

DELAWARE VALLEY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
PLANNING COORDINATING COMMITTEE/
REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
May 9, 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 New Jersey's Transportation Trust Fund will be made available to provide resources for critical highway and transit repairs and capacity expansion projects throughout the next five years.

Mr. Cuccia introduced Mr. Barry Seymour as the newly appointed Executive Director of the DVRPC. Mr. Seymour addressed the committee and informed the members that Dr. Don Shanis has been appointed to the newly created position of Deputy Executive Director of the DVRPC. Mr. Seymour added that he recognizes the importance of the PCC/RTC and stated that Dr. Shanis will continue his roll as the DVRPC representative to the committee.

2. Transportation Director's Report

Don Shanis (DVRPC) informed the members that the DVRPC has opened a 30-day public comment period for the Draft FY2007 TIP for Pennsylvania and New Jersey. The comment period will close on June 4, 2006.

Dr. Shanis announced that the ITS America 2006 Annual Meeting and Exposition was being held May 7-9, 2006, at the Pennsylvania Convention Center, in Philadelphia, PA.

Dr. Shanis stated that the Regional Indicators Project is about to begin, with meetings scheduled for May 23, 2006, and June 12, 2006, to be held at DVRPC offices.

Lastly, Dr. Shanis informed the members that PENNDOT's Transportation Finance and Reform Committee Meeting will be held at the DVRPC offices on May 18-19, 2006.

3. Report on Regional Citizens Committee Activities

John Boyle reported that the RCC has expressed concern over the lack of proper transit access across the bridges separating Pennsylvania and New Jersey. Mr. Boyle stated that the RCC hopes that in the future, regional transit connections between the states are improved.

ACTION ITEMS

4. Highlights of the Meeting of April 4, 2006

The highlights from the April 4, 2006 meeting of the PCC/RTC were presented for adoption.

Motion: by Matthew Lawson, seconded by Lee Whitmore to adopt the highlights for the April 4, 2006 PCC/RTC meeting.

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

5. DVRPC Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Elizabeth Schoonmaker presented 4 TIP amendments for consideration.

a. TIP Action PA05-73a: PA 363, Trooper Road Interchange (MPMS #16669), Montgomery County

PENNDOT has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2005-2008 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a project back into the TIP, the PA 363, Trooper Road Interchange improvement project (MPMS #16669) by programming a \$500,000 STU funded construction phase in FY06, acknowledging Toll Credit match. This project covers the US Route 422 off-ramp improvements associated with the Betzwood Bridge replacement (MPMS No. 16489) which is currently underway for design. The bridge replacement project will result in re-establishing two-way traffic on SR 0363 at its intersection with US Route 422 westbound off-ramp. Presently traffic in the southbound direction of PA 363 is limited to local access. Improvements are required at the off-ramp merge to maintain safety and handle the extra capacity. Improvements include the installation of a new traffic signal, new signs, new pavement marking and minor island/barrier reconstruction/removal.

b. TIP Action PA05-73b: PA 23 at Old Betzwood Bridge (MPMS #16490), Montgomery County

PENNDOT has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2005-2008 TIP for

Pennsylvania by adding a project back into the TIP, the PA 23 at Old Betzwood Bridge project (MPMS #16490) and programming a \$4.860 million STU funded construction phase in FY06, acknowledging Toll Credit match. This project addresses the roadway approach improvements associated with the Betzwood Bridge replacement (MPMS #16489) which is currently in design. Improvements include major reconstruction of the roadway on either side of the bridge between PA Route 23 and Route 422 on Route 363, noting that both the bridge and the roadway will be raised approximately 2 feet higher than previous configurations. This will both accommodate the railroad underneath and improve the safety of the intersection at Route 23. A new signal and turn lane at the intersection of Route 23 and Route 363, and a new signalized intersection on Route 363 at the Boat Launch and Riverview housing development are included. Signal and turn lane improvements at Outerline Drive are not part of this project and the title and project description will be edited to reflect the proper scope. New drainage, signage and construction services are also included in the construction estimate.

Motion: by Lee Whitmore, seconded by Jim Mosca to amend the FY2005-2008 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a project back into the TIP, the PA 363, Trooper Road Interchange improvement project (MPMS #16669) by programming a \$500,000 STU funded construction phase in FY06, acknowledging Toll Credit match; and to amend the FY2005-2008 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a project back into the TIP, the PA 23 at Old Betzwood Bridge project (MPMS #16490) and programming a \$4.860 million STU funded construction phase in FY06, acknowledging Toll Credit match.

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

c. TIP Action PA05-73c: State Road Closed Loop Signal System (MPMS #57756), Delaware County

PennDOT has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2005-2008 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a project back into the TIP, the State Road Closed Loop Signal System project (MPMS #57756) by programming a \$320,000 CMAQ utility phase and \$1.2 million construction phase in FY06. Originally selected as a project through the DVRPC Competitive CMAQ Program, this project is now ready to advance to construction. The construction phase includes the installation of an interconnected closed loop traffic signal system by replacing obsolete traffic controllers at 13 intersections. The system will be tied via fiber optics to a central monitoring location which will most likely be the Upper Darby Township Building. It will be monitored by Upper Darby's in-house personnel and remote access will be accommodated. Pedestrian poles, pavement markings, and signage will be

included. The description and title should be revised to reflect project limits on State Road from Rolling Road to Hilltop Road.

Motion: by Justin Dula, seconded by Catherine Popp-McDonough to amend the FY2005-2008 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a project back into the TIP, the State Road Closed Loop Signal System project (MPMS #57756) by programming a \$320,000 CMAQ utility phase and \$1.2 million construction phase in FY06.

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

d. TIP Action NJ06-09: CR 571/Princeton Hightstown Road (Local Scoping, DB #X80B)

Mercer County has requested that DVRPC modify the FY2006-2008 TIP for New Jersey by programming \$300,000 STP-STU funds in FY06 in the DVRPC Local Scoping Line Item for CR 571/Princeton-Hightstown Road in FY06. The project limits include the intersections of CR 571 with Clarksville Road (CR 638) and Wallace-Cranbury Road (CR 615), and the approximate 1 mile segment that connects them. CR 571 is a major east-west corridor at the northern edge of the county, and the Central Jersey Transportation Forum endorsed the improvement concept at its last meeting. There is a severe safety concern regarding the area where the road drops from four to two lanes. The County and West Windsor Township hope to make "main street" pedestrian, bicycle, and site access improvements, including sidewalks, protected turn lanes, and no additional through travel lanes. Currently, \$1.48 million STP-STU is available in the Local Scoping Line Item for selected projects, and \$1.180 million will remain after this action.

Motion: by Matthew Lawson, seconded by Curt Noe to modify the FY2006-2008 TIP for New Jersey by programming \$300,000 STP-STU funds in FY06 in the DVRPC Local Scoping Line Item for CR 571/Princeton-Hightstown Road in FY06.

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

PRESENTATION ITEMS

6. Land Use and Access Management Strategies For West Chester Pike

Kelly Rossiter (DVRPC) presented the findings of a study which was undertaken to examine the link between transportation and land use in the West Chester Pike corridor. Several recommendations and improvement strategies resulted from this study including the creation of a funding source document to help

municipalities locate the financial support necessary to complete the recommended improvements; a sample official map ordinance; access management ordinances for each community; possible modification of SEPTA bus routes; and necessary amendments to each municipality's comprehensive plan.

7. **Overview of DVRPC's 2005 Orthophotography Project**

Since 1959, DVRPC has acquired aerial imagery for the region every five years. The aerial/ortho imagery has proven to be an invaluable information resource to DVRPC and its member governments. Glenn McNichol (DVRPC) provided an overview of the 2005 orthophotography project.

DISCUSSION ITEM

8. **United We Ride Program in New Jersey**

This program will improve coordination among various human services transportation providers under new FTA requirements. Jerry Lutin (NJ TRANSIT) introduced to the committee how NJ TRANSIT has developed a proposal to meet FTA's anticipated new planning requirements.

INFORMATION ITEMS

9. **FY 2006 Job Access and Reverse Commute (JARC) Grant Program**

Karen Cilurso (DVRPC) informed the members that information on the FY 2006 Pennsylvania JARC project solicitation and recommended projects for funding will be postponed to the June 6, 2006 meeting.

10. **One Minute Reports**

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

11. **Old Business and New Business**

12. **Meeting Adjournment**

The next scheduled meeting of the PCC/RTC is June 6, 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)
 Judy Adams
 Justin Dula
 Linda Hayes
 John Boyle
 (not represented)
 Jessica Savidge
 Matthew Lawson
 (not represented)
 Brian Cuccia
 (not represented)
 (not represented)
 Jerry Lutin
 (not represented)
 Jim Mosca
 Linda Guarini
 (not represented)
 Michelle Webb
 (not represented)
 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
 (not represented)
 (not represented)
 (not represented)
 Les Varga
 (not represented)
 Martin Kotsch

ATTENDANCE (cont'd)

Other Member Representatives and Guests

Greg Brown - PennDOT District 6-0
Kathleen Zubrzycki - SEPTA
Claudia Gordon - City of Philadelphia -STS
Andrea Jordan - Philadelphia Department of Streets
Jim McQuilkin - DRPA
Bob Scarlott - Burlington County
Julie Gandy - Burlington County
Sue Herman - RRTS

DVRPC Staff

Donald Shanis
Charles Dougherty
Barry Seymour
Ted Dahlburg
Matthew West
Elizabeth Schoonmaker
Jean McKinney
Glenn McNichol
Sean Lawrence
Jim Briggs