

# DELAWARE VALLEY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

## BOARD COMMITTEE

### Minutes of Meeting of April 24, 2003

Location: Commission Officer  
The Bourse Building, 8<sup>th</sup> Floor  
111 S. Independence Mall, East  
Philadelphia, PA 19106

#### Membership Present

#### Representative

New Jersey Department of Community Affairs	Joyce Paul
New Jersey Department of Transportation	Jerry Mooney
Governor of New Jersey's Appointee	Deirdre Naughton, Esq.
Governor of Pennsylvania's Appointee	(not represented)
Pennsylvania Governor's Policy Office	Joanne R. Denworth
Pennsylvania Department of Transportation	Larry M. King
Bucks County	Charles H. Martin Lynn Bush
Chester County	(not represented)
Delaware County	John E. Pickett
Montgomery County	Leo Bagley
Burlington County	Jerald R. Cureton, Esq. Carol Ann Thomas
Camden County	Thomas J. Gurick J. Douglas Griffith
Gloucester County	Charles E. Romick

Mercer County	(not represented)
City of Chester	(not represented)
City of Philadelphia	Gary Jastrzab
City of Camden	(not represented)
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	Janet Kampf
Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority	Larry Kane
New Jersey Transit Corporation	James Schwarzwald
Port Authority Transit Corporation	Marie Chua
Delaware River Port Authority	Anisah Abiola
New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection	(not represented)
Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection	(not represented)
Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development	Ronald K. Bednar

Regional Citizens Committee Chairman

Dennis Winters

DVRPC Co-Counsel

Pennsylvania Co-Counsel

Michael Burg

New Jersey Co-Counsel

Thomas Coleman

DVRPC Staff: John J. Coscia, John B. Claffey, William Greene, Barry Seymour, Donald Shanis, Charles Dougherty, Roger Moog, Candace Snyder, and Jean McKinney.

Guests

Pennsylvania Department of Transportation

Robert Hannigan

New Jersey Department of Transportation

Brian Cuccia

Camden County

Eve Charles

Delaware River Port Authority

Linda Hayes

Cross County Connection Transportation

Management Association

William Ragozine

Urban Engineers

Dave Cox

Vollmer Associates

James Burke

Residents for Regional Traffic Solutions (Bucks County)

Sue Herman

**Call to Order**

Chairman Charles H. Martin called the meeting to order at 10:45 a.m.

Chairman Martin pointed out to the Board a message received from Larry Wilson, currently in Iraq.

**Public Comments**

Comments from the public were invited to be heard on non-agenda items.

Sue Herman, Residents for Regional Traffic Solutions (RRTS), Bucks County, asked if a response had been prepared with regard to the Swamp Road Culvert projects in Bucks County.

John J. Coscia, Executive Director, stated that DVRPC staff is working with PennDOT to respond to the request.

**1. Minutes of Meeting of March 27, 2003**

On a **motion** by Mr. Pickett, seconded by Mr. Mooney, the minutes of the meeting of March 27, 2003 were approved as distributed.

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

John B. Claffey, DVRPC staff, briefed the Board on the following TIP Actions:

a. TIP Action PA03-20a: Schuylkill Valley Metro (SVM) – SEPTA Request

SEPTA has requested that DVRPC modify the FY2003-2006 TIP for Pennsylvania by increasing the FY 2003 preliminary engineering phase to \$35.575 million to reflect the correct level of earmarked Demonstration (DEMO) funds that were approved as part of the federal appropriations process. This request will program \$27.669 million of 5309 New Starts funding, which incorporates \$18.816 million DEMO funds being carried over from previous years (2001 and 2002) and an additional FY 2003 earmark of \$8.852 million DEMO funds which was recently approved. Further, an increase in state and local funds will serve as the match for the preliminary engineering work, and also to prepare a business plan (\$4.753 State Capital Bond funds/\$2 million State General funds/\$1.153 Local Match).

The proposed SVM corridor runs for 62 miles from Center City, Philadelphia, through Montgomery and Chester Counties to the City of Reading and the Borough of Wyomissing in Berks County. It is estimated that this project will cost \$1.8 billion.

SEPTA is in the process of developing the scope of work for the SVM business plan and a scope of work for the preliminary engineering effort. It is anticipated that the Request for Proposals for the preliminary engineering effort will be advertised in February 2004.

Financial Constraint will not be affected as this modification uses DEMO funds

and the TIP's conformity finding will not be impacted by this modification as this project is exempt.

b. TIP Action PA03-20b: Job Access and Reverse Commute (JARC) – SEPTA Request

SEPTA has requested that DVRPC modify the FY2003-2006 TIP for Pennsylvania by increasing the FY 2003 operating funds to reflect the correct level of earmarked DEMO funds that were approved as part of the federal appropriations process. This request will program an additional \$9.830 million dollars for a total FY 2003 programmed amount of \$24.830 million (\$12.415 million federal JARC/\$12.415 million State Department of Public Welfare). Approximately \$13 million will be used for the DVRPC list of previously Board approved projects which were selected last year. Thirty-nine JARC activities currently serve Southeastern Pennsylvania with monthly ridership figures for JARC services at 50,000 passenger trips. This program is intended to support transportation services to connect welfare and other transit dependent populations to employment activities.

Financial Constraint will not be affected as this modification uses JARC funds and the TIP's conformity finding will not be negatively affected by this modification.

Favorable recommendation was received from the Planning Coordinating Committee / Regional Transportation Committee (PCC/RTC) for the Board to approve TIP Actions PA03-20a and PA03-20b.

The Regional Citizens Committee (RCC) opposed TIP Action PA03-20a (SVM) and submitted a resolution (attached as part of these minutes). Favorable recommendation was received from the RCC for TIP Action PA03-20b.

The Board adopted the following **motion**:

**MOTION** by Mr. Bagley, seconded by Mr. Mooney that the Board approve:

- (1) TIP Action PA03-20a: SEPTA's request to modify the FY 2003 TIP for Pennsylvania (FY2003-2006), by increasing the FY 2003 preliminary engineering phase for the Schuylkill Valley Metro to \$35.575 million. This Action programs \$27.669 million of 5309 New Starts funding (\$18.816 million carryover DEMO plus \$8.852 million FY 2003 DEMO funds), and increases in state and local

match (\$4.753 million State Capital Bond funds, \$2 million State General Funds, \$1.153 million Local Match).

- (2) TIP Action PA03-20b: SEPTA's request to modify the FY2003-2006 TIP for Pennsylvania by increasing the FY 2003 operating funds for the Job Access and Reverse Commute (JARC) program). This Action programs an additional \$9.830 million dollars (\$4.915 million JARC/\$4.915 million DPW) for a total FY03 programmed amount of \$24.830 million (\$12.415 million JARC/\$12.415 million State Department of Public Welfare).

John Pickett, Delaware County, stated his reservations with regard to funding resources for the SVM project.

Mr. Coscia responded that the Federal Transit Authority has indicated to SEPTA that a financial plan must be prepared before design work can begin.

Motion carried with Bucks County opposing TIP Action PA03-2a – Schuylkill Valley Metro.

- c. TIP Action PA03-21a: US 1 Bridges, Street Road, Pennsylvania Turnpike to PA 413/213 – PENNDOT Request in Bucks County

PENNDOT has requested that DVRPC modify the FY2003-2006 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a final design phase to FY 2004 (\$1.104 million STU funds, \$276,000 State funds). The scope of the project has been expanded to include an additional structure, providing for replacement of four structures and rehabilitation of five structures. This project allows for bridge deck rehabilitation and interchange upgrades on Route 1 between Street Road and PA 213.

Financial Constraint will be maintained by making adjustments to other existing TIP projects whose schedules or costs have changed and the TIP's conformity finding will not be impacted by this modification as this project is exempt.

- d. TIP Action PA03-21b: I-95 Southbound Noise Walls, Neshaminy to PA 13 – PENNDOT Request in Bucks County

PENNDOT has requested that DVRPC amend the FY 2003-2006 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a new project into the TIP using DEMO earmarked funds for a FY 2003 \$500,000 (\$400,000 DEMO/\$100,000 State) preliminary engineering phase and a \$5.750 million construction phase (\$4.6 million DEMO, \$1.150 State) in FY 2005. This project would provide for noise walls

on the southbound side of I-95 in the mile between PA 13 and the Neshaminy Creek in Bensalem

Financial Constraint will not be affected as this amendment uses DEMO funds and the TIP's conformity finding will not be impacted by this amendment as this project is exempt.

e. TIP Action PA03-21c: US 13 Signals, Morton Avenue – PennDOT Request in Delaware County

PENNDOT has requested that DVRPC modify the FY2003-2006 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a preliminary engineering phase to FY 2003 (\$382,000 STU funds), shifting the final design phase from FY 2003 to FY 2004 and increasing it to \$352,000 (STU funds), and adding an FY 2004 right-of-way phase (\$40,000 STU.) This project provides for the design and installation of a closed loop traffic signal project in the City of Chester along 9<sup>th</sup> Street.

Financial Constraint will be maintained by making adjustments to other existing TIP projects whose schedules or costs have changed and the TIP's conformity finding will not be impacted by this modification as this project has already been included in the region's air quality analysis.

f. TIP Action PA03-21d: PA 309 Connector Project – PENNDOT Request in Montgomery County

PENNDOT has requested that DVRPC modify the FY 2003-2006 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a preliminary engineering phase to FY 2003 (\$858,000 DEMO, \$214,000 State), and decreasing the amount programmed in the FY 2004 final design phase to \$1.030 million DEMO, \$258,000 State. The scope of work for this project has increased with a new relocation of Sumneytown Pike between Old Forty Foot Road and Freed Road in Towamencin. This project also includes a new direct connect off of Southbound 309 to the Westbound connector near the intersection of County Line Road, Township Line Road, and Fairhill Road along the Bucks/Montgomery border in Hatfield. This connector will improve the road system serving the north/south movement between PA 309 and the Pennsylvania Turnpike Lansdale Interchange.

Financial Constraint will not be affected as this modification uses DEMO funds and the TIP's conformity finding will not be impacted by this modification as this project has already been included in the region's air quality analysis.

Favorable recommendation was received from the PCC/RTC and the RCC that the Board approve TIP Acton PA03-21a PA03-21b, PA03-21c, and PA03-21d.

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

**MOTION** by Mr. King, seconded by Mr. Cureton, that the Board approve:

- (1) TIP Action PA03-21a: PENNDOT's request to modify the FY 2003 TIP for Pennsylvania (FY2003-2006), by adding a final design phase to FY 2004 (\$1.104 million STU funds, \$276,000 State funds) for the US 1 Bridges, PA 413 to PA Turnpike project.
  - (2) TIP Action PA03-21b: PENNDOT's request to amend the FY 2003 TIP for PA (FY2003-2006), by adding a new project into the TIP using DEMO earmarked funds for an FY 2003 \$500,000 (\$400,000 DEMO/\$100,000 State) preliminary engineering phase and a \$5.750 million construction phase (\$4.6 million DEMO, \$1.150 million State) in FY 2005 for the I-95 SB Noise Wall project between PA 13 and Neshaminy Creek.
  - (3) TIP Action PA03-21c: PENNDOT's request to modify the FY 2003 TIP for PA (FY2003-2006), by adding a preliminary engineering phase to FY 2003 (\$382,000 STU funds), shifting the final design phase from FY 2003 to FY 2004 and increasing it to \$352,000 (STU funds), and adding an FY 2004 right-of- way phase (\$40,000 STU), to the US 13/Morton Avenue Signal project.
  - (4) TIP Action PA03-21d: PENNDOT's request to amend the FY 2003 TIP for Pennsylvania (FY2003-2006), by adding a preliminary engineering phase to FY 2003 (\$858,000 DEMO, \$214,000 State), and decreasing the amount programmed in the FY 2004 final design phase to \$1.030 million DEMO, \$258,000 State for the PA 309 Connector Project.
- g. TIP Action PA03-22: US 422 River Crossing Complex Environmental Study – Montgomery and Chester Counties

Montgomery County has requested that DVRPC amend the FY 2003-2006 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a new project into the TIP. The US 422 River Crossing Complex Environmental Study project would program \$3.079 million DEMO, \$770,000 Match for a project development phase in FY 2003. The



purpose of this project is to advance the environmental clearance work on a complex area of roadways, interchanges, intersections, and bridges in and around the Valley Forge National Historic Park as a whole rather than under separate projects. The project provides for environmental clearance work on the following four components:

- (1) modernization of the PA-23/US-422 interchange and relocation of North Gulph Road – the relocation of North Gulph Road provides the opportunity for a new “gateway” for the Valley Forge National Historic Park;
- (2) modernization of the PA-363/US-422 interchange including providing movements to/from the west;
- (3) rehabilitation and widening of US 422 Expressway Schuylkill River bridge; and
- (4) widening of US-422 for 1.8 miles from PA-363 interchange to the US-202 interchange.

After overall environmental clearance for the River Crossing Complex is obtained, the individual components would need to be added to the TIP and/or plan as individual projects in order to advance separately through any remaining engineering, final design, right-of-way, and construction. This could happen either as part of the next Pennsylvania TIP update cycle or at the conclusion of the Environmental clearance work.

This amendment would add the River Crossing Complex to the TIP as a new project, and delete the existing project entitled “Valley Forge Historical Society Museum”.

Financial Constraint will be maintained by using DEMO funds which are currently programmed for the “Valley Forge Historical Society Museum”. These funds are now programmed for construction in 2006, but would be moved to the new project for project development (PRD) in 2003. The National Park Service supports this change.

The TIP’s conformity finding will not be impacted by this amendment since the project being added is a study limited to only the environmental work of the project development phase.

Favorable recommendation was received from the PCC/RTC for the Board to approve TIP Action PA03-22.

Favorable recommendation was received from the RCC, however, this approval is contingent upon staff assurance that PENNDOT and SEPTA are dealing with the issues of catenaries and lateral clearance if and when the Schuylkill Valley metro is built. In addition, the RCC is concerned with the elaborate design presented for the interchange on the east end of Betzwood Bridge. The RCC believes that a Congestion Management Study (CMS) should be conducted at some point in the study for the portion of the project that proposes widening US 422, and that consideration should be given to bicycle/pedestrian accessibility from the Valley Forge Convention Center to Valley Forge Park.

Mr. Coscia responded that the RCC's comments will be forwarded to the proper agencies for a response.

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

**MOTION** Mr. Bagley, seconded by Ms. Denworth, that the Board approve TIP Action PA03-22, Montgomery County's request to amend the FY 2003 TIP for Pennsylvania (FY2003-2006), by adding a new project, the US 422 River Crossing Complex Environmental Study, which would program \$3.079 million DEMO /\$770,000 Match for a project development phase in FY 2003. This action would also delete the existing project titled "Valley Forge Historical Society Museum" currently programmed with an FY 2006 construction phase as this project will serve as the source of funds for the River Crossing Complex environmental work.

h. TIP Action NJ03-04a: Chesterville Sykesville Road Bridge – NJDOT request in Burlington County

NJDOT has requested that DVRPC modify the FY 2003-2005 TIP for New Jersey by adding a \$1 million FY 2003 design phase and deleting the \$1.4 million FY 2005 construction phase (Bridge funds). The project had been on hold and is now ready to proceed. This funding scenario would be consistent with the current 2004 Draft TIP, which calls for construction in FY 2006.

Financial Constraint will be maintained by making adjustments to other existing TIP projects whose schedules or costs have changed and the TIP's conformity will not be impacted by this modification as this project is exempt.

i. TIP Action NJ03-04b: United States Avenue, New Jersey Transit, Bridge –

NJDOT request in Camden County

NJDOT has requested that DVRPC modify the FY 2003-2005 TIP for New Jersey by adding a \$1 million FY 2003 design phase and deleting the \$1.4 million FY 2005 construction phase (Bridge funds). The project had been on hold and is now ready to proceed. This funding scenario would be consistent with the current 2004 Draft TIP, which calls for construction in FY 2006.

Financial Constraint will be maintained by making adjustments to other existing TIP projects whose schedules or costs have changed and the TIP's conformity will not be impacted by this modification as this project is exempt.

j. TIP Action PA03-04c: Route 130 Westfield/Pochak Creek Drainage – NJDOT request in Camden County

NJDOT has requested that DVRPC amend the FY 2003-FY2005 TIP for New Jersey by deleting this project from the TIP by removing the \$5.94 million FY 2003 construction phase (STP funds). Flooding of the area has been alleviated by cleaning of the basins.

This amendment will not negatively affect fiscal constraint and the TIP's conformity will not be impacted by this amendment as this project is exempt.

Favorable recommendation was received from the PCC/RTC for the Board to approve TIP Actions NJ03-04a, NJ03-04b, and NJ03-04c.

Favorable recommendation was also received from the RCC with a notation in TIP Action NJ03-04b that the RCC compliments the Borough of Lindenwald on a bicycle/pedestrian friendly project that is exemplary.

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

**MOTION** Mr. Gurick, seconded by Mr. Cureton, that the Board approve:

- (1) TIP Action NJ03-04a: NJDOT's request to modify the FY 2003 TIP for New Jersey (FY 2003-2005), by adding a \$1 million FY 2003 design phase and deleting the \$1.4 million FY 2005 construction phase (Federal Bridge funds) for the Chesterville-Sykesville Road Bridge.
- (2) TIP Action NJ03-04b: NJDOT's request to modify the FY 2003 TIP for NJ (FY 2003-2005), by adding an \$800,000 design phase and a \$150,000 right of way phase (Federal Bridge Funds) to FY 2003 for

the United States Avenue Bridge.

- (3) TIP Action NJ03-04c: NJDOT's request to amend the FY 2003 TIP for New Jersey (FY 2003-2005), by deleting this project from the TIP. The Route 130 Westfield/Pochack Creek Drainage project is currently programmed with a \$5.94 million FY 2003 construction phase (STP funds) .

### **3. Approval of the FY 2002-2003 DVRPC Competitive Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ) Program**

Charles Dougherty, DVRPC staff, briefed the Board on the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program (CMAQ). He explained that CMAQ is a federal program established for projects that contribute to the attainment of the Clean Air Act standards by reducing emissions from highway sources. DVRPC sets aside funding for a regional competitive program to identify eligible projects to be advanced in the TIP in coming years. The DVRPC Competitive CMAQ Program (FY 2002-2003) provided \$9.3 million in CMAQ funds for projects in Pennsylvania, and for the first time, included a competitive process in New Jersey for \$3 million. Fifty-four project applications (42 in Pennsylvania and 12 in New Jersey), seeking almost \$28 million in CMAQ funds, were submitted for consideration. Seventeen projects, totaling \$9,370,797 are being recommended for Board approval in Pennsylvania. In New Jersey, seven projects totaling \$2,331,000 are being recommended for Board approval with the remaining \$669,000 to be retained for contingency purposes. The projects will be added to the CMAQ line item in the TIPs for both Pennsylvania and New Jersey and will be broken out as individual projects at the appropriate time.

The list of recommended projects was distributed to the Board for their review.

Financial Constraint will be maintained as projects are using funds designated for this program MPMS #48201 in Pennsylvania and DB #X065 in New Jersey.

There will be no impact on the conformity finding since a project level analysis has shown that each of the recommended projects reduces emissions.

Mr. Coscia brought to the Board's attention the freight projects included in the project selection (three in Pennsylvania and one in New Jersey) and believes this is a result of the very active DVRPC Goods Movement Task Force. In particular, the *Advanced Travel Center Electrification* project in Gloucester County was mentioned. This project alone will cause a tremendous air quality improvement.

Favorable recommendation was received from the PCC/RTC that the Board adopt

the recommended CMAQ projects for Pennsylvania and New Jersey.

Favorable recommendation was also received from the RCC. In addition, the RCC requests a progress report in six months for the Adopt-A-Rack Program. The RCC also urges PATCO to consider a family fare, compatible with the current collection system, as part of its Targeted marketing to Off-Peak Riders project. The RCC believes that the future CMAQ competitive process should distinguish between input, output, and outcome criteria and should use a system to weight these factors.

Mr. Coscia responded that a progress report will be prepared and the RCC's comments will be forwarded to PATCO for a response.

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

**MOTION** by Mr. Bagley, seconded by Mr. Gurick, that the Board select the recommended projects as part of the DVRPC Competitive CMAQ Program (FY 2002-2003). This action will amend the FY 2003 TIP for Pennsylvania (FY 2003-2006) to include the list of 17 projects in MPMS #48201 (DVRPC Competitive CMAQ Program) and will amend the FY 2003-FY2005 TIP for New Jersey to include the list of seven projects in DB #X065 (Local CMAQ Initiatives).

**4. Authorization to Open a Public Comment Period for the Draft DVRPC New Jersey FY 2004-2006 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)**

Mr. Dougherty explained that Federal law and planning regulations require the development of a Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for the metropolitan region to become eligible for federal transportation funds. The creation of this document is to be done by the MPO in cooperation with the state and the transit operators, and must provide opportunity for input and comment by the public.

The development of the FY 2004-2006 TIP for the New Jersey portion of the region has been underway since October. The New Jersey Subcommittee of the RTC and DVRPC staff have been working in concert with NJDOT, NJ TRANSIT, and DRPA on a draft TIP that meets the requirements of TEA-21, including those for financial constraint.

A draft document will be available for public review the beginning of May, with the public comment period running for 30 days through early June. This timing will allow time for staff and the Subcommittee to review the public and agency

comments, to compile a summary document for the RTC and RCC, and to assist the RTC with its recommendations to the Board for adoption of the final TIP at its June 2003 meeting. This public comment period will be conducted in coordination with NJDOT so as to satisfy their need for public involvement on the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP).

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

**MOTION** by Mr. Romick, second by Ms. Naughton, that the Board authorizes staff to open a 30-day public comment period with proper notification, publish the draft TIP on the Internet, make copies available at certain public libraries, and hold a public meeting in New Jersey, for the purpose of gathering public comments on the draft FY 2002-2004 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP and STIP) for New Jersey.

**5. Approval of the FY 2003 Transportation and Community Development Initiative (TCDI) Projects**

Barry Seymour, DVRPC Staff, explained to the Board that the Transportation and Community Development Initiative (TCDI) is an opportunity for the DVRPC to support local development and redevelopment efforts in the cities and older suburbs and boroughs of the Delaware Valley that have lost population or jobs and are in need of proactive assistance. TCDI provides a mechanism for these municipalities to undertake locally-directed actions to improve their communities, which in turn implements their local and county comprehensive plans and supports the goals and vision of the regional plan. The regional Transportation and Community Development Initiative provides funding of up to \$100,000 to undertake planning, analysis or design initiatives for projects or programs which enhance development or redevelopment and improve the efficiency or enhance the regional transportation system.

A total of 36 proposals, representing 39 municipalities in all nine counties, were submitted by the January 22 deadline for applications. There were 18 proposals in New Jersey, requesting a total of \$922,110, with \$500,000 available. In Pennsylvania, there were also 18 proposals, requesting a total of \$1,250,695, with \$1,000,000 available.

Separate review committees were established for each state, representing county, state, non-profit, academic and citizen interests. The review committees each met and presented a recommended list of projects. The Board Policy Analysis Committee also met to review the projects and presented a recommended list (distributed to the Board) of projects. Upon selection, applicants will contract

directly with DVRPC.

Nine projects are being recommended for funding in New Jersey, totaling \$498,000 and 15 projects in Pennsylvania totaling \$997,195

Mr. Seymour added, that the mix of recommended projects focused on: transportation plans; economic development or redevelopment; bicycle and pedestrian plans; economic market feasibility studies; business center plans; and municipal ordinance updates.

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

**MOTION** by Mr. Pickett, seconded by Ms. Denworth, that the Board approve the nine projects selected in New Jersey totaling \$498,000, and the 15 projects selected in Pennsylvania, totaling \$997,195 for the FY 2004 Transportation and Community Development Initiative.

**6. Adoption of the DVRPC Policy on the Reauthorization of the Federal Aviation Infrastructure Development Program**

Roger Moog, DVRPC staff, explained that Board action on the DVRPC policy paper for the Federal Aviation Infrastructure Development Program was presented to the Board at its March meeting. At that time, PENNDOT and NJDOT requested that the action on the policy paper be postponed for further review and input. The revised policy paper (distributed to the Board) reflects PENNDOT's comments on the *Multimodal Considerations* and other minor changes, and is now ready for adoption by the Board.

Mr. Moog also commented that, since the submittal of the policy paper to the Board last month, the administrations' proposed Bill has been issued and released to congress for their review and debate. In that Bill were many of items included in our discussions which includes a slight increase in the funding over this year, more involvement for MPO's in the review process of capital programs, and increased consideration of small airports. Unfortunately, there are no separation of security costs.

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

**MOTION** by Mr. King, seconded by Mr. Bagley, that the Board adopt the *DVRPC Policy on the Reauthorization of the Federal Aviation Infrastructure Development Program* and authorize the Executive Director to present the paper to Congress.

7. **DVRPC FY 2003 Work Program Amendment: Pennsylvania Sea Level Rise Response Assessment**

The purpose of this project is to develop an understanding of the likely future responses to sea level rise expected to occur within Pennsylvania along the tidal portions of the Delaware River. To accomplish this, DVRPC will develop maps distinguishing the areas likely to be protected from sea level rise as opposed to those areas where shores will probably retreat naturally, either because the cost of holding back the sea is greater than the value of the land, or because there is a current policy of allowing the shore to retreat.

This report is part of a national effort by the US Environmental Protection Agency to encourage the long-term thinking required to deal with the impacts of sea level rise issues. The long-term nature of rising sea levels prevents the issue from being a top priority; but it does provide time to reflect upon how to address the impacts. This study will determine the likelihood of protection against sea-level rise by analyzing state and local coastal management policies and development patterns. The maps generated by the study will illustrate the areas that local planning officials expect will be protected from erosion and inundation by rising sea level. Those judgments will be integrated with knowledge of state policies and regulations, local concerns, land-use patterns and general planning frameworks.

The total cost of this project is \$15,000 funded by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

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

**MOTION** by Mr. Jastrzab, seconded by Mr. Gurick, that the Board amend the DVRPC FY 2003 Work Program to add a project to prepare an assessment of the likely future responses to sea level rise along the tidal portions of the Delaware River in Pennsylvania, and authorize the Executive Director to enter into a contract with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to undertake the study.

8. **Proposed Amendments to the New Jersey Tri-County Water Quality Management Plan**



In 1984, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) 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 (WQM) 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.

Two amendments have been requested.

a. Calton Homes, Mansfield Township (Burlington County)

This amendment would revise the Mansfield Township Wastewater Management Plan and the Tri-County WQM Plan by adding two parcels totaling 199.9 acres to the franchise area of the Homestead Treatment Utilities, Inc. Wastewater Treatment Plant.

The Tri-County Water Quality Management Board (WQMB) cited five concerns with regard to the amendment: (1) pending litigation issues; (2) the recent withdrawal of municipal approvals; (3) water supply issues with respect to the PRM aquifer; (4) treatment capacity limitations of the Homestead Wastewater Treatment Plant; and (5) inconsistent with the DVRPC 2025 Land Use Plan.

The WQMB and the DVRPC staff recommends denial of the Calton Homes amendment.

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

**MOTION** by Mr. Cureton, seconded by Mr. Romick, that the Board deny the Tri-County Water Quality Management Plan amendment entitled: *Calton Homes, Mansfield Township (Burlington County)* by passing Resolution No. B-FY03-003 (copy attached).

b. A. C. Moore, Winslow Township (Camden County)

This amendment would change the sewer service area designation of a 73.95 acre property from on-site treatment and discharge to groundwater of less than

2,000 gallons per day (gpd) to on-site treatment and discharge to groundwater of less than 20,000 gpd.

Favorable recommendation was received from the Tri-County WQMB and the DVRPC staff.

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

**MOTION** by Mr. Romick, seconded by Mr. Gurick, that the Board approve the Tri-County Water Quality Management Plan amendment entitled: *A. C. Moore, Winslow Township, Camden County* by passing Resolution No. B-FY03-004 (Copy attached).

**9. Appointment of Nominating Committee to Propose Candidates for Fiscal Year 2004 DVRPC Board Officers**

Chairman Martin appointed a Nominating Committee to propose a slate of DVRPC Board Officers for Fiscal Year 2004 (July 1, 2003 to June 30, 2004) as follows.

Charles H. Martin, Bucks County, Chairman  
Jerald R. Cureton, Esq., Burlington County  
Thomas J. Gurick, Camden County  
Larry M. King, Pennsylvania Department of Transportation  
Brent Barnes, new jersey Department of Transportation  
Maxine Griffith, City of Philadelphia

The Chairman for FY 2004 must be from New Jersey in accordance with the DVRPC Compact. The committee nominations are to be reported at the regular May meeting with the election to take place at the regular June meeting.

**10. Regional Citizens Committee Report**

Dennis Winters, RCC Chairman, reported additional activities from the RCC meeting held on April 15, 2003.

The RCC is concerned about saving passenger rail service in this region and throughout the Commonwealth, and would like a representative from PENNDOT to update the committee in May on the recent study completed by Gannett Fleming for the DOT regarding inter-city rail service.

The RCC is concerned with the effectiveness of sound walls and how they relate to the environmental justice laws. The RCC believes there are inconsistencies as to

where the sound wall are constructed and the RCC requests PENNDOT present more information on this subject to the committee.

Mr. Coscia responded that PENNDOT will be contacted with their request for a presentation.

**11. DVRPC Disclosure of Public Records Policy**

Mr. Coscia stated that the Right-to-Know Law (PL 390) has been amended and DVRPC is subject to the provisions of this law. The DVRPC Disclosure of Public Records Policy was distributed to the Board for their review. Action to adopt this document will be brought before the Board at its May meeting.

**12. Status of Pennsylvania Transportation Management Associations (TMAs)**

Donald Shanis, DVRPC staff, briefed the Board on the second quarter performance report (distributed to the Board) for the Mobility Alternatives Program (MAP) contractors for FY 2003. The two report includes the results of TMA efforts, and a summary of the result of the efforts of the City of Philadelphia and SEPTA.

**13. Executive Director's Report**

Mr. Coscia reported on the following:

a. New Jersey Statewide Capital Master Plan Meeting of March 31, 2003

Mr. Coscia reported that the Transportation Trust Fund in New Jersey is depleted and Governor McGreevey appointed a Blue Ribbon Commission to examine the transportation needs in New Jersey and how to funds those needs. Another group, under the direction of Commissioner Jack Lettiere, will prepare the New Jersey Statewide Capital Master Plan (Plan). This Plan will be a compilation of capital requirements which are needed over the next ten years for New Jersey. The Plan will then be given to the Blue Ribbon Commission for their review and recommendations to Governor McGreevey.

b. Progress Report on DVRPC's Annual Celebration of Regional Excellence Dinner, Park Hyatt Philadelphia at the Bellevue, June 4, 2003

Mr. Coscia reported that a fair number of sponsorships have been received and invitations have been mailed. Mr. Coscia urged the Board to place their reservations as soon as possible.

c. Conferences and Seminars

Mr. Coscia announced the following conferences and seminars and urged the Board to attend: (1) New Jersey Alliance for Action South Jersey Regional Dinner, Clarion Hotel, April 29, 2003; (2) Pennsylvania Joint Rail Freight Seminar, Radison Lackawanna Station Hotel, Scranton, May 7-9, 2003; and (3) 2003 Governor's Conference on Transportation, Land Use and Economic Development, Hershey Lodge, May 28, 2003.

#### **14. Committee Reports**

The following Committee Reports were distributed to the Board for their review:

- (1) Planning Coordinating Committee/Regional Transportation Committee;
- (2) Regional Housing Committee; (3) Goods Movement Task Force; and
- (4) Tri-County Water Quality Management Board.

#### **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-FY03-003 and B-FY03-004
- (2) PCC/RTC Recommendations to the Board for April 24, 2003
- (3) RCC Recommendations to the Board for April 24, 2003

Additional Documents Distributed to the Board:

- (1) Alert, April 2003
- (2) Freight Lines, April 2003
- (3) TravelSmart, April 2003
- (3) Brochure entitled: *Environmental Justice and Transportation – A Citizens Handbook*
- (4) Brochure entitled: *Stay the Course – How to make TEA-21 Even Better*

I certify that this is a true and correct copy.

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Jean L. McKinney, Recording Secretary

**DELAWARE VALLEY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION**

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

**Minutes of Meeting of April 24, 2003**

Location: Commission Offices  
Bourse Building, 8<sup>th</sup> Floor  
111 S. Independence Mall, East  
Philadelphia, PA 19106

Membership Present

Representative

New Jersey Department of Community Affairs	Joyce Paul
Pennsylvania Department of Transportation	Larry M. King
New Jersey Department of Transportation	Jerry Mooney
New Jersey Governor's Appointee	Deirdre Naughton, Esq.
Pennsylvania Governor's Appointee	(not represented)
Pennsylvania Governor's Policy Office	Joann Denworth
Pennsylvania Counties	Charles H. Martin Lynn Bush
New Jersey Counties	Thomas J. Gurick J. Douglas Griffith
City of Camden	(not represented)
City of Philadelphia	Gary Jastrzab

Guests

Pennsylvania Department of Transportation	Robert Hannigan
New Jersey Department of Transportation	Brian Cuccia
Delaware County	John E. Pickett
Montgomery County	Leo Bagley

Burlington County	Jerald R. Cureton, Esq. Carol AnnThomas
Camden County	Eve Charles
Gloucester County	Charles E. Romick
City of Philadelphia	Gary Jastrzab
Federal Highway Administration Pennsylvania Division	Spencer Stevens
Federal Transit Administration, Region III	Janet Kampf
Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority	Larry Kane
New Jersey Transit Corporation	James Schwarzwald
Port Authority Transit Corporation	Marie Chua
Delaware River Port Authority	Anisah Abiola
Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development	Ronald K. Bednar
Delaware River Port Authority	Linda Hayes
Cross County Connection Transportation Management Association	William Ragozine
Urban Engineers	Dave Cox
Vollmer Associates	James Burke
Regional Citizens Committee Chairman	Dennis Winters
<u>DVRPC Co-Counsel</u>	
Pennsylvania Co-Counsel New Jersey Co-Counsel	Michael Burg Thomas Coleman

DVRPC Staff: John J. Coscia, John B. Claffey, William Greene, Barry Seymour, Donald

Shanis, Charles Dougherty, Roger Moog, Candace Snyder, and Jean McKinney.

## **Call to Order**

Chairman Martin called the meeting to order at 12:15 p.m.

### **1. Minutes of Meeting of March 27, 2003**

On a motion by Mr. Gurick, seconded by Mr. King, the minutes of the meeting of March 27, 2003 were approved as distributed.

### **2. Contract Authorizations**

#### **a. Mitchell & Titus, LLP, Implementation of General Accounting Standards Board (GASB 34)**

Mr. Coscia briefed the Board and explained that the General Accounting Standards Board, (GASB), issued Statement No. 34, *Basic Financial Statements and Management Discussion and Analysis for State and Local Governments*, in June 1999. This Statement mandates a new financial statement reporting model that DVRPC must implement for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2003.

The Commission issued a request for proposal (RFP) in the fall of 2002. This RFP contained two parts; the first was for audit services and the second addressed an implementation plan for GASB 34. Selection of the audit firm Mitchell & Titus, LLP, which the Executive Committee approved at its October 24, 2002 meeting, included provision of GASB 34 services. After the completion of the annual audit for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2002, the selected audit firm has proposed to provide assistance to the Commission in the required transition to the new financial reporting model.

This effort is anticipated to cost \$30,000. Cost will be charged to overhead (the Commission's Indirect Cost Pool). Provisions for this expense were made in the Commission's FY 2003 budget.

The Executive Committee unanimously adopted the following **motion**:

**MOTION** by Mr. King, seconded by Mr. Gurick that the Executive Committee authorize the Executive Director to amend the contract with

Mitchell & Titus, LLP to provide the required assistance to successfully implement the requirements of GASB 34.

b. Production of a DVRPC Public Awareness/Marketing Video Program

Mr. Coscia announced that DVRPC has issued a Request For Proposal (RFP) to solicit a firm to produce a video program which will generate awareness of DVRPC as well as promote participation in the Commission's programs. It is the Commission's belief that public awareness of our programs and projects helps to build a consensus for achieving our long and short-term goals.

The basic video program which will be about 6-8 minutes in length, will be produced in VHS and a more expansive CD-Rom format. The CD-Rom version will contain the full video as well as approximately twenty additional frames that provide specific information on the various programs/projects administered by DVRPC.

A consultant selection committee made up of DVRPC staff will review each proposal and make a recommendation to the Executive Director of the firm best able to meet our requirements.

This effort is anticipated to cost \$40,000. Cost will be allocated over various DVRPC projects which have a marketing component.

Chairman Martin suggested the staff investigate other no-cost or low cost organizations which would produce this video for DVRPC.

Mr. Coscia responded that staff would investigate this possibility.

After discussion, the Executive Committee unanimously adopted the following **motion**:

**MOTION** by Ms. Naughton, seconded by Ms. Paul that the Executive Committee authorize the Executive Director to enter into, negotiate and execute a contract with the selected firm to create a public awareness/marketing video program to raise awareness and promote various DVRPC programs. If initial negotiations do not meet the financial requirements of the Commission, the Executive Director would proceed on to negotiations with the second ranked firm.

c. Pennsylvania Sea Level Rise Response Assessment



Mr. Coscia explained that approval is needed to execute a contract with the Environmental Protection Agency for \$15,000 for the Pennsylvania Sea Level Rise Response Assessment.

The Executive Committee unanimously adopted the following **motion**:

**MOTION** Mr. King, seconded by Ms. Denworth that the Executive Committee authorize the Executive Director to enter into a contract with the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency to undertake the Pennsylvania Sea Level Rise Response Assessment Study.

**3. Appointment of Nominating Committee for Fiscal Year 2004 DVRPC Executive Committee officers**

Chairman Martin announced that Nominating Committee to propose the slate of Executive Committee officers for FY 2004 as follows:

Charles H. Martin, Bucks County, Chairman  
Jerald R. Cureton, Esq., Burlington County  
Thomas J. Gurick, Camden County  
Larry M. King, Pennsylvania Department of Transportation  
Brent Barnes, New Jersey Department of Transportation  
Maxine Griffith, City of Philadelphia

The committee nominations are to be reported at the regular May meeting with the election to take place at the regular June meeting.

**4. DVRPC FY 2004 Planning Work Program Third Quarter Report**

The DVRPC FY 2004 Planning Work Program Third Quarter Report was distributed to the Board. Mr. Coscia requested the counties and operating agencies to examine the tables in the report and urged them to review any pass-through funds which have not been utilized. If these funds do not get spent – they are relinquished. Invoices must be submitted by September.

**OLD BUSINESS**

No old business was stated.

**NEW BUSINESS**

No new business was stated.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:22 p.m.