

**DELAWARE VALLEY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION  
PLANNING COORDINATING COMMITTEE/  
REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE  
April 4, 2006 Meeting Highlights  
DVRPC Conference Room, Philadelphia, PA**

**1. Call to Order - Chairman's Comments**

Brian Cuccia, PCC/RTC Chair, welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order.

Mr. Cuccia informed the members that Kris Kolluri has been sworn-in as Commissioner of the New Jersey Department of Transportation.

**2. Transportation Director's Report**

Don Shanis (DVRPC) informed the members that the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Celebration of Regional Excellence will be held on May 4, 2006, at the Four Seasons Hotel in Philadelphia, PA. This year's dinner will honor John J. Coscia for his many years of service to the DVRPC and the region.

Dr. Shanis announced that the New Jersey Subcommittee Meeting, and the Pennsylvania Subcommittee Meeting will be held concurrently after lunch.

Dr. Shanis introduced new DVRPC staff member, Natalia Olsen, who will be working with Zoe Neaderland.

Lastly, Dr. Shanis welcomed Randy Waltermeyer of Chester County Planning Commission, David Harvey and Donald Brennan of the Philadelphia Regional Port Authority, and Carmen Zappile from the Philadelphia Industrial Development Corporation.

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

Lorraine Brill reported that the RCC did not approve the TIP Action PA05-64c: Germantown Avenue Over Cresheim Creek (Bridge) (MPMS#57899), Philadelphia. She stated that the RCC could not approve this action until the design of the project maintains the current historical and cultural value (i.e. granite blocks maintained between the rails).

Ms. Brill also reported that the RCC did not approve TIP Action PA05-64d: Germantown Avenue Reconstruction (MPMS#48191), Philadelphia. The

resolution from TIP Action PA05-64c applies to this action as well. (Please refer to the March 14, 2006 Meeting Minutes of the DVRPC Regional Citizens Committee for further information about these two actions.)

## **ACTION ITEMS**

### **4. Highlights of the Meeting of March 7, 2006**

The highlights from the March 7, 2006 meeting of the PCC/RTC were presented for adoption.

*Motion: by Leo Bagley, seconded by Lee Whitmore to adopt the highlights for the March 7, 2006 PCC/RTC meeting.*

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

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

Elizabeth Schoonmaker presented 8 TIP amendments for consideration.

#### **a. TIP Action PA05-67a: North Delaware Avenue Extension, Lewis to Bridge, Bridesburg (MPMS #46956), Philadelphia**

The City of Philadelphia has requested that DVRPC modify the FY2005-2008 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a phase to the North Delaware Avenue Extension project (MPMS #46956). While this project has been under discussion conceptually for several years and is progressing through preliminary engineering, final design was never initiated and the request is to program \$250,000 (\$200,000 DEMO/\$50,000 Local match) for final design in FY06 in order to determine the exact alignment. Right of way (\$40,000 DEMO/\$10,000 Local) will also be added to FY06. These new phases combined with a correction in the DEMO funds still available for the project will require \$360,000 STU funds be added to the project budget in the construction phase. The project will extend Delaware Avenue past Lewis Street (near the Betsy Ross Bridge) north to Buckius Street. Note that the limits of the project need to be adjusted from "Lewis to Bridge Street" to "Lewis to Buckius Street." At this time construction is estimated at \$8 million. This project to extend Delaware Avenue past its terminus near the Betsy Ross Bridge has been in a conceptual phase for several years, and has been identified as the first of a multi-phased project to construct a "River Road" along the north Delaware Riverfront amidst planned residential and recreational facilities including a \$15 million North Delaware River Greenway trail, a joint project with Philadelphia Streets Department, Fairmount Park Commission, and PA Environmental Council. The new road

will extend between Lewis street where it currently ends, further north approximately a mile and 1/2 to Buckius Street. The roadway is planned with shoulders for bike use, sidewalks, and will also serve as an alternate route for local truck traffic in order to remove that traffic from narrow Richmond Street.

**b. TIP Action PA05-67b: I-95: Levick to Bleigh (MPMS #47394), Philadelphia**

PennDOT has requested that DVRPC modify the FY2005-2008 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a \$5 million ROW phase (\$4.5 million HWY/\$500,000 state) in FY06, 07, and 08, to the I-95, Levick to Bleigh Street Reconstruction project (MPMS #47394). This project is a potential component of the new statewide Interstate Maintenance Program (IMP). Some of the ROW acquisitions will need to be relocated and the process needs to get underway now so that the project can advance as currently planned for final design in FY07 and construction in FY08. Further, \$2 million for the utility phase (\$1.8 million HWY/\$200,000 State) will be added to FY06 and FY07 to begin coordination with the utility company for the project. This section of the I-95 reconstruction project involves the reconstruction of 8 bridges and 1.2 miles of roadway, reconfiguration of the travel through Princeton Street and Cottman Avenue for a new southbound on-ramp from Cottman Avenue, and a northbound on-ramp from Milnor Street. Construction for this section of the I-95 project is estimated at \$100 million.

*Motion: by Michelle Webb, seconded by Linda Guarini to modify the FY2005-2008 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a phase to the North Delaware Avenue Extension project (MPMS #46956); and to modify the FY2005-2008 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a \$5 million ROW phase (\$4.5 million HWY/\$500,000 state) in FY06, 07, and 08, to the I-95, Levick to Bleigh Street Reconstruction project (MPMS #47394).*

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

**c. TIP Action PA05-67c: Easton Road Bridges Over Deep Run Creek (MPMS#13552), Bucks County**

PENNDOT has requested that DVRPC modify the FY2005-2008 TIP for Pennsylvania by increasing the FY06 construction phase of the Easton Road Bridges Over Deep Run Creek project in Bucks County by adding \$6.660 million federal bridge funds to the FY06 construction phase as FY05 construction funds were not authorized, and to accommodate a cost increase. One of the 3 structures will have only the deck replaced and the cost increase is due to the fact that the other 2 now also require

replacement of the superstructure, sandblasting and repainting. This project provides for the rehabilitation of three bridge structures in Bedminster Township: over Deep Run Creek; Tohickon Creek; and Creamery Road.

d. **TIP Action PA05-67d: Naaman's Creek Road Restoration (MPMS #15485)**

PennDOT has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2005-2008 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a project back into the TIP, the Naaman's Creek Road Restoration project (MPMS #15485). This project was included as a "3R" restoration project in the FY03 TIP, but was programmed with only final design and right of way at the time, and construction is now ready to advance on this section between the Delaware State Line and Beaver Valley Road. Typical components of a '3R' project include base repair, milling, overlay, resurfacing, and drainage improvements, and this one includes shoulder improvements. The intent of a '3R' project is to make whatever improvements are necessary to bring the road up to current standards. \$7.5 million for construction will be programmed in FY06 (\$4.5 million HWY/\$1.125 million state) and FY07 (\$1.5 million HWY/\$375,000 state).

*Motion: by David Johnson, seconded by Leo Bagley to modify the FY2005-2008 TIP for Pennsylvania by increasing the FY06 construction phase of the Easton Road Bridges Over Deep Run Creek project in Bucks County by adding \$6.660 million federal bridge funds to the FY06 construction phase as FY05 construction funds were not authorized, and to accommodate a cost increase; and to amend the FY2005-2008 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a project back into the TIP, the Naaman's Creek Road Restoration project (MPMS #15485).*

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

e. **TIP Action PA05-68: Philadelphia Naval Center Shuttle (MPMS #68069), Philadelphia**

SEPTA has requested that DVRPC modify the FY2005-2008 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding FY06 funds to the Navy Yard Shuttle Bus (MPMS #68069). Originally funded through the DVRPC Competitive CMAQ Program, the service was expected to provide 12 months of transit feeder service to the Navy Yard (formerly known as the Naval Business Cenetr) from SEPTA's Broad Street Subway Pattison Avenue Station. Service began on February 24, 2004 and carries average daily ridership of 298 passengers, and has been able to provide over 2 years of service (26 months). SEPTA and PAID - the Philadelphia Authority for Industrial

Development, formerly known as PIDC, Philadelphia Industrial Center - request that \$140,000 (\$112,000 CMAQ/\$28,000 local match) be programmed this fiscal year to provide an additional 10 months of service, resulting in a full three years of operating assistance as allowable under the CMAQ program. Since the vehicles have already been purchased, funds are needed for operations only. PAID is working to get full financial support for the service from the private industries in the Navy Yard development to pick up the tab for the shuttle service once this federal funding is expended. The name of the project will be changed to the Navy Yard Shuttle Bus as the Naval Center is now referred to as the Navy Yard.

*Motion: by Catherine Popp-McDonough, seconded by Michelle Webb to modify the FY2005-2008 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding FY06 funds to the Navy Yard Shuttle Bus (MPMS #68069).*

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

**f. TIP Action PA05-69: Limekiln Pike/202 Intersection, (New Proposed Project, MPMS #76104), Bucks County**

PennDOT has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2005-2008 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a new project, the Limekiln Pike/202 Intersection project (MPMS #76104). This state funded project is one of the off-site improvements related to the Route 202 Parkway project and would be programmed for \$750,000 state funds for preliminary engineering in FY06 (\$300,000), final design in FY07 (\$300,000), and utility and right of way in FY07 (\$150,000). The project will replace the signalized intersection with either a round-about, or removal of the "dog-leg" alignment to eliminate the existing jog where the two roads intersect. The alternative will be selected during the preliminary engineering phase.

**g. TIP Action PA05-70: Willow Grove Avenue Over SEPTA R8 (Bridge) (New Proposed Project, MPMS #76870), Philadelphia**

The City of Philadelphia Streets Department has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2005-2008 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a new project, the Willow Grove Avenue Bridge Over SEPTA R8 (MPMS #76870), and programming \$300,000 (\$240,000 federal bridge/\$45,000 state/\$15,000 local) for preliminary engineering in FY06. Final design of \$250,000 and construction totaling \$2.7 million will be programmed in Later Fiscal Years. The bridge was recently closed to pedestrian and vehicular traffic due to advanced deterioration of the structure. \$300,000 for preliminary engineering will commence this fiscal year, with final design and construction estimated at \$3 million (combined) in later fiscal years. The scope of work includes the removal of the existing structure and piers, the

construction of new stone faced reinforced concrete abutments, reconstruction of the roadway approach, and the construction of a new single span stringer bridge, concrete parapets, and an electrification barrier over the SEPTA track.

**h. TIP Action PA05-71: PA 422 Reconstruction, PA 29 to Township Line (New Proposed Project, MPMS #51359), Montgomery County**

PENNDOT has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2005-2008 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a project back into the TIP, the PA 422 Reconstruction project between PA 29 and Township Line. This stretch of roadway is proposed for inclusion and rehabilitation in the PennDOT Pavement Preservation Program, but final design needs to be advanced at this time before the deterioration progresses to a point where the roadway is no longer eligible for the program. PennDOT's request is that \$350,000 for final design be programmed over FY06, FY07, and FY08 for the project. Construction is estimated at \$4 million.

*Motion: by David Johnson, seconded by Linda Guarini to amend the FY2005-2008 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a new project, the Limekiln Pike/202 Intersection project (MPMS #76104); to amend the FY2005-2008 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a new project, the Willow Grove Avenue Bridge Over SEPTA R8 (MPMS #76870), and programming \$300,000 (\$240,000 federal bridge/\$45,000 state/\$15,000 local) for preliminary engineering in FY06; and to amend the FY2005-2008 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a project back into the TIP, the PA 422 Reconstruction project between PA 29 and Township Line.*

Motion passed. 18 votes were cast in favor of the motion. None opposed. 1 abstention.

**6. Authorization to open 30-Day Public Comment Period for the FY2007 TIP and for the Conformity Determination of the 2030 Long Range Plan**

Staff has been working with the NJ and PA Subcommittees, NJDOT, PennDOT, NJ TRANSIT, SEPTA, and DRPA on the development of the draft FY2007 Transportation Improvement Program for NJ and PA, and with the Transportation Conformity Interagency Coordination Group on the updated conformity determination for the TIP and 2030 Long Range Plan. Charles Dougherty (DVRPC) requested that the RTC recommend to the Board the authorization to release these documents for public and agency review and comment during a 30-day public comment period beginning in early May.

*Motion: by Curt Noe, seconded by Matthew Lawson to recommend to the Board the authorization to release these documents for public and agency*

*review and comment during a 30-day public comment period beginning in early May.*

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

## **PRESENTATION ITEMS**

### **7. Taming Traffic: Context-Sensitive Solutions in the DVRPC Region**

Karin Morris (DVRPC) and Kevin Murphy (DVRPC) presented a recently released study, *Taming Traffic: Context-Sensitive Solutions in the DVRPC Region*. The report focused on common traffic calming techniques, their role in context-sensitive solutions, and their application in two case studies in the region.

## **INFORMATION ITEMS**

### **8. DVRPC Congestion Management Process (CMP)**

Zoe Neaderland (DVRPC) presented a brief update on the CMP adopted in November 2005, and distributed the executive summary and report.

### **9. One Minute Reports**

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

### **10. Old Business and New Business**

Brian Cuccia, PCC/RTC Chair, informed the members that the tenure of the PCC/RTC Chair and Vice-Chair expire on June 30, 2006. Mr. Cuccia requested permission to form a sub-committee of the PCC/RTC to appoint the next Chair and Vice-Chair of the PCC/RTC.

*Motion: by Peter Quinn to permit the formation of a sub-committee of the PCC/RTC that would work to appoint the next Chair and Vice-Chair.*

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

### **11. Meeting Adjournment**

The next scheduled meeting of the PCC/RTC is May 9, 2006.

**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  
 Edward Williams  
 (not represented)  
 (not represented)  
 Tom Shaffer  
 James McQuilken  
 John Boyle  
 Lorraine Brill  
 Jessica Savidge  
 Matthew Lawson  
 Leo Bagley  
 Brian Cuccia  
 (not represented)  
 (not represented)  
 Jerry Lutin  
 (not represented)  
 (not represented)  
 Linda Guarini  
 Anthony Santaniello  
 Michelle Webb  
 Kenneth Lomax  
 Catherine Popp-McDonough

**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  
 US EPA - Region II  
 US EPA - Region III

**Representative**

Kelvin MacKavanaugh  
 (not represented)  
 (not represented)  
 (not represented)  
 (not represented)  
 (not represented)  
 (not represented)  
 William Ragozine  
 (not represented)  
 Peter Quinn  
 Don Steele  
 David Harvey  
 (not represented)  
 (not represented)  
 (not represented)  
 (not represented)  
 Martin Kotsch



**ATTENDANCE (cont'd)**

**Other Member Representatives and Guests**

Greg Brown - PennDOT District 6-0  
Kathleen Zubrzycki - SEPTA  
Steve D'Antonio - SEPTA  
Donald Brennan - PRPA  
Matt Edmond - Montgomery County Planning Commission  
Randy Waltermyer - Chester County Planning Commission  
Claudia Gordon - City of Philadelphia -STS  
Carmen Zappile - PIDC  
Darren Fava - CPTMA  
Jerry Mooney - NJDOT  
Ira Levinton - NJDOT  
Martin Hull - KSK

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Ted Dahlburg  
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Elizabeth Schoonmaker  
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Karin Morris  
Greg Krykewycz  
Natalia Olsen