

**Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission**

**HIGHLIGHTS OF THE  
REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE  
MEETING HELD SEPTEMBER 10, 2002**

1. The meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM by RTC Vice Carol Thomas. The Highlights of the July 9, 2002 meeting were then approved with no changes.
2. Jack Claffey, DVRPC Assistant Executive Director for Transportation Planning, presented the highlights of the July 25 , 2002 DVRPC Board meeting. The Board approved all action items presented, including adoption of TIP and Work Program amendments and the Jobs Access Reverse Commute program.
3. Richard Bickel, DVRPC Deputy Director, Regional Planning, presented an overview of the Transportation Community Development Initiative Program for FY 04. In FY 03, the program grants, intended to implement the Long Range Plan, were announced in June. The RTC was asked to approve the program again for FY 04, at the same funding levels as 03 (provided that funding can be identified) in order to begin the process earlier so that projects can be selected in April, 2003.

**MOTION** 020901: Cuccia

**SECOND:** Winters

*That the Board authorize staff to prepare a new Program Guide for an FY2003 TCDI program, with a call for proposals in January and selection of final projects by the April 24, 2003 DVRPC Board meeting and revise both the Pennsylvania and New Jersey TIPs by that date to provide the necessary funding.*

Motion passed. All votes were cast in favor of the motion.

4. Elizabeth Schoonmaker-Shepherd, DVRPC Transportation Planner, presented the following TIP action:

**TIP Action PA 01-78 City Avenue-Manayunk Circulator (MPMS #60693)**

The City Avenue Special Services District has requested additional operating funds for the City Avenue Regional Transit Shuttle, called CART. The \$539,000 CMAQ funding for FY 02 was approved under the competitive program, however it was only for a one-year demonstration project and is largely spent. The current request is for an additional \$400,000 for FY 03. Funding is not yet identified. PennDOT suggested waiting until the FY 03 TIP is underway to identify funding from projects which may have slipped. It was also suggested that the program apply for funding under the next competitive CMAQ round. CART representatives reported that remaining funding is not sufficient to allow operation of the shuttle until awards are made in February 2003.

Pennsylvania State Representatives Lita Cohen and Kathy Manderino spoke in favor of the shuttle's continued operation.

**MOTION 020902:** Thomas

**SECOND:**Hannigan

*That the Board approve TIP Action PA01-78, and amend the DVRPC FY 2003 TIP for Pennsylvania (FY 2003- FY 2006) by adding the City Avenue-Manayunk Circulator project (MPMS #60693) to the TIP, programming funding in FY03 for up to \$400,000 (\$320,000 CMAQ/\$80,000 Local Match) for operating funds.*

Motion Passed. Two votes were cast against the motion.

5. Christopher Zearfoss, of the Philadelphia Office of Strategic Planning, presented an overview of the Roosevelt Boulevard Transportation Investment Study. The study consultant developed a short list of alternatives for expanded transit service to northeast Philadelphia, including looking at a variety of rail, bus, and highway expansions. The consensus was to extend the Broad Street Subway from Fern Rock to Southampton, in Bucks County.
6. Linda Hayes, of the Delaware River Port Authority, presented a report on the extension of the PATCO line. The consultant selection process has started, and notice will be given in November for a study to examine the need and potential for expanded service into Gloucester and Cumberland counties in New Jersey and also into Philadelphia. The study will focus on all transit, not just the PATCO line.
7. Christopher Patton, Director, Capital and Long Range Planning, presented a review of four SEPTA planning initiatives currently underway. For the Schuylkill Valley METRO, FTA has approved the EIS completed in 2001 and recommended the project proceed to preliminary engineering. There is a \$25.7 million earmark for this work. Public hearings on the project were held in March and there are ongoing discussions on funding. For the Cross-County METRO, SEPTA has extended the western terminus to Thorndale and renamed many of the stations with more commonly known names. Final recommendations will be made to the SEPTA Board in November. For the Route 100 Extension,, the analysis is currently underway and should be completed in early December. A public hearing is scheduled for September 19<sup>th</sup> on this project. Finally for the 52<sup>nd</sup> Street project, funding is in place. SEPTA is awaiting FHWA's authorization to transfer the funds to FTA for their use.
8. Donald Shanis, DVRPC Deputy Director of Transportation Planning, presented a FY 2003 Planning Work Program Amendment for the Application of ITS to Ports in the Philadelphia Region project. There are currently a number of initiatives to increase the cargo activity in the ports in Southeastern Pennsylvania. This project will improve the availability of information to the maritime intermodal and security communities by implementing the agile port concept. The project funding of \$130,000 will be provided by the I-95 Corridor Coalition.

**MOTION 020903:** Bagley

**SECOND:** Ravelli

*That the Board amend the Fiscal Year 2003 Planning Work Program to add the Application of ITS to Ports in the Philadelphia Region.*

Motion passed. All votes were cast in favor of the motion.

9. John Griffies, DVRPC Contracts Manager, presented the schedule for FY 2004 Planning Work Program development. The process begins in September, when the Board Work Program Committee meets on September 26. Member Governments are asked to submit candidate projects by that date for inclusion in the discussion.
10. Tom McGovern, DVRPC Comptroller, reported on a new reporting schedule for the TSP and SRHPP programs in FY 2003. NJDOT now requires DVRPC to submit quarterly progress reports on these programs by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month after the closing of the respective calendar quarters. Grantees must now submit their quarterly progress reports to DVRPC no later than the 10<sup>th</sup> of the respective month. Annual progress reports are no longer acceptable. DVRPC will also request similar reporting schedules for Pennsylvania grantees.
11. Charles Dougherty, DVRPC Associate Director of Transportation Planning, distributed the Media Release Guidebook and instructions for applications for the CMAQ competitive funding program. Applications are due by November 1, 2002. They will then be evaluated for eligibility and emissions benefits. The CMAQ Subcommittee will review and rank candidate projects and make recommendations to the Board. The same application may be used for either Pennsylvania or New Jersey projects.
12. Christian Bauer, DVRPC Transportation Planner, presented an overview of DVRPC's Glenside and Jenkintown Stations Parking Demand Study. A passenger survey, tabulation of survey data, and future demand estimates were included in the report. The study is currently being used as a source document for a joint TSP/TCDI funded Glenside Train Station Implementation Project which will focus on land use and transportation needs in the vicinity of SEPTA's R-5 Glenside station.
13. Richard Bickel presented an overview of the US 322 Land Use Strategies Study in Delaware County, funded by PennDOT's Land Use /Transportation Linkages program. The purpose of the study was to assist local officials and the public to understand the concepts of land use and access management strategies. The study area is undergoing rapid development, and the study process allowed the affected communities to develop their own recommendations. Communities will then work with PennDOT to implement recommendations.
14. Jack Claffey gave the following two status reports:
  - The status of the Delaware County Express Bus on Limited Access Facilities initiative will be discussed in upcoming weeks.

- Participants were asked to note the dates on the proposed calendar of meetings for Calendar Year 2003.

15. Next meeting: October 8, 2002.

**DELAWARE VALLEY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION**  
**Meeting of July 9, 2002**  
**REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**

**ATTENDANCE:**

Voting Members

PA Department of Transportation  
 PA Department of Environmental Protection  
 PA Governor's Policy Office  
 NJ Department of Transportation  
 NJ Department of Environmental Protection  
 NJ Department of Community Affairs  
 Bucks County  
 Chester County  
 Delaware County  
 Montgomery County  
 City of Chester  
 Philadelphia Office of Transportation  
 Philadelphia City Planning Commission  
 Philadelphia Department of Streets  
 Burlington County  
 Camden County  
 Gloucester County  
 Mercer County  
 City of Camden  
 City of Trenton  
 Delaware River Port Authority  
 New Jersey Transit Corporation  
 Southeastern PA Transportation Authority  
 Delaware Valley Citizens' Transportation Committee  
 DVRPC Regional Citizens Committee

Representative Present

Robert Hannigan  
 (not represented)  
 Le Ann Fullard  
 Brian Cuccia  
 (not represented)  
 (not represented)  
 (not represented)  
 Lou Hufnagel  
 Larry Stokes  
 Leo Bagley  
 (not represented)  
 Robert Ravelli, Christopher Zearfoss  
 Deborah Schaaf  
 Michelle Smith  
 Carol Thomas  
 Curt Noe  
 Morris Bayer  
 (not represented)  
 Robert Wisniewski  
 (not represented)  
 Anisah Abiola, Linda Hayes  
 Brent Barnes  
 Catherine Popp-McDonough  
 Lorraine Brill  
 Dennis Winters

Non-Voting Members Present

New Jersey TMAs  
 Pennsylvania TMAs  
 Federal Transit Administration

Representative

William Ragozine  
 Peter Quinn  
 Keith Lynch

Guests

Warren Strumpfer - RCC  
Kathleen Durham, Anthony Santaniello - City of Philadelphia  
David L. Cohen - City Avenue District  
Susan Best - Urban Engineers  
Walter Green - Pennsylvania Turnpike Authority  
Sue Herman, Karen A Freidman - RRTS  
Jere Downs - Philadelphia Inquirer  
Hank D'Andrea - South Jersey Port Corporation  
Lita I. Cohen, Kathy M. Manderino - PA State Representatives