

DELAWARE VALLEY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

PLANNING COORDINATING COMMITTEE/

REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

July 13, 2004 Meeting Highlights

DVRPC Conference Room, Philadelphia, PA

1. Call to Order - Chairman's Comments

Michelle Webb, the RTC Chair, called the meeting to order. As this was her first meeting as Chair, she stated she is looking forward to the upcoming year.

2. Transportation Director's Report

Don Shanis stated that all proposed June 2004 TIP and Work Program amendments were approved by the Board. He informed the members that Dutch Eichorn from PENNDOT had passed away. He also presented Curt Noe with a gift of appreciation for his hard work in the previous year as RTC Chair. He also presented Morris Bayer of Gloucester County with a small retirement gift in appreciation for all his years of work with the RTC. He announced that the June 16th transit forum was a success. He informed members that the new Board Officers are Joanne Denworth - Chair, Thomas Gurick - Vice Chair, Charles Martin - Secretary, and Jerald Cureton - Treasurer. In addition, the Board endorsed the Penn's Landing Heliport Study. He reminded members of the AASHTO Annual Meeting to be held in Philadelphia on September 17 - 21. He also stated that DVRPC work programs for 2006 will be discussed at the next PCC/RTC meeting.

3. Report on Regional Citizens Committee Activities

RCC recommendations to the Board for June 24, 2004 were distributed. Warren Strumpfer reported that nine RCC members appreciated the ability to attend the DVRPC transit forum. They were impressed with the New Jersey Transportation Commissioner's remarks and suggest his comments be included in the 25 year plan. These comments dealt with borders being unimportant, having a one-set regional ride, focusing on customer needs (focus on customer not the rail line), and implementing a common ticket system. He stated that when a synergy can be developed between states and cities within a region, the rail service can operate with the customer in mind. Two revisions to the June 8th minutes are that the Route 30 railroad right-of-way should be included in the

corridor study to promote development of this underutilized resource and that the RCC agree with Senator Matheson regarding the need for SEPTA and New Jersey Transit to have regional transportation planning.

ACTION ITEMS

4. Highlights of the Meeting of June 8, 2004

The highlights from the June 8th meeting of the PCC/RTC were presented for adoption with the revisions as stated by Warren Strumpfer.

Motion: by Curt Noe, seconded by Brian Cuccia, to adopt the PCC/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 four TIP amendments which were submitted for consideration.

- a. TIP Action PA03-58: FTA Section 5311 Program Capital Assistance - Capital Trailways Intercity Bus Terminal (MPMS #68546), Montgomery County

Montgomery County requested to amend the FY 2003 TIP for Pennsylvania (FY2003-2006) by adding funds into the TIP for the FTA's Section 5311 Program (MPMS #68546). This amendment will program a total of \$406,000 (\$325,000 Section 5311 funds/\$81,000 Local Match) in FY04.

Motion: by Leo Bagley, seconded by Catherine Popp-McDonough, to approve TIP Action PA03-58 to amend the FY 2003 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding funds into the TIP for the FTA's Section 5311 Program for a total of \$406,000 (\$325,000 Section 5311 funds/\$81,000 Local match) in FY04.

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

- b. TIP Action PA03-59a: Route 29/Route 113, from Black Rock Rd. to Hopwood Rd. (MPMS #71174), Montgomery County

PENNDOT requested to amend the FY 2003 TIP for Pennsylvania (FY2003-2006) by adding a new project. The Route 29/Route 113 from Black Rock Rd. to Hopwood Rd. Signal and Roadway Improvement project (MPMS

#71174) will program a \$890,000 locally funded final design phase in FY04. Acknowledge addition of this project to the newly adopted FY05 TIP, showing a \$5.3 million construction phase in later fiscal years.

- c. TIP Action PA03-59b: I-76 Over Schuylkill River (Bridge) (MPMS #71709), Philadelphia

PENNDOT requested to amend the FY 2003 TIP for Pennsylvania (FY2003-2006) by adding a new project. The I-76 Over Schuylkill River (Bridge) project (MPMS #71709) will program a \$500,000 state funded construction phase in FY04.

- d. TIP Action PA03-59c: PA 309, Commerce Rd. to Pennsylvania Ave., Ft. Washington Interchange (MPMS #64275), Montgomery County

PENNDOT requested to amend the FY 2003 TIP for Pennsylvania (FY2003-2006) by increasing the FY06 construction phase by \$6 million federal highway funds, acknowledging a 20% toll match for the PA 309 Commerce Rd. to Pennsylvania Ave., Ft. Washington Interchange project (MPMS #64275).

Motion: by Greg Brown, seconded by Bob Hannigan, to approve TIP Action PA03-59a, PA03-59b, and PA03-59c to amend the FY 2003 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding the above projects.

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

6. Year 2025 Corridor Study - New Jersey

John Coscia Jr. briefed the committee on the selection of the NJ Route 33 corridor in Mercer County as the New Jersey Year 2025 planning corridor to be studied during FY05.

Motion: by Brian Cuccia, seconded by Nick Angarone, to accept NJ Route 33 as the planning corridor to be studied during FY05.

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

7. Year 2030 Regional and County Employment Forecasts

DVRPC has prepared revised year 2030 regional and county employment forecasts for use in the long range plan and area planning. These county level forecasts will be used to develop municipal level forecasts.

Motion: by Leo Bagley, seconded by Lorraine Brill, to adopt the year 2030 Regional County Employment Forecasts, and utilize these county control totals to develop revised municipal employment forecasts to the year 2030.

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

PRESENTATION ITEM

8. UPlan GIS Transportation/Land Use Model Presentation

Professor Robert A. Johnson of the University of California presented an overview of UPlan, a next-generation GIS-based Transportation/Land Use Modeling Package that will be used in the preparation of DVRPC's 2030 Transportation and Land Use Plan.

9. Integrating Freight into the Transportation Planning Process

With the volume of freight projected to double by the year 2020, goods movement is assuming greater importance in transportation planning. A major concern is how to integrate freight facilities and operations with community goals. Fawn Thompson of the Federal Highway Administration gave a broad overview of freight logistics, trends, and challenges.

INFORMATION ITEMS

10. Destination 2030 Long Range Plan Development

Mike Boyer presented an update on the progress of the regional long range transportation and land use plan including visions and goals as well as the development of the transportation element.

11. Penn's Landing Heliport Study

In June, the Regional Aviation Committee (RAC) endorsed the Federal Aviation Administration funding of an Environmental Assessment/Feasibility Study of impacts of expanding the Penn's Landing Heliport serving Center City. The DVRPC Board, on June 24, 2004, also endorsed this study which will answer numerous environmental impact, noise, and operations related questions. Roger Moog described the study and its purpose.

12. Job Access and Reverse Commute (JARC)

Rick Bickel discussed the status of State Matching Funds and Public Hearings on Areawide JARC Plan Update.

13. New Jersey Statewide Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan: Phase 2

Don Shanis explained that an executive summary of Phase 2 of the New Jersey Statewide Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan has just been released. Phase 2 of the plan prioritizes segments of the state highway system for improvements for bicycle and pedestrian travel, and also provides an analytical tool to enable municipalities and counties to identify priority locations.

14. Parking Management Strategies Brochure

Karin Morris discussed the latest in a series of municipal implementation tools prepared by DVRPC which covers basic strategies to balance the supply and demand for parking (Municipal Implementation Tool #6: Parking Management Strategies; May, 2004).

15. One Minute Reports

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

16. Meeting Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned. The next scheduled meeting of the PCC/RTC is September 14, 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

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

(not represented)
 (not represented)
 Curt Noe
 Lou Hufnagle
 (not represented)
 (not represented)
 Judy Adams
 Matt Baumann
 Linda Hayes
 Warren Strumpfer
 Lorraine Brill
 Morris Bayer
 Nick Angarone
 Leo Bagley
 Brian Cuccia
 (not represented)
 (not represented)
 James Schwarzwaldner
 (not represented)
 Robert Hannigan
 Greg Brown
 Deborah Shaaf
 Michelle Webb
 Kenneth Lomax
 Catherine Popp-McDonough

Representative

Kelvin MacKavanagh
 (not represented)
 (not represented)
 (not represented)
 (not represented)
 (not represented)
 William Ragozine
 (not represented)
 Peter Quinn
 (not represented)
 (not represented)
 (not represented)
 Hank D'Andrea
 (not represented)

ATTENDANCE (cont'd)

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

Other Member Representatives and Guests

Eric Cheung - Clean Air Council/GPCCP
Tracy Childress - Schuylkill River Development Corp.
Brendan Cotter - Delaware County Planning Dept.
Shengyz Gao - University of California - Davis
Claudia Gordon - City of Philadelphia
Robert Johnston - University of California - Davis
Andrea Jordan - City of Philadelphia
Pierre Ravacon - Baker Engineering
Bill Roman - PENNDOT
Roger Sager - DRJTBC
Fawn Thompson - FHWA Resource Center
Louise Turan - Schuylkill River Development Corp.
Kathleen Zubrzycki – SEPTA

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