

DELAWARE VALLEY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

PLANNING COORDINATING COMMITTEE/

REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

September 14, 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.

2. Transportation Director's Report

Don Shanis stated that all proposed July 2004 TIP and Work Program amendments were approved by the Board. He informed the members that the Board Retreat is December 9th at the Airport Marriott. DVRPC's Title 6 / Environmental Justice Conference is being held on September 29th and 30th. NTI and DVRPC will be hosting a "Statewide and Metropolitan Transportation Planning" course on November 3rd to 5th. He also informed members that a new DVRPC publication, "The Region's Resource - A Guide to the Commission's Services and Products" has been released and is available for distribution. He reminded members of the AASHTO Annual Meeting to be held in Philadelphia on September 17th - 21st. The New Jersey Office of Smart Growth will be making a presentation at next month's PCC/RTC meeting. In addition, there will be an orientation for new PCC/RTC members that will begin at 9 am before next month's meeting. Finally, he congratulated Greg Brown on his new position and presented him with a card and small gift in recognition of his service to the committee.

3. Report on Regional Citizens Committee Activities

RCC recommendations to the Board for July 22, 2004 were distributed. Warren Strumpfer reported that the RCC is working on Work Program ideas, TIP replies, and TCDI project selections. He stated that the RCC appreciates DVRPC working on transportation issues such as the Memorandum of Understanding.

ACTION ITEMS**4. Highlights of the Meeting of July 13, 2004**

The highlights from the July 13th meeting of the PCC/RTC were presented for adoption.

Motion: by Leo Bagley, seconded by Robert Hannigan, 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 three TIP amendments which were submitted for consideration.

- a. TIP Action PA03-62a: US 202, Johnson Highway to Swede Road (MPMS #63486), Montgomery County

PENNDOT requested to modify the FY 2003 TIP for Pennsylvania (FY2003-2006) by increasing the FY06 right-of-way phase by \$9.4 million (\$7.520 million HWY/\$1.880 million State) and shifting a portion of the FY04 right-of-way phase to FY05 (\$1.280 million HWY/\$320,000 State). Refine project limits to more accurately reflect scope: "Johnson Highway to Swede Road" will change to "Johnson Highway to Township Line Road".

- b. TIP Action PA03-62b: US 202, Swede Road to Morris Road (MPMS #63490), Montgomery County

PENNDOT requested to modify the FY 2003 TIP for Pennsylvania (FY2003-2006) by increasing the right-of-way phase for this project by adding \$800,000 HWY/\$200,000 State in FY04, \$2 million HWY/\$500,000 State in FY05, and \$5.2 million HWY/\$1.3 million State in FY06. Further, remove DEMO funds from FY04 programming (\$2.8 million DEMO/ \$700,000 State). Refine project limits to more accurately reflect scope: "Swede Road to Morris Road" will change to "Township Line Road to Morris Road".

- c. TIP Action PA03-62c: Route 63/ Woodhaven Road from Bucks County Line to Evans Street (Roadway Restoration/ Noisewalls) (MPMS #17663), Philadelphia

PENNDOT requested to modify the FY 2003 TIP for Pennsylvania (FY2003-2006) by increasing the FY04 construction phase by \$6 million State funds.

Motion: *by Leo Bagley, seconded by Robert Hannigan, to approve TIP Action PA03-62a, PA03-62b, and PA03-62c to modify the FY 2003 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding the above projects.*

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

6. Transportation and Community Development Initiative (TCDI) 2004 Project Selection

Project proposals have been submitted for the 2004 round of the TCDI program. A total of 44 projects requesting almost \$2.7 million are competing for the available \$1.5 million. Review committees for Pennsylvania and New Jersey have recommended priorities for selection. Barry Seymour presented the recommended projects to the committee.

Motion: *by Warren Strumpfer, seconded by Charles Romick, to recommend that the Board approve funding for the projects selected by the TCDI Review Committees under the Transportation and Community Development Initiative and authorize the Executive Director to enter into a contract for each approved project .*

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

7. DVRPC Work Program

During the course of the fiscal year, it is sometimes necessary for DVRPC to amend the Work Program. Six amendments were submitted for consideration.

a. Cramer Hill / Pennsauken Waterfront Access

Motion: *by Brian Cuccia, seconded by Carol Thomas, to recommend that the Board amend the DVRPC Fiscal Year 2005 Planning Work Program to include the Cramer Hill / Pennsauken Waterfront Access project.*

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

b. County Line Road Traffic Study

Motion: *by Robert Hannigan, seconded by David Johnson, to recommend that the Board amend the DVRPC Fiscal Year 2005 Planning Work Program to include the County Line Road Traffic Study.*

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

c. Transportation Needs Assessment and Financial Analysis in Pennsylvania

Motion: by Robert Hannigan, seconded by Leo Bagley, to recommend that the Board amend the DVRPC Fiscal Year 2005 Planning Work Program to include the Transportation Needs Assessment and Financial Analysis in Pennsylvania.

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

d. Transportation Safety Program

Motion: by Robert Hannigan, seconded by Lee Whitmore, to recommend that the Board amend the DVRPC Fiscal Year 2005 Planning Work Program to include the Transportation Safety Program.

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

e. Delaware Valley Freight Corridors Study

Motion: by Robert Hannigan, seconded by Kenneth Lomax, to recommend that the Board amend the DVRPC Fiscal Year 2005 Planning Work Program to include the Delaware Valley Freight Corridors Study.

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

f. Delaware Valley Smart Growth Alliance Support

Motion: by Curt Noe, seconded by Lee Whitmore, to recommend that the Board amend the DVRPC Fiscal Year 2005 Planning Work Program to include the Delaware Valley Smart Growth Alliance Support project.

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

8. New Jersey Transit / Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on Transportation Planning Procedures

DVRPC, in cooperation with the two other New Jersey Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs), is working with NJ Transit to establish an agreement on roles and responsibilities. A draft planning Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) that addresses cooperative procedures for carrying out transportation planning and programming was presented for consideration.

Motion: by Warren Strumpfer, seconded by Brian Cuccia, to recommend that the Board approve the New Jersey Transit / MPO Memorandum of Understanding on Transportation Planning Procedures.

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

9. Congestion Management System (CMS) Update - Draft Memoranda

The CMS identifies congested corridors in the region and recommends strategies to enhance the mobility of people and goods. As part of coordination with the Long Range Plan, a joint policy technical memorandum was prepared for the RTC to discuss and recommend to the Board for adoption. A CMS procedures memorandum was also discussed.

Motion: The motion was delayed. This memorandum will be discussed again after the TAC has been reinvigorated and maps for the identified corridors have been presented. After the CMS update treats the system as a whole, the discussion can continue in an effort to recommend approval to the Board.

PRESENTATION ITEM

10. Master Plan for the Philadelphia Navy Yard

John Grady of PIDC presented the Master Plan showing office, business park, industrial, commercial, and residential re-uses for the 1,600 acre Philadelphia Navy Yard site.

INFORMATION ITEMS

11. Safety Conscious Planning

Claudia Kniesek of Rutgers University informed the committee of an upcoming safety forum, the Safety Conscious Planning Forum for Locals. The Mercer and Burlington forum will be held on November 3rd at the Mercer County Fire Academy in Lawrenceville, NJ. The Gloucester and Camden forum will be held on November 10th at the Camden Police Academy in Blackwood, NJ.

12. Job Access and Reverse Commute

Rich Bickel provided an update on JARC route revisions and the upcoming 2004 call for projects.

13. DVRPC Annual Traffic Counting Meeting

The DVRPC Annual Traffic Counting Meeting was held August 18, 2004 at DVRPC. The meeting covered such topics as the status of counting programs at DVRPC, New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT), and Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PENNDOT); Functional Classification Updates; Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) National Volume Trending methods; Traffic Data websites; and straightline diagrams.

14. FY 2004 Final Reports for Mobility Alternatives Program (MAP) and Transportation Management Association (TMA) Assistance Grant Program

Each quarter, the TMAs and other organizations which are part of the Mobility Alternatives Program are required to report performance based on a set of measures approved by the RTC. Sarah Oaks presented the fourth quarter report for FY 2004, which included information for the whole year, as well as summaries of work completed over the course of the year under the TMA Assistance Grants.

15. New Jersey Transportation Enhancements (TE) Round

NJDOT has awarded \$3.425 million in highway TE funds to the DVRPC region. This includes five projects in Camden County, two projects in Gloucester County, and one project in Mercer County.

16. FY 2006 Work Program

John Griffies discussed the development schedule and request for projects for the FY 2006 Work Program.

17. Put the Brakes on Fatalities Day

Stacy Bartels informed the committee of "Put the Brakes on Fatalities Day" to be held on October 10th. The goal of this day is to have no fatalities on the nation's roadways by having everyone focus on their individual behaviour when using the roadways. Each person is to take an extra measure of care to ensure their safety and the safety of others by sharing the road with others in a safe manner.

18. One Minute Reports

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

19. Meeting Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned. The next scheduled meeting of the PCC/RTC is October 12, 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

David Johnson
 Carol Thomas
 Curt Noe
 (not represented)
 (not represented)
 (not represented)
 Judy Adams
 Tom Shaffer
 Linda Hayes
 Warren Strumpfer
 Lorraine Brill
 Charles Romick
 Nick Angarone
 Leo Bagley
 Brian Cuccia
 (not represented)
 (not represented)
 Jerry Lutin
 (not represented)
 Robert Hannigan
 Greg Brown
 Deborah Shaaf
 Michelle Webb
 Kenneth Lomax
 Kathleen Zubrzycki

Representative

Kelvin MacKavanagh
 (not represented)
 (not represented)
 (not represented)
 (not represented)
 (not represented)
 William Ragozine
 (not represented)
 Peter Quinn
 (not represented)
 Nick Walsh
 (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
Ernest B. Cohen - SSAP
Ajay Cresukoff - DVRPC RCC
Justin Dula - Delaware County Planning
Matthew J. Edmond - Montgomery County Planning
Bob Guthrie - Schoor DePalma
Sue Herman - RRTS
Claudia Kniezek - Rutgers CAIT-LTAP
Matthew Lawson - Mercer County Planning
Jim McQuilkin - DRPA
Jill Parkam - Rutgers CAIT-LTAP
Chris Patton - SEPTA
Pierre Ravacon - Baker Engineering
Bill Roman - PENNDOT
Drew Scott - Urban Engineers
Nathalie Shapiro - GPCCP
Brad Shelton - Montgomery County Planning

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