

**DELAWARE VALLEY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
September 9, 2003 Meeting Highlights
DVRPC Conference Room, Philadelphia, PA**

1. Call to Order - Chairman's Comments

The RTC Chair, Curt Noe, called the meeting to order. Danielle Tucker of Mercer County was welcomed back to the RTC from her absence and Kelvin MacKavanagh was introduced as the RTC representative designated by the Delaware Valley Goods Movement Task Force, DVRPC's freight advisory committee. Ted Dahlburg was introduced as the new staff person for the DVRPC, and Sarah Oaks was recognized for her many years of service to the RTC.

2. Report on Board Activities

Don Shanis reviewed the highlights of the July 24 DVRPC Board meeting. All proposed TIP and Work Program amendments were approved by the Board.

3. Report on Regional Citizens Committee Activities

Meeting minutes from the August 12 meeting were distributed and noted by Dennis Winters. The August 12 meeting featured a special presentation on Bus Rapid Transit by Michael Baltes of the Center for Urban Transportation Research.

ACTION ITEMS

4. Highlights of the Meeting of July 8, 2003

The highlights from the July 8 meeting of the RTC were presented for adoption.

Motion 030901: *by Mr. Whitmore, seconded by Mr. Bagley, to adopt the RTC meeting highlights as presented.*

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

5. DVRPC Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Elizabeth Schoonmaker presented two TIP amendments which were submitted for consideration. She also noted that the FY 2004 New Jersey TIP is now available.

a. TIP Action PA03-33: Route 202 Section 300 and Section 400 Transit

Related Congestion Mitigation Strategies, (CMS), Chester County

Chester County requested that DVRPC modify the FY 2003-2006 TIP for Pennsylvania by increasing the FY04 and FY05 construction phases of the Route 202 Section 400 reconstruction project in order to continue transit services instituted as part of the Congestion Management Strategies. The request is for an additional \$700,000 in FY04 and \$690,000 in FY05.

Motion 030902: *by Ms. Popp-McDonough, seconded by Mr. Hannigan, that the Board approve TIP Action PA03-33, Chester County's request to amend the FY 2003-2006 TIP for Pennsylvania by increasing the FY04 and FY05 construction phases of the Route 202 Section 400 reconstruction project in order to continue transit services instituted as part of the Congestion Management Strategies. The request is for an additional \$700,000 in FY04 and \$690,000 in FY05.*

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

b. TIP Action NJ04-01: Route 295/38 Missing Moves, Mount Laurel (DB #191A), Burlington County

New Jersey DOT requested that DVRPC amend the FY2004-2006 TIP for New Jersey by adding a new phase to an existing Study and Development project, thereby adding the project to the Highway Program section of the newly adopted 2004 TIP. The request is to add a \$2.5 million PD (Preliminary Design) phase to FY04 in order to advance the project.

Motion 030903: *by Ms. Thomas, seconded by Mr. Cuccia, that the Board approve TIP Action NJ04-01, New Jersey DOT's request to amend the FY 2004-2006 TIP for New Jersey by adding a \$2.5 million PD (Preliminary Design) phase to FY04 for the Route 295/38 Missing Moves project in Mount Laurel, Burlington County.*

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

6. Fiscal Year 2004 Planning Work Program Amendment

One amendment to the DVRPC Work Program was submitted for consideration.

a. FY 2004 Work Program Amendment - PA 113 Heritage Corridor

Jacob Malikkal presented an amendment to the DVRPC FY 2004 Work Program to include the PA 113 Heritage Corridor - Transportation/Land Use Study. This study will be performed by a consultant along with the Regional Improvement

Consortium, DVRPC staff, and Bucks and Montgomery counties. The study will be funded by Public Lands Highways Discretionary Program funds.

Motion 030904: *by Mr. Bagley, seconded by Mr. Hannigan, that the Board amend the DVRPC FY 2004 Work Program to include PA 113 Heritage Corridor - Transportation/Land Use Study.*

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

7. 2004 Meeting Dates for the Regional Transportation Committee

Meeting dates for the Regional Transportation Committee in calendar year 2004 were proposed and offered for adoption.

Motion 030905: *by Mr. Bagley, seconded by Mr. Cuccia, to adopt the proposed 2004 RTC meeting dates as presented.*

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

PRESENTATION ITEMS

The meeting featured three presentation items on current planning efforts in the Delaware Valley. (Note: requests for PowerPoint slide presentations may be made to DVRPC.)

8. Planning at the Edge

Rich Bickel summarized a report entitled, *Planning at the Edge*. For this effort, DVRPC coordinated with the six MPOs that border the Delaware Valley (i.e., those in North Jersey, South Jersey, Wilmington, Lancaster County, Berks County, and the Lehigh Valley) to determine mutual plans, issues and projects that cross regional boundaries. Through a study advisory committee, including DVRPC's county member governments, examples of successful inter-regional coordination activities were reviewed, as well as techniques to enhance communication, coordination and cooperation. The study effort will be continued in FY 2004.

9. Tinicum-Fort Mifflin Trail

Mr. Robert Thomas, of Campbell, Thomas and Company, described a recently released feasibility study which examined the creation of a Tinicum-Fort Mifflin Trail project. This 20-mile bicycle and pedestrian trail would loop through southwest Philadelphia and Tinicum Township, Delaware County, linking several important historic sites, the Heinz Wildlife Refuge, the Delaware River and the airport. The study offers a timetable for key tasks and a list of resources for implementation.

This work was performed through the National Park Service's Rivers, Trails and Conservation Assistance Program.

10. South Jersey Port Inland Distribution Network Study

Genevieve Boehm of New Jersey DOT presented the results of a feasibility assessment for establishing a Port Inland Distribution Network (PIDN) feeder port facility in South Jersey. This work has been performed with the participation of DVRPC, the Delaware River Port Authority, the South Jersey Port Corporation, and other planning partners. Five potential sites in Southern New Jersey were evaluated as candidate PIDN sites, and two sites were recommended for further evaluation: Broadway Terminal and Salem. A Phase Two for the PIDN study that would more closely examine local impacts and viability has been proposed and may be presented to the RTC as a Work Program amendment at a future date.

DISCUSSION ITEM

11. Pennsylvania State Transportation Commission Public Hearing

Ted Dahlburg provided background information on the Pennsylvania State Transportation Commission public hearing to be held in Philadelphia on September 26. The purpose of the hearing is to gather public input for the next update of the Pennsylvania Twelve-Year Program and the region's Transportation Improvement Program. Bob Hannigan noted that written testimony may be submitted in lieu of oral testimony. DVRPC will provide a regional overview at the hearing, and many of its planning partners will also present testimony.

INFORMATION ITEMS

12. Development of the Fiscal Year 2005 Planning Work Program

Tom McGovern reviewed the schedule for the development of the DVRPC FY 2005 Planning Work Program. He also distributed a list of planning projects which had previously been proposed for supplemental funding.

13. Fourth Quarter, FY 2003 Mobility Alternatives Program Performance Report

Sarah Oaks distributed the fourth quarterly report for the Mobility Alternatives Program in FY 2003.

14. DVPRC Comments on Pennsylvania Recommendation for Eight Hour Ozone Nonattainment Area

Mike Boyer commented on Pennsylvania's proposal to US EPA for the new 8 hour ozone nonattainment area, and noted DVRPC's letter of support for this proposal.

15. Transportation Enhancement Program

Jacob Malikkal reported on the workshops being conducted to provide information on the upcoming Transportation Enhancement program. He also distributed a *Quick Viewsheet* highlighting the status of projects being implemented for PennDOT District 6-0 by DVRPC.

16. One Minute Reports

RTC Members and guests provided updates on the activities of their agencies.

17. Meeting Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned. The next scheduled meeting of the RTC is October 7, 2003.

ATTENDANCE

Voting Members

Bucks County
Chester County
Delaware County
Montgomery County
City of Chester
Philadelphia Office of Strategic Planning
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 Com.
DVRPC Regional Citizens Committee
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

Non-Voting Members

Pennsylvania TMAs
South Jersey Port Corporation
FTA
Delaware Valley Goods Movement Task Force
Pennsylvania Turnpike
New Jersey Turnpike

Other Member Representatives and Guests

Herman Volk - New Jersey Office of Smart Growth
Julie Bell - National Park Service
Philadelphia City Planning Commission - Anthony Santaniello
Ernest Cohen - RCC
Dennis Winters - RCC
Douglas Wachenfeld - Signal Service, Inc.
Pierre Ravacon - Baker Engineering

Representative

(not represented)
Lee Whitmore
Tom Shaffer
Leo Bagley
(not represented)
Kenneth Lomax
Deborah Schaaf
Michelle Smith
Carol Thomas
Curt Noe
Morris Bayer
Danielle Tucker
Robin Johnson
(not represented)
Linda Hayes
Alan Maiman
Catherine Popp-McDonough
Lorraine Brill
Warren Strumpfer
Robert Hannigan
(not represented)
Greg Brown
Brian Cuccia
(not represented)
(not represented)

Representative

Peter Quinn
Hank D'Andrea
Keith Lynch
Kelvin MacKavanagh
Walt Green
Steve Buente

Genevieve Boehm - New Jersey DOT
Linda Forrester - New Jersey DOT
Creighton Rabs
Brain Vitulli - SEPTA
Kathleen Zubrzycki - SEPTA
Sue Herman - RRTS
Josef Kardos
Robert Thomas - Campbell Thomas and Co.
Roger Sager - DRJTBC

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