

# DELAWARE VALLEY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

## BOARD COMMITTEE

### Minutes of Meeting of May 25, 2006

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

Brian Cuccia

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	Andrew Carten
<u>Non-Voting Members</u>	
Federal Highway Administration New Jersey Division	Joung H. Lee
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	Kevin Gallagher
Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development	Kenneth Klothen
Regional Citizens Committee Chairman	Warren Strumpfer
<u>DVRPC Co-Counsel</u>	
Pennsylvania Co-Counsel	Ben Parvey
New Jersey Co-Counsel	Thomas Coleman, Esq.

DVRPC Staff:

Barry Seymour, Donald Shanis, John J. Coscia, Chick Dougherty, Thabet Zakaria, Elizabeth Schoonmaker, Phyllis Robinson, Candace Snyder, Fran Miller, and Jean McKinney.

Guests

Pennsylvania Department of Transportation	James Mosca Linda Guarini (Dist. 6-0) Greg Brown (Dist. 6-0)
Delaware River Port Authority	Jim McQuilkin
Delaware River Joint Toll Bridge Commission	Glenn F. Reibman
New Jersey Transit	Mike Viscardi
Cross County Connection Transportation Management Association	William Ragozine

**Call to Order**

While awaiting the arrival of Thomas J. Gurick, Chair, Joanne R. Denworth, Vice Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:40 a.m.

Barry J. Seymour, Executive Director, announced that Sonia Frontera would be the new representative to the Board from the New Jersey Governor's Office.

Mr. Seymour also mentioned two other transitions of Board members: (1) Spencer Stevens, Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), Pennsylvania Division, is transferring to FHWA in Washington; and (2) the retirement of William H. Fulton, Chester County alternate to the Board. Mr. Seymour thanked both representatives for their contributions over their many years of service to the Board.

Carol Aichele, Chester County Commissioner, also thanked Mr. Fulton for his service to Chester County and his outstanding leadership as Executive Director of the Chester County Planning Commission.

**Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items**

No public comments were stated.

**1. Minutes of Meeting of April 27, 2006**

On a **Motion** by Mr. Barnes, seconded by Mr. Pickett, the minutes of the Board meeting of April 27, 2006 were approved as distributed.

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

Chick Dougherty, DVRPC staff, presented the following TIP actions to the Board for their approval:

### **a. TIP Action PA05-73a: PA 363, Trooper Road Interchange, Montgomery County**

PennDOT has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2005-2008 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a project back into the TIP, the PA 363, Trooper Road Interchange improvement project (MPMS #16669) by programming a \$500,000 STU funded construction phase in FY06, acknowledging Toll Credit match. This project covers the US Route 422 off-ramp improvements associated with the Betzwood Bridge replacement (MPMS No. 16489) which is currently underway for design. The bridge replacement project will result in re-establishing two-way traffic on SR 0363 at its intersection with US Route 422 westbound off-ramp. Presently traffic in the southbound direction of PA 363 is limited to local access. Improvements are required at the off-ramp merge to maintain safety and handle the extra capacity. Improvements include the installation of a new traffic signal, new signs, new pavement marking and minor island/barrier reconstruction/removal.

Financial constraint will be maintained by making adjustments to other existing TIP projects whose schedules or costs have changed.

The TIP's current conformity finding will not be impacted by this amendment as this project is exempt from air quality analysis.

### **b. TIP Action PA05-73b: PA 23 at Old Betzwood Bridge, Montgomery County**

PennDOT has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2005-2008 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a project back into the TIP, the PA 23 at Old Betzwood Bridge project (MPMS #16490) and programming a \$4.860 million STU funded construction phase in FY06, acknowledging Toll Credit match. This project addresses the roadway approach improvements associated with the Betzwood Bridge replacement (MPMS #16489) which is currently in design. Improvements include major reconstruction of the roadway on either side of the bridge between PA Route 23 and Route 422 on Route 363, noting that both the bridge and the roadway will be raised approximately 2 feet higher than previous configurations. This will both accommodate the railroad underneath and improve the safety of the intersection at Route 23. A new signal and turn lane at the intersection of Route 23 and Route 363, and a new signalized intersection on Route 363 at the Boat Launch and Riverview housing development are included. Signal and turn lane improvements at Outerline Drive are not part of this project and the title and project description will be edited to reflect the proper scope. New drainage, signage and construction services are also included in the construction estimate.

Financial constraint will be maintained by making adjustments to other existing

TIP projects whose schedules or costs have changed.

The TIP's current conformity finding will not be impacted by this amendment as this project is exempt from air quality analysis.

Favorable recommendation was received from the Planning Coordinating Committee (PCC) and the Regional Transportation Committee (RTC) that the Board approve TIP Actions PA05-73a and PA05-73b.

Favorable recommendation was received from the Regional Citizens Committee (RCC) that the Board approve PA05-73a and PA05-73b, however, for PA05-73b the RCC notes that consideration should be provided for safe bicycle and pedestrian crossings, and the project needs to include the ability for pedestrians, when crossing Route 23, to stop the flow of traffic by hitting a button on the traffic signal.

Mr. Dougherty responded that a pedestrian signal is part of the design for this project.

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

**MOTION** by Mr. King, seconded by Mr. Hughes, that the Board approve the following TIP Actions:

- (1) TIP Action PA05-73a: PennDOT's request to amend the FY 2005 TIP for Pennsylvania (FY2005-2008) by adding a project back into the TIP, the PA 363, Trooper Road Interchange improvement project (MPMS #16669) and programming a \$500,000 STU funded construction phase in FY06; and
- (2) TIP Action PA05-73b: PennDOT's request to amend the FY 2005 TIP for Pennsylvania (FY2005-2008) by adding a project back into the TIP, the PA 23 at Old Betzwood Bridge project (MPMS #16490) and programming a \$4.860 million STU funded construction phase in FY06.

c. TIP Action PA05-73c: State Road Closed Loop Signal System, Delaware County

PennDOT has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2005-2008 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a project back into the TIP, the State Road Closed Loop Signal System project (MPMS #57756) by programming a \$320,000 CMAQ utility phase and \$1.2 million construction phase in FY06. Originally selected as a project through the DVRPC Competitive CMAQ Program, this project is now ready to advance to construction. The construction phase includes the installation of an interconnected closed loop traffic signal system by replacing obsolete traffic controllers at 13 intersections. The system will be tied via fiber optics to a central monitoring location which will most likely be the Upper Darby Township Building. It will be monitored by Upper Darby's in-house personnel and remote access will be accommodated. Pedestrian poles, pavement markings, and signage will be

included. The description and title should be revised to reflect project limits on State Road from Rolling Road to Hilltop Road.

Financial constraint will be maintained by making adjustments to other existing TIP projects whose schedules or costs have changed.

The TIP's current conformity finding will not be impacted by this amendment. This project will be included in subsequent regional emissions analysis as required by section 93.128 of the current conformity rule.

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

**MOTION** by Mr. Pickett, seconded by Mr. Hughes, that the Board approve TIP Action PA05-73c, PennDOT's request to amend the FY 2005 TIP for Pennsylvania (FY2005-2008) by adding a project back into the TIP, the State Road Closed Loop Signal System project (MPMS #57756), and programming \$1.52 million CMAQ funds for utility (\$320,000) and construction (\$1.2 million) phases in FY06.

d. TIP Action NJ06-09: CR 571 / Princeton Hightstown Road, Mercer County

Mercer County has requested that DVRPC modify the FY2006-2008 TIP for New Jersey by programming \$300,000 STP-STU funds in FY06 in the DVRPC Local Scoping Line Item for CR 571/Princeton-Hightstown Road in FY06. The project limits include the intersections of CR 571 with Clarksville Road (CR 638) and Wallace-Cranbury Road (CR 615), and the approximate 1 mile segment that connects them. CR 571 is a major east-west corridor at the northern edge of the county, and the Central Jersey Transportation Forum endorsed the improvement concept at its last meeting. There is a severe safety concern regarding the area where the road drops from four to two lanes. The County and West Windsor Township hope to make "main street" pedestrian, bicycle, and site access improvements, including sidewalks, protected turn lanes, and no additional through travel lanes. Currently, \$1.48 million STP-STU is available in the Local Scoping Line Item for selected projects, and \$1.180 million will remain after this action.

Financial constraint will be maintained as this project uses available funding from the DVRPC Local Scoping Line Item, DB #X80B.

The TIP's current conformity finding will not be impacted by this modification as this project is exempt from air quality analysis.

Favorable recommendation was received from the PCC/RTC that the Board approve TIP Action NJ06-09.

Favorable recommendation was also received from the RCC, however, the RCC believes that sidewalks should be constructed on both sides of the segment in question. The intersection is 1/4 mile from the train station and parking spaces

along this corridor are in extremely tight supply with parking permits taking up to two years to obtain.

Mr. Dougherty responded that the concerns of the RCC for sidewalks will be addressed during the design phase of the project.

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

**MOTION** by Ms. Bush, seconded by Mr. Barnes, that the Board approve TIP Action NJ06-09, Mercer County's request to modify the FY 2006 TIP for New Jersey (FY2006-2008) by including the CR 571/Princeton-Hightstown Road Local Scoping Project for \$300,000 STP-STU in the DVRPC Local Scoping Line Item, DB #X80B.

### **3. Pennsylvania Infrastructure Investment Authority (PENNVEST) Funding Requests in Chester and Delaware Counties**

Patty Elkis, DVRPC staff, 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, as well as brownfield assessments and remediation 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 forwarded two applications to DVRPC for review for consistency with the regional plan as follows:

#### Chester County

- East Coventry Township - PENNVEST loan request for \$6,000,000 to provide sewer connections to the North Coventry Municipal Authority wastewater treatment plant from 200 existing homes in East Coventry. These homes are all currently on septic systems and most are failing or have failed. This project will only serve the existing homes.

#### Delaware County

- Southern Delaware County Authority - PENNVEST loan request for \$4,646,580 for rehabilitation or replacement of approximately 15,710 feet of sewer line in Bethel and Upper Chichester Townships along the Marcus Hook Creek. The system is approaching its design life of 50-60 years and is currently subject to problems of infiltration and inflow.

These projects all serve to alleviate existing problems and are in areas already developed or identified as Future Growth Areas as designated in the DVRPC Year 2030 Plan. As such, these projects are consistent with the goals and policies of

the regional plan.

Favorable recommendation was received from the RCC that the Board approve the PENNVEST funding applications in Chester and Delaware Counties.

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

**MOTION** by Ms. Aichele, seconded by Mr. Pickett, that the Board authorize the Executive Director to send a letter notifying PENNVEST that the funding requests for East Coventry Township in Chester County and Southern Delaware County Authority in Delaware County are consistent with the Destination 2030 Plan.

#### 4. Proposed Amendments to the Tri-County Water Quality Management Plan

Ms. Elkis explained to the Board that 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 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 are being recommended for Board approval:

- a. Six Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) for Total Coliform to Address Shellfish Impaired Waters in Watershed Management Area 14, Atlantic Coastal Water Region, Burlington County

Ms. Elkis explained to the Board that a TMDL determines the percentage of reduction needed in order for a waterbody to meet the water quality standard. Where this reduction will come from is determined by: (1) identifying the sources of the pollutant; (2) assigning a reasonable "load" from each source that will meet the standard when all source loads are added together; and (3) establishing the reduction needed in each source. Six TMDLs need to be established for total coliform to address shellfish impairments in coastal waterbodies in Atlantic, Burlington, and Ocean counties. Five of these six waterbodies are within the Tri-County area, in Burlington and are listed as impaired for total coliform. DEP will develop the TMDL for this amendment.

After favorable recommendation was received by the Tri-County Water Quality Management Board, the Board unanimously adopted the following **motion**:



**MOTION** by Mr. Cureton, seconded by Ms. Denworth, that the Board approve the Tri-County Water Quality Management Plan amendment entitled: *Six Total Maximum Daily Loads for Total Coliform to Address Shellfish Impaired Waters in Watershed Management Area 14, Atlantic Coastal Water Region* by passing Resolution No. B-FY06-008 (copy attached).

b. Church of the Assumption, North Hanover Township, Burlington County

Ms. Elkis explained to the board that the Diocese of Trenton is proposing to construct a church complex, called the Church of the Assumption, which will be comprised of a main worship space, parish hall, classrooms, and a rectory. The project site is located at the southeast corner of the County Route 537 / Provinceline Road intersection. It is estimated that the new church space will produce 4,520 gallons per day of domestic wastewater. This amendment would revise the North Hanover Township Wastewater Management Plan and the Tri-County Water Quality Management Plan by expanding the discharge to groundwater service area to include the 30.8 acre property designated Block 901, Lot 1.01 on the Burlington County tax maps.

After favorable recommendation was received by the Tri-County Water Quality Management Board, the Board unanimously adopted the following **motion**:

**MOTION** by Mr. Cureton, seconded by Mr. Cuccia, that the Board approve the Tri-County Water Quality Management Plan amendment entitled: *Church of the Assumption, North Hanover Township, Burlington County*, by passing Resolution No. B-FY06-009 (copy attached).

5. **Nominating Committee Report: Proposed Candidates for Fiscal Year 2007 DVRPC Board Officers**

Chair Gurick announced slate of Board officers Fiscal Year 2007 (July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007) as follows:

Chair: Joanne R. Denworth, Pennsylvania Governor's Policy office  
Vice Chair: Jerald R. Cureton, Esq., Burlington County  
Secretary: Charles E. Romick, Gloucester County  
Treasurer: Carol Aichele, Chester County

Elections will take place at the regular June Board meeting. At that time, nominations will be taken from the floor.

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

Warren Strumpfer, RCC Chair, reported activities from the RCC Meeting of May

25, 2006 as follows.

The RCC urges the Board to pass a resolution, directed to the Delaware River Joint Toll Bridge, that supports efforts to have a bicycle/pedestrian facility included in the plans for the reconstruction of the Scudders Falls Bridge over the Delaware River between Bucks County and Mercer County. The additional cost for such a facility relative to the entire projects falls within federal guidelines, and if the project is not built concurrent with the reconstruction of the bridge, it will probably never be built. The addition of such a facility also falls within federal guidelines for accommodating bicycle/pedestrian needs.

Donald S. Shanis, Deputy Executive Director, reported that the DVRPC staff attends committee meetings in which this issue is included and has been in favor of intermodal treatment on the Scudders Falls Bridge to include bicycle and pedestrian facilities. The issue is being analyzed and will be reported to the RCC when complete.

Mr. Strumpfer also mentioned the presentation made to the RCC on the Benefits of Traffic Signal Coordination and Closed Loop Technology; *A Post-Global Economic Development Strategy to Energize our Economy and Secure Our Future*; and *Taming Traffic: Context-Sensitive Solutions in the DVRPC Region*. The RCC found the presentation overwhelming and asked if DVRPC could stay involved with this issue and occasionally report the progress.

Dr. Shanis responded that DVRPC staff is engaged in this effort and has conducted signal inventories to show where to use this closed loop technology. These systems do offer the opportunity to optimize situations from a traffic flow point of view. They can also be used to retard traffic in areas where this is necessary. The maintenance issue on these system is also critical. If they are not maintained properly that have no effect.

## **7. Incident Management Task Force in the Delaware Valley**

John Ward, DVRPC staff, reported the status of the Incident Management (IM) Task Force in the Delaware Valley. Mr. Ward commented that statistics find that 60% of all traffic delays are caused by incidents. Managing these incidents is the best way to resume vehicle flow. At the request of PennDOT DVRPC created the I76/476 Task Force to examine improvements for IM. As a result of the Task Force successes, other model Task Forces have been developed and hosted by other agencies in Pennsylvania and New Jersey with the assistance of DVRPC.

To discuss the many disciplines involved and the coordination which must take place in responding to an incident, quarterly meetings, at different locations, have been conducted to bring together the many different individuals involved. These meetings allow the responders a chance to understand each of the responsibilities involved in an incident and to develop an action plan. The meetings also are very

successful because they build relationships, enhance communications, provide discussions on specific issues, and share resources.

Mr. Ward then presented some specific incident management successes such as: (1) inter-agency coordination; (2) ramp designations; (3) ramp designation signs; (4) FHWA self assessment; (5) noise wall access; and (6) post incident response evaluation (fire).

In conclusion, Mr. Ward commented that DVRPC will continue to assist the Task Force with support services, mapping, training, and Traffic Towing and Recovery Association of America (TTRA) Vehicle Identification Cards.

Mr. King commented that the DVRPC facilitator role is invaluable to these Task Forces.

Jerald R. Cureton, Burlington County, inquired if measures are taken to track results of the incident management efforts and if there is any way to manage gaper delays?

Mr. Ward responded in some regions measures are in place to track results. With reference to gaper delay, traffic police are sometimes used to waive cars by the incident and this may help move traffic along.

## **8. Chairman's Report**

Chair Gurick thanked the Board for all their efforts in the selection of the new Executive Director. Chair Gurick then presented John J. Coscia, former Executive Director, with a gift from the Board and Executive Committee for his outstanding leadership and service to the region.

Mr. Coscia thanked the Board and Executive Committee for the gift and thanked all of those who have assisted and advised him along the way. Mr. Coscia then commented that DVRPC has a very bright future. Many opportunities exist for DVRPC and Mr. Coscia looks forward to seeing DVRPC continue to grow.

## **9. Executive Director's Report**

Mr. Seymour thanked the Board, Mr. Coscia, and the DVRPC staff for their support as he transitions into the Executive Director position.

Mr. Seymour then introduced Fran Miller and commented that Ms. Miller would be assuming the responsibilities of the Executive Secretary.

### **a. DVRPC Annual Dinner, May 4, 2006**

Mr. Seymour reported that the Annual Dinner held on May 4, 2006 at the Four Seasons Hotel was a great success and commented on the funds raised for the University of Pennsylvania scholarship.

b. Pennsylvania Transportation Finance and Reform Committee Meetings and Public Hearings of May 18 and 19, 2006

Mr. Seymour reported that the Pennsylvania Transportation Finance and Reform Committee Meetings and Public Hearings were held at DVRPC on May 18 and 19, 2006. The Commission was originally formed to examine the issues of funding transportation. A two hour window as allotted for public comments and DVRPC comments (distributed to the Board) were delivered to the commission by Dr. Shanis.

Dr. Shanis commented that 15 minutes were allowed for DVRPC to give testimony and offer ideas and solutions to the commission. The testimony showed that DVRPC is a responsible agency which makes decisions between project proposals to either maintain our existing transportation network or provide new facilities to serve existing and new development. Our challenge is to maintain the extensive existing highway and transit service in the region, while still planning for and providing the new services needed to accommodate growth.

DVRPC also has adopted the Destination 2030 Long Range Plan for the Delaware Valley. This document serves as the regional framework for future land use decisions and transportation investments in the region.

DVRPC is concerned about the transportation system, is responsive to the problems, is important to the economy of the Commonwealth, and is important to the welfare of citizens who travel to work everyday.

The testimony encouraged the Commission to bring forth ideas early on in the process and engage DVRPC in discussion. The commissions' question to DVRPC was the willingness of whether or not the region could put forth, a larger match for transportation projects.

Mr. King commented that the DVRPC region meeting was more than some and thanked DVRPC for conveying to the public that the Commission was interested in solutions to the financial problems. A final report on the hearings is due on November 15, 2006.

Mr. Cureton inquired if DVRPC has a Task Force to assist the Commission with ideas and solutions.

Mr. Seymour responded that DVRPC's intends to discuss their ideas with the Pennsylvania contingency in the future.

c. Building from Strength II Conference: Strategies for Older Suburbs and Borough, May 18, 2006

Mr. Seymour reported that the Building from Strength II Conference was very successful with over 180 municipal representatives attending. The target of this conference was to present practical advise to local governments.

Mr. Seymour thanked those Board members who participated in the conference.

d. Coordination Meeting with Northeast Corridor MPOs, April 28, 2006

Mr. Seymour commented that this meeting was coordinated by Robert Yaro, President of the Regional Plan Association in New York. MPO representatives from Boston, New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore, and Washington were in attendance and discussed a variety of items including: land use planning, water issues, I-95 corridor, and AMTRAK. One conclusion was that AMTRAK may be the continuing issue to be discussed at follow-up meetings.

e. FHWA and FTA Certification Review at DVRPC, May 31 and June 1, 2006

A Certification Review for DVRPC will take on May 31 and June 1, 2006 at DVRPC. Mr. Seymour announced that on June 1 from 8:30-10:00 a.m. that an open discussion for elected officials and citizens will take place and invited all Board members and alternates to attend.

f. DVRPC Board Retreat

Mr. Seymour proposed that the DVRPC Board Retreat be held in September of 2006 instead of December and would like to spend the day with the Board discussing DVRPC priorities and the work program. The Board agreed.

g. Ozone Action Kick-Off

Dr. Shanis reported that the Ozone Action Kick-Off was held on May 12, 2006. This kick-off historically starts the reporting of the level of ozone found in the air in the spring/summer months.

h. TransitChek Annual Meeting

Dr. Shanis reported that the TransitChek Policy Committee Annual Meeting was held on May 23, 2006. DVRPC is involved in two new programs: Emergency Ride Home Program and the TransitChek Select.

## 9. Committee Reports

The following committee reports were distributed to the Board for their review:

a. Planning Coordinating Committee/Regional Transportation Committee

Items from the PCC/RTC were previously reported under the appropriate action items.

b. Tri-County Water Quality Management Board

Report distributed to the Board.

c. Regional Housing Committee

Mary Bell, DVRPC staff, reported that the Regional Housing Committee met on May 10, 2006. Dr. Kurt Paulsen was in attendance and presented his dissertation entitled: *Land use and Locational Justice: Land use and Fiscal Policies of New Jersey Municipalities*. The overall conclusion of Dr. Paulsen's report is that smarter land use requires municipal fiscal reform.

Elaina Spina, U. S. Department of HUD, presented HUD's Fair Housing Initiatives and discussed the Departments Fair Housing role, funding, and educational and enforcement activities.

Gregory Heller, DVRPC staff, briefed the Committee on a recently completed DVRPC municipal implementation brochure on Inclusionary Zoning.

## 10. One Minute Reports

Joung Lee, Federal Highway Administration, (FHWA) New Jersey Division, mentioned that Spencer Stevens, FHWA, Pennsylvania Division, has been a great partner for FHWA, New Jersey Division and congratulated him on his move to FHWA Headquarters in Washington.

Mr. Strumpfer commended DVRPC for taking an active role in the Pennsylvania Transportation Finance and Reform Commission meetings and public hearings. Mr. Strumpfer also commended DVRPC and Northampton Township for their involvement in the Northampton Township Sidewalk Transportation Study. The RCC wishes to encourage other municipalities with dense populations to consider this type of study.

Mr. Stevens encouraged Board members and alternatives to participate in the FHWA and FTA MPO Certification Review stating that these meetings not only examine the MPO, but review the process for the entire region. This dialogue between citizens, the Board, PennDOT, FHWA, FTA, and SEPTA captures how the transportation planning process works.

Mr. Seymour announced that the American Planning Association National Conference will be hosted by DVRPC in April 2007.

**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) PCC/RTC Recommendations to the Board for May 25, 2006
- (2) RCC Recommendations to the Board for May 25, 2006
- (3) Resolution No. B-FY06-008 and B-FY06-009

Additional Documents Distributed to the Board:

- (1) *Alert*, May, 2006
- (2) *TravelSmart*, May, 2006

I hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy.

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Jean L. McKinney, Recording Secretary

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**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

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Guests

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## Call to Order

Thomas J. Gurick, Chair, called the Executive Committee meeting to order at 12:15 p.m.

### **1. Minutes of Meeting of April 27, 2006**

On a **motion** by Mr. Hayden, seconded by Ms. Bush, the minutes of the meeting of April 27, 2006 were approved as distributed.

### **2. Appointment of Director, Division of Planning and Director, Division of Technical Services**

Barry J. Seymour, Executive Director explained that the promotion of himself to the position of Executive Director and Donald Shanis to the position of Deputy Executive Director creates openings in the leadership of the two existing Divisions at DVRPC, but also creates an opportunity to re-visit the structure and responsibilities of those two divisions. Currently, staff responsibilities are organized and divided into a Division of Transportation Planning and a Division of Regional Planning. Increasingly, however, staff projects have become more integrated between land use and transportation, recognizing the need for a more comprehensive approach to corridor and regional planning.

To assure better and continuing integration among the variety of expertise on staff, it is proposed to create a Division of Planning, with Richard Bickel as Division Director, that would have primary responsibility for the transportation, land use, economic development and environmental planning functions of the Commission.

In order to better coordinate the variety of technical services at the Commission, including transportation modeling, Geographic Information Systems, Information Technology and graphics and reproduction, it is proposed to create a Division of Technical Services, with Charles (Chick) Dougherty as Division Director. Given his unique expertise and experience, Chick would also continue to manage the Transportation Improvement Program, or TIP.

Per the provisions of the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission By-Laws, Section 10, the appointment of the Division Directors shall be subject to the approval of the Executive Committee.

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

**MOTION** by Ms. Bush, seconded by Ms. Denworth, that the Executive Committee authorize the Executive Director to appoint Richard Bickel as Director of Planning, and Charles Dougherty as Director of Technical Services, effective June 1, 2006.

### 3. Aerial Imagery Pricing Structure

Glen McNichol, DVRPC staff, explained to the Executive Committee that since its inception in 1965, DVRPC has prepared and maintained aerial imagery of the nine-county region, every five years. This imagery consists of traditional aerial photography and, more recently, digital orthophotography. While the initial cost to acquire the imagery is funded through the regular Work Program or the TIP, the cost to maintain, reproduce, and distribute it to member governments, operating agencies, and the public is not included in the annual Work Program. This service is paid for on a cost recovery basis, through the sale of paper prints and digital files of the imagery.

Users of this imagery include public agencies, planners, engineers, lawyers, developers, and others. In a typical year, DVRPC sells approximately 5,000 current and historical photos and receives approximately \$70,000 in revenues. This revenue is used to facilitate the sales operation, including salary, benefits, overhead, hardware, and materials costs.

The new, proposed pricing structure (distributed to the Executive Committee) reflects a simplification of the current structure, as well as the availability of new products. These prices are considerably less than prices offered by commercial vendors and are comparable to prices offered by other public agencies. The current and proposed pricing structures for the sale of aerial imagery are attached, along with the proposed policies for the use and distribution of these products by DVRPC member governments and others.

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

**MOTION** by Mr. Hayden, seconded by Mr. Barnes, that the Executive Committee approve the Year 2005 Aerial Imagery Pricing Structure for distribution.

### 4. Nominating Committee Report for Fiscal year 2007 DVRPC Executive Committee Officers

Chair Gurick announced the Nominating Committee's slate of Executive officers for Fiscal Year 2007 (July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007) as follows:

Chair: Joanne R. Denworth, Pennsylvania Governor's Policy office  
Vice Chair: Jerald R. Cureton, Esq., Burlington County  
Secretary: Charles E. Romick, Gloucester County

Elections will take place at the regular June Executive Committee meeting. At that time, nominations will be taken from the floor.

**OLD BUSINESS**

No old business was stated.

**NEW BUSINESS**

No new business was stated.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 12:25 p.m.