

DELAWARE VALLEY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION INFORMATION RESOURCE EXCHANGE GROUP Minutes of December 14, 2005

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1. Introductions

The 57th meeting of Information Resource Exchange Group was called to order at 10:05 am by Ken Sipos, IREG Chair.

2. Minutes of the meeting of September 14, 2005

The minutes were approved without corrections or changes.

3. Census Update

Noemi Mendez from Census Bureau gave speech on census update.

- a. Census Bureau is entering the first phase of the 2010 Redistricting program. Participating states provide their legislative district plans to the Census Bureau. This is the first effort to update state legislative boundaries.
- b. 2005 First Edition TIGER line files released on December. MTAIP Deadline is 3/31/06. Of the 9 counties in DVRPC region, there are 4 counties (Burlington, Gloucester, Chester and Philadelphia) have been realigned and are available as public TIGER download. Mercer was worked in 2004 and should be available with next TIGER release. Camden, Bucks, Montgomery and Delaware have not gone through production.
- c. LUCA (Local Update of Census Addresses) Program have planned web and PC based application
- d. Planning for 2010 has begun. Participant Statistical Area Program provides local participants the opportunity to delineate statistical areas for the 2010 census. Criteria for PSAP will appear in the Federal Register in Jan/Feb of 2006. Final criteria will be released in the FR by the end of 2006. Materials will be mailed out in 2008.
- e. ACS has started the Group Quarters interviewing in December.

4. DVRPC Work Program Updates

- a. **Regional Online Information Network.**
 - DVRPC have got the Crash Data from NJDOT and PENNOT. Staffs have used the data intensely for the safety program.
 - DVRPC also have implemented the MS remote email access. Staff now can assess the work email at home through Internet.
 - In October, DVRPC have reorganized the IT department. And Taghi Ozbeki has promoted to be the director of the IT department.
- b. **Potential FY 2007 Work Program Projects – Voting Results.** The most popular project “Internet Mapping Development” got presented to the Board. Instead of create a new project, this project has got the funding under other existing project.
- c. **Employment Centers.** This report is updating the Chester county information. It will be published in January 2006
- d. **Year 2005 Aerial Imagery Acquisition.**
- e. **Region – Wide Transportation GIS Development.**
- f. **Website Translations.** In order to reach out to the committees that doesn't use English as their primary language, DVRPC is working on a project that will translate some of the cord reports on the website to other language such Spanish, German and Chinese.

5. Member Updates

A number of members who were present gave short two-minute updates on recent activities within their organizations.

6. Information Items

- a. New Jersey State Data Center Conference was hold in December 7 2005 at the Marriott Hotel in Trenton. The topic of this conference is Trains, Boats and Planes – The Link between Transportation, Workforce and Economic Development.
- b. MAC-URISA Fall Meeting took place on September 29 2005. The main topic of this meeting was Information Technology Planning and Geographic Information Systems at DVRPC.
- c. IREG Meeting will take place on the second Wednesday of March, June, September and December CY 2006. That's is March 8, June 7, September 6 and December 6.
- d. People interested in joining the Southeastern PA Webmasters Meeting should contact Dave Williams (dwilliams@chesco.org)

- e. IREG Webmasters Subcommittee Meeting will begin at 12:45pm.
- f. People interested in joining the Online GIS Subcommittee Planning Meeting should contact Chris Pollard at cpollard@dvrpc.org. Subcommittee is setting up a date for the meeting.

7. CY 2006 Nomination Committee

The CY 2005 election for the vice-chair of IREG Committee will be held in March 2006. Brain Sweeney from Chester County Planning Commission is nominated to be the vice-chair.

8. Presentation

Joseph Hacker PHD/AICP, Senior Transportation Planner, gave a presentation on “Exploring Congestion Impacts in the Delaware Valley Region”. Presentation used historical DVRPC travel trends data to illustrate how population and trips have steadily dispersed since 1960. Whereas major highway investments over this timeframe have actually improved auto travel times to and from Center City Philadelphia, this dispersal has led to ever-increasing congestion between the ‘spokes’ of this historical regional travel pattern (with major arteries radiating outward from Center City). However, where people often decry congestion, peak congestion is to a large extent unavoidable in areas with strong economic activity. Accordingly, given a fiscally-constrained environment and the increasingly-accepted notion that we cannot ‘build our way out’ of congestion, stakeholders and planners should focus on ways to maximize the total carrying capacity of existing roadways and transit facilities in non-capital intensive ways as well as to ensure a better coordination of land use and transportation planning.

Two examples of current projects that share this broad aim are the ‘Seamless Transportation to and through the Region's Core’ project, which aims to improve the speed and efficiency of transit transfers for trips through Center City, and ‘Creating a Regional "Transit Score" Protocol,’ which will result in a statistically-calibrated way to assess areas’ viability for transit service and illustrate for stakeholders the land use and demographic factors which influence transit viability and competitiveness.

9. Old Business

No old business was presented at this time.

10. New Business

No old business was presented at this time.

11. Adjournment

The IREG meeting was adjourned at 11:50am. The Webmasters Subcommittee met 12:45pm