

# DELAWARE VALLEY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

## BOARD COMMITTEE

### Minutes of Meeting of October 27, 2005

Location: Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission  
Main Conference Room 8<sup>th</sup> Floor  
190 N. Independence Mall, West  
Philadelphia, PA 19106

#### Membership Present

#### Representative

New Jersey Department of Community Affairs

Joyce Paul

New Jersey Department of Transportation

Brent Barnes

New Jersey Governor's Appointee

Keith D. Barrack

Pennsylvania Governor's Appointee

Richard W. Hayden, Esq.

Pennsylvania Governor's Policy Office

Joanne R. Denworth

Pennsylvania Department of Transportation

Larry M. King

Bucks County

Lynn Bush

Chester County

Carol Aichele  
William H. Fulton

Delaware County

John Pickett

Montgomery County

Kenneth Hughes

Burlington County

Jerald R. Cureton, Esq.  
Carol Ann Thomas

Camden County

Thomas J. Gurick

Gloucester County

Charles E. Romick

Mercer County

Donna Lewis

City of Chester

(not represented)

City of Philadelphia	Gary Jastrzab
City of Camden	Edward Williams
City of Trenton	(not represented)
<u>Non-Voting Members</u>	
Federal Highway Administration New Jersey Division	(not represented)
Pennsylvania Division	Spencer Stevens
U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Region III	(not represented)
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region III	(not represented)
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region II	(not represented)
New Jersey Office of Smart Growth	(not represented)
Federal Transit Administration, Region III	(not represented)
Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority	David Fogel
New Jersey Transit Corporation	Jerry Lutin
Port Authority Transit Corporation	(not represented)
Delaware River Port Authority	Linda Hayes
New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection	(not represented)
Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection	(not represented)
Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development	Kevin Gallagher
Regional Citizens Committee Chairman	Dennis Winters
<u>DVRPC Co-Counsel</u>	
Pennsylvania Co-Counsel	Timothy J. Carson
New Jersey Co-Counsel	Thomas J. Coleman

DVRPC Staff:

John J. Coscia, Donald Shanis, Barry Seymour, William Greene, Thabet Zakaria, Chick Dougherty, John Ward, Richard Bickel, Roger Moog, Elizabeth Schoonmaker, Zoe Neaderland, Candace Snyder, Phyllis Robinson, and Jean McKinney.

Guests

Pennsylvania Department of Transportation	James Mosca Linda Guarini (Dist. 6-0) Greg Brown (Dist. 6-0)
New Jersey Department of Transportation	Brian Cuccia
Camden County	Eve Charles
Delaware River Joint Toll Bridge Commission	Roger Sager
Philadelphia Industrial Development Corporation	Edward Duffy
Capital City Strategies	Meghan Biteric
Carter VanDyke Associates	Andy Hamilton
French Parrello Associates	John A. Araneo, PE

Call to Order

Thomas J. Gurick, Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:40 a.m.

Chair Gurick congratulated Dennis Winters, Regional Citizens Committee (RCC) Chair, for his loyalty to the RCC and his outstanding efforts in communicating the recommendations of the RCC to the Board. Mr. Winters thanked the Board and commented that although his term as RCC chair will expire he will continue to work with the RCC and the DVRPC staff.

John J. Coscia, Executive Director, congratulated William Greene, DVRPC Assistant Executive Director of Administration, on his retirement. Mr. Greene was responsible for all of the Administration functions within DVRPC. Mr. Coscia also mentioned that

Mr. Greene has been with DVRPC for over 30 years and within the past year, Mr. Greene handled the many aspects involved in DVRPC's relocation to the ACP Building. Mr. Greene thanked the audience and commented that he has had the opportunity of working with many Board members throughout the years and expressed his gratitude for that opportunity. Mr. Greene also thanked Mr. Coscia for the many opportunities afforded him throughout the years at DVRPC.

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

No comments from the public were heard.

### **1. Minutes of Meeting of September 22, 2005**

On a **motion** by Mr. Romick, seconded by Mr. King, the minutes of the meeting of September 22, 2005 were approved as distributed.

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

Donald Shanis, DVRPC staff, briefed the Board on the following TIP Actions:

#### **a. TIP Action PA05-45: US 202 Parkway (Section 700), Various Counties**

PENNDOT has requested that DVRPC modify the FY2005-2008 TIP for Pennsylvania by programming \$38.3 million state funds for the preliminary engineering and right of way funds for Section 700 of US Route 202. The project has been under re-evaluation for the past year and a limited four lane section combined with a two lane parkway concept has replaced the original four lane limited access design. State funds for preliminary engineering and right of way are now being programmed for the advancing phases in FY06 and FY07 accordingly:

- \$4 million for MPMS #13484, Environmental Review and ITS Design (PE in FY06)
- \$19.3 million for MPMS #16731, PA 63 to 309/463 (Section 701) (ROW in FY06 and FY07)
- \$6 million for MPMS #47395, Pickertown Rd to PA 611 (Section 721) (ROW in FY06)
- \$9 million for MPMS #47396, PA 463 to Pickertown Road (Section 711) (ROW in FY06 and FY07)

Project descriptions will also be edited to properly reflect plans, limits and descriptions for the various sections.

Public meetings will be held on the new concept on October 25, November 1, and November 2, 2005.

Financial constraint will be maintained as these phases of the project will use 100% state funds.

There will be no impact on the TIP's conformity finding since these projects have already been included in the region's air quality analysis.

After favorable recommendation was received from the Planning Coordinating Committee/Regional Transportation Committee (PCC/RTC) and the Regional Citizens

Committee (RCC), the Board unanimously adopted the following **motion**:

**MOTION** by Ms. Denworth, seconded by Mr. King, that the Board approve TIP Action PA05-45, PENNDOT's request to modify the FY 2005 TIP for Pennsylvania (FY2005-2008) by increasing the preliminary engineering phase to \$4 million (MPMS #13484) and programming \$34.3 million for the right of way phase for Section 700 of Route 202 (MPMS #'s 16731,47396, and 43995) using \$38.3 million state funds.

b. TIP Action PA05-46a: I-476, Lawrence to Matson Ford Road, Delaware County

PENNDOT has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2005-2008 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a \$24.442 million construction phase for the I-476 Lawrence to Matson Ford Road section of the Blue Route, phased over fiscal years 06, 07, and 08. The design of this project was added to the FY03 TIP last spring as a project to be drawn from the Preventive Maintenance line item, but construction was not programmed or included in the FY05 TIP. Typical components of a preventive maintenance (PM) project include work to extend the life of the existing pavement and/or structure through roadway resurfacing or bridge painting. This PM project will fund bridge and pavement preservation along I-476 and I-76, including resurfacing, guiderail replacement, and deck repairs, in Marple, Haverford, Radnor, Lower Merion, and West Conshohocken.

At the time this project was added in the spring of 2004 for final design, it was assumed that the construction would be drawn from the Preventive Maintenance Line Item, MPMS #57622. The higher than anticipated cost of the resulting project exceeds what is available in the Preventive Maintenance Line Item by approximately \$10.6 million, which must be funded through the delay or slippage of other projects in the program. Several projects this month facing delays to the outyears include: PA 252, Providence Road in Delaware; Passyunk Avenue Drawbridge in Philadelphia; Lehigh Avenue- Broad Street to Richmond Avenue in Philadelphia; Lehigh Avenue-Ridge to Broad in Philadelphia; I-95 Betsy Ross Interchange in Philadelphia. Two projects to be deleted from the program are the Holme Avenue Bridge over Conrail in Philadelphia and Church Road Improvements between Greenwood and Rice's Mill Road in Montgomery County. There is not necessarily a one to one correlation between each project delay and the need to add the Blue Route PM project, as fiscal constraint includes the many changes that occur on a monthly basis, and some projects may have been delayed regardless. However, it is important to note that the need to find \$10 million for one new project impacts the program.

Financial constraint will be maintained by drawing funds from the Preventive Maintenance Line Item (\$10.31 million federal/\$3.490 million state from MPMS #57622) combined with funds from projects whose schedules have changed.

There will be no impact on the TIP's conformity finding since this project is exempt.

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

**MOTION** Mr. Hughes, seconded by Mr. Barrack, that the Board approve TIP Action PA05-46a, PENNDOT's request to amend the FY 2005 TIP for Pennsylvania (FY2005-2008) by adding the \$24.442 million construction phase of the I-476 Lawrence to Matson Ford Road project (MPMS #16736) and drawing \$10.31 million federal/\$3.490 million state from MPMS #57622, combined with funds from other projects whose schedules have changed.

c. TIP Action PA05-46b: Media Downtown Streetscape, Delaware County

PENNDOT has requested that DVRPC modify the FY2005-2008 TIP for Pennsylvania by increasing construction costs by \$277,000 TE funds for a project selected through the TE Competitive Program in order for it to advance to construction. PENNDOT proposes to fund the cost increases by drawing unobligated FY05 funds from the DVRPC TE Line item.

The Media Downtown Streetscape project appears on the current TIP with a \$1.239 million construction phase in FY05 (\$1.041 TE/ \$198,000 Local Match). The project requires a \$277,000 TE/\$132,000 Local match increase. The project has advanced through the final design phase, with design performed and paid for locally. The low bid from by the contractor came in higher than the project budget.

PENNDOT has proposed to pay for the cost increases by drawing down unobligated funds from the TE Line item (MPMS #64984), currently containing \$2.781 million federal TE funds. FY05 and FY06 funds are all "claimed" by projects that were recently selected through the TE Competitive Program, but the projects do not actually draw down the funds until the appropriate time when they are ready to advance to construction. If all TE projects laid claim to funds during the same fiscal year, there would not be enough to fund cost increases, but given the "rolling" nature of how projects actually reach the construction phase, and given the possible increased level of TE funds from the new SAFETEA LU federal transportation bill, it may be possible to maintain the funding level of the upcoming Competitive Program for the upcoming round, and still fund cost increases. Worst case scenario is that the cost increases would impact the size of the "pot" for the upcoming round of TE. The TE Subcommittee is still working to address the larger policy issue of how to fund cost increases.

Financial constraint will be maintained by drawing unobligated FY05 funds from the DVRPC TE Line Item, MPMS #64984.

There will be no impact on the TIP's conformity finding since this project is exempt.

Favorable recommendation was received from the PCC/RTC for the Board to approve

TIP Action PA05-46b.

Favorable recommendation was also received from the RCC, however, the RCC notes that the committee believes bicycle racks and recycling containers should be added to the project.

Mr. Coscia responded that the RCC's recommendation will be forward to PENNDOT for a response.

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

**MOTION** by Mr. Pickett, seconded by Mr. Hayden, that the Board approve TIP Action PA05-46b, PENNDOT's request to modify the FY 2005 TIP for Pennsylvania (FY2005-2008) by drawing \$277,000 TE funds from the DVRPC TE Line Item, MPMS #64984, and transferring it to MPMS #61701, Media Downtown Streetscapes.

d. TIP Action PA05-47a: US 422 Interim Project, Montgomery County

PENNDOT has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2005-2008 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a new project to the TIP, the US 422 Interim Improvement project (MPMS #74648) which received one of the DEMO earmarks in the recently passed federal transportation bill, SAFETEA LU. \$240,000 DEMO/\$60,000 state would be programmed in FY06 to help continue the process of final design for the interim improvements. Final design for components of the 422 River Crossing Complex ( MPMS #'s 66952, 64798, and 70197) is currently underway, and this action enables the design process to continue. The full amount of the earmark totals \$800,000 DEMO/\$200,000 match, and unused funds will be put towards construction. SAFETEA LU earmarks are not released

in "lump sums" similarly to DEMO's in previous legislation, but instead are phased in over the life of the bill.

The goal of the interim improvements or "early action" is to provide timely and effective relief to westbound afternoon congestion until the larger projects can fully advance. The total projected cost of the construction phase for the interim improvements is \$5 million, and it will be funded through the balance of the earmark in combination with a portion of another \$20 million DEMO earmark designated for River Crossing Complex improvements. The implementation of all River Crossing Complex projects could total more than \$100 million, and the interim improvements provide a low cost, immediate solution to one of the region's most pronounced traffic problems.

Interim improvements include: 1) modification of existing ramp from US 422 to PA 23 eastbound with signalized intersection at PA 23 to accommodate both east and westbound PA 23 traffic; 2) closure of existing loop off-ramp from US 422 westbound to PA 23 westbound to eliminate weaving conditions with traffic entering from adjacent PA 23 eastbound on-ramp to US 422 westbound; and

3) construct added third lane onto US 422 westbound from loop on-ramp for approximately a half mile to the Trooper Road/363 Interchange.

Financial constraint will be maintained as these are specially earmarked DEMO funds.

There will be no impact on the TIP's conformity finding since this phase is exempt.

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

**MOTION** by Mr. Hughes, seconded by Mr. Barnes, that the Board approve TIP Action PA05-47a, PENNDOT's request to amend the FY 2005 TIP for Pennsylvania (FY2005-2008) by adding a new project to the TIP, the USS 422 Interim Improvement project (MPMS #74648), programming \$240,000 DEMO/\$60,000 state for final design in FY06.

Mr. Coscia commented that he is proposing to meet with the Congressional Delegation to review and obtain a better understanding of the Federal Earmarks for Pennsylvania and New Jersey. The DVRPC is in the process of preparing Geographic Information System (GIS) maps showing where the earmarks are located, the estimated funding, the location of the congressional district, total project cost, percentage of earmark, etc. These meetings will be scheduled in the near future and coordinated with PENNDOT, NJDOT, and the counties.

e. TIP Action PA05-47b: Norristown Parking Facility, Montgomery County

Montgomery County has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2005-2008 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a new project to the TIP, the Norristown Parking Facility project (MPMS #74802) which received one of the DEMO earmarks in the recently passed federal transportation bill, SAFETEA LU. \$600,000 DEMO/\$150,000 state would be programmed in FY06 to contribute towards construction of the Norristown parking garage, a new 500 space facility at the corner of Main and Cherry Streets in Norristown. Preconstruction activities are underway and the engineering and balance of the construction costs are being handled and funded by Montgomery County (\$4.5 million) combined with state Redevelopment Assistance funds (\$4 million). Total construction is estimated at approximately \$10.5 million. The full amount of the earmark for this project totals \$2,00,000 DEMO/\$500,000 match. SAFETEA LU earmarks are not released in "lump sums" similarly to DEMO's in previous legislation, but instead are phased in over the life of the bill.

Financial constraint will be maintained as these are specially earmarked DEMO funds.



There will be no impact on the TIP's conformity finding since this project is exempt.

Favorable recommendation was received from the PCC/RTC that the Board approve TIP Action PA05-47b.

The RCC recommends that the Board approve TIP Action PA05-47b, however, notes that provisions for bicycle parking should be made in the parking garage. In addition, the committee believes that context sensitive design should be considered in the planning of this garage and urges that impacts on the community be considered in the future.

Kenneth Hughes, Montgomery County, responded that the design of the garage will be environmentally sensitive, provide bicycle racks, and take into consideration impacts to the community. The primary purpose of this garage is for economic development of downtown Norristown and is designed to provide necessary parking for existing users as well as to entice new development.

The Board adopted the following **motion**:

**MOTION** by Mr. Hughes, seconded by Ms. Denworth, that the Board approve TIP Action PA05-47b, PENNDOT's request to modify the FY 2005 TIP for Pennsylvania (FY2005-2008) by adding a new project to the TIP, the Norristown Parking Facility project (MPMS #74802) and programming \$600,000 DEMO/\$150,000 match for construction in FY06.

Motion carried with one **abstention** from Richard W. Hayden, Esq., Pennsylvania Governor's appointee.

f. TIP Action PA05-48: Deferral of Projects, Various Counties

Delete:

MPMS #16334, PA 73, Church Road, Greenwood-Rice's Mill, Montgomery  
MPMS #17464, Holme Avenue (Bridge) Over Conrail, Philadelphia

Defer:

MPMS #15345, PA 252, Providence Road, Delaware  
MPMS #62694, Passyunk Avenue Drawbridge, Philadelphia  
MPMS #57893, Lehigh Avenue East (Signals), Philadelphia  
MPMS #62717, Lehigh Avenue West (Signals), Philadelphia  
MPMS #47812, I-95 Betsy Ross Interchange, Philadelphia  
MPMS #13240, Old Bethlehem Road, Bucks County  
MPMS #57629, County Line Road Extension: Bustleton Pike to Philmont Avenue, Bucks County

PENNDOT has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2005-2008 TIP for Pennsylvania by deleting two projects from the TIP. MPMS #16634 is not moving as there is disagreement between PENNDOT and the municipality

regarding the configuration and right of way required for adding the left turn lane at the intersection. The Holme Avenue Bridge project appeared in the 1997 TIP for engineering in FY1997 and construction in FY2000 and has not advanced.

PENNDOT has also requested that DVRPC modify the TIP by deferring phases of several projects to either FY08 or Later Fiscal Years in order to maintain fiscal constraint of the program. Some of the projects are currently slated for construction in FY06 or FY07/FY08, but are not advancing, and are not expected to use the funds during the assigned year. PENNDOT must maintain financial constraint and proposes that the schedules of the projects be readdressed during the upcoming FY07 PA TIP update.

Financial constraint will be maintained and there will be no impact on the TIP's conformity determination.

Favorable recommendation was received from the PCC/RTC that the Board approve TIP Action PA05-48.

Favorable recommendation was also received from the RCC, however, the RCC believes that weight restrictions for trucks on the Holme Avenue Bridge should be maintained and that, if this work is done in the future, the bridge should be bicycle/pedestrian compatible.

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

**MOTION** by Mr. King, seconded by Mr. Hughes that the Board approve TIP Action PA05-48, PENNDOT's request to amend the FY 2005 TIP for Pennsylvania (FY2005-2008) by deleting two projects: (MPMS #16334) PA 73, Church Road, Greenwood-Rice's Mill; and (MPMS #17464) Holme Avenue (Bridge) Over Conrail; and deferring projects MPMS #'s 15345, 62694, 57893, 62717, 47812, 13240, and 57629.

### **3. Approval of Congestion Management System (CMS) Update**

Dr. Shanis explained to the Board that a CMS is a systematic process for managing congestion that provides information on transportation system performance. It recommends a range of strategies for minimizing congestion and enhancing the mobility of people and goods. CMS is a requirement of the previous and recently adopted federal transportation laws, TEA-21 and SAFETEA-LU.

The current work supercedes the interim CMS adopted in 1997 and provides for more regular updates. It is multi-modal and corridor-based to better integrate transportation and land use planning. It more closely integrates the Long Range Plan, CMS, TIP, and studies. This work was completed under the guidance of a CMS Advisory Committee consisting of the nine counties, departments of transportation, transit authorities, TMAs, and others. It was also guided at a technical level by an interdepartmental working group of DVRPC staff members.

Zoe Neaderland, DVRPC staff, then presented an overview of the role of the CMS, CMS regulations, DVRPC Transportation Principles, the DVRPC CMS, and the next steps for the CMS work.

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

**MOTION** by Mr. Barnes, seconded by Ms. Paul that the Board approve the updated Congestion Management System, including the process and current set of reports.

**4. Adoption of Resolution to Recommended Inclusion of the Long-Form Questionnaire in Census 2010**

Mr. Coscia explained that the Census Bureau has decided to delete the long-form questionnaire from future censuses and to collect the same data annually from a proposed survey called the American Community Survey (ACS). DVRPC's evaluation of the ACS data has indicated that the data cannot be used for transportation planning due to very large errors.

Since a debate is taking place in congress as to whether or not to reinstate the long form and at the request of the State of New Jersey, action for this item was **tabled** until a future meeting.

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

**MOTION** by Mr. Barrack, seconded by Mr. Barnes that the adoption of a resolution to recommend inclusion of the long-form questionnaire in census 2010 be **tabled** until a future Board meeting.

**5. DVRPC Fiscal Year 2006 Planning Work Program Amendment: Promoting Design Excellence in the Philadelphia Region**

Barry Seymour, DVRPC Staff, explained to the Board that the William Penn Foundation has requested that DVRPC partner with a specified consultant to undertake a one-year project to examine the process for the design review of public and private construction projects in the region, and develop recommendations for the Foundation and others to undertake to promote and enhance the quality of design of public and private development throughout the region. In light of the extensive amount of private sector development of residential and commercial building in Philadelphia and elsewhere, as well as public sector infrastructure and streetscape projects, the Foundation is concerned that there are not enough safeguards or guidelines in place to assure that the urban design elements of these projects - that portion of the project that relates to the street, pedestrian, or public realm - are serving the public and making a positive contribution to the character of

their communities. The project will include a broad consultation with designers, advocacy organizations, and key public and private sector stakeholders to understand the existing processes in place; an examination of best practices from other cities and metropolitan regions; a public forum to present key findings and gather community input; and a prioritized set of recommended actions for enhancing the design quality of the built environment that can be implemented by government agencies, nonprofits, and the private sector.

The total cost of the grant request to the William Penn Foundation is \$82,500 over a one year period. Of this, approximately \$60,000 will be subcontracted to a consultant with the remainder used by DVRPC staff.

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

**MOTION** by Ms. Denworth, second by Mr. Cureton, that the Board authorize the Executive Director to submit the grant proposal *Promoting Design Excellence in the Philadelphia Region* to the William Penn Foundation for funding and amend the FY2006 Work Program to incorporate the project if funded.

#### **6. Pennsylvania Infrastructure Investment Authority (PENNVEST) Funding Request in Bucks County**

Mr. Seymour explained to the Board that PENNVEST is an independent agency of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania managed by a 13-member Board of Directors and chaired by the Governor, which provides funding for drinking water, wastewater treatment and stormwater management projects. The Program provides long-term loans through a revolving loan fund to municipalities, authorities and some private entities at below-market interest rates. PENNVEST has recently begun a program to provide loans for brownfield assessments and remediation.

PENNVEST has forwarded one application to DVRPC for review for consistency with the regional plan as follows:

- Dublin Borough requests a PENNVEST loan for \$703,750 to reduce the amount of infiltration and inflow (I&I) into the Borough's sanitary sewer lines, which causes overflows during wet weather conditions. The Borough is seeking these improvements in accordance with a PADEP Consent Order and Agreement to reduce I&I in the Borough's system. There is no increase in capacity associated with this action.

This project serves to alleviate existing problems and is in an area already developed or identified as a Future Growth Area as designated in the DVRPC Year 2030 Plan. As such, this project is consistent with the goals and policies of the regional plan.

After favorable recommendation from the RCC, the Board unanimously adopted the following **motion**:

**MOTION** by Mr. Hughes, seconded by Ms. Aichele that the Board authorize the Executive Director to send a letter notifying PENNVEST that the funding request in Bucks County is consistent with Destination 2030 Plan.

**7. Proposed Amendment to the Tri-County Water Quality Management Plan: Burlington, Camden, Gloucester, Monmouth and Salem Counties**

Patty Elkis, DVRPC staff, explained to the Board In 1984, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection implemented a procedure to ensure that all requests for water quality permits are consistent with approved Wastewater Management Plans and the Tri-County Water Quality Management Plan. New Jersey DEP reviews all permit applications and for those which are inconsistent with Wastewater Management Plans or the Tri-County Water Quality Management Plan, the applicant may elect to seek a plan amendment.

DVRPC is the designated area-wide water quality management planning agency for the Tri-County area (Burlington, Camden and Gloucester counties), and DVRPC approval is one of several that amendment applicants must receive before New Jersey DEP will consider the amendment package complete.

The following amendments have been requested:

- a. Two Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) for Fecal Coliform for:
  - 1) Edwards Run at Jefferson in Gloucester County and
  - 2) North Run at Cookstown in Burlington County.
  
- b. Three Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) for Phosphorus on the:
  - 1) The Big Timber Creek South Branch at Blackwood Terrace in Camden and Gloucester counties,
  - 2) Oldmans Creek at Porches Mill in Gloucester and Salem counties, and
  - 3) Blacks Creek at Chesterfield-Georgetown Road in Burlington County

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

**MOTION** by Mr. Romick, seconded by Mr. Barnes, that the Board approve the proposed amendment to the Tri-County Water Quality Management Plan for Burlington, Camden, Gloucester, Monmouth and Salem Counties by passing Resolution No. B-FY06-002 (copy attached).

## 8. Development of the FY 2007 Planning Work Program

Mr. Coscia called the Board's attention to the Highlights of the Second Board Work Program Committee Meeting held on October 25, 2005 and the Summary of Key Actions for Selection of new Projects (distributed to the Board).

The purpose of the meeting was primarily to develop a list of projects to be included in the various funding categories for FY 2007. Projects were selected for inclusion in the DVRPC Regular Work Program to be funded from the available Federal Highway Administration, Federal Transit Administration and the Comprehensive Planning (PL) fund. This funding totals \$475,000.

The committee also discussed the possible availability of additional funding under SAFETEA-LU and other funding opportunities and projects not ranked high enough to be included in the Work Program that will be advanced as funding sources become available.

Project lists were also prepared (distributed to the Board) which will either be funded from NJDOT and PENNDOT TIP's, NJDOT other funding, PENNDOT other funding, NJDOT CMAQ funding, PENNDOT CMAQ funding, PENNDOT Supplemental PL, PENNDOT Transit Support, or NJDOT Supportive Regional Highway Planning.

Mr. Coscia added that the Regional Transportation Evacuation Plan Coordination Project was also discussed at the meeting and the consensus of the Pennsylvania counties was that this project should not be part of the DVRPC Work Program unless the Regional Emergency Task Force requests DVRPC's assistance. Chair Gurick added that the New Jersey Board representatives were in favor of DVRPC's involvement.

It was requested that the Board authorize the DVRPC staff to proceed with the preparation of the Draft DVRPC FY 2007 Planning Work Program for distribution and review at the December 2, 2005 Board Meeting.

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

**MOTION** by Mr. Barnes, seconded by Mr. Romick that the Board authorize the DVRPC staff to proceed with the preparation of the Draft DVRPC FY 2007 Planning Work Program for distribution and review at the December 2, 2005 Board Meeting.

## 9. Approval of the Board Meeting Schedule for Calendar Year 2006

Chair Gurick pointed out the calendar year 2006 schedule of Board Meeting dates for Board approval (distributed to the Board and attached as part of these minutes).

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

**MOTION** by Mr. Barnes, seconded by Mr. Hughes, that the Board approve the FY 2006 Board Meeting Schedule for Calendar Year 2006.

**10. Regional Citizens Committee (RCC) Report**

Dennis Winters, RCC Chair, reported additional items discussed at the RCC meeting held on October 18, 2005 as follows:

- FY 2007 Planning Work Program Priorities
- Bucks County Regional Traffic Study

Mr. Winters stated his disappointment in that none of the projects selected by the RCC were included in the list of priority projects for the DVRPC FY 2007 Work Program.

**11. Greater Philadelphia Leadership Exchange**

Joanne R. Denworth, Pennsylvania Governor's Policy Office, commented on the Greater Philadelphia Leadership Exchange, where approximately 75 Philadelphia-area representatives from government, business, non-profit organizations and foundations visited Chicago for three days to meet with and learn from their counterparts there. A variety of Chicago civic leaders met with the group to present the governance structure of the Chicago region, and to discuss specific initiatives such as economic development marketing, greening and park development, regional cooperation, and growth management.

Mr. Seymour, who also attended, noted that DVRPC's participation in this event was a valuable opportunity to both learn from Chicago and to establish ongoing relationships with the participants from the Philadelphia region. To that end, Mr. Seymour distributed information regarding DVRPC's plans and programs to the 75 area participants, and will continue to participate in ongoing discussions regarding potential cooperative regional initiatives. Potential initiatives under discussion at this time include support for a Philadelphia-area Olympic bid, advocacy for additional transit system funding, and Philadelphia tax reform.

**12. Executive Director's Report**

a. NJDOT Meeting, September 29, 2005 to discuss the New Jersey 2030 Plan

Mr. Coscia reported that a meeting was held at NJDOT to discuss the goals and objectives of the New Jersey 2030 Plan. The need to include a more specific policy direction plan was discussed in lieu of a detailed facilities plan. A draft document will be presented in early January and Mr. Coscia will report

any updates to the Board.

b. PENNDOT Planning Partners Meeting in Pittsburgh, October 17, 2005

PENNDOT annually brings together a large group of planning partners to discuss various items. Mr. Coscia mentioned some specific items as follows: (1) agreement was reached on the Financial Guidance for FY 2007; (2) streamlining of the environmental process and the integration into the transportation planning process; and (3) the proposal of an interstate core system.

c. Pennsylvania Rail Freight Advisory Committee Meeting, October 26, 2005

Mr. Coscia reported that the Pennsylvania Rail Freight Advisory Committee Meeting was held in Harrisburg. Some items presented and discussed at that meeting were: (1) new technology for railroad ties using recycled rubber tires; (2) safety issues in railroading; (3) a strategic railroad plan; and (4) a pathway to funding for rail in the MPO planning process.

d. DVRPC Board Retreat, December 2, 2005

Mr. Coscia pointed out the flyer on the Board Retreat (distributed to the Board) and commented on some of the speakers and other activities for the event. Mr. Coscia urged all Board members and alternates to attend.

e. Transportation Community Development Initiatives (TCDI) Applications

Mr. Seymour reported that over 50 TCDI applications have been received for funding. The applications will be reviewed and prioritized and a recommendation for the awardees brought before the Board for their action in December.

Mr. Seymour also announced and urged the Board to attend the Delaware Valley Smart Growth Alliance (DVSGA) Forum entitled *Growing Smarter Through Density* (flyer distributed to Board). The Forum is scheduled for November 17, 2005 at the PECO Headquarters.

**13. Committee Reports**

The following committee reports were distributed to the Board for their review: (1) Planning Coordinating Committee/Regional Transportation Committee; (2) Regional Citizens Committee; (3) Regional Aviation Committee; (4) Goods Movement Task Force; and (5) Tri-County Water Quality Management Board

**14. One Minute Reports**



Linda Hayes, Delaware River Port Authority (DRPA), commented that DRPA hosted the most recent meeting of the Urban Area Security Initiative Group; a federally mandated group made up of Pennsylvania Emergency Management Association (PEMA), NJDOT Office of Transportation Security, State Police, FBI, etc. One of their agenda items is emergency evacuation plans. DRPA is also a member of Urban Area Transit Security group; made up of PENNDOT, AMTRAK, NJ Transit, and SEPTA. This group will examine emergency regional transit strategies.

Mr. Hughes reported that the Montgomery County Comprehensive Plan will be available in the very near future.

Ms. Denworth announced that the Pennsylvania Economic Development cabinet has released *Keystone Principles* for growth, investment, and resource conservation in Pennsylvania. These were developed by the inter-agency land use team and Ms. Denworth will make every effort to distribute copies to the Board when copies become available.

Chair Gurick commented that Camden County hosted a show which raised \$20,000 for the Camden County Chapter of the Red Cross. The money is to be donated to the Hurricane Katrina victims.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

No old business was stated.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

No new business was stated.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

#### Attachments:

- (1) Resolution No. B-FY06-002
- (2) PCC/RTC Recommendations to the Board for October 27, 2005
- (3) RCC Recommendations to the Board for October 27, 2005

#### Additional Documents Distributed to the Board:

- (1) *Alert*, October 2005
- (2) *TravelSmart*, October 2005
- (3) DVRPC Flyer on Aerial Photography
- (4) Brochure entitled: *Sewage Facilities and Land Development*