

DELAWARE VALLEY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

PLANNING COORDINATING COMMITTEE/ REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

April 5, 2005 Meeting Highlights

DVRPC Conference Room, Philadelphia, PA

1. Call to Order - Chairman's Comments

Michelle Webb, the PCC/RTC Chair, welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order.

2. Transportation Director's Report

Don Shanis informed the PCC/RTC of the press conference held by the Census Bureau's announcing the release of the American Communities Survey. PENNDOT also held meetings on March 28 and 29 to discuss its long range plan. He also informed members of upcoming meetings/important dates (listed below):

- April 11-13: 2005 TransAction Conference in Atlantic City, New Jersey.

3. Report on Regional Citizens Committee Activities

Warren Strumpfer reported that the RCC requested bike/pedestrian accommodation within several approved projects. These included,

- The Egg Harbour Road Project.
- The South Street Bridge Detour Project. The RCC also requests that the Bicycle Coalition of Philadelphia be consulted on this project.
- the Merion Avenue Bridge Project
- The Church Road Bridge Project over the R5.

The RCC also requested a presentation on traffic control and ITS, so that members could better understand the true value of the Traffic Control Center and ITS Systems Maintenance Project.

ACTION ITEMS

4. Highlights of the Meeting of March 8, 2005

The highlights from the March 8 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.

5. DVRPC Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Elizabeth Schoonmaker presented 13 TIP amendments which were submitted for consideration.

a. TIP Action PA05-22a: Keller Street Bridge (MPMS #12955), Bucks County

PENNDOT requested that DVRPC modify the FY2005-2008 TIP for Pennsylvania by advancing the Keller Street Bridge project (MPMS #12955) by adding a final design phase in FY05 (\$220,000 Bridge/\$55,000 state) and advancing the construction (\$1.2 million bridge/\$300,000 state) from later fiscal years to FY06. This is a bridge replacement project in Bedminster Township.

b. TIP Action PA05-22b: Locksley Road (Bridge) over Chester Creek (MPMS #47988), Delaware County

PENNDOT requested that DVRPC modify the FY2005-2008 TIP for Pennsylvania by advancing the construction phase (\$1.048 million Bridge/\$197,000 State/\$65,000 Local match) from FY08 to FY05. The project will replace the bridge which is currently closed to traffic.

c. TIP Action PA05-22c: Pottstown Signal System (MPMS #48186), Montgomery County

PENNDOT requested that DVRPC modify the FY2005-2008 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding preliminary (\$500,000 CMAQ in FY05) and final design (\$320,000 CMAQ in FY07) phases for the Pottstown Signal System project, MPMS #48186. The project will modernize signal equipment at over 50 locations in Pottstown, Lower Pottsgrove, and North Coventry in Chester County.

d. TIP Action PA05-22d: Warminster Township Signal Upgrade and Closed Loop System at Street, Bristol, York, & Jacksonville Roads (MPMS #57642), Bucks County

PENNDOT requested that DVRPC amend the FY2005-2008 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a project back into the TIP, the Warminster Township Signal Upgrade and Closed Loop System (MPMS #57642). \$307,000 CMAQ funds for a utility phase and \$1.568 million for construction would be added in FY05 as the project is now ready to advance. The project will upgrade over 30 traffic signal locations, expand the closed loop system to the entire Township system, and enable traffic responsive operation along key corridors. The design of the system was funded locally.

e. TIP Action PA05-22e: Woodbourne Road Circuitry (MPMS#66521), Bucks County

PENNDOT requested that DVRPC amend the FY2005-2008 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding this project, the Woodbourne Road Circuitry with \$70,000 (\$56,000 HWY/\$14,000 State). This project is a component of the railroad Highway Grade Crossing program to reimburse the CSX Railroad for utility work.

Motion: by Leo Bagley, seconded by Robert Hannigan, to approve TIP Actions PA05-22a, PA05-22b, PA05-22c, PA05-22d and PA05-22e to amend the FY 2005-2008 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a final design phase in FY05 (\$220,000 Bridge/\$55,000 State) and advancing the construction phase from later fiscal years to FY06, for the Kellers Church Road Bridge project (MPMS #12955); advancing the construction phase of the Locksley Road (Bridge) project (MPMS #47988) from FY08 to FY05; by adding a preliminary engineering phase in FY05, a final design phase in FY07, and removing the FY05 right of way phase of the Pottstown Area Signal System Upgrade project (MPMS #48186); by adding a utility phase and construction phase to FY05 for the Warminster Township Signal Upgrade Closed Loop System at Street, Bristol, York and Jacksonville Roads (MPMS #57642); and by adding a new project, the Woodbourne Road Circuitry project (MPMS #66521) with a FY05 construction phase.

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

f. TIP Action PA05-22f: Route 309 ITS Integration (MPMS #69799), Montgomery County

PENNDOT requested that DVRPC modify the FY2005-2008 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding the construction phase to the Route 309 ITS

Integration project (MPMS #69799). This new project was added to the TIP in the fall of 2004 with a \$400,000 utility phase, acknowledging a multi million construction phase would advance at a later date.

- g. TIP Action PA05-22g: Route 309, Church Road to Highland Ave. (MPMS #16476), Montgomery County

PENNDOT requested that DVRPC amend the FY2005-2008 TIP for Pennsylvania by federalizing the PA Route 309, Church Road to Highland Avenue project (MPMS #16476). This section of the Route 309 project is currently programmed with 100% state funds.

Motion: by David Johnson, seconded by Robert Hannigan, to approve TIP Actions PA05-22f and PA 05-22g to amend the FY 2005-2008 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a \$15 million construction phase to the Route 309 ITS Integration project (MPMS #69799) and federalizing the FY05, FY06, and FY07 construction phase of the Route 309 ITS Integration project (MPMS #69799).

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

- h. TIP Action PA05-23a: Chester Valley Railroad Jury Award (MPMS#14544), Chester County

PENNDOT has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2005-2008 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a new project to the TIP, the Chester Valley Rail Line, MPMS #14544. PENNDOT acquired a portion of the Chester Valley Rail Road right of way several years ago as part of the federally funded Route 202 Exton Bypass project. PECO subsequently filed suit against PENNDOT relating to the proper value of the property, and a judgement was recently made in PECO's favor. PENNDOT has been ordered to pay PECO an additional \$8.913 million (\$8.022 million federal highway/\$891,000 state) for the value of the right of way. This action programs \$8.913 million in FY05 for right of way to accommodate this judgement.

- i. TIP Action PA05-23b: Moods Covered Bridge (New Proposed Project, MPMS #72644), Bucks County

PENNDOT requested that DVRPC amend the FY2005-2008 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a new state funded project to the TIP, the Moods Covered Bridge Replacement project (MPMS #72644) at a cost of \$550,000. The Moods Covered bridge was totally destroyed by a fire set by arsonists in June of last year.

Motion: by Lee Whitmore, seconded by Robert Hannigan, to approve TIP Actions PA05- 23a and PA 05-23b to amend the FY 2005-2008 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding two new projects: the Chester Valley Railroad Right of Way Jury Award project (MPMS #14544) with a FY05 right of way phase and the Moods Covered Bridge project (MPMS #72644) with both preliminary engineering and final design in FY05 and construction in FY06.

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

- j. TIP Action PA05-23c: Route 30 Concrete Rehabilitation and Overlay (New Proposed Project, MPMS #72749), Chester County
PENNDOT requested that DVRPC amend the FY2005-2008 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a new state funded project to the TIP, Concrete Rehabilitation and Overlay project for Route 30, MPMS #72749. This project would provide for resurfacing to extend the life of the roadway for approximately 5 miles of Route 30 between Route 10 in Sadsbury and Route 82 in Coatesville. Construction would be programmed in FY05 (\$1.697 million state) and FY06 (\$1.303 million state).

- k. TIP Action PA05-23d: Bristol Pike/Route 13, PA 413 to Levittown Parkway Restoration, Signal Upgrade and Closed Loop (New Proposed Project, MPMS #47392), Bucks County
PENNDOT requested that DVRPC amend the FY2005-2008 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a new state funded project to the TIP, Bristol Pike/Route 13, PA 413 to Levittown Parkway Restoration, Signal Upgrade and Closed Loop System (MPMS #47392) with a \$1.720 million preliminary engineering phase.

- l. TIP Action PA05-23e: PA 263/Old York Road: County Line Road to PA 413 Concrete Rehabilitation and Overlay (New Proposed Project, MPMS #50633), Bucks County
PENNDOT requested that DVRPC amend the FY2005-2008 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a new state funded project to the TIP, PA 263/Old York Road: County Line Road to PA 413 Concrete Rehabilitation and Overlay (MPMS #50633) with a \$1.510 million preliminary engineering phase.

Motion: by Kenneth Lomax, seconded by David Johnson , to approve TIP Actions PA05-23c, PA05-23d and PA 05-23e to amend the FY 2005-2008 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding three

new projects; the Route 30 Concrete Rehabilitation and Overlay project (MPMS #72749), the Route 30 Concrete Rehabilitation and Overlay project (MPMS #72749), and the County Line Road to PA 413 Concrete Rehabilitation and Overlay project (MPMS #50633).

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

m. **TIP Action PA05-24: Transportation and Community Development Initiative(TCDI), PA Project Funds for FY06 Round, (MPMS#64652), Various Counties**

DVRPC requested modification of the FY2005-2008 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding \$1 million STU funds/\$250,000 Local match to the FY05 phase of this project to be made available for project funds for the FY06 round of the TCDI Program. The Transportation and Community Development Initiative (TCDI) provides funds to selected municipalities, targeting core cities, inner-ring suburbs, and older boroughs of the region that have lost jobs and population.

Motion: by Warren Strumpfer , seconded by Lee Whitmore, to approve TIP Actions PA05-24, to amend the FY 2005-2008 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding \$1 million STU/\$250,000 Local match TCDI Project Funds to FY05 for Pennsylvania (MPMS #64652) for the FY06 call for projects.

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

6. **FY 2006 DVRPC Work Program Amendments**

- a. Will Stevens presented PENNDOT's request for DVRPC assistance in the mapping of 88 boroughs (including roads names and segment lengths).

Motion: by Robert Hannigan, seconded by Leo Bagley, to recommend that the Board approve PENNDOT's request for DVRPC assistance in the mapping of 88 borough Pennsylvania boroughs.

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

- b. Don Shanis presented PENNDOT's request for DVRPC assistance in the proposed Bucks County Regional Traffic Study. The study area is comprised of seven municipalities in lower central Bucks County. The objective of the study is to identify recommendations to simultaneously

ensure regional safety and access to and from the area's operating quarries. A major study task which is envisioned is the collection of physical and operating characteristics on key roadways. The Regional Traffic Planning Task Force, which is comprised of the seven municipalities in the area, will serve as the basis of the study working group.

Motion: by Lee Whitmore, seconded by Robert Hannigan, to recommend that the Board approve amendments to DVRPC's Work Program to include the Bucks County Regional Traffic Study.

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

- c. Don Shanis presented PENNDOT's request for DVRPC assistance in the PA 100 Safety Study. This project is aimed at conducting a safety planning study on PA 100 from Font Road in Upper Uwchlan Township to South Hanover Street in North Coventry Township. This nine mile section of PA 100 is the primary north-south facility in the central portion of Chester County. DVRPC will convene a study task force to explore transportation issues aimed at enhancing safety in the PA 100 corridor. Supporting land use policies, access management approaches and development controls among the corridor municipalities will also be evaluated.

Motion: by David Johnson, seconded by Warren Strumpfer, to recommend that the Board approve amendments to DVRPC's Work Program to include the PA 100 Safety Study.

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

7. Release of Draft FY 2006 TIP for New Jersey and the 2030 Long Range Plan for Public Comment

Staff recommended that the Board authorize release of the Draft FY 2006-2008TIP for New Jersey and the 2030 Long Range Plan for a 30-day public comment period beginning in early May, in conjunction with the release of the TIP/Plan Conformity documentation. Two public meetings would be scheduled between May 2nd and June 2nd (one in New Jersey and one in Pennsylvania) with publishing on the web, notices and advertising.

Motion: by Warren Strumpfer, seconded by Curt Noe, to recommend Board authorization of the release of the Draft FY 2006-2008 TIP for

New Jersey and the 2030 Long Range Plan for a 30-day public comment period commencing in May.

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

8. Delaware Valley Regional ITS Architecture

Stanley Platt of DVRPC informed the PCC/RTC about TEA-21 requirements that all ITS projects using federal funds conform to the National ITS Architecture. DVRPC's ITS Technical Task Force developed a Regional ITS Architecture in 2001 and had been successfully using it to guide the planning, integration and deployment of ITS projects in both Pennsylvania and New Jersey. DVRPC was now seeking formal approval for this document.

Motion: by Curt Noe, seconded by Brian Cuccia, to recommend the Board formally approve DVRPC's Regional ITS Architecture.

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

PRESENTATION ITEMS

9. Pennsylvania Traffic Signal Systems Report

Bob Taylor from Gannett Fleming presented the results of a study recently conducted for the Pennsylvania State Transportation Advisory Committee. The study examined Pennsylvania traffic signal systems and the policies and practices associated with their management and operations. The methodology used to conduct the study and its primary recommendations were presented. Bill Laubach of PENNDOT discussed how the study's recommendations would be incorporated into the DVRPC's Horizon 2030 Long Range Plan.

10. Realizing Density: Strategies for Compact Suburban Development

Karin Morris presented a recently completed study on how to support and promote higher density development in suburban communities. She provided an overview of the study's examination of existing densities; perceptions, benefits, and impacts of higher densities; the potential market for higher density development; and design guidelines to create quality developments.

INFORMATION ITEMS

11. One Minute Reports

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

12. Old Business and New Business

There was no old or new business discussed.

13. Meeting Adjournment

The next scheduled meeting of the PCC/RTC is May 10, 2005. **The special meeting location will be Philadelphia City Hall.**

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)
 Justin Dula
 Linda Hayes
 Warren Strumpfer
 Lorraine Brill
 Jessica Savidge
 Matt Lawson
 Leo Bagley
 Brian Cuccia
 (not represented)
 Herman Volk
 James Schwarzwaldler
 (not represented)
 Robert Hannigan
 (not represented)
 Anthony Santaniello
 Michelle Webb
 Kenneth Lomax
 Kathleen Zubrzycki

Non-Voting Members

Delaware Valley Goods Movement Task Force
 Greater Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce
 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)
 Tom Caramanico
 Joung Lee
 (not represented)
 Keith Lynch
 (not represented)
 (not represented)
 William Ragozine
 (not represented)
 Peter Quinn
 (not represented)
 (not represented)
 Robert Ihlein
 (not represented)
 (not represented)

ATTENDANCE (cont'd)

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

Other Member Representatives and Guests

Aarron Firestone - Clean Air Council
Greg Brown - PENNDOT
Tameka Macon - FHWA, NJ
Sue Herman - Residents for Regional Traffic Solutions, Inc.
Martin D. Hull - Michael Baker Inc.
Barbara Thomson - Center City District/Thomson Consulting
Ernest B. Cohen - SSAP
Andrea Jordan- City of Philadelphia Streets Dept.
Claudia Gordon - City of Philadelphia Streets Dept.
Roger Sager - DRJTBC
Brad Shelton - Montgomery County Planning Commission

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