

# DELAWARE VALLEY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

## PLANNING COORDINATING COMMITTEE/ REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

June 7, 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. Ms. Webb thanked the committee for its support during her tenure as PCC/RTC Chair for FY2005. Ms. Webb also informed the committee that following lunch, the CMS sub-committee meeting would convene.

### 2. Transportation Director's Report

Don Shanis welcomed the PCC/RTC to the new DVRPC offices, and asked for committee input pertaining to any suggestions to the layout of the conference room. Dr. Shanis reported that the move to the new building went well and that the DVRPC's staff are pleased with the new environment. Dr. Shanis noted that the first board meeting of the DVRPC was held in the conference room located on the 9<sup>th</sup> floor of the ACP building, thus making the PCC/RTC meeting the first official meeting held in the main conference room of the DVRPC.

Dr. Shanis announced to the members that PennDOT is considering a flex of funds from highway improvements to transit, designed to help curtail funding issues at SEPTA. Dr. Shanis stated that the Pennsylvania legislature has yet to act on this proposal. Jim Mosca (PennDOT) added that the proposal was currently in draft form, and that a final version should be submitted to the Pennsylvania legislature for action within a few days. Dr. Shanis stated that if the proposal is accepted by the Pennsylvania legislature, a Pennsylvania sub-committee meeting should be organized to assist in its implementation.

Dr. Shanis informed the members that the Transportation Safety Forum meeting will be held on June 17, 2005 at 8:00am. He also informed the members that DVRPC's Board Policy Committee meeting will be held on June 21, 2005 at 10:00am. Both meetings will be held in the DVRPC's main conference room. Additionally, Dr. Shanis announced that the DVRPC's 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Celebration of Regional Excellence Dinner was to be held later that evening at the Four Seasons Hotel in Philadelphia.

Lastly, Dr. Shanis recognized Michelle Webb for her service during her tenure as PCC/RTC Chairperson during the past year. He thanked her for all her efforts throughout the past year, and acknowledged her leadership skills as chairperson.

**3. Report on Regional Citizens Committee Activities**

Warren Strumpfer encouraged the members to read page 4 of the minutes from the May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2005 RCC meeting, which emphasizes the importance placed by the RCC regarding pedestrian and bicycle issues within TIP amendments. Mr. Strumpfer also encouraged the members to read the RCC's comments regarding the policy on the DVRPC's Destination 2030 Long Range Plan, also found within the minutes of the May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2005 RCC meeting.

**ACTION ITEMS**

**4. Highlights of the Meeting of May 10, 2005**

The highlights from the May 10 meeting of the PCC/RTC were presented for adoption.

*Motion: by Lorraine Brill, seconded by Brian Cuccia, to adopt the PCC/RTC meeting highlights with one correction: Change date of RCC meeting listed to April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2005.*

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

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

Elizabeth Schoonmaker presented 3 TIP amendments which were submitted for consideration. For informational purposes, Ms. Schoonmaker also presented several projects in which the funding sources are being changed by PENNDOT.

- a. **TIP Action PA05-32a: I-76 Corridor Transportation System Management Improvements (New Proposed Project, MPMS #62616), Montgomery County**

PENNDOT has requested that the DVRPC amend the FY2005-2008 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a new project, the I-76 Corridor Transportation System Management (TSM) improvement project, using \$280,000 CMAQ/\$70,000 State match in FY05 and \$520,000 CMAQ/\$130,000 State match in FY06. Funds will be used to improve traffic management and congestion mitigation in the event of an incident on the Schuylkill Expressway, and includes addressing the need for transportation system management improvements on parallel routes (such as Route 23 between Route 1 and West Conshohocken) and integration of local & state TSM systems.

**b. TIP Action PA05-32b: York Road, Bridge Street to PA 413)(New Proposed Project, MPMS #72997), Bucks County**

PENNDOT has requested that the DVRPC amend the FY 2005 TIP for Pennsylvania (FY2005-2008) by adding the York Road Modified Resurfacing, Bristol Road to PA 413 (MPMS #72997) project with \$2.5 million state funds for construction in both FY06 and FY07. Funds will be used for concrete patching, milling, crack seal, and overlay. The improvements will extend the life of the roadway for approximately 10 years when a major reconstruction project is planned.

**c. TIP Action PA05-32c: 52<sup>nd</sup> Street/Lancaster Avenue Streetscape Enhancements (MPMS #17829), Philadelphia**

The City of Philadelphia has requested that the DVRPC modify the FY 2005 TIP for Pennsylvania (FY2005-2008) by adding a preliminary engineering phase to FY05 (\$200,000 DEMO/\$50,000 Local) and deferring the FY05 construction phase from FY05 to FY07 for the 52<sup>nd</sup> Street Lancaster Avenue Streetscape Enhancement project (MPMS #17829). Funds will be used for pedestrian enhancements such as crosswalks, bump-outs and pedestrian signal heads (where applicable) in the area of the 52nd St/Lancaster Ave intersection; streetscape and lighting improvements on 52nd St from Girard Ave to Parkside Ave; minor traffic signal improvements (timing, coordination) on 52nd St within same limits; and lighting improvements on Lancaster Ave from Girard Ave to 52nd St. This work will complement work scheduled as part of the Lancaster Avenue Signal Project (MPMS#57898) and also the already-completed work on Lancaster Ave east of Girard Avenue (SEPTA's Route 10 and Route 15 signal projects). The project description will need to be edited to

reflect that new bus shelters will not be included as part of the project.

*Motion: by Matthew Edmond, seconded by Jim Mosca, to approve TIP Action PA05-32a, PA05-32b, and PA05-32c to amend the FY2005-2008 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding the I-76 Corridor Transportation System Management (TSM) improvement project to the TIP using \$280,000 CMAQ/\$70,000 State match in FY05 and \$520,000 CMAQ/\$130,000 State match in FY06; by adding the York Road Modified Resurfacing, Bristol Road to PA 413 (MPMS #72997) project with \$2.5 million state funds for construction in both FY06 and FY07; and by adding a preliminary engineering phase to FY05 (\$200,000 DEMO/\$50,000 Local) and deferring the FY05 construction phase from FY05 to FY07 for the 52<sup>nd</sup> Street Lancaster Avenue Streetscape Enhancement project (MPMS #17829).*

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

**d. For information purposes, please note that PENNDOT is changing the funding source for several projects from federal to state funding.**

- MPMS #47395 - US 202 Bypass, Pickertown Rd to PA 611 (Sec. 721)
- MPMS #47396 - US 202 Bypass, PA 463 to Pickertown Rd. (Sec. 711)
- MPMS #13484 - US 202 Expressway (Sec 700) Env & ITS
- MPMS #68662 - US 202 Bypass, Neshaminy-Almshouse Rd.(Sec.72C)
- MPMS #47392 - Bristol Pike/Route 13, PA 413 to Levittown Parkway
- MPMS #13549 - US 1 (Bridges), PA 413 - PA Turnpike
- MPMS #14484 - PA 41 Study, Delaware State Line to PA 926

Linda Hayes (DRPA) asked whether the proposed change in funding from federal to state funds will result in the loss of federal funds for the region. Jim Mosca (PENNDOT) stated that the federal funds will remain in the region. Linda Guarini (PA Governor's Policy Office) explained that the State's budget is required to be balanced equally between federal and state funds, and the region has been over-

programmed for federal funds and under-programmed for state funds. Ms. Guarini continued by stating that this change addresses fiscal constraint for the region regarding state and federal funds.

**6. Annual Self-Certification of the Regional Transportation Planning Process**

\_\_\_ Federal regulations require that the Metropolitan Planning Organization self-certify that the Regional Transportation Planning Process is carried out in conformance with applicable federal regulations. Staff presented its recommendation for Board adoption.

*Motion: by Linda Hayes, seconded by Brian Cuccia, to submit the Annual Self-Certification of the Regional Transportation Planning Process to the Board for adoption.*

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

**7. Recommendation for Adoption of Destination 2030 Long Range Plan**

The public comment period for the Draft Destination 2030 Long Range Plan ended on June 2, 2005. Mike Boyer (DVRPC) presented a series of recommended changes to the Long Range Plan, as a result of the public comment period. Mr. Boyer asked the PCC/RTC to recommend to the Board the adoption of Destination 2030 Long Range Plan.

*Motion: by Carol Thomas, seconded by Lee Whitmore, to recommend the Destination 2030 Long Range Plan to the Board for adoption.*

Motion passed. 20 votes were cast in favor of the motion. One opposed and no abstentions.

**8. Recommendation for Adoption of FY 2006 Transportation Improvement Program for New Jersey**

The public comment period for the Draft FY 2006 TIP for NJ ended on June 2, 2005. Charles Dougherty (DVRPC) presented a series of recommended changes to the FY 2006 Transportation Improvement Program for New Jersey.

Mr. Dougherty asked the PCC/RTC to recommend to the Board the adoption of the FY 2006 Transportation Improvement Program for New Jersey.

*Motion: by Carol Thomas, seconded by Brian Cuccia, to recommend the FY 2006 Transportation Improvement Program for New Jersey to the Board for adoption.*

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

**9. Recommendation for Adoption of Conformity Determination of the Destination 2030 Long Range Plan and FY 2006 New Jersey TIP**

The public comment period for the Draft Conformity Determination of the Destination 2030 Long Range Plan and FY 2006 New Jersey TIP ended on June 2, 2005. Mike Boyer (DVRPC) announced to the members that no comments were received. Mr. Boyer asked the PCC/RTC to recommend the Draft Conformity Determination of the Destination 2030 Long Range Plan and FY 2006 New Jersey TIP to the Board for approval.

*Motion: by Catherine Popp-McDonough, seconded by Kenneth Lomax, to recommend the Draft Conformity Determination of the Destination 2030 Long Range Plan and FY 2006 New Jersey TIP to the Board for adoption.*

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

**10. Election of FY 2006 Officers**

Don Shanis (DVRPC), on behalf of the PCC/RTC nominating committee, presented to the members candidates for Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson of the PCC/RTC. Dr. Shanis recommended the election of Brian Cuccia (NJDOT) for Chairperson, and Catherine Popp-McDonough (SEPTA) for Vice-Chairperson.

*Motion: by Warren Strumpfer, seconded by Lee Whitmore, to elect Brian Cuccia as PCC/RTC Chairperson, and Catherine Popp-McDonough as PCC/RTC Vice-Chairperson.*

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

## **PRESENTATION ITEMS**

### **11. Truck and Bus Travel in the Delaware Valley Region**

Matt Gates presented highlights of a DVRPC report that compiles available data from numerous sources to estimate the number of trucks and buses in the region, their trip making patterns, and the magnitude of truck and bus travel in the region, expressed as vehicle-miles of travel.

### **12. PhillyCarShare: Air Quality and Mobility Impacts of Car Sharing in Philadelphia**

Two years into Philadelphia's car-sharing program, compelling evidence shows the project has yielded reduced VMT, reduced vehicle ownership, improved air quality, and even social change. Clayton Lane, AICP discussed the CMAQ-funded car sharing project and the vision to encourage 100,000 Philadelphians to participate.

## **INFORMATION ITEMS**

### **13. 2005 Land-Use and Freight Summit**

Ted Dahlburg (DVRPC) informed the members that with the assistance of the DVRPC and the Delaware Valley Goods Movement Task Force, the National Association of Regional Councils (NARC) will conduct a national summit focusing on the connections between land use and freight from September 7-9. Mr. Dahlburg stated that conference organizers hope to attract a total of 100 top officials from the private and public sectors (note: the event is invitation only).

### **14. One Minute Reports**

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

### **15. Old Business and New Business**

There was no old or new business to discuss.

**16. Meeting Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned. Following lunch, a brief tour of the DVRPC's new offices was conducted. The CMS Sub-Committee meeting was held after the tour. The next scheduled meeting of the PCC/RTC is June 7, 2005, and will be held in the DVRPC's conference room located at 190 N. Independence Mall West, Philadelphia, PA.



**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  
 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**

David Johnson  
 Carol Thomas  
 Curt Noe  
 Lee Whitmore  
 Edward Williams  
 (not represented)  
 (not represented)  
 Tom Shaffer  
 Linda Hayes  
 Warren Strumpfer  
 Lorraine Brill  
 Jessica Savidge  
 Matt Lawson  
 Matthew Edmond  
 Brian Cuccia  
 (not represented)  
 Herman Volk  
 Jerry Lutin  
 (not represented)  
 Jim Mosca  
 Linda Guarini  
 Anthony Santaniello  
 Michelle Webb  
 Kenneth Lomax  
 Catherine Popp-McDonough

**Representative**

Kelvin MacKavanaugh  
 Tom Caramanico  
 Joung Lee  
 Spencer Stevens  
 (not represented)  
 (not represented)  
 (not represented)  
 William Ragozine  
 (not represented)  
 Peter Quinn  
 (not represented)  
 (not represented)  
 (not represented)  
 (not represented)  
 (not represented)

**ATTENDANCE (cont'd)**

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

**Other Member Representatives and Guests**

Andrea Jordan- City of Philadelphia Streets Dept.  
Claudia Gordon - City of Philadelphia Streets Dept.  
Kathleen Zubrzycki - SEPTA  
Frank Gormley - SEPTA  
Kurt Weidenhammer - SEPTA  
Tim Kelly - Clean Air Council  
Darren Fava - CPTMA  
Jim McQuilkin - DRPA  
Clayton Lane - Philadelphia Car Share  
Tanya Seaman - Philadelphia Car Share  
Genevieve Smith - FHWA - LA  
Brian Scheid - Bucks County Courier Times  
Cheryl Brennan - NJDOT  
Mila Tau - NJDOT

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John Madera  
Jean McKinney