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DVRPC FY 2003

Year 2004 Calendar ▶▶

ANNUAL REPORT





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



Established 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. DVRPC does not discriminate based on race, color, age, sex, disability or national origin in any of its programs, pursuant to Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

THE REGION

- ▶▶ Sixth largest metropolitan area in the nation
- ▶▶ Approximately 4,000 square miles
- ▶▶ Home to over 5 million residents and 2.5 million jobs
- ▶▶ Comprised of nine counties:

Pennsylvania

Bucks
Chester
Delaware
Montgomery
Philadelphia

New Jersey

Burlington
Camden
Gloucester
Mercer

- ▶▶ 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
- ▶▶ Home to the second-largest concentration of health resources in the nation, including 120 hospitals, 200 pharmaceutical and biotech firms, and 135 medical manufacturers.
- ▶▶ Vibrant tourism, cultural, and entertainment industries: Independence Mall, Avenue of the Arts, Camden Waterfront, First Union Center



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A Message from the Executive Director and Board Chair

The DVRPC has earned a reputation, over the years, for its responsive staff, its innovative programs, and its commitment to cohesive and inclusive short and long-range planning. It's a reputation that we are very proud of and that we do our best to maintain. It is earned through vigilance, determination and continuous examination of our projects by staff, the DVRPC Board and the federal government.

Each year, DVRPC is responsible for self-certifying that all federal requirements are being met. In addition, the Commission is evaluated every three years by the Federal Highway Administration and Federal Transit



John J. Coscia
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Charles H. Martin
FY 2003 BOARD CHAIR





































JANUARY

Administration to determine that DVRPC meets all of the federal transportation planning requirements including:

- ▶ **Adopting a long-range transportation and land use plan for the region;**
- ▶ **Preparing a Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for the Delaware Valley;**
- ▶ **Cultivating a Planning Work Program that meets the demands of our member governments and the region;**
- ▶ **Providing a means of disseminating information to all citizens and a process for receiving feedback and a timely response; and**
- ▶ **Fulfilling a number of other federal requirements as mandated in the federal transportation act, the Clean Air Act Amendments, and various Executive Orders.**

DVRPC's latest federal certification review, which was conducted on-site throughout two days in February, 2003, has produced a finding that states that "The planning process for the Philadelphia metropolitan area is an effective, cooperative decision-making operation and reflects a significant professional commitment to deliver quality transportation planning."

As we harness our energies for the future, we pledge to continue to listen to the voices of our citizens and planning partners, to direct our talents to the future challenges and opportunities that will face us in the years ahead, and to maintain the standards that guarantee our place as one of the top metropolitan planning organizations in the country. ■

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				NEW YEAR'S DAY 		
						
						
	MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY 					
						



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SAVE THE DATE

- ▶ **Jan. 1st**
New Year's Day
DVRPC OFFICES CLOSED
- ▶ **Jan. 6th / 10:00 AM**
Regional Transportation Committee

- ▶ **Jan. 13th / 12:00 NOON**
Regional Citizens Committee
- ▶ **Jan. 15th / 10:00 AM**
Environmental Justice Public Involvement Task Force

- ▶ **Jan. 19th**
Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
DVRPC OFFICES CLOSED
- ▶ **Jan. 21st / 10:00 AM**
Delaware Valley Goods Movement Task Force

- ▶ **Jan. 22th / 10:30 AM**
DVRPC Board Meeting

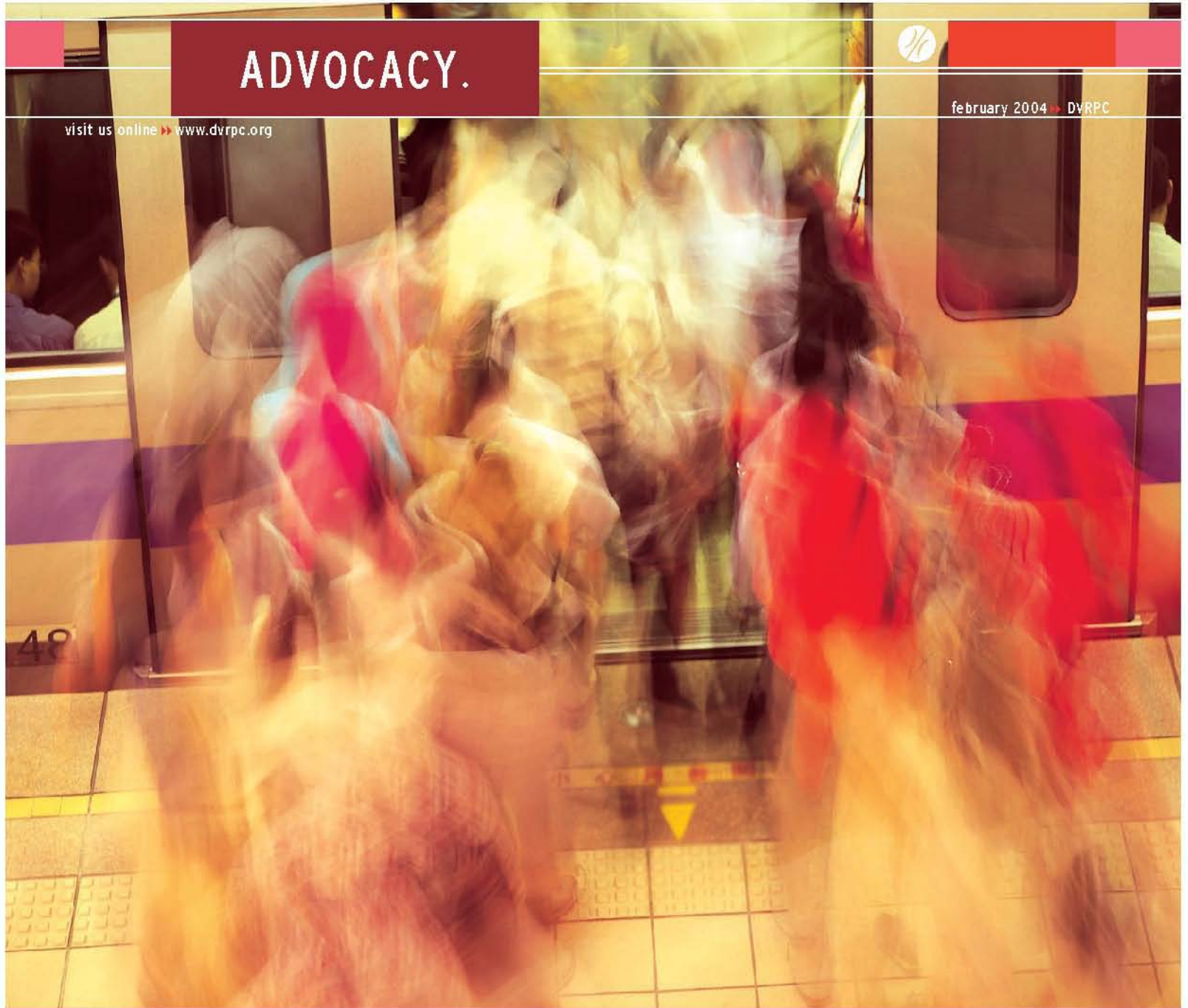


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Philadelphia and its suburbs are known for their rich national history, but DVRPC planners hope to create an exciting future through a series of projects promoting the region as an ideal place to live and work. Teaming up with the City of Philadelphia, the Greater Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce and other organizations, DVRPC is striving to create an image for this area that entices young professionals and entrepreneurs to settle in the region.

The **Stay Invent the Future** campaign aims to make the after-college transition easier by researching and defining the amenities young professionals seek—such as access to public transportation, affordable places to live, and a variety of entertainment, recreational and cultural amenities nearby—and identifying areas in the region where young people might want to reside. Based on this information, DVRPC staff will work closely with



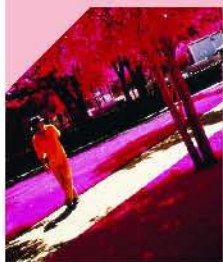
the Greater Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce to develop a targeted marketing campaign that will aid young professionals in their search for places to live and recreate. The creation of two committees has helped to direct and define the research and the development of a marketing campaign: a Real Estate Task Force and a Regional Livability Council made up of human resources professionals from leading area companies. The Commission is hoping to capitalize on its resources and knowledge of the region to establish the Greater Philadelphia area as an ideal place for new graduates and young workers to settle.

DVRPC is also focusing on neighborhoods with great potential for revitalization. Over the past year, the Commission was asked by the William Penn Foundation to develop comprehensive plans for three **Philadelphia neighborhoods**—Mount Airy, Chinatown and West Powelton—to provide guidance for future investments. DVRPC is working to develop a broad view of each neighborhood that includes input from community stakeholders to identify opportunities for development. The study will also provide ideas for local improvements by Community Development Corporations and investments by other non-profit organizations and the private sector.

This is the first time DVRPC has undertaken a local planning initiative within the city of Philadelphia. The plans will be neighborhood-driven, with a strong emphasis on public participation and involvement of area institutions and businesses. DVRPC is partnering on this project with the Philadelphia Neighborhood Development Collaborative, and will also work closely with the Philadelphia City Planning Commission, community development organizations, and city-wide non-profits. ■

FEBRUARY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	GROUNDHOG DAY 2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	VALENTINE'S DAY 14
15	PRESIDENTS' DAY 16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	ASH WEDNESDAY 25	26	27	28
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- Feb. 2nd Groundhog Day
- Feb. 10th / 10:00 AM Regional Transportation Committee
- Feb. 14th Valentine's Day
- Feb. 16th President's Day DVRPC OFFICES CLOSED
- Feb. 17th / 12:00 NOON Regional Citizens Committee
- Feb. 25th Ash Wednesday
- Feb. 26th / 10:30 AM DVRPC Board Meeting

Empowering the citizens of the Delaware Valley to speak up about their beliefs and their concerns is a task that has taken on even greater significance at DVRPC during FY 2003. Trust, awareness, involvement — all demand a two-way means of communication that has been put in place through the Commission's Regional Citizens Committee, Environmental Justice Task Force and Public Participation Plan. DVRPC's **Regional Citizens Committee** (RCC) meets monthly to review and comment on DVRPC policies and plans. This open avenue of communication gives us at the Commission the chance to hear ideas and concerns about major decisions that will affect the way we all live, work, and travel. The RCC includes approximately 75 members representing the private sector, social service agencies,



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environmental activists, and other interest groups. Committee membership is open to anyone who wishes to join.

The Environmental Justice Task Force meets quarterly to share and review effective public participation strategies and techniques. Encouraging a dynamic exchange of information between private and public sector groups, the EJ Task Force is comprised of over 300 groups representing social service, private sector, community, neighborhood, religious, housing, governmental, senior and educational organizations.

Adopted in 2001, the Public Participation Plan outlines our philosophy of public involvement as well as the objectives we plan to pursue. It also provides procedures for dealing with the notification of meetings and events; access to information and meetings; comment and review periods; the use of public comments; committee management; the use of DVRPC's name; and evaluation of the public involvement process.

During the past fiscal year, DVRPC has worked to create an Environmental Justice Protocol, which outlines our commitment to a sustained, responsive public participation program that supports citizen involvement and timely response at all levels of planning. The Protocol will be taken before DVRPC's Board as a policy matter and, once approved, will be added to the Public Participation Plan in FY 2004.

The region's citizens add value and perspective to all of our actions. They expect us, in turn, to be proactive, credible and open with them. It is a responsibility we are pleased to have been given. ■

MARCH

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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14	15	16	17 ST. PATRICK'S DAY	18	19	20 FIRST DAY OF SPRING
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- ▶▶ **March 9th / 10:00 AM**
Regional Transportation Committee
- ▶▶ **March 10th / 10:00 AM**
Information Resource Exchange Group (IREG) Meeting
- ▶▶ **March 16th / 12:00 NOON**
Regional Citizens Committee
- ▶▶ **March 17th**
St. Patrick's Day
- ▶▶ **March 18th / 10:00 AM**
Regional Aviation Committee
- ▶▶ **March 20th**
First Day of Spring
- ▶▶ **March 25th / 10:30 AM**
DVRPC Board Meeting



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Working closely with our member counties, transit operators, and the Pennsylvania and New Jersey departments of transportation, DVRPC maintains a prioritized list of highway and transit projects known as the **Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)**. The TIP lists all capital projects that intend to use federal or state funding. The list is multi-modal, including highway, bridge, transit, bicycle, pedestrian and freight-related projects. The TIP is divided into two sections, Pennsylvania and New Jersey. The Pennsylvania section is updated





every two years, the New Jersey section every year. Both sections are amended monthly by the Board.

Work began in the fall of 2002 on the update of the New Jersey TIP, which covers the four New Jersey counties located in the DVRPC region: Burlington, Camden, Gloucester, and Mercer. In June 2003, DVRPC adopted the FY 2004 TIP for New Jersey, authorizing over \$911 million for nearly 200 highway and transit projects over the next three years, including \$434 million for projects on the highway system and \$477 million for transit projects for DRPA/PATCO and NJ TRANSIT. The New Jersey TIP averages over \$300 million per year for transportation projects.

In an effort to invite extensive public involvement, DVRPC opened a 30-day public comment period and held two public meetings to give the public the opportunity to pose questions about the process and the projects. TIP documents were distributed to many local libraries and made available on DVRPC's website. Comments were received from individuals, member counties, operating agencies and the Regional Citizens Committee of DVRPC.

The current Pennsylvania TIP (FY2003) contains more than 530 highway and transit projects totaling nearly \$3.5 billion over four years for the five Pennsylvania counties located in the DVRPC region: Bucks, Chester, Delaware, Montgomery, and Philadelphia. The Pennsylvania TIP averages over \$870 million per year for transportation projects. It will be updated along with the New Jersey TIP beginning in the fall of 2003, with adoption of both FY 2005 TIPs scheduled for June 2004. ■

APRIL

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				APRIL FOOL'S DAY 1	2	3
DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME PALM SUNDAY 4	PASSOVER BEGINS AT SUNDOWN 5	6	7	8	GOOD FRIDAY 9	10
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18	19	20	21	EARTH DAY 22	23	24
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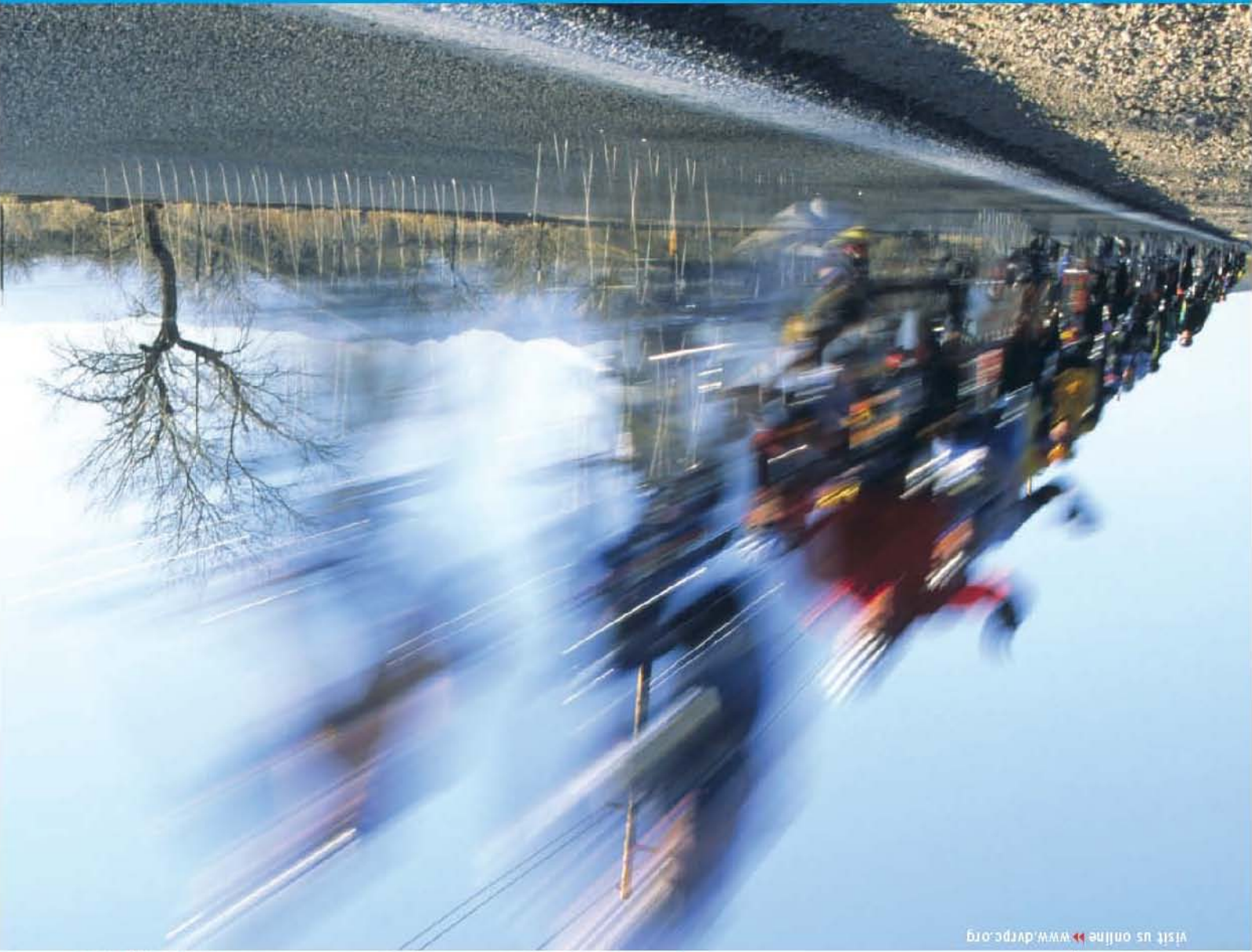
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- ▶▶ **April 1st**
April Fool's Day
- ▶▶ **April 2nd / 10:00 AM**
Regional Housing Committee
- ▶▶ **April 4th**
Daylight Savings Time Begins
Palm Sunday
- ▶▶ **April 5th**
Passover Begins at Sundown
- ▶▶ **April 6th / 10:00 AM**
Regional Transportation
Committee
- ▶▶ **April 9th**
Good Friday
- ▶▶ **April 11th**
Easter
- ▶▶ **April 13th / 12:00 NOON**
Regional Citizens Committee
- ▶▶ **April 14th / 10:00 AM**
Delaware Valley Goods
Movement Task Force
- ▶▶ **April 16th / 10:00 AM**
Environmental Justice Public
Involvement Task Force
- ▶▶ **April 19-21st**
TransAction Conference
- ▶▶ **April 22nd / 10:30 AM**
DVRPC Board Meeting
- ▶▶ **April 22nd**
Earth Day



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MOVEMENT.



T raveling the open road in an automobile may be an iconic American image, but a car is not the only means of travel within the Delaware Valley. DVRPC remains on the forefront of promoting alternative modes of travel to help reduce traffic congestion and improve the region's air quality.

In an effort to promote bicycling as a safe and viable alternative, DVRPC has conducted the **Share the Road campaign** in four communities in the region. The program was funded in part by the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation, to teach the meaning


























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behind the yellow "Share the Road" signs placed around the region. Over the past two years, DVRPC has initiated efforts to educate both bicyclists and motorists about their rights and responsibilities to create safe roadways for all travelers. The campaign has included resources and classes to teach bicyclists proper riding skills, as well as outreach to teach motorists to accommodate bicycles on streets and highways, specifically in Doylestown, the City of Chester, and the Ogontz Avenue and University City areas of Philadelphia.

For commuters looking for a faster and easier way to reach employment centers, DVRPC offers incentives to use public transportation or carpool. DVRPC's **TransitChek program** rewards employees and their employers with tax breaks for using public transportation for their commute to work. DVRPC has administered the TransitChek program since late 1991, and has helped provide over \$75 million in transit vouchers since that time. Currently nearly 600 employers participate in this commuter benefit program in the nine-county region.

DVRPC also maintains the **Mobility Alternatives Program (MAP)** directed toward educating employers in southeastern PA about the benefits of encouraging voluntary alternative commutes. MAP offers information for all means of travel, including transit, car and vanpools, telecommuting, flextime, and employee incentive programs. The Share-A-Ride computerized ride-matching program is also available to employers as part of MAP, and is also accessible to any commuter working in Southeastern Pennsylvania. ■

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MOTHER'S DAY 						
						
						
	MEMORIAL DAY 					



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National Bike Month

- ▶ **May 5th-7th**
Pennsylvania Joint Rail Freight Seminar (State College)
- ▶ **May 9th**
Mother's Day

- ▶ **May 11th / 10:00 AM**
Regional Transportation Committee
- ▶ **May 16th-22nd**
National Transportation Week

- ▶ **May 18th / 12:00 NOON**
Regional Citizens Committee
- ▶ **May 19th**
DVRPC Annual Dinner
- ▶ **May 27th / 10:30 AM**
DVRPC Board Meeting

- ▶ **May 31st**
Memorial Day
DVRPC OFFICES CLOSED



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The Delaware Valley is brimming with diverse cultural assets and unique historical institutions that will help us to create a promising future. DVRPC not only seeks ways to maximize these assets to strengthen the region, we also recognize and reward those individuals, organizations, businesses and governments who contribute to moving the Delaware Valley toward a progressive and economically sound future.

The **16th Annual Board Retreat**, held at Pen Byn Manor in Bensalem, looked in depth at the region's strengths—our many educational and health institutions, our cultural and ethnic diversity, our







vibrant tourism and entertainment industries—all of which combine to make the Delaware Valley a center of growth. National experts shared success stories from other regions, while a panel of local leaders shared their vision for the Delaware Valley, and suggested ways to build on the region's strengths to increase competitiveness.

At DVRPC's second annual **Celebration of Regional Excellence** in June, seven honorees were recognized for their outstanding contributions to Delaware Valley. Awards were presented to Governor Mark Schweiker, President, Greater Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce, Elected Official of the Year, Pennsylvania; New Jersey Assemblyman Louis Greenwald, Elected Official of the Year, New Jersey; Ms. Faye Moore, General Manager, SEPTA, Regional Leader of the Year; City of Camden's Revitalization Program, New Jersey Regional Program of the Year, with New Jersey Senator Wayne Bryant accepting; University of Pennsylvania's Community Development Program, Pennsylvania Regional Program of the Year, with University Vice President Carol Scheman accepting. Special Recognition Awards for Excellence in Public Broadcasting were presented to: NJN Public Television and Radio, Executive Director Elizabeth Christopherson accepting; and WHYY Public Television and Radio, Vice President and Station Manager Paul Gluck accepting.

Four hundred guests attended the event, held at the Park Hyatt at the Bellevue in Philadelphia. In addition to honoring the awardees, DVRPC also announced the recipients of millions of dollars in community grants at the Celebration. ■

JUNE

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						
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20 FATHER'S DAY	21 FIRST DAY OF SUMMER	22	23	24	25	26
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▶▶ **June 2nd–3rd**
Environmental Justice
Title VI Conference

▶▶ **June 8th / 10:00 AM**
Regional Transportation
Committee

▶▶ **June 9th / 10:00 AM**
Information Resource
Exchange Group (IREG)
Meeting

▶▶ **June 14th**
Flag Day
DVRPC OFFICES CLOSED

▶▶ **June 15th / 12:00 NOON**
Regional Citizens Committee

▶▶ **June 17th / 10:00 AM**
Regional Aviation Committee

▶▶ **June 20th**
Father's Day

▶▶ **June 21st**
First Day of Summer

▶▶ **June 24th / 10:30 AM**
DVRPC Board Meeting

▶▶ **June 25th / 10:00 AM**
Regional Housing
Committee



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DVRPC recognizes its responsibility to preserve the quality of the air we breathe, the water we drink, and the land we live on for future generations. The Commission plays a vital role in monitoring and improving the region's environmental resources.

Paving the way for cleaner air in the region, DVRPC approved \$11.7 million in funding for projects designed to fight congestion through the **Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program (CMAQ)**. Twenty-four projects were selected in this third round of CMAQ grants, aimed to help the region



reduce emissions from highway sources and help the region meet National Clean Air Act standards. DVRPC also works to improve regional air quality through initiatives such as **Ozone Action**, which alerts the public when ground-level ozone pollution is at its highest. The program encourages citizens to take simple preventive measures to reduce ozone-forming pollutants, like using public transportation or carpooling to get to work. The summer of 2003 marked the eighth year of the program.

For municipalities in New Jersey, DVRPC now offers **Open Space and Natural Resources Planning Services**. The program is designed to assist a municipality in conducting planning for environmental protection, preservation of open space and smart growth. Services offered to a municipality through this program include assistance in identifying the current state of its resources, help with bringing together its leaders and its citizens to articulate a community vision for the future, and development of specific municipal tools to achieve that vision. The services are subsidized in part by DVRPC's Open Space and Greenways Program, which reduces the expense to municipalities.

DVRPC also serves as the designated **Water Quality Planning Agency** for Burlington, Camden and Gloucester Counties in New Jersey. DVRPC interacts with leading New Jersey's Tri-County Water Quality Board, comprised of representatives from each of the three counties, as well as the City of Camden, to tackle the complex environmental issues that result in cleaner water. The primary responsibility of the Tri-County Water Quality Management Plan through review and recommendation of plan amendments. ■

JULY

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Regional Citizens Committee

▶▶ **July 1st**
DVRPC Begins FY 2005

▶▶ **July 5th**
Independence Day Observed
DVRPC OFFICES CLOSED

▶▶ **July 13th / 10:00 AM**
Regional Transportation Committee

▶▶ **July 21st / 10:00 AM**
Delaware Valley Goods Movement Task Force

▶▶ **July 22nd / 10:30 AM**
DVRPC Board Meeting



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Well-planned, well-designed communities help make the Delaware Valley a more desirable place to live, and support the region's long-range goals. Over the past year, DVRPC has initiated efforts to assist communities in fully capitalizing on their potential.

In June, DVRPC authorized \$1.5 million in grants to support local development efforts in communities that implement municipal, county, state and regional planning objectives. Twenty-four area municipalities received funds through the **Transportation and Community Development Initiative (TCDI)** program. TCDI grants are given to municipalities to assist in reversing the trends of disinvestment and decline in many of the region's core cities and first generation suburbs by supporting local planning projects that will lead to more residential, employment or retail opportunities, and by improving the overall character



and quality of life within these communities to retain business and residents. A diverse range of projects were funded in all nine counties of the region, ranging from a Downtown Transit Plan in Camden City to a Retail Market Study in West Grove, Chester County and four projects within the City of Philadelphia.

DVRPC planners have also been working on studies that address the benefits of **Transit-Oriented Development (TOD)** and make recommendations for funding and implementation in the region. Transit-oriented development encourages intensified, mixed-use, pedestrian-friendly development surrounding transit stations, which is intended to encourage transit ridership. While automobiles are accommodated, bicycle and pedestrian paths are given equal importance to encourage multi-modal access. Well-designed TOD allows commuters to access multiple destinations in one trip, such as picking up dry-cleaning or groceries on the way home from work. It can increase transit ridership, thereby making the transit system more viable and reducing congestion on the highways. Since TOD is compact development, it can minimize the need for future road and sewer expansions. TOD work has included studies of proposed station sites for the Schuylkill Valley Metro and detailed market and design studies for the new station sites along the South Jersey Light Rail Line.

DVRPC also published a series of brochures designed to aid municipalities in identifying useful **planning tools**. The free guides address topics such as how to initiate collaboration between several townships and how to revitalize town centers, as well as how to implement TOD. ■

AUGUST

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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Vibrant communities need a healthy combination of accessible roadways and a mix of residential and retail opportunities to thrive. By soliciting local support and considering the community as a whole, DVRPC creates plans that link land use and transportation decisions for optimal results.

Rapid growth has generated severe traffic congestion and developmental encroachment around Valley Forge National Historical Park and its surroundings. As a first step toward alleviating some of these problems, DVRPC has developed recommendations for a range of multi-modal solutions. The resulting **Valley Forge Area Transportation Planning Study** offered solutions with widespread public, interagency, and governmental support. One of the primary objectives in the area is to improve conditions on US 422, thereby supporting economic development and redirecting traffic that now clogs other roads in the Park and surrounding communities—particularly PA 23.



Planners also provided suggestions to help reduce traffic impacts on the Park's resources, and facilitate tourism with better access to the revitalized Park.

The **Route 322 corridor** between I-95 in Chester City and Route 1 and Route 202 in Concordville has also been plagued with congestion for years. Many of the problems stem from the highway's two conflicting functions, serving both as a regional highway connecting I-95 to Route 1 and Route 202, and as a commercial center for retail shops, restaurants, and businesses. Though roadway improvements are planned, DVRPC recognizes that expanding the highway won't fully relieve traffic concerns. In FY 2003, the Commission published the results of a two-year study that explores other ways to reduce congestion, manage access, increase safety, and plan for future growth to minimize the burden on the highway.

In New Jersey, corridor planning efforts have focused on **US Route 30** (White Horse Pike) in Camden County. This area, comprised predominately of older, first generation suburban boroughs, serves as main street and central business district for several municipalities, and has little land available for new development. In two separate studies, DVRPC has identified the safety and functional transportation problems along the corridor comprised of 23 municipalities, and took a more in-depth look at economic development and revitalization for a focused area of eight municipalities. DVRPC has worked with the municipalities to develop several strategies for redevelopment, including enhanced pedestrian and public transit facilities, traffic calming techniques, tax incentives, and consistent zoning and land use policies in all communities along the corridor. ■

SEPTEMBER

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3	4
5	LABOR DAY 6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	ROSH HASHANAH BEGINS AT SUN DOWN 15	ROSH HASHANAH 16	17	18
19	20	21	FIRST DAY OF AUTUMN 22	23	YOM KIPPUR BEGINS AT SUN DOWN 24	YOM KIPPUR 25
26	27	28	29	30		



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- ▶ **Sept. 6th**
Labor Day
DVRPC OFFICES CLOSED
- ▶ **Sept. 8th / 10:00 AM**
Information Resource Exchange Group (IREG) Meeting

- ▶ **Sept. 14th / 10:00 AM**
Regional Transportation Committee
- ▶ **Sept. 15th / 12:00 NOON**
Regional Citizens Committee
- ▶ **Sept. 15th**
Rosh Hashanah Begins at Sundown

- ▶ **Sept. 16th**
Rosh Hashanah
- ▶ **Sept. 17th / 10:30 AM**
Regional Housing Committee
- ▶ **Sept. 21st / 10:00 AM**
Environmental Justice Public Involvement Task Force

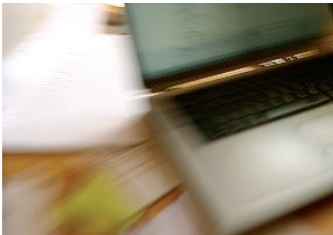
- ▶ **Sept. 22nd**
First Day of Autumn
- ▶ **Sept. 23rd / 10:30 AM**
DVRPC Board Meeting
- ▶ **Sept. 24th**
Yom Kippur Begins at Sundown
- ▶ **Sept. 25th**
Yom Kippur

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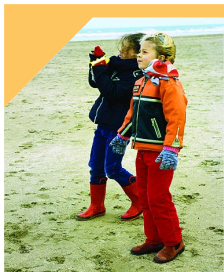
OCTOBER

Area decision-makers rely on DVRPC for accurate, up-to-date data and statistics. Over the past year, DVRPC has released a variety of **census and demographic information** to the public.

As new data from the 2000 Census becomes available, DVRPC planners make the information accessible to the public through the DVRPC website. The past year has seen the release of additional information regarding commuting patterns and car ownership in the region. Planners provide these releases in accessible formats for use by the Commission, member governments and the public. In some cases, planners link census data to DVRPC's own studies to provide a more thorough picture of the region. Reports like DVPRC's Household Travel Survey and Travel Time Study offer valuable supporting information to the region's Census data.

In addition, DVRPC continues to offer **digital aerial photography** as another service to the region. These images are available to the public either in hard copy or on CD-ROM through the map sales department. To further simplify the process, an index map was created and printed showing each "tile" of land for which photography is available, and a page was added to DVRPC's website to provide detailed information regarding the orthophotography project. The webpage is supplemented with an interactive, on-line mapping application that assists the users in locating specific tiles. The digital orthophotography makes these images much more accessible and functional than traditional aerial photos. The imagery is an invaluable information resource in support of DVRPC's planning efforts. ■

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	COLUMBUS DAY 11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24						
HALLOWEEN DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS 31	25	26	27	28	29	30



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- » Oct. 11th
Columbus Day
DVRPC OFFICES CLOSED
- » Oct. 12th / 10:00 AM
Regional Transportation
Committee

- » Oct. 19th / 12:00 NOON
Regional Citizens Committee
- » Oct. 20th / 10:00 AM
Delaware Valley Goods
Movement Task Force

- » Oct. 28th / 10:30 AM
DVRPC Board Meeting
- » Oct. 31st
Halloween
- » Oct. 31st
Daylight Savings Time Ends



Although DVRPC is only officially responsible for the nine counties in the Delaware Valley region, planning issues don't stop at county or state lines. Eight of DVRPC's counties (all but Philadelphia) share boundaries with areas governed by other planning organizations. To facilitate communication and coordination across boundaries, the DVRPC Board supported the inclusion of the **Planning at the Edge** project in the FY 2003 Work Program. Over the past several months,



DVRPC staff has facilitated outreach meetings with other agencies, analyzed pertinent demographic, development and travel trends, reviewed ways to enhance communication and information sharing and has formed a Study Advisory Committee (SAC) to identify issues and review study products.

To create a viable plan, DVRPC collaborated with representatives of Wilmington Metropolitan Area Planning Council, North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority, South Jersey Transportation Planning Organization, and the Lehigh Valley, Berks County, and Lancaster County Planning Commissions. Additional members of the Study Advisory Committee included the Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware and Maryland Departments of Transportation, and pertinent public transit agencies.

The report proposes a workable approach to information-sharing to address cross-boundary issues. It also includes a case study of DVRPC's own accomplishments with cross-boundary planning in central New Jersey. The **Central New Jersey Transportation Forum**, administered by DVRPC since 1999, brings together representatives of 17 municipalities in Middlesex, Somerset and Mercer counties, as well as planning organizations and the private sector, to address critical transportation issues and concerns. The Forum's success has drawn the attention of the both planning agencies and government officials, including Governor James McGreevey, who attended a meeting in December 2002.

With completion of the initial study, the SAC will continue to meet during FY 2004 to consider additional inter-regional cooperative actions and approaches. ■

NOVEMBER

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 ELECTION DAY	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11 VETERAN'S DAY	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25 THANKSGIVING DAY	26	27
28	29	30				



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Election Day
- » **Nov. 9th / 10:00 AM**
Regional Transportation Committee
- » **Nov. 11th**
Veteran's Day
DVRPC OFFICES CLOSED
- » **Nov. 16th / 12:00 NOON**
Regional Citizens' Committee
- » **Nov. 25th**
Thanksgiving Day
DVRPC OFFICES CLOSED
- » **Nov. 26th**
DVRPC OFFICES CLOSED



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A region's vitality and businesses, jobs, and consumers all rely on a transportation system that can handle every type of travel efficiently and safely. For this reason, DVRPC has committed significant resources and technical capabilities to examining both aviation and freight issues in the region on an ongoing and comprehensive basis.



DECEMBER

Over the past year, DVRPC has addressed **aviation issues** affecting airports of all sizes in the region. For the region's smaller, suburban airports, activities have focused on preservation of the system at its current capacity. DVRPC has worked closely with both Pennsylvania and New Jersey's departments of transportation to help streamline the funding process for aviation projects, and has facilitated outreach with surrounding communities to help smaller airports extend their runways to better accommodate corporate aircraft. DVRPC has also contributed to a regional security study to assure safety at all airports within the Delaware Valley. At Philadelphia International Airport, the region's major commercial airport, DVRPC has been involved with plans to increase the number of runways to accommodate up to 20 percent more air traffic.

DVRPC's **Goods Movement Program** seeks to devise strategies that simultaneously facilitate the flow of freight and minimize adverse impacts on local communities. The past year's Delaware County Highway-Railroad Grade Crossing Study and the funding of five freight projects through the CMAQ program exemplify this approach. In 2003, DVRPC's freight advisory committee, the Delaware Valley Goods Movement Task Force, marked an important milestone: its tenth anniversary of incorporating freight interests in the MPO process. Also, the agency has continued its efforts to educate others about the Delaware Valley's freight network through the launching of a photo gallery on the DVRPC web site and through a 50 mile train excursion. ■

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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5	6	PEARL HARBOR REMEMBRANCE DAY 7	HANUKKAH BEGINS AT SUNDOWN 8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	FIRST DAY OF WINTER 21	22	23	24	CHRISTMAS 25
KWANZAA BEGINS 26	27	28	29	30	31	



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- ▶▶ **Dec. 1st**
DVRPC Annual Board Retreat and Meeting
- ▶▶ **Dec. 7th**
Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day

- ▶▶ **Dec. 8th**
Hanukkah Begins at Sundown
- ▶▶ **Dec. 8th / 10:00 AM**
Information Resource Exchange Group (IREG) Meeting

- ▶▶ **Dec. 10th / 10:00 AM**
Regional Housing Committee
- ▶▶ **Dec. 15th / 10:00 AM**
Environmental Justice Public Involvement Task Force
- ▶▶ **Dec. 16th / 10:00 AM**
Regional Aviation Committee

- ▶▶ **Dec. 21st**
First Day of Winter
- ▶▶ **Dec. 24th**
DVRPC OFFICES CLOSED
- ▶▶ **Dec. 25th**
Christmas
- ▶▶ **Dec. 26th**
Kwanzaa Begins

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

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

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

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- 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

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

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- Supports and enhances public participation effort

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- Salary/Fringe Benefit Review

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

PLANNING COORDINATING COMMITTEE

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

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- DVRPC Planning Work Program

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- 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

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- Implements Regional ITS Strategy



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	HIGHWAY PLANNING	PUBLIC TRANSIT	AIRPORT PLANNING	NON- PARTICIPATING	MISC. RECEIPTS	OTHER PROGRAMS	TOTALS
USDOT / PENNDOT	\$3,082,385	\$1,406,196	\$6,000	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$1,635,656	\$ 6,130,237
USDOT / NJDOT	\$1,847,744	\$563,702	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,323,426	\$3,734,872
USDOT / FAA	\$0	\$0	\$281,437	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$281,437
LOCAL	\$433,598	\$328,017	\$25,021	\$194,482	\$0	\$408,351	\$1,389,469
MISCELLANEOUS	\$0	\$0	\$250	\$0	\$253,932	\$2,493,085	\$2,747,267
TOTALS	\$5,363,727	\$2,297,915	\$312,708	\$194,482	\$253,932	\$5,860,518	\$14,283,282

DVRPC FY 2003 EXPENDITURES

	HIGHWAY PLANNING	PUBLIC TRANSIT	AIRPORT PLANNING	NON- PARTICIPATING	MISC. RECEIPTS	OTHER PROGRAMS	TOTALS
SALARIES / WAGES / BENEFITS	\$1,982,858	\$844,150	\$149,831	\$25,169	\$149,823	\$2,158,223	\$5,310,053
CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	\$814,563	\$384,973	\$61,940	\$94,392	\$141,782	\$48,032	\$2,260,114
EQUIPMENT PURCHASES	\$48,973	\$26,322	\$32,458	\$5,057	\$2,888	\$53,641	\$169,339
SUBCONTRACTS	\$1,619,691	\$693,904	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,774,092	\$4,087,687
INDIRECT COSTS	\$897,642	\$384,566	\$68,479	\$36,261	\$53,189	\$982,349	\$2,422,486
PROGRAM OVERRUNS/PROFIT	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$33,603	\$0	\$0	\$33,603
TOTALS	\$5,363,727	\$2,297,915	\$312,708	\$194,482	\$253,932	\$5,860,518	\$14,283,282

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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.

» CURT NOE, CAMDEN 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.

» CURT NOE, CAMDEN 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.

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.

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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.

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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.

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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.

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

» BARRY SEYMOUR, ACTING CHAIR

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

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

» FAYE MOORE, SEPTA, CHAIRPERSON

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» WILLIAM S. HAINES JR., BURLINGTON COUNTY FREEHOLDER, CHAIRPERSON

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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



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