that the Pope's visit to Philadelphia would be taking place on September 26 and 27 and is expected to cause substantial disruptions for those traveling in and out of Philadelphia. Mr. Seymour asked Board members if they would prefer to move the scheduled Board meeting date from September 24 to September 30. Board members agreed to move the meeting date.

g. Board Retreat

Mr. Seymour pointed out that the Board Retreat is currently scheduled for December 10 and asked whether Board members would like to change the date of that meeting to the proceeding day, December 9. Board members responded in the affirmative.

#### h. New Report Releases

Mr. Seymour reported that DVRPC has recently released some new reports including: (1) Airport Counting at Hammonton, Linden, Pocono Mountains (2) Airport Counting at Pennridge, Quakertown, Trenton; (3) Building Permits 2010-2014.

#### i. Minor Changes to the FY16 Work Program

Mr. Seymour noted that there is a minor change to FY16 Asset Management Work in Chester County. DVRPC will be undertaking the work rather than hiring a consultant.

#### j. Downtown Delivery Symposium

Mr. Seymour called the Board's attention to the Downtown Delivery Symposium which will be taking place on July 15 at DVRPC's office. The full day event will provide discussion, networking, and sharing solutions for meeting delivery demands.

### 10. **Committee Reports**

The following committee reports were distributed to the Board for review:

- (1) Regional Technical Committee
- (2) Healthy Communities Task Force
- (3) SOS Roundtable and RCEDF
- (4) Information Resources Exchange Group

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

No old business was stated.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

No new business was stated.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:32 a.m. on a **MOTION** by Mr. Kuhn, seconded by Mr. Ritzman.

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I certify that this is a true and correct copy.

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Renee Wise, Recording Secretary