



***dvrpc's mission*** is to proactively shape a comprehensive vision for the region's future growth. We will do so by providing technical assistance and services; conducting high priority studies that respond to the requests and demands of member states and local governments; fostering cooperation among various constituencies to forge a consensus on diverse regional issues; determining and meeting the needs of the private sector; and continuing ***public outreach*** efforts that promote two-way ***communication*** and enhance ***public awareness*** of regional issues and of DVRPC.



## THE COMMISSION

**E**stablished in 1965, the *Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission (DVRPC)* provides comprehensive, coordinated planning for the orderly growth and development of the bi-state region.

As an interstate, intercounty and intercity agency, DVRPC advises on regional policy and capital funding issues concerning transportation, economic development, the environment and land-use. To satisfy the broadest constituency, we foster cooperation among member governments and agencies, private sector organizations, and the public. We also work closely with a host of agencies, including state departments of transportation, community affairs and environmental protection, the federal government, and regional transportation providers. No matter who we're serving, DVRPC is dedicated to delivering critical data and consulting services that will enhance the planning efforts for our nine-county metropolitan region.

DVRPC is governed by an 18-member Board which establishes regional policy, defines committee duties and adopts the annual work program. A 10-member Executive Committee oversees general operations and fiscal matters. Our planning and service functions are split among the Office of the Executive Director, Office of Public Affairs and three divisions: Transportation Planning, Regional Planning and Administration.

Financial support for the organization's diverse activities comes from federal, state, county, city, operating agencies, and private sector funds.

## THE REGION

- Sixth largest metropolitan area in the nation
- Approximately 4,000 square miles
- Home to over 5 million residents and 2.8 million jobs
- Comprised of nine counties:

### *Pennsylvania*

Bucks  
Chester  
Delaware  
Montgomery  
and Philadelphia counties

### *New Jersey*

Burlington  
Camden  
Gloucester and Mercer counties

- Offers a diversity of educational and business opportunities
- Five dozen four-year colleges and universities
- More than 25 medical schools and teaching hospitals comprising the famous Medical Mile
- Headquarters to 15 Fortune 500 companies
- World's largest market for foreign currency options
- Safest of the ten large metropolitan areas in the US
- Vibrant tourism, cultural, and entertainment industries: Independence Mall, Avenue of the Arts, Camden Waterfront, First Union Center

## Message from the Executive Director and Board Chair

Times have changed. As individuals, we are thinking differently and we are taking a serious look at our priorities. As an organization, DVRPC is also taking a look at where we've been and where we're going. We're constantly flexing our priorities to meet new demands and moving to the forefront those that most directly affect the citizens of this region.

Communicating our goals, getting feedback on our efforts and changing direction to accommodate the input we receive has given us a new focus. With the adoption of *Horizons*, the Year 2025 Long-Range Plan for the Delaware Valley, DVRPC's staff and Board placed public involvement right up front.

We have utilized our website to make information available to the broadest range of individuals. We have issued thousands of copies of the Plan to more

citizens than ever before. And, we have made our intent clear to more municipal, county and state leaders than ever. Our goal now is to make the Long-Range Plan a reality.

The point of our corridor studies, watershed evaluation, mobility alternatives and outreach efforts is *people*. The citizens of this region suffer the consequences of bad decisions and reap the rewards of the progress we make. We continue to believe that we represent the consensus of what is right for the Delaware Valley. We all want cleaner air, greater mobility, freedom of choice and an incomparable quality of life.

We at DVRPC have much to offer the region—through our professional and experienced staff, through a Board that represents many interests and through the knowledge that we are moving steadily toward the goal of fair and honest access to the best this region has to offer.

Whether we are serving as a source of information, focusing on bringing the region's leaders together to resolve issues or providing insights into the needs of our citizens, we have the clear mission to lead. We plan to move the Delaware Valley ahead, even in these times of insecurity and change. It is our role...and it is the right thing to do.



*John J. Coscia*  
*Executive Director*



*Timothy J. Carson, Esq.*  
*Board Chair*

leading

# January 2002



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	<i>Martin Luther King Jr's Birthday (Observed) DVRPC offices closed</i>					
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**Mon., Jan. 7, 10 a.m.**  
Environmental Justice Public Involvement Task Force Meeting

**Tues., Jan. 8, 10 a.m.**  
Regional Transportation Committee Meeting

**Wed., Jan. 9, 10 a.m.**  
Delaware Valley Goods Movement Task Force Meeting

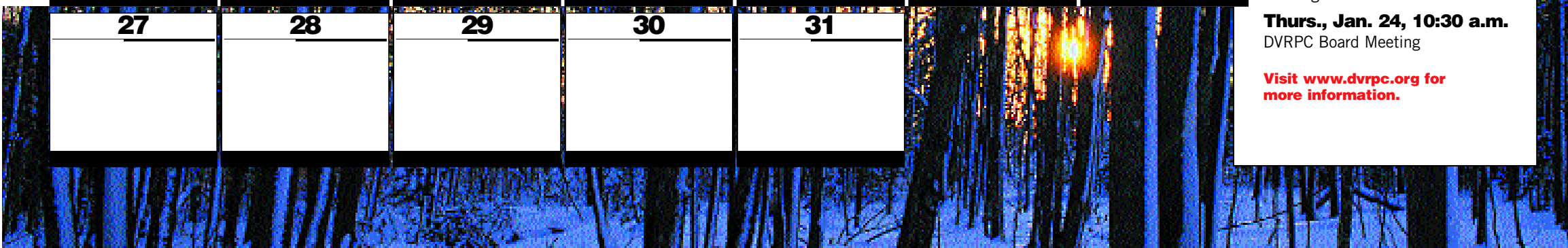
**Thurs., Jan. 10, 10 a.m.**  
Greater Philadelphia Clean Cities Meeting

**Thurs., Jan. 11, 10 a.m.**  
Regional Housing Committee Meeting

**Tues., Jan. 15, Noon**  
Regional Citizens Committee Meeting

**Thurs., Jan. 24, 10:30 a.m.**  
DVRPC Board Meeting

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**D**VRPC values and encourages public participation in its planning efforts. The

Commission reaches out to citizens in the region to engage them in a dialogue about transportation, land-use and environmental priorities. In conducting every study and plan, DVRPC takes advantage of the opportunity to connect and share information and ideas with the citizens of the region.

DVRPC has been actively engaging the public in the planning process since the 1970s when federal mandates outlined the basics of citizen involvement. Then, as now, the Commission went far beyond the minimal standards, establishing three citizen committees that have evolved into the Commission's Regional Citizens Committee. The Chairperson of the

Citizens Committee participates in regular Board meetings, making recommendations to the Board on environmental, transportation and land-use matters.

In all aspects of the agency's work, DVRPC strives to maintain early, frequent and continuous consultation with the public, to consider our policies and methods in the context of the communities directly impacted by our projects and to create an environment that encourages participation in development, assessment and decision making. At DVRPC, we believe that planning must be done with the public, as well as for the public.

A 1994 Presidential Executive Order directed every federal agency to make environmental justice part of its mission by identifying and addressing the effects of all programs, policies, and activities on minority and low-income populations to ensure fair

treatment. Fair treatment means that no group of people, including a racial, ethnic, or socio-economic group, should bear a disproportionate share of the negative environmental consequences resulting from industrial, municipal, and commercial operations or the execution of federal, state, local, and tribal programs and policies.

In support of this mission, DVRPC has established two Environmental Justice Task Forces: one is a technical committee to review staff work in the area of mapping transportation improvements with the goal of overlaying low income and minority population data; the second committee is a public participation focus group that represents minority, low income, disabled, economic, religious, housing and educational groups.

**connecting**



# February 2002



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						<i>Ground Hog Day</i>
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		<i>Lincoln's Birthday Chinese New Year</i>	<i>Ash Wednesday</i>	<i>Valentine's Day</i>		
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	<i>President's Day DVRPC offices closed</i>				<i>Washington's Birthday</i>	
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## Black History Month

### Tues., Feb. 12, 10 a.m.

Regional Transportation Committee Meeting

### Thurs., Feb. 14, 10 a.m.

Greater Philadelphia Clean Cities Meeting

### Tues., Feb. 19, Noon

Regional Citizens Committee Meeting

### Thurs., Feb 28, 10:30 a.m.

DVRPC Board Meeting, 10:30 a.m.

Visit [www.dvrpc.org](http://www.dvrpc.org) for more information.

# enhancing



**T**he Delaware Valley is a region of communities and neighborhoods, all with specific challenges and opportunities. DVRPC works with communities throughout the area to enhance livability and functionality by thinking creatively about transportation and land-use planning.

Transportation facilities can have an enormous impact on the way a community looks and functions. There are strategies that can maximize the benefits of train or bus service in communities—generally referred to as Transit Oriented Development (TOD). TOD strategies attract appropriate and complimentary land-uses to areas immediately around transit stops.

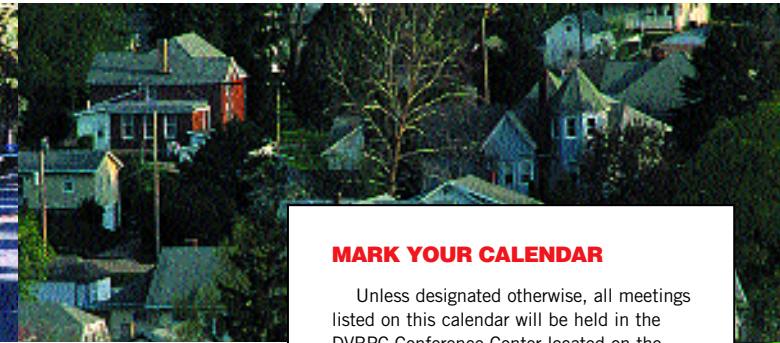
Such strategies can help create pedestrian-friendly areas with a mixture of housing, offices, retail and services. DVRPC has been working directly with communities in South Jersey to explore ways to maximize the benefits of the light-rail line between Camden and Trenton, planned to open in early 2003.

Likewise, planners have been working with Pennsylvania communities that have been identified as potential locations for stations on SEPTA and BARTA's Schuylkill Valley MetroRail line. DVRPC's innovative work in this area has focused on community-based advocacy to develop local plans and zoning amendments that will drive transit oriented community development and enhancements.

Increasingly, residents and business leaders are concerned about growing levels of congestion on the region's roadways. DVRPC's Congestion Management efforts address specific segments of the region's road network and identify approaches to ease congestion. In many areas of the region, there is neither room nor resources to widen highways or build new routes. DVRPC planners point out smaller fixes, such as timing of traffic signals and infrastructure adjustments that will enhance traffic flow on the existing road network. They also study travel patterns and suggest enhancements to transit facilities to encourage greater transit usage, lessening demand on the strained road network.



# March 2002



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<i>Saint Patrick's Day</i>			<i>First Day of Spring</i>			
<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>
<i>Palm Sunday</i>						
<b>31</b>			<i>Passover Begins at Sundown</i>	<i>Passover</i>	<i>Good Friday</i>	
<i>Easter Sunday</i>						

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Philadelphia Incident Management Conference (TBD)

**Tues., Mar. 12, 10 a.m.**  
Regional Transportation Committee Meeting

**Thurs., Mar. 14, 10a.m.**  
Greater Philadelphia Clean Cities Meeting

**Tues., Mar. 19, Noon**  
Regional Citizens Committee Meeting

**Thurs., Mar. 21, 10 a.m.**  
Regional Aviation Committee Meeting

**Thurs., Mar. 28, 10:30 a.m.**  
DVRPC Board Meeting

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Just like businesses, public agencies are called on to do more with less. Our partner government agencies maximize their effectiveness by relying on DVRPC's expertise in coordinating the implementation of their plans and programs.

The primary task within the project management role is assisting the project applicants through the preliminary engineering, right-of-way acquisition and final design phases. In all, DVRPC manages nearly 65 transportation projects in Pennsylvania and New Jersey.

The Commission is managing implementation of several streetscape projects that directly improve the look and feel of a community's public spaces,

and respond to a growing sensitivity to quality-of-life concerns. Specific streetscape projects are addressing Ardmore's Central Business district along Lancaster Avenue, Lincoln Highway in Coatesville, Main Street in Norristown, Downtown Media and gateway enhancements in Ambler Borough.

Other implementation projects include sidewalks and pedestrian amenities in Nether Providence Township and bicycling facilities in a number of communities. Some on- and off- road bike facilities that are proceeding under DVRPC's guidance include Falls Township's Community Connector Trail project in Bristol Borough, Destination Doylestown project in Doylestown Borough, Old Baltimore Pike bikeway in Chester County, the Schuylkill River Trail, the Chester Valley Trail Extension project, the Cross

Country trail project, and bicycle mobility improvement project in Limerick, Towamencin, Lower Salford and Hatfield Townships.

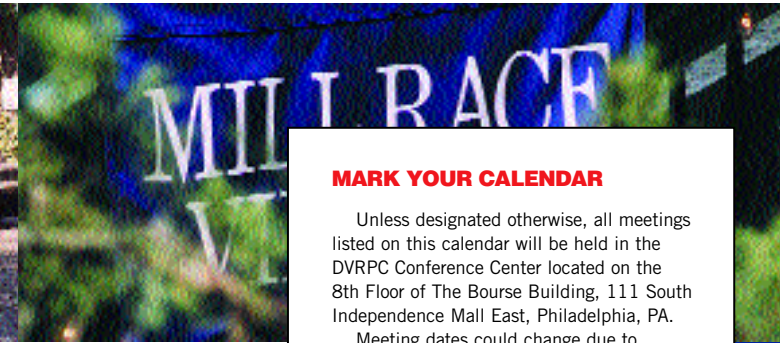
In New Jersey, the Commission's expertise is paving the way for road and bridge improvements. Specifically, DVRPC is managing several roadway resurfacing projects for Gloucester County, handling preliminary engineering and final design. Engineering work for several local bridges in four New Jersey counties and the Route 130 Vision Study are all happening with the help of DVRPC's project management expertise.

Coordination and facilitation of these and other federally funded projects is another way in which the Commission supports the region in achieving its full potential.

# implementing



# April 2002



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	<i>April Fool's Day</i>					
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<i>Daylight Savings Begin</i>						
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	<i>Earth Day</i>		<i>Administrative Professionals Day</i>		<i>Arbor Day</i>	
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### **Fri., Apr. 5, 10 a.m.**

Regional Housing Committee Meeting

### **Tues., Apr. 9, 10 a.m.**

Regional Transportation Committee Meeting

### **Wed., April 10, 10 a.m.**

Delaware Valley Goods Movement Task Force

### **Thurs., Apr. 11, 10 a.m.**

Greater Philadelphia Clean Cities Meeting

### **Mon-Wed., Apr., 15-17**

New Jersey TransAction Conference, Atlantic City, New Jersey

### **Tues., Apr. 16, Noon**

Regional Citizens Committee Meeting

### **Thurs., Apr. 25, 10:30 a.m.**

DVRPC Board Meeting

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# advocating



**B**y speaking up and showing the way, DVRPC advocates to ensure investment in infrastructure and facilities that will benefit the region's citizens

and businesses.

In keeping with planning objectives to support the regional aviation system, DVRPC planners identified and publicly supported investments at several mid-sized airport facilities. Planners became involved in calming concerns and building consensus around proposed expansion initiatives. The support garnered by the Commission's involvement contributed to the successful implementation of planned improvements.

DVRPC takes regional mobility issues seriously, and engages transportation leaders to address issues and

problems. We have been a leader in drawing attention to the growing trend in "reverse commuting" in which city dwellers travel out to suburbs for employment, enduring long, difficult commutes. DVRPC has also been a strong advocate for welfare-to-work and job access transportation services. DVRPC facilitated grant applications from counties, public transportation providers and non-profit organizations to help them address the needs workers seeking jobs, including transit-riding reverse commuters. Last year, the Commission awarded \$3 million in federal transit grants to fund improved job access transportation services throughout the region.

Affection for the automobile has been shaping development in the region since the 1920s.

Especially in newer suburbs designed around the needs of a driving public, the accommodation of pedestrians and bicyclists has taken a back seat. DVRPC advocates on behalf of the region's walkers and cyclists, and works directly with municipalities to demonstrate ways in which they can retrofit their communities to make walking and biking safer and more appealing. Trails, bike lanes and bicycle parking facilities add a measure of comfort and convenience to bicycling, making cycling a legitimate alternative to driving for many trips. Good pedestrian facilities makes it easier for children to walk to school, for seniors to maintain independence, and for commuters to walk (instead of drive) to the train station—small improvements that can make a big difference in a neighborhood's quality of life.

# May 2002



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<i>Cinco de Mayo</i>						
<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>
<i>Mother's Day</i>						<i>Armed Forces Day</i>
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### National Bike Month

**Tues., May 7, 10 a.m.**

Regional Transportation Committee Meeting

**Wed., May 8, 10 a.m.**

Environmental Justice Involvement Committee Meeting

**Wed.-Fri., May 8-10**

2002 Pennsylvania Joint Rail Freight Seminar

**Thurs., May 9, 10 a.m.**

Greater Philadelphia Clean Cities Meeting

**Tues., May 14, Noon**

Regional Citizens Committee Meeting

**Thurs., May 23, 10:30 a.m.**

DVRPC Board Meeting

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**D**VRPC plays a role in educating the residents and business leaders in the region about specific actions that can ease traffic congestion, lessen the stress of commuting and improve air quality.

**e**commute, an innovative pilot program administered by DVRPC, encourages businesses to allow employee “telecommuting”. Telecommuting employees earn the

corporation “emission credits” for sale or trade with other corporations. At the same time, telecommuting reduces the number of cars on the road during peak-hour travel times, and lessens car-related pollution.

During the summer months, Ozone Action Alerts inform the general public about regional air quality conditions and provide tips to lessen dangerous ground level ozone. Taking transit is one of the best moves an individual can make to improve regional

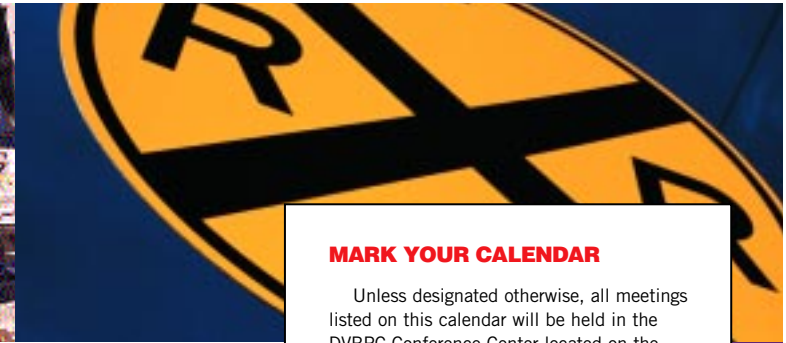
air quality. In that vein, DVRPC administers programs that provide incentives for transit usage and alternatives to driving to work alone. TransitChek provides tax-free money for the purchase of tickets, tokens or passes. The Mobility Alternatives Program provides employers with information about flex-time, ridesharing and other progressive policies. And, Share-a-Ride offers a free ridematch service for commuters who work in Southeastern Pennsylvania.

# educating

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# June 2002



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					<i>Flag Day DVRPC offices closed</i>	
<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>
<i>Father's Day</i>					<i>First Day of Summer</i>	
<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>
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**Wed., June 5, 6 p.m.**  
Annual Dinner: A Celebration of Regional Excellence

**Tues., June 11, 10 a.m.**  
Regional Transportation Committee Meeting

**Thurs., June 13, 10 a.m.**  
Greater Philadelphia Clean Cities Meeting

**Tues., June 18, Noon**  
Regional Citizens Committee Meeting

**Thurs., June 20, 10 a.m.**  
Regional Aviation Committee Meeting

**Fri., June 21, 10 a.m.**  
Regional Housing Committee Meeting

**Thurs., June 27, 10:30 a.m.**  
DVRPC Board Meeting

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**G**ood planning begins with good information. Decision-makers throughout the region rely on the research, data collection and analysis undertaken by DVRPC.

In FY 2001, our staff was aggressively researching transportation conditions by conducting traffic counts and a regional travel survey on points along key corridors throughout the region. The survey research captured information on travel patterns, vehicle occupancy and traffic volumes on regional roadways. In conjunction, DVRPC administered a household travel survey in which interviewers contacted over 13,000 households in the region to gather information about travel habits.

The information collected from these activities feeds directly into DVRPC's Travel Forecasting activities. Using state-of-the-art computer modeling, and the latest population and employment data from the census and other sources, DVRPC develops travel projections that decision-makers rely upon for highway, transit, land-use, parking and air quality planning. In FY 2001, DVRPC prepared traffic forecast studies for several major highway projects including I-95 reconstruction in Philadelphia between the Vine Street and Street Road interchanges, US 422 reconstruction in the Pottstown area, PA 41 reconstruction in Chester County and proposed new slip ramps at selected locations along the Pennsylvania Turnpike mainline and Northeast extension.

As the first results of the 2000 Census streamed in, DVRPC planners worked immediately on making the data accessible and understandable to users throughout the region. The Commission established a database of municipal profiles data, accessible via the Commission's website [www.dvrpc.org](http://www.dvrpc.org). Planners have also been preparing data bulletins and expert analysis of the trends behind the numbers—all available online. The goal of DVRPC's work with the 2000 Census results is extracting key information and making data easily accessible.

**researching**

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# July 2002



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**Mon., July 1**  
DVRPC Begins FY 2002

**Tues., July 9, 10 a.m.**  
Regional Transportation  
Committee Meeting

**Wed., July 10, 10 a.m.**  
Delaware Valley Goods Movement  
Task Force Meeting

**Tues., July 16, Noon**  
Regional Citizens  
Committee Meeting

**Thurs., July 25, 10:30 a.m.**  
DVRPC Board Meeting

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more information.



**W**orking with the New Jersey and Pennsylvania Departments of

Transportation and local leaders, DVRPC sets transportation funding priorities for the region by allocating federal and state transportation funds for specific projects.

In fiscal year 2001, DVRPC authorized funding for nearly a billion dollars in transportation improvements in four New Jersey counties—Burlington, Camden, Gloucester and Mercer—as part of the latest update of the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The program will guide investment in regional projects over the next three years.

DVRPC's investment in Southwestern New Jersey's transportation network will fund 180 projects, including:

- *NJ Transit's Camden to Trenton light rail line*
- *I-195 and I-295 resurfacing*
- *Traffic circle elimination in Collingswood and Berlin, NJ*
- *Replacement/rehabilitation of 30 bridges.*

These investments will ease congestion, improve mobility and enhance the quality of life in communities across South Jersey. DVRPC is utilizing Department of Transportation management system data to identify problem areas where future investments should be focused.

In addition to the latest TIP for New Jersey, DVRPC has been continually managing and updating the TIP for Southeastern Pennsylvania. Adopted in 2000, the TIP for Southeastern Pennsylvania contains 500 projects representing \$3.8 billion in investment over four years.

Complete and up-to-date TIPs for Southwestern New Jersey and Southeastern Pennsylvania are available online at [www.dvrpc.org/transportation/tip.htm](http://www.dvrpc.org/transportation/tip.htm).

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# August 2002

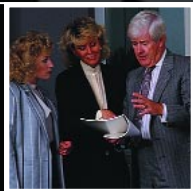


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# partnering



**E**ffective planning begins with having key parties involved in a dialogue about opportunities and challenges.

DVRPC brings together public and private stakeholders to build partnerships focused on solving problems and identifying better alternatives.

DVRPC has been a guiding force in assembling and managing the Central Jersey Transportation Forum. Comprised of regional organizations, public agencies and local leaders, the Forum applies its collective expertise and resources to address increasingly complex transportation issues in this growing area of New Jersey. In this partnering effort, dozens of parties come together to identify and implement solutions that cut across municipal and county boundaries.

In the economically-critical area of freight transportation, DVRPC has created a strong alliance with the regional freight community through the Delaware Valley Goods Movement Task Force. The committee brings together leaders of industry, railroads, ports, trucking, air cargo and economic development. As a group, they formulate strategies and identify projects to enhance the region's role as an international distribution center.

The Commission is also part of a team focused on attracting and growing economic opportunity in the greater Philadelphia region. DVRPC is part of the *Strategy 21* network of agencies and organizations fostering economic development by building coalitions, sharing information and developing strategies. For the *Team Pennsylvania* initiative,

DVRPC has developed a web-based information clearinghouse for business leaders that includes information on demographics, infrastructure and available commercial real estate.

In other instances, DVRPC partners with other organizations to tackle specific issues. For instance, DVRPC is working with the Delaware River Port Authority, operators of the PATCO High-Speed Line, to develop community-specific solutions to PATCO's parking shortage at its South Jersey stations. DVRPC is also working with the New Jersey Department of Transportation and the Borough of Brooklawn, NJ to develop a plan to ease traffic congestion, improve safety and enhance mobility around two traffic circles in the borough.

# September 2002



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	<i>Labor Day DVRPC offices closed</i>				<i>Rosh Hashanah Begins at Sundown</i>	<i>Rosh Hashanah</i>
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**Tues., Sept. 10, 10 a.m.**  
Regional Transportation Committee Meeting

**Wed., Sept. 11, 10 a.m.**  
Environmental Justice Involvement Committee Meeting

**Thurs., Sept. 12, 10 a.m.**  
Greater Philadelphia Clean Cities

**Tues., Sept. 17, Noon**  
Regional Citizens Committee Meeting

**Thurs., Sept. 19, 10 a.m.**  
Regional Aviation Committee Meeting

**Thurs., Sept. 26, 10:30 a.m.**  
DVRPC Board Meeting

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# preserving



I nnumerable assets make the region a special place to live and work. DVRPC works to preserve features that are in danger of deterioration.

Specifically, DVRPC is working with New Jersey's Department of Environmental Protection to lead two long-term, water quality-related regional conservation efforts. These projects in Watershed Management Areas 18 and 20 will specify actions to protect stream

corridors and water recharge areas in 16 Delaware River tributary watersheds in more than 90 municipalities in 7 counties on the Inner Coastal Plain from southern Mercer County to northern Salem County.

The Commission also focuses on preserving the built environment. In fiscal year 2001, planners applied findings from the report *First Generation Suburbs* to six inner-ring suburban communities in Delaware County. The Commission's work in these communities identified specific strategies that

municipal leaders can employ to preserve and revitalize neighborhoods.

DVRPC's efforts have also touched on preserving opportunities for the region's residents to realize "the American dream." The Commission's report, *A Dream Still Vanishing?* looked at housing affordability in the region for first-time homebuyers and found generally a range of affordable housing opportunities. DVRPC will continue to monitor housing affordability as a barometer of the region's quality-of-life.

# October 2002



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*Columbus Day (Observed)  
DVRPC offices closed*

*National Boss Day*

*Daylight Savings Ends*

*Halloween*

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**Tues., Oct. 8, 10 a.m.**  
Regional Transportation Committee Meeting

**Wed., Oct. 9, 10 a.m.**  
Delaware Valley Goods Movement Task Force Meeting

**Thurs., Oct. 10, 10 a.m.**  
Delaware Valley Clean Cities Meeting

**Tues., Oct. 15, Noon**  
Regional Citizens Committee Meeting

**Thurs., Oct. 24, 10:30 a.m.**  
DVRPC Board Meeting

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# innovating



New technologies, new approaches, new ways of understanding—DVRPC continues to focus its energies on applying the latest technologies to regional planning.

DVRPC is expanding its Geographic Information System (GIS) capabilities and finding new ways to combine the power of a database with the versatility of computer mapping. Innovations over the past year

include the refinement of a GIS framework for transportation analysis (GIS-T). In addition, mapping tools for economic development and conservation planning are now available through the Commission's online mapping application at [www.dvrpc.org](http://www.dvrpc.org).

Another innovation is taking aerial photography to new heights. For the first time, digital aerial photography is available for the entire DVRPC region. Major advantages of digital over traditional aerial photos include less distortion, easier manipulation

and seamless integration into computer applications.

DVRPC is also exploring new, high-tech approaches to an old problem—traffic congestion. The Commission is leading the way in implementing Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) to mitigate traffic jams and reduce the number of roadway accidents. DVRPC is working with partner agencies throughout the region to implement incident management techniques that assure the quick removal of damaged vehicles after crashes and improve traffic flow on existing highways.



# November 2002



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				<i>Thanksgiving DVRPC offices closed</i>	<i>Hanukkah Begins at Sundown DVRPC offices closed</i>	<i>Hanukkah</i>

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**Tues., Nov. 12, 10 a.m.**  
Regional Transportation Committee Meeting

**Tues., Nov. 19, Noon**  
Regional Citizens Committee Meeting

**Tues., Nov. 19, 10 a.m.**  
Regional Aviation Committee Meeting

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**D**VRPC is dedicated to helping shape the growth and development in our region over the course of the next 25 years and beyond. *Horizons*,

*The Year 2025 Plan for the Delaware Valley* has been adopted by DVRPC to ensure that sufficient planning for open space and corridors remains a priority for our area.

The *Horizons* Land Use Plan focuses on planning for open space as well as centers and corridors in the Delaware Valley. Major principles include revitalization and recentralization in existing developed areas, especially in core urban areas; growth management with transportation linkage to curb sprawl and provide more options for transit, walking and bicycle trips;

preservation of farmlands, natural features and open spaces to maintain a healthy environment and quality of life; and enhanced community and regional character to attract national and international recognition of the Delaware Valley as a dynamic and desirable place to live and work.

The *Horizons* Transportation Plan targets over \$35 billion over the next 25 years to rebuilding and modernizing the existing highway and transit system. The plan places special emphasis on highway and transit facilities, goods movement, and bicycle and pedestrian improvements. It also provides a listing of new facilities and services, significant upgrades and future study areas.

The Regional Airport Systems Plan (RASP) recognizes that there is insufficient future operating

capacity at Philadelphia International Airport. To help alleviate pressure on Philadelphia International, the plan recommends increased commercial service at Trenton-Mercer, New Castle County, Atlantic City and Lehigh Valley airports. The plan also recognizes the need to preserve all existing suburban airports and, in selected cases, it recommends extending runways and/or purchasing land for aircraft storage. Additional airport zoning by local municipalities to prevent encroachment and safety hazards by adjacent development is also proposed.

*Horizons, The Year 2025 Plan for the Delaware Valley* will keep DVRPC working closely with other agencies, Departments of Transportation, member governments, citizens and business leaders to implement the shared vision for this region's future.

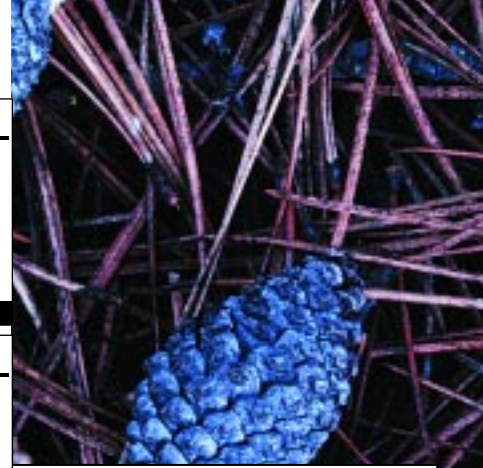
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# December 2002



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						<i>Pearl Harbor Day</i>
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<i>First Day of Winter</i>			<i>Christmas Day DVRPC offices closed</i>	<i>Kwanzaa begins</i>		
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**Fri., Dec. 6, Location TBA**  
DVRPC Annual Board Retreat and Meeting

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## COMMITTEE STRUCTURE



DVRPC's committees advise the Board on specific regional issues while ensuring that interested parties, including member governments and concerned citizens, have an opportunity to participate in the planning process. Meeting dates appear in the DVRPC newsletter and on

our website at [www.dvrpc.org](http://www.dvrpc.org). The following committee meetings are open to the general public:

### **Regional Transportation Committee (RTC)**

— Advises the Board on issues concerning the long-range and short-range transportation plan, the Transportation Improvement Program, the Transportation Planning Work Program, and other transportation issues. *Carol Ann Thomas, Burlington County, Chairperson*

### **Planning Coordinating Committee (PCC)**

— Meets jointly with the RTC to review regional plans, programs, and policies as they relate to budget and work program implications.

*Carol Ann Thomas, Burlington County, Chairperson*

### **Regional Air Quality Committee (RAQC)**

— Serves as a regional forum for air quality issues, and as a guide for transportation and air quality activities.

*William S. Beetle, NJ Department of Transportation, Acting Chairperson*

### **Regional Aviation Committee (RAC)**

— Conducts aviation system planning activities by providing technical and policy guidance to the Federal Aviation Administration, the states, and the DVRPC planning program.

*Emmet O'Hare, NJ Department of Transportation, Chairperson*

### **Regional Citizens Committee (RCC)**

— Provides citizens access to, and participation in, the regional planning and decision-making process. This committee acts as an advisory group to DVRPC's Board.

*Patrick Starr, Pennsylvania Environmental Council*

### **Regional Housing Committee**

— Brings Board members together with state and local housing agencies, non-profit housing providers, and other citizen advocates to review and formulate a regional housing agenda.

*Ronald, K. Bednar, PA Department of Community and Economic Development, Chairperson*

### **Goods Movement Task Force (GMTF)**

— Works to maximize goods movement capability by sharing information and technology with public and private freight interests. Also promotes the region's intermodal capabilities and implements a regional goods movement strategy.

*Liz Voras, PA Department of Transportation, Chairperson John J. Coscia, DVRPC, Co-Chairperson*

### **Land Use & Development Committee (LUC)**

— Provides a forum for the discussion of land use and related issues and the development of the Year 2025 Plan.

*Barry Seymour, Acting Chair*

### **Information Resource Exchange Group (IREG)**

— Provides a forum for the exchange of ideas and experiences among regional data managers.

*Lauris Olson, University of Pennsylvania, Chairman*

### **TransitChek Policy Committee**

— Develops the annual budget of the TransitChek program and provides direction on marketing efforts.

*John Leary Jr., SEPTA, Chairperson*

### **Tri-County Water Quality Management Board**

— Maintains the Tri-County Water Management Plan and coordinates water supply and wastewater treatment plans for Burlington, Camden, and Gloucester Counties.

*Hon. William S. Haines, Jr., Burlington County Freeholder*

### **Environmental Justice Technical Advisory Committee**

— Reviews and comments on technical products prepared by DVRPC related to the development of the Regional Environmental Justice Policy Statement and Implementation Strategy.

### **Environmental Justice Public Involvement Task Force**

— Meets to share and review effective public participation strategies and techniques. Encourages dynamic exchange of information between public and private sector groups

### **Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) Coordinating Council**

— Establishes policies and promotes interagency cooperation for the regional implementation of Intelligent Transportation Systems

*Liz Voras, PA Department of Transportation, Co-Chairperson, John J. Coscia, DVRPC, Co-Chairperson*

**DVRPC FY 2001 EXPENDITURES**

	<i>Highway Planning</i>	<i>Public Transit</i>	<i>Airport Planning</i>	<i>Non- Participating</i>	<i>Misc. Receipts</i>	<i>Other Programs</i>	<i>TOTALS</i>	
<i>SALARIES, WAGES, BENEFITS</i>	\$3,449,400	\$ 427,886	\$188,034	\$ 19,711	\$ 41,472	\$ 645,249	\$ 4,771,752	36.35%
<i>CONTRACTUAL SERVICES</i>	1,287,006	87,221	39,291	134,787	11,365	189,457	1,749,127	13.34%
<i>EQUIPMENT PURCHASE</i>	9,208	1,063	0	34,918	10,450	7,453	63,092	0.48%
<i>SUBCONTRACTS</i>	2,558,441	1,156,295	0	0	0	451,516	4,166,252	31.78%
<i>INDIRECT COSTS</i>	1,724,842	212,402	91,713	9,611	20,322	317,915	2,376,805	18.13%
<i>PROGRAM OVERRUNS</i>	-5,107	-2,694	-532	-4,545	0	-5,745	-18,623	
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$9,023,790</b>	<b>\$1,882,173</b>	<b>\$318,506</b>	<b>\$194,482</b>	<b>\$83,609</b>	<b>\$1,605,845</b>	<b>\$13,108,405</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

**DVRPC FY 2001 REVENUE BY SOURCE**

	<i>Highway Planning</i>	<i>Public Transit</i>	<i>Airport Planning</i>	<i>Non- Participating</i>	<i>Misc. Receipts</i>	<i>Other Programs</i>	<i>TOTALS</i>	
<i>USDOT / PENNDOT</i>	\$5,772,758	\$1,143,596	\$ 6,000	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 16,000	\$ 6,938,354	52.93%
<i>USDOT / NJDOT</i>	2,257,843	452,678	53,850	0	0	10,000	2,774,371	21.16%
<i>USDOT / FAA</i>	0	0	238,190	0	0	0	238,190	1.82%
<i>LOCAL</i>	382,419	285,899	20,466	194,482	0	329,556	1,212,822	9.25%
<i>MISCELLANEOUS</i>	610,770	0	0	0	83,609	1,250,289	1,944,668	14.84%
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$9,023,790</b>	<b>\$1,882,173</b>	<b>\$318,506</b>	<b>\$194,482</b>	<b>\$83,609</b>	<b>\$1,605,845</b>	<b>\$13,108,405</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

**Board**

- Commission Policy, Plans and Programs
- Annual Work Program Adoption

**Executive Committee**

- Administration/Fiscal Matters
- Annual Budget Adoption/ Human Resources/Contracts

**Regional Citizens Committee**

- Review and comment on all DVRPC Policies, Plans and Programs
- Enhance Public Awareness

**Board Ethics Committee**

- Investigations/Hearings
- Advisory Opinions

**Regional Housing Committee**

- Review Assessment of Housing Studies and Related Issues
- Formulate Recommendations on Regional Issues

**Delaware Valley Goods Movement Task Force**

- 2025 Goods Movement Plan
- Industry Advocacy and Cooperation

**Board Policy Analysis Committee**

- Policy & Legislative Review
- Impact Assessments
- Board Position Formulation

**Environmental Justice Public Involvement Task Force**

- Supports and enhances public participation effort

**Board Executive Director's**

- Compensation Committee
- Salary/Fringe Benefit Review

**Regional Air Quality Committee**

- State Implementation Plan
- Transportation Control Measures
- Air Quality Plan

**Planning Coordinating Committee**

- Land Use
- Housing
- Environment
- Population/Employment Forecasts
- Economic Development

**Board Work Program Committee**

- DVRPC Planning Work Program

**Environmental Justice Technical Advisory Committee**

- Technical guidance for Environmental Justice Issues

**Tri-County Water Quality Management Board**

- Water Quality/Supply
- Wastewater Treatment Plans

**Regional Aviation Committee**

- Regional Airport Systems
- Heliports/Vertiports

**Regional Transportation Committee**

- 2025 Transportation Plan
- Congestion Management
- TIP
- Transportation Planning Work Program

**Information Resources Exchange Group**

- Data Sources
- Computer Systems/Mapping
- GIS
- Aerial Photography

**Regional Land Use and Development Committee**

- 2025 Land Use Plan
- Project Review

**Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) Coordinating Council**

- Implements regional ITS strategy

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