



LEADING THE WAY TO

A BETTER FUTURE

2011 WEEKLY PLANNER



The Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission (DVRPC) is dedicated to uniting the region's elected officials, planning professionals, and the public with a common vision of making a great region even greater. Shaping the way we live, work, and play, DVRPC builds consensus on improving transportation, promoting smart growth, protecting the environment, and enhancing the economy. We serve a diverse region of nine counties: Bucks, Chester, Delaware, Montgomery, and Philadelphia in Pennsylvania; and Burlington, Camden, Gloucester, and Mercer in New Jersey. DVRPC is the federally designated Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Greater Philadelphia Region — leading the way to a better future.





WHO WE ARE AND WHAT WE DO



Our goal is to address current and ongoing issues while fostering cooperation among member governments, private sector organizations, and the general public. To do so, we work closely with a variety of groups, including the Pennsylvania and New Jersey departments of transportation, community affairs and environmental protection agencies, the federal government, and regional transportation providers. We also partner with a wide variety of nonprofit organizations in the areas of community and economic development, environmental protection, and land use.

All of our activities are directed 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. Financial support for our activities comes primarily from federal transportation funding through the Pennsylvania and New Jersey departments of transportation. Additional financial resources are provided by funding from other state or federal agencies, counties, cities, operating agencies, foundations, and the private sector.

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.

MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND BOARD CHAIR



lot has changed in how we use the internet since DVRPC launched dvrpc.org in 1995. Back then, our constituents only connected with DVRPC from their home and work computers. Today, people are connecting through a variety of mobile services while in a restaurant, at the gym, or even while traveling. With the evolution of a more portable and customizable web comes extraordinary progress in the way we do business. We at DVRPC are taking advantage of technology to make our message more interactive, informative, and effortless for everyone.

You now have the choice of following us on Twitter (www.twitter.com/DVRPC), receiving our newsletters and other announcements via email, and, of course, visiting us on our website (www.dvrpc.org). While we're working to unlock the full potential of social media to provide you with greater convenience in this increasingly mobile world, we're also constantly updating our website to make information more accessible and functional.

Barry Seymour
Executive Director

Louis J. Cappelli, Jr. Esq.
*FY10 Board Chair
and Camden County Freeholder*



In addition to leveraging technology, we also believe in the power of face-to-face contact with our citizens and partnering agencies. We continue to schedule public events, meet monthly with our committee members, and initiate new means of outreach that provide you with the opportunity to share your ideas and issues. Whether you are attending one of our committee meetings or participating in one of our outreach events, you can rest assured that we value the time and energy that you contribute to thinking regionally.

Regardless of the format or the location, we look forward to interacting with you whenever you choose to connect with us. DVRPC is leading the way to a better future and we're hoping that each of you will join us in this effort.

PLAN REGIONALLY, ACT LOCALLY

Implementing Connections



last year, the government officials from the four cities and eight counties in Pennsylvania and New Jersey who comprise our Board endorsed DVRPC's far-reaching plan for managing growth in the Greater Philadelphia region.

The long-range plan, *Connections – The Regional Plan for a Sustainable Future*, is guided by four key principles or goals:

- ▶ Modernize the transportation system
- ▶ Create livable communities
- ▶ Manage growth and protect resources
- ▶ Build an energy-efficient economy

As a regional entity, DVRPC is uniquely positioned to bring together area government, business, and nonprofit leaders to discuss and take action on many of the critical issues that will arise in coming years.

While DVRPC has the primary authority to address our regional transportation needs, municipal governments have the authority and capability to implement the land use goals of the Plan. DVRPC offers many services and tools to member governments to help them accomplish this, including *Implementing Connections: A Guide for Municipalities*, which gives local officials and citizens a concise description of the policies available to achieve the vision outlined in *Connections*.

All DVRPC programs and initiatives support at least one of the Plan's four goals. This year's annual report describes how each and every program at DVRPC achieves this. We also highlight how municipal officials and the public can do their part to create a more livable region.

To learn more about *Connections*, visit www.dvrpc.org/connections.



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FUNDING A MODERNIZED TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM



One way that DVRPC works to achieve its long-term goals is through short-term capital improvements. In order for our region to receive federal transportation funds, DVRPC must develop a four-year, multimodal Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). This prioritized list of projects includes highway, transit, bicycle, pedestrian, and freight-related projects. Last year, a new feature allowed stakeholders and the public to submit comments to the TIP online. For more information on TIP projects and to view them using Google maps, visit www.dvrpc.org/TIP.

Lack of funding is a major challenge as we work to modernize our transportation system. The region's transportation infrastructure faces a \$45 billion funding deficit over the next 25 years. There is a clear consensus among state and regional leaders that improved transportation is critical to the success of the Greater Philadelphia region. Where the money to fund these projects will come from, remains a question with no easy answers.

Over \$660 million in American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funding was awarded to the nine-county region last year. The DVRPC Board approved a package of 101 highway and transit projects to receive funding.



For more information, visit www.dvrpc.org.



TAKE ACTION

FUNDING A MODERNIZED TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM

What our citizens can do:

Write to your legislators and encourage them to support a dedicated source of funding for transportation. On Election Day, vote for transportation funding referendums. As a region, we must take it upon ourselves to develop an innovative and self-sufficient funding stream that will supplement existing sources and allow us to optimize our transportation system.

What municipalities can do:

Ensure that transportation projects are 'right-sized' in order to scale the solution to the size of the problem and tailor the approach to the specific project. Select transportation projects for capital programming based on sound long-range strategic planning considerations, life-cycle investment analyses, and system performance and condition data.

For more information, visit www.dvrpc.org.



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IMPROVING OUR CORRIDORS

Corridors link our cities, suburbs, and neighborhoods to create a diverse region. Each year, DVRPC looks at specific corridors in the region to identify challenges and make recommendations that guide transportation and land-use decisions.

Locations are chosen based on the Congestion Management Program and the long-range plan. This year, DVRPC completed studies in several corridors, including US 422, Route 611/263, US 322, and NJ 73. In addition, an operations audit was done for the US 202 corridor, in which many DVRPC recommendations were implemented. With the help of stakeholders and extensive public input, these studies make recommendations in terms of traffic calming, bicycle and pedestrian improvements, transit-oriented development, safety, and more.



For more information, visit www.dvrpc.org.



TAKE ACTION

IMPROVING OUR CORRIDORS

What our citizens can do:

Get involved in the planning process! Attend open houses and public meetings for corridor studies in your area to provide your ideas and suggestions.

What municipalities can do:

Work with transportation planners and engineers to take a “complete streets” approach when planning your streets. This means creating a transportation system that serves everyone — bicyclists, pedestrians, motorists, and public transportation users.

For more information, visit www.dvrpc.org.



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MARCH 2011

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KEEPING OUR ROADS SAFE

DVRPC strives to make our region's roads safer for all users. Safety is incorporated into many of the Commission's initiatives, ranging from the use of technology for operations to incident management.

Guided by the Safety Action Plan, DVRPC examined high-crash areas in the region and recommended ways to make them safer. These road safety audits and congestion and crash site analyses were conducted in coordination with municipalities, counties, and state agencies.

DVRPC provides a forum for emergency responders to meet and coordinate efforts. Incident management task forces have been established for a number of important corridors in the region, and

include police, fire and emergency medical services (EMS), departments of transportation, towing operators, and other responders. DVRPC's incident management program has been cited as a "best practice" by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the I-95 Corridor Coalition.

Last year, a new technology called "Regional Integrated Multimodal Information Sharing" (RIMIS) became operational. It provides agencies with real-time information on situations that may cause traffic congestion, like sporting events or inclement weather. It gives agencies a big picture view of what's happening in the region and empowers officials to take actions that will minimize disruptions for the public.



For more information, visit www.dvrpc.org.



TAKE ACTION

KEEPING OUR ROADS SAFE

What our citizens can do:

Avoid distractions while driving, including the use of cell phones. Drivers can reduce their chances of being in a crash by driving defensively, obeying the posted speed limits, slowing down in bad weather and in construction and school zones, and not drinking and driving.

What municipalities can do:

Employ traffic-calming techniques on residential streets, commercial streets, or areas with high pedestrian traffic. Traffic calming can reduce traffic speeds by incorporating physical elements, such as speed humps, narrow lanes, wide sidewalks, and central medians with landscaping, into roadway design to modify driver behavior.

For more information, visit www.dvrpc.org.



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SUPPORTING A MULTIMODAL TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM



Making mass transit and alternative means of transportation accessible to every person in the Delaware Valley is a top priority, and DVRPC continues to plan with a long-range vision for the region in mind.

Focusing on transit, DVRPC spent time researching the Port Authority Transit Corporation's (PATCO's) Lindenwold station in the *Lindenwold Station Transit Hub Study*. Recommended enhancements included improving pedestrian and bicycle access to the station, creating an integrated multimodal transportation network, and evaluating the existing bottlenecks and complex intersections near the station. DVRPC also examined commuter needs in the *Ambler / Bryn Mawr Rail Station Commuter Sheds Study*. The purpose of this study was to determine and analyze surrounding areas of the stations in order to better describe the distribution of passenger origins.

In compliance with the long-range transportation goals for the region, DVRPC continues to promote a multimodal

transportation system that is safe for drivers, commuters, pedestrians, and bicyclists alike. *Shifting Gears* was a new outreach program initiated by DVRPC in FY10 to determine the bicycle issues and priorities for our region. Input was gathered from bicyclists and non-bicyclists, and consisted of three parts: an inventory of county and regional bicycle plans, staff outreach to county stakeholders, and a regional online questionnaire targeting riders and non-riders.

In addition, DVRPC launched a new website for Mercer County residents and bicyclists to help them plan and ride bicycle-friendly routes. The website allowed the public to suggest routes or make comments on an interactive map, and helped planners identify current and future priority bicycle corridors. Feedback from website users was used to develop the *Mercer County Bikeability Study* and the *Mercer County Long-Range Transportation Master Plan*. DVRPC also completed *The Central Camden County Bicycle Network Plan* in FY10. This report describes a proposed network of bicycle facilities located in 10 contiguous municipalities in Central Camden County, New Jersey.

For more information, visit www.dvrpc.org.



..... TAKE ACTION
SUPPORTING A MULTIMODAL TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM

What our citizens can do:

Utilizing all modes of transportation (including walking, bicycling, and taking transit) is important for all citizens in order to sustain the region. By using alternative types of transit for short trips, you can decrease vehicle maintenance costs and reduce congestion, automobile dependence, and pollution. Using different modes of transportation can also help preserve the open space and natural resources that would be lost during the construction of new roads.

What municipalities can do:

Municipalities can encourage the use of public transit, bicycle, pedestrian facilities, telecommuting, and ride- and car-sharing to reduce the demand on our roadways. Embracing development principles that reduce the distance between residential and economic centers is another way to reduce citizen dependence on vehicles.

For more information, visit www.dvrpc.org.



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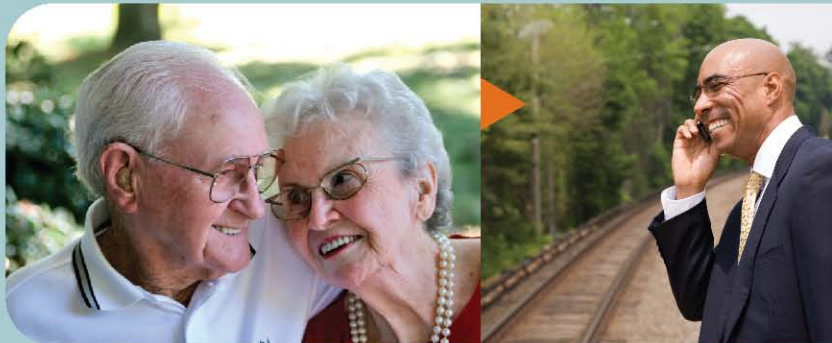
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MAKING TRANSIT ACCESSIBLE TO ALL

DVRPC ensures that all people, despite their income or ability, have access to transportation choices. The *Coordinated Human Services Transportation Plan (CHSTP)* identifies the transportation needs of older adults, people with low incomes, and individuals with disabilities. Through the Environmental Justice Methodology, DVRPC locates persons with the most need and their proximity of the regional transportation system. In FY10, DVRPC assisted in the grant selection for the *Job Access and Reverse Commute (JARC)* and *New Freedoms Initiative (NFI)* in Pennsylvania. In addition, DVRPC has been working with Pennsylvania counties to streamline and summarize the regional CHSTP document.

To accommodate the needs of commuters who are faced with rising fuel and transportation costs and to encourage the use of public transportation, DVRPC provides and promotes TransitChek. As the region's commuter benefit program, it provides a tax break to both employers and their employees who use public transit. TransitChek can cut costs and has helped some commuters save over \$900 annually. For those who must drive to work, DVRPC promotes carpooling through its ride matching program, Share-A-Ride. To learn more, visit www.gettransitchek.org or www.pacarpool.com.



For more information, visit www.dvrpc.org.



..... **TAKE ACTION**
MAKING TRANSIT ACCESSIBLE TO ALL

What our citizens can do:

Take transit to commute to work and ask your employer about TransitChek, the region's tax-free commuter benefit program. Learn more at www.gettransitchek.org.

What municipalities can do:

Provide information to residents about human service transportation options, and work with your local Transportation Management Association to learn about transportation options for everyone in your community.

For more information, visit www.dvrpc.org.

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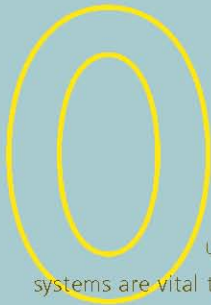
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MOVING PEOPLE AND GOODS



ur freight and aviation systems are vital to the long-term viability of this region and provide significant economic benefits.

DVRPC has conducted the Aircraft Operations Counting Program for all nontowered regional airports since 1986. Funded by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), this program provides seasonal and annual take-off and landing totals, as well as based aircraft counts. Last year, DVRPC completed counts at seven regional noncommercial airports, and initiated counting operations at five airports in the Lehigh-Northampton region. DVRPC also began installing Automated Weather Observing System (AWOS) equipment at 15 airports in New Jersey, allowing pilots to check the weather where they're landing. In addition, the *2035 Regional Airport Systems Plan* and the *Philadelphia International Airport Transit Access Analysis* were completed.



County freight scans were the major focus of DVRPC's freight planning unit in FY10. DVRPC staff analyzed freight data, identified projects needed to improve freight flows, and reviewed the freight element of the comprehensive plans for Chester and Delaware counties. This new program equipped county planners with increased understanding of freight trends and greater knowledge of freight issues. Freight scans are planned for every county in the DVRPC region. In addition, DVRPC completed the *Long-Range Vision for Freight*. It identifies a list of policies and needed transportation projects to improve the flow of freight in Greater Philadelphia. Guided by the DVRPC freight advisory committee, it serves as a blueprint to successfully balance freight operations with community goals.

For more information, visit www.dvrpc.org.



..... **TAKE ACTION**
MOVING PEOPLE AND GOODS

What our citizens can do:

National estimates predict a doubling of cargo volumes by the year 2035. There is an urgent need to educate elected officials, planners, and the general public about freight trends and logistics processes. Visit www.dvrpc.org/freight for more information about freight planning and issues in the region.

What municipalities can do:

The DVRPC freight planning program seeks to fully incorporate freight into the transportation planning process through technical studies and public education. Get involved in the Delaware Valley Goods Movement Task Force to learn more about the local freight community and participate in formulating regional policies, plans, and programs.

For more information, visit www.dvrpc.org.

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CREATING LIVABLE COMMUNITIES

DVRPC works to create livable communities by enhancing existing centers and promoting center-based development. Smart growth encourages revitalization of urban areas, infill, and mixed-use and land conservation, while discouraging sprawl.

Last year, the Commission hosted *Breaking Ground*, a conference on creating livable communities. Over 300 planners, developers, and decision-makers attended sessions on mixed-use development, green infrastructure, energy efficiency, and more. Conference proceedings can be found on the DVRPC website.

DVRPC guides municipalities in implementing specific smart growth principles and last year completed reports that included the *Paoli Station Intermodal Access and Parking Study*, the *Chester Riverfront and Community Rail Access Study*, and the *Mount Holly Form-Based Code*. In addition, a municipal resource guide is now available to assist local and county governments, community groups, and developers in identifying sources of funding for locally initiated planning and development programs.



..... TAKE ACTION

CREATING LIVABLE COMMUNITIES

What our citizens can do:

Live, work, and play in communities where needs can be met easily and cost effectively. This means having access to multiple modes of transportation, goods, and services. Communities that correspond with smart growth principles are the most livable.

What municipalities can do:

Encourage compact, centers-based development through smart growth tools and techniques, such as transit-oriented development, traditional neighborhood design, transfer of development rights, and revitalization and stabilization of existing development. Also, update zoning codes to allow for increased density and a mix of uses in select, appropriate areas to encourage transit-oriented and pedestrian-friendly development.

For more information, visit www.dvrpc.org.

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SUPPORTING OUR OLDER SUBURBS



The *Connections* Plan identifies over 100 key centers in the region as focal points for future development. These first generation suburbs have assets that include existing infrastructure systems, character, and quality-of-life. The Classic Towns of Greater Philadelphia program highlights 18 of these communities, nine of which were added in FY10. This marketing initiative helps future residents and business owners discover the beauty and diversity of the region's older towns.

Last year, the Classic Towns Program hosted a trolley tour through three towns: Bristol Borough, Merchantville Borough, and Moorestown Township. The tour allowed attendees to experience what makes these particular Classic Towns fantastic places to live, work, and play, while also highlighting the many assets found within each community. For more information, visit www.classictowns.org.

The Transportation and Community Development Initiative (TCDI) grant program funds local planning and development efforts that support smart growth in Classic Towns and other older communities in Greater Philadelphia. Last year, DVRPC awarded over \$1.6 million to 28 municipalities. A press conference was held in the City of Camden highlighting the New Jersey portion of the program.

For more information, visit www.dvrpc.org.





TAKE ACTION

SUPPORTING OUR OLDER SUBURBS

What our citizens can do:

Visit the region's historic Classic Towns to promote tourism, or consider moving to one of our unique older communities. See www.classictowns.org for more information.

What municipalities can do:

Focus future development as infill and redevelopment in existing areas, and target new development to designated future growth areas. More so, increasing the stock of affordable housing units in suburban centers close to jobs and services served by public transit will make housing more affordable and appealing throughout the community.

For more information, visit www.dvrpc.org.



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PROTECTING OUR REGION'S RESOURCES



In complementing DVRPC's growth management efforts, *Connections* sets a long-term regional goal of preserving 500,000 acres of open space. DVRPC works with local governments and organizations to protect our region's natural resources. Each year, DVRPC takes inventory of open space and creates plans to aid in its preservation. A number of environmental resource inventories and farmland preservation plans were completed in FY10, and DVRPC was a key partner in the TreeVitalize Municipalities program, helping to restore tree canopy in the region.

Greater Philadelphia has a rich agricultural community, and last year DVRPC became involved in local food planning through its work on the *Greater Philadelphia Food System Study*. Guided by a committee of

food advocates, nonprofits, and other stakeholders, this study addressed a number of challenges and opportunities facing the food system.

Last year, the City of Philadelphia was one of three cities nationwide to be chosen to pilot the Sustainable Skylines Initiative. The program kicked off last November with a tree planting event in North Philadelphia. Tree plantings, a lawn mower replacement program, and an anti-idling education campaign are just some of the efforts made possible by this initiative.

DVRPC also monitors the region's air quality and provides tips to improve it. For daily air quality forecasts, visit www.airqualitypartnership.org.

For more information, visit www.dvrpc.org.



..... TAKE ACTION

PROTECTING OUR REGION'S RESOURCES

What our citizens can do:

Living sustainably means using more efficient cars, furnaces, and lighting to produce energy with less CO₂. Other activities like planting trees and starting a neighborhood garden and/or composting program can benefit the environment for years to come. Lastly, purchasing fresh foods from local sources to support our local agriculture industry is a great way to reduce your carbon footprint and support local businesses.

What municipalities can do:

Employing a range of regulatory, voluntary, and funding techniques to preserve open space (including fee-simple acquisitions, conservation easements, locally funded open space programs, statewide preservation trusts, municipal natural resource protection plans and ordinances, and market-based conservation, such as transfer of development-rights programs) will benefit the environment and those living there.

For more information, visit www.dvrpc.org.



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BUILDING AN ENERGY-EFFICIENT ECONOMY

and Sustainable Future



The economic future of our region is faced with many issues revolving around rising energy prices and dealing with the realities and regulations of climate change. Last year, DVRPC completed an economic development strategy for Greater Philadelphia. Approved by the U.S. Economic Development Administration as the region's official Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS), it draws on research and recommendations from over 30 studies to create a collective regional vision. It sets goals to guide future investments and economic development efforts. The goals of this strategy mimic those of the *Connections* long-range plan, including focusing growth in centers, reducing greenhouse gas emissions, and investing in public infrastructure.

DVRPC is a leader on the issue of climate change and sustainability in the region. The Commission provides tools and technical support to counties and municipalities that hope to reduce energy use in their operations. Promoting eco-enterprises and green-collar jobs, DVRPC studied the importance of this emerging sector on our economy in its new Data Snapshot, *Eco-Enterprises in Greater Philadelphia*. The project assesses the emergence of businesses and jobs that support and are driven by demand for energy-efficient and environmentally friendly products and services.



For more information, visit www.dvrpc.org.



..... TAKE ACTION

BUILDING AN ENERGY-EFFICIENT ECONOMY AND SUSTAINABLE FUTURE

What our citizens can do:

Consider renewable energy sources or conduct an energy-efficiency audit of your home or business. Make sure that your home has proper insulation and keep your thermostat at 75° in the summer months and 68° in the winter months. Everyday choices, like purchasing energy-efficient products and turning off lights and appliances when not in use, will save you money and create less pollution.

What municipalities can do:

If municipalities support and promote the growth of emerging industries, including those directly related to a green economy, then consumer habits will also change. This means that there will be more direct support for environmentally friendly and local businesses and local farmers, resulting in a healthy and sustainable region.

For more information, visit www.dvrpc.org.

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ANALYZING THE FACTS AND FIGURES



DVRPC is an important source of regional information, providing a wealth of demographic and economic data, traffic counts, and aerial images to the public. Last year, DVRPC, in conjunction with the United States Geological Survey, acquired new aerial imagery for the region. Digital orthoimagery is currently in production, and will be available by March 2011.

As information for the 2010 Census becomes available, planners will make the information accessible to the public through data bulletins, analytical reports, and the DVRPC website.

Traffic counts are now available online using a user-friendly mapping application. Users can find data that represents the "Average Annual Daily Traffic (AADT)," or an estimate of all traffic during a 24-hour period, at the location indicated.



TAKE ACTION

ANALYZING THE FACTS AND FIGURES

What our citizens can do:

Always complete your census forms on time and utilize DVRPC's products and services. Aerial maps, traffic counts, population data, and publications are available online at www.dvrpc.org.

What municipalities can do:

Municipalities can shape the workforce development system by supporting the needs of employers in emerging industries. This may also mean creating employment opportunities for underemployed and unemployed community residents.

For more information, visit www.dvrpc.org.



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INVOLVING THE PUBLIC IN THE PLANNING PROCESS

T In order to effectively shape the region's future, Greater Philadelphia residents need to be informed and involved in the planning process. Public participation and outreach to residents of the region are intrinsic to all of DVRPC's plans and initiatives.

In addition to DVRPC's ongoing outreach activities, such as public open houses, special events, and the Regional Citizens Committee, DVRPC has also kicked off new initiatives in FY10. The Environmental Justice Work Group partners with organizations and individuals to discuss transportation and regional planning issues facing the Environmental Justice (EJ) community.

The Regional Student Forum, also new this past year, provides students with the opportunity to discuss regional planning issues with planners, advocates, government officials, and other students in Greater Philadelphia. Through the forum, students learn about the functions of planning agencies in the region, discuss trends, discover what projects and research other students are engaged in, and create networking and career development opportunities.





..... TAKE ACTION

INVOLVING THE PUBLIC IN THE PLANNING PROCESS

What our citizens can do:

Becoming an active representative for the public means voting and writing your representatives to support Connections policies and goals. Active citizens are also encouraged to join us in shaping the future of our region by participating in public meetings, monitoring our website, and joining one of our committees: the Regional Citizens Committee, the Regional Student Forum, or the Environmental Justice work group.

What municipalities can do:

Involve the public in your own activities and meetings, and encourage residents to attend DVPRC events and public meetings in your area. Attend stakeholder committee meetings and get involved when DVPRC is conducting a study or planning exercise in your area. Visit www.dvrpc.org for meeting dates, events, and more.

For more information, visit www.dvrpc.org.

REVENUE BY SOURCE FY 2010

	HIGHWAY PLANNING	PUBLIC TRANSIT	AIRPORT PLANNING	GENERAL FUND	OTHER PROGRAMS	TOTALS
USDOT/ PENNDOT	\$4,661,309	\$2,012,951	\$0	\$0	\$5,308,543	\$11,982,803
USDOT/ NJDOT	\$2,197,498	\$767,393	\$0	\$0	\$3,976,500	\$6,941,391
USDOT/ FAA	\$0	\$0	\$79,687	\$0	\$0	\$79,687
LOCAL	\$487,529	\$451,150	\$4,195	\$194,482	\$555,265	\$1,692,621
MISC.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$52,176	\$2,123,206	\$2,175,382
TOTALS	\$7,346,336	\$3,231,494	\$83,882	\$246,658	\$11,963,514	\$22,871,884

EXPENDITURES FY 2010

	HIGHWAY PLANNING	PUBLIC TRANSIT	AIRPORT PLANNING	GENERAL FUND	OTHER PROGRAMS	TOTALS
SALARIES, WAGES, BENEFITS	\$3,333,559	\$1,022,218	\$30,186	\$0	\$4,679,615	\$9,065,578
CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	\$469,533	\$211,058	\$3,599	\$150,692	\$462,257	\$1,297,139
EQUIPMENT PURCHASES	\$61,380	\$32,025	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$93,405
SUBCONTRACTS	\$1,115,466	\$1,480,325	\$0	\$0	\$5,597,541	\$8,193,332
INDIRECT COSTS	\$2,366,398	\$485,868	\$50,097	\$0	\$1,224,101	\$4,126,464
Program Overruns/ Carryover	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$95,966	\$0	\$95,966
TOTALS	\$7,346,336	\$3,231,494	\$83,882	\$246,658	\$11,963,514	\$22,871,884

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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 can be found on our website at www.dvrpc.org. While only the Regional Citizens Committee is open to the general public for membership, anyone who wishes may attend any of the following committee meetings:

Regional Transportation Committee (RTC) and Planning Coordinating Committee (PCC)

Advises the Board on issues concerning the long-range and short-range transportation plan, the Transportation Improvement Program, and other programs and policies. *Meets monthly.*

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. *Meets quarterly.*

Goods Movement Task Force (GMTF)

Works to maximize goods movement capability by sharing information and technology with public and private freight intermodal capabilities and implements a regional goods movement strategy.

Meets quarterly.

Planning at the Edge

Coordinates with surrounding regions and MPOs and encourages information sharing on planning issues. *Meets quarterly.*

Regional Community and Economic Development Forum

Provides a forum for discussion of current issues in land use, housing, economic development, and transportation in the Delaware Valley region. *Meets quarterly.*

Information Resource Exchange Group (IREG)

Provides a forum for the exchange of ideas and experiences among regional data managers. Topics of discussion include IT architecture, GIS/orthophotography, web technologies, and census data. *Meets quarterly.*

Transportation Operations Task Force

Provides a forum for the Incident Management Task Force to share ideas. Topics of discussion may include RIMIS and regional ITS architecture. *Meets quarterly.*

Regional Safety Task Force

Offers guidance for DVRPC projects, including the Regional Safety Action Plan, and provides a forum for multidisciplinary professionals to share information.

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. *Meets quarterly.*

Regional Citizens Committee (RCC)

Provides the general public with access to, and participation in, the regional planning and decision-making process. This committee acts as an advisory group to DVRPC's Board and reviews all policies, plans, and programs. *Meets monthly.*

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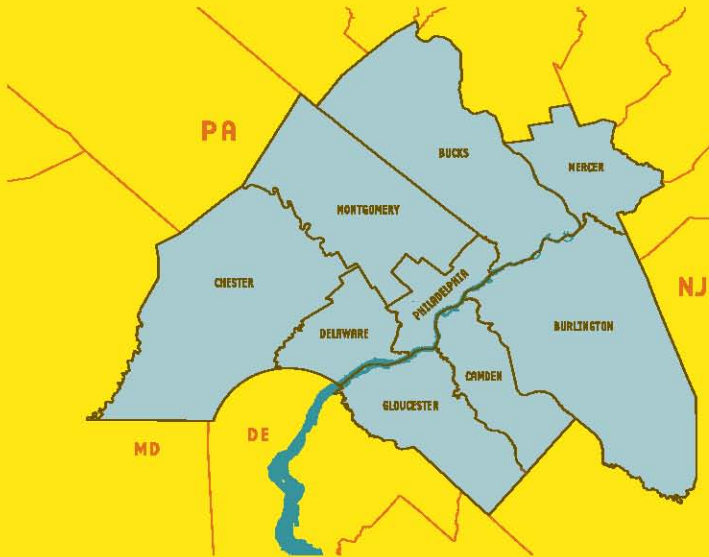
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