

DELAWARE VALLEY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

PLANNING COORDINATING COMMITTEE/

REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

November 5, 2003 Meeting Highlights

DVRPC Conference Room, Philadelphia, PA

1. Call to Order - Chairman's Comments

Curt Noe, the RTC Chair, called the meeting to order.

2. Transportation Director's Report

Don Shanis introduced John Ward as the new Transportation Planning Division Associate Director. Don Shanis also stated that all proposed October 2003 TIP and Work Program amendments were approved by the Board. Of the three candidate projects suggested by the PCC/RTC for FY 2005 Planning Work Program, *Economic Impacts of Smart Card Technology* was not approved at this time, *Creative Transit Solutions for New Development* has been incorporated into another project, and *Congestion Management System Update for PA and NJ* was approved. The December 3, 2003 Board Retreat, a DVRPC Promotional Video, and various conferences were also discussed.

3. Report on Regional Citizens Committee Activities

RCC recommendations to the Board for October 23, 2003 were distributed and noted by Warren Strumpfer. Ecommute Telework Program's incentives and associated emission tracking/banking, FY 2005 Work Program priorities, and SEPTA's Citizen Advisory Committee members' expired terms were also discussed.

ACTION ITEMS

4. Highlights of the Meeting of October 7, 2003

The highlights from the October 7th meeting of the PCC/RTC were presented for adoption.

Motion: by Ms. Thomas, seconded by Mr. Cuccia, to adopt the PCC/RTC meeting highlights as presented.

Motion passed. All votes were cast in favor of the motion. There was also some discussion for future clarification of voting versus non-voting members.

5. **DVRPC Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)**

Elizabeth Schoonmaker presented two TIP amendments which were submitted for consideration.

a. **TIP Action NJ04-02: River Road and 29th Street Drainage Improvements, (New Project), Camden County**

Camden County requested to amend the FY 2004 TIP for New Jersey (FY2004-2006) by adding a new project, the River Road and 29th Street Drainage Improvement. This action programs \$200,000 STP-STU funds for a FY04 preliminary engineering phase.

Motion: *by Ms. Thomas, seconded by Mr. Strumpfer, to approve TIP Action NJ04-02 to amend the FY 2004 TIP for New Jersey by adding the preliminary engineering phase in FY04 using \$200,000 STP-STU funds.*

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

b. **TIP Action PA03-40: Center City TMA Transit Circulator (New Project)**

PENNDOT requested to amend the FY2003 TIP for Pennsylvania (FY2003-2006) by adding a new project. The Center City TMA Transit Circulator (MPMS #69708) will provide a new transit circulator service in the Center City area. The sponsor, the Center City TMA, will contract the operation of the service to a private operator. The service will be similar to the defunct Phlash service with different routes. This project will program \$600,000 CMAQ funds/\$150,000 State Department of Economic Development (DCED) state match for FY04 operating expense. Funding will be split 80/20 between federal and state funds. Federal CMAQ dollars for this project will be provided by de-obligating unused CMAQ funds from an old TIP project set up to purchase vehicles for the old Phlash service.

Motion: *by Mr. Mosca, seconded by Ms. Popp-McDonough, to approve TIP Action PA03-40 to amend the FY 2003 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding the new project, the Center City TMA Transit Circulator (MPMS #69708). This action programs \$600,000 CMAQ/\$150,000 DCED state match for FY04 operating expenses. Approval of the motion is contingent on the project's eligibility for CMAQ funds as well as a request for the collection and review of ridership survey data.*

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

6. Pennsylvania Transportation Enhancements Selection Process 2003-2004

PENNDOT has allocated \$8.334 million in highway TE funds and FTA has targeted \$2 million in transit funds to the DVRPC region. A regional competition began in August 2003, with applications due by October 30. To proceed with the project evaluation and selection phase of the effort, the RTC acted on:

a. Formation of a Pennsylvania TE Subcommittee

DVRPC requested the formation of a Pennsylvania TE Subcommittee of the PCC/RTC with representatives from the Regional Citizens Committee (RCC) Transportation Subcommittee; the counties of Bucks, Chester, Delaware, Montgomery, and Philadelphia; the PENNDOT District Office; and DVRPC staff.

b. TE Project Evaluation and Selection Process

DVRPC requested to propose draft evaluation framework and scoring for ranking and selection of TE projects.

Motion: *by Mr. Whitmore, seconded by Mr. Shaffer, to approve the Formation of a Pennsylvania TE Subcommittee and the TE Project Evaluation and Selection Process.*

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

DISCUSSION ITEM

7. Corridor Planning: NJ 70 Study

John Ward provided an overview of DVRPC corridor studies. Kevin Murphy presented the corridor planning process and the issues related to NJ 70 (Airport Circle to Marlton Circle) involving Cherry Hill Township, Evesham Township, Haddonfield Boro, and Pennsauken Township. The PCC/TRC had an opportunity to comment on the process and offer insights specifically related to this corridor.

PRESENTATION ITEMS

8. Census Transportation Planning Package (CTPP)

The Census Transportation Planning Package is a set of special tabulations of 2000 Census data tailored to meet the needs of transportation planners. These tabulations relate social and demographic characteristics of persons,

households, and workers to the journey-to-work characteristics, such as travel time and travel mode to work. Matt Gates presented highlights from the recently released CTPP Part 1 and previewed data from the soon to be released Parts 2 and 3.

9. The Ratables Chase: Property Taxes and Local Planning

Over-reliance on property taxes to fund local services (especially education) can result in a desire to maximize land uses that produce high tax revenue but demand few services (commercial or industrial development) while minimizing uses that require higher levels of service relative to the tax revenue they generate (especially residential uses). This report assessed the role and impacts of the existing property tax system on municipal land use patterns. Mary Bell, Senior Regional Planner, presented the study's process and findings.

INFORMATION ITEMS

10. Access Management Along Pennsylvania Highways in the Delaware Valley FY 2004 Work Program Project # 4-43-040

Don Shanis discussed the formulation of a multijurisdictional steering committee to complement PENNDOT's statewide project: "Development of Model Access Management Ordinances" (in progress).

11. TransitChek Advertising Campaign

Stacy Bartels described the new advertising campaign for the TransitChek Program which was recently unveiled. A new website, www.gettransitchek.org, was also discussed.

12. TransAction Conference

David Anderson provided an update on TransAction, the New Jersey Statewide Transportation Conference, to be held on April 19-21, 2004 in Atlantic City.

13. Mobility Alternatives Program (MAP)

Sarah Oaks provided a status report for the MAP program for the first quarter of 2004.

14. One Minute Reports

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

15. Meeting Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned. The next scheduled meeting of the PCC/RTC is January 6, 2004.

ATTENDANCE

Voting Members

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

Representative

David Johnson
Carol Thomas
Curt Noe
Lee Whitmore
(not represented)
(not represented)
(not represented)
Tom Shaffer
Linda Hayes
Warren Strumpfer
Lorraine Brill
(not represented)
Danielle Tucker
Leo Bagley
Brian Cuccia
(not represented)
Herman Volk
James Schwarzwaldner
(not represented)
Jim Mosca
(not represented)
Deborah Shaaf
Michelle Webb
Kenneth Lomax
Catherine Popp-McDonough

Non-Voting Members

Delaware Valley Goods Movement Task Force
Federal Highway Administration - NJ division
Federal Highway Administration - PA division
Federal Transit Administration - Region III
NJ Turnpike Authority
New Jersey TMAs
Pennsylvania Bus Association
Pennsylvania TMAs
Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission
Philadelphia Regional Port Authority
Pottstown Urban Transit
South Jersey Port Corporation
South Jersey TMAs
US EPA - Region II
US EPA - Region III

Representative

Kelvin MacKavanagh
(not represented)
(not represented)
Keith Lynch
(not represented)
William Ragozine
(not represented)
(not represented)
(not represented)
(not represented)
(not represented)
(not represented)
Hank D'Andrea
(not represented)
(not represented)
(not represented)

Other Member Representatives and Guests

Matt Baumann - Delaware County
Ernest B. Cohen - RCC
Justin Dula - Delaware County
Claudia Gordon - City of Philadelphia
Denise Goren - Baker Engineers (CCTMA)
Andrea Jordan - City of Philadelphia
Creighton Rabs
Pierre Ravacon – Baker Engineering
Roger Sager – DRJTBC
Dennis R. Winters - RCC
Kathleen Zubrzycki – SEPTA

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Thabet Zakaria