

DELAWARE VALLEY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

PLANNING COORDINATING COMMITTEE/

REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

May 11, 2004 Meeting Highlights

DRPA Board Room, Camden, NJ

1. Call to Order - Chairman's Comments

Curt Noe, the RTC Chair, called the meeting to order. He welcomed everyone to Camden County. He also presented "A 30-second Success Story" sign improvement program with coordinated GIS and database software and requested that FHWA permit the use of federal funds for Sign Improvement projects. He welcomed a guest speaker, John J. Matheussen, CEO of the Delaware River Port Authority and Jennifer Sneed, Projects Coordinator and Constituent Advisor for Senator Lautenberg.

2. Transportation Director's Report

Don Shanis stated that all proposed April 2004 TIP and Work Program amendments were approved by the Board. He informed the members that the Board authorized a 30-day comment period for the New Jersey TE projects. In addition, he encouraged interested individual members to write letters in support of transit funding. The TIP and the Plan were released for public comment with outreach meetings scheduled for May 23 and June 3. Both the New Jersey TransAction conference and the Pennsylvania Joint Rail Freight Conference were successful. Upcoming events include National Transportation Week (May 16th to 22nd), the DVRPC Annual Dinner (May 19th), Share the Road (May 26th), and a Rail Conference (June 16th). Don Shanis also introduced Tony Evans, the Assistant to the Mayor of the City of Camden and the Public Information Official.

3. Welcome

Invited guests offered welcoming remarks to the PCC and RTC members. John J. Matheussen, CEO of the Delaware River Port Authority, welcomed all, summarized some new and proposed plans for DRPA, PATCO, and Camden County, and expressed his appreciation of the attendees as partners in success. Tony Evans, Assistant to the Mayor of the City of Camden and Public Information Official, welcomed everyone to the City of Camden and proudly described the successes of Camden. Jennifer Sneed, Projects Coordinator and

Constituent Advisor for Senator Lautenberg, was grateful for being included in the meeting and looked forward to working with its members.

4. Report on Regional Citizens Committee Activities

RCC recommendations to the Board for April 22, 2004 were distributed. In addition, the RCC appreciated the picture presented for the Camden County Sign Improvement Program which they have supported. They welcomed and were encouraged by the DRPA Director's comments. The RCC is requesting that NJ Transit to modify the schedule for Bus 316, that a review is conducted of PATCO and other bus lines to reduce wait time, and that facilities at park-and-ride lots be expanded. The RCC is also urging DVRPC to support getting a proposal for utilizing the rail alternative for transport from quarry areas.

ACTION ITEMS

5. Highlights of the Meeting of April 6, 2004

The highlights from the April 6th meeting of the PCC/RTC were presented for adoption.

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

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

6. DVRPC Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

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

a. TIP Action PA03-54: Stanbridge Street Bridge, Montgomery County, New Proposed Project (MPMS #16218)

PENNDOT requested to modify the FY 2003 TIP for Pennsylvania (FY2003-2006) by adding a new project to the TIP. The Stanbridge Street Bridge (MPMS #16218) programs a \$275,000 preliminary engineering phase in FY04 using \$220,000 state funds/\$55,000 Local match.

b. TIP Action PA03-55: Schuylkill River Park Ramp at the South Street Bridge, Philadelphia, New Proposed Project (MPMS #70220)

The City of Philadelphia requested to amend the FY 2003 TIP for Pennsylvania (FY2003-2006) by adding a new project to the TIP. The

Schuylkill River Park Ramp at South Street Bridge (MPMS #70220) programs a \$500,000 preliminary engineering phase in FY04 using \$100,000 federal TCSP/\$400,000 local match.

Motion: by Carol Thomas, seconded by Greg Brown, to approve TIP Action PA03-54 and PA03-55 to amend the FY 2003 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding the above projects.

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

- c. TIP Action NJ04-11a: Gloucester County Bike Trail Project, Gloucester County, (DB #D0106)

Gloucester County requested to amend the FY 2004 TIP for New Jersey (FY2004-2006) by adding a project back into the TIP. The Gloucester County Bike Trail project (DB #D0106) programs a \$29,000 preliminary engineering and a \$250,000 construction phase in FY04 using STP-STU funds, drawing down \$279,000 from the DVRPC Future Project Line item, DB #D026. Also acknowledge a \$500,000 state grant of funds previously made available for this project.

- d. TIP Action NJ04-11b: Gloucester County Restriping Program, Gloucester County, New Proposed Project (DB #D0401)

Gloucester County requested to amend the FY 2004 TIP for New Jersey (FY2004-2006) by adding a new project to the TIP. The Gloucester County Restriping Program (DB #D0401) programs a \$500,000 construction phase in FY04 using STP-STU funds, drawing down \$500,000 from the DVRPC Future Project Line item, DB #D026.

- e. TIP Action NJ04-12: Burlington County Traffic Signal Battery Back-Up, Burlington County, New Proposed Project (DB #D0413)

Burlington County requested to amend the FY 2004 TIP for New Jersey (FY2004-2006) by adding a new project to the TIP. The Burlington County Traffic Signal Battery Back-Up project (DB #D0413) programs a \$660,000 construction phase in FY04 using STP-STU funds, drawing down \$660,000 from the DVRPC Local Scoping Line item, DB #X80B.

- f. TIP Action NJ04-13: Camden County Raised Pavement Markers, Camden County, New Proposed Project (DB #D0414)

Camden County requested to amend the FY 2004 TIP for New Jersey (FY2004-2006) by adding a new project to the TIP. The Camden County Raised Pavement Markers (DB #D0414) programs a \$400,000 construction

phase in FY04 using STP-STU funds, drawing down \$400,000 from the DVRPC Future Projects Line item, DB #D026.

Motion: by Morris Bayer, seconded by Warren Strumpfer, to approve TIP Action NJ04-11a, NJ04-11b, NJ04-12, and NJ04-13 to amend the FY 2004 TIP for New Jersey by adding the above projects.

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

- g. TIP Action NJ04-14: Transportation and Community Development Initiative (TCDI), Various Counties in New Jersey (DB #D0204)

DVRPC requested to modify the FY 2004 TIP for New Jersey (FY2004-2006) by increasing the FY04 preliminary engineering phase of the Transportation and Community Development Initiative (TCDI) (DB #D0204) by \$500,000 for a total of \$550,000. This action draws down \$500,000 from the DVRPC Future Projects Line item, DB #D026.

Motion: by Brian Cuccia, seconded by Leo Bagley, to approve TIP Action NJ04-14 to amend the FY 2004 TIP for New Jersey by increasing the FY04 preliminary engineering phase of the TCDI by \$500,000.

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

DISCUSSION ITEM

7. Appointment of Nominating Committee for Fiscal Year 2005 DVRPC PCC/RTC Officers

A Nominating Committee consisting of Curt Noe, Greg Brown, and Warren Strumpfer was selected to name candidates for Chairman and Vice Chairman for the PCC/RTC for Fiscal Year 2005 (July 1, 2004 through June 30, 2005). The Chairman for FY05 must be from Pennsylvania. The committee will report these candidates at the June meeting and elections will take place at the June PCC/RTC meeting.

PRESENTATION ITEM

8. Pennsylvania Turnpike

Walt Green of the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission discussed the turnpike's upcoming widening and interchange projects on I-276, I-76, and I-476 in the Delaware Valley. These projects are among the Plan Amendments going out for public comment during May.

INFORMATION ITEMS

9. One Minute Reports

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

14. Meeting Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned. The next scheduled meeting of the PCC/RTC is June 8, 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

(not represented)
Carol Thomas
Curt Noe
Lee Whitmore
Robert Wisniewski
(not represented)
Andrew Carten
Tom Shaffer
Linda Hayes
Warren Strumpfer
(not represented)
Morris Bayer
(not represented)
Leo Bagley
Brian Cuccia
(not represented)
Herman Volk
James Schwarzwaldner
(not represented)
Robert Hannigan
Greg Brown
Anthony Santaniello
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
ITS Technical Task Force
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 Transportation Authority

Representative

Kelvin MacKavanagh
(not represented)
(not represented)
Janet Kampf
(not represented)
Elizabeth Johnson
William Ragozine
(not represented)
Peter Quinn
Walt Green
(not represented)
(not represented)
William Krebs
(not represented)

ATTENDANCE (cont'd)

US EPA - Region II (not represented)
US EPA - Region III (not represented)

Other Member Representatives and Guests

Judy Adams - City of Trenton
Eric Cheung - Clean Air Council/GPCCP
Eulois Cleckley - FHWA
Ernest Cohen - RCC
Rev. Tony C. Evans - Office of the Mayor of Camden
Claudia Gordon - City of Philadelphia
Sue Herman - RRTS
Andrea Jordan - City of Philadelphia
Jerry Mooney - NJDOT
Jennifer Sneed - Office of U.S. Senator Frank R. Lautenberg
Kathleen Zubrzycki – SEPTA

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