

DELAWARE VALLEY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
**PLANNING COORDINATING COMMITTEE/
REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**
January 9, 2007 Meeting Highlights
DVRPC Conference Room, Philadelphia, PA

1. Call to Order - Chairman's Comments

Catherine Popp-McDonough welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order. Ms. Popp-McDonough introduced Chivas Grannum as the new RTC representative for the Philadelphia Department of Streets.

2. Deputy Executive Director's Report

Dr. Shanis mentioned several highlights from the recent DVRPC board meeting (12/07/06), including the adoption of staff recommended changes to the TCDI program and the release of the FY2008 draft work program for comments. He also noted that all future board meetings will begin at 10:00 a.m. rather than the previous start time of 10:30 a.m.

Dr. Shanis also reminded those in attendance of the upcoming 86th Annual TRB Meeting, to be held in Washington DC, January 21-25, 2007.

3. Report on Regional Citizens Committee Activities

John Boyle provided information on the most recent RCC meeting. The RCC approved all action items and also discussed the lack of safety, especially for pedestrians, along Roosevelt Boulevard. As a result, the RCC plans to draft a recommendation for a Complete Streets Study along Roosevelt Boulevard.

ACTION ITEMS

4. Highlights of the Meeting of November 14, 2006

The highlights from the November 14, 2006 meeting of the PCC/RTC were presented for adoption.

Motion: by Brian Cuccia, seconded by Jessica Lucas to adopt the highlights for the November 14, 2006 PCC/RTC meeting.

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

5. DVRPC Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Actions

Elizabeth Schoonmaker presented 7 TIP amendments for consideration.

a. TIP Action PA07-19: American Cities/Safe Routes to School Phase 3, (Proposed New DEMO Project, MPMS #74828), Philadelphia

The City of Philadelphia has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2007-2010 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a new project to the TIP, American Cities/Safe Routes to School Phase 3, (MPMS #74828) using \$320,000 DEMO funds provided through a SAFETEA-LU earmark, and a \$80,000 local match provided by the City of Philadelphia for preliminary engineering in FY07 and FY08. This earmark ID is #2662, and the total earmarked amount is \$3.2 million DEMO funds/\$800,000 Local Match. The remaining \$2.56 Million DEMO/\$640,000 Local match for construction will be programmed on a future fiscal constraint chart. This project is the third phase of the City's Safe Routes to School project. The project will include installation of school flashers, bumpouts and crosswalks at various locations throughout the City of Philadelphia.

b. TIP Action PA07-20: Roosevelt Boulevard Safety Improvements(Proposed New DEMO Project, MPMS #74839), Philadelphia

PennDOT has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2007-2010 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a new project to the TIP, Roosevelt Boulevard Safety Improvements (MPMS #74839) using \$1.274 Million DEMO funds provided by a SAFETEA -LU earmark, acknowledging Toll credit match. The project will provide for the design, final design and construction of safety improvements along the signalized portion of Roosevelt Boulevard roughly between 9th Street and the Bucks County line. The project will include a public education effort, upgrading signing along the corridor, relocation and elimination of various crossovers, installation of permanent speed boards at various locations and additional safety related measures. The funding will be programmed for preliminary engineering in FY07 (\$300,000 DEMO funds/\$0 Toll credit match); final design in FY07 (\$125,000 DEMO funds/\$0 Toll credit match); construction in FY07 (\$849,000 DEMO funds/\$0 Toll credit match). The SAFETEA-LU DEMO ID# is 3004, PA ID #493 and is for a total of \$3.2 million. The \$1.926 million balance of the DEMO will be programmed on a future fiscal constraint chart.

Motion: by Deborah Schaaf, seconded by Linda Guarini, to amend the FY2007-2010 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a new project to the TIP, American Cities/Safe Routes to School Phase 3, (MPMS #74828) using \$320,000 DEMO funds provided through a SAFETEA-LU earmark, and a \$80,000 local match provided by the City of Philadelphia for preliminary engineering in FY07 and FY08; and amend the FY2007-2010 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a new project to the TIP, Roosevelt Boulevard Safety Improvements (MPMS #74839) using \$1.274 Million DEMO funds provided by a SAFETEA -LU earmark, acknowledging Toll credit match.

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

c. TIP Action NJ07-05: Route 130/Campus Drive (DB #95078B1), Burlington County

Burlington County has requested that DVRPC modify the FY2007-2010 TIP for New Jersey by adding the final design phase back into the US 130 Campus Drive Project, (DB #95078B1) to FY07. Further, shift a portion of the right of way phase from FY07 to FY08, and shift the construction phase from FY08 to FY09, using DEMO funds provided through TEA-21 and drawing \$1.5 million from the DVRPC Future Projects Line Item (DB #D026) in FY09 for construction. The funding will be programmed for final design in FY07 (\$1,000,000 DEMO); a portion of the right of way will be shifted from FY07 to FY08 (\$700,000 DEMO); construction will be shifted from FY08 to FY09 (\$188,000 DEMO/\$1.5 million STP-STU). Final design was originally programmed in FY06 (\$500,000 DEMO) but not authorized, and more recent and accurate estimates have been made.

Further, the amount shown as still available from the DEMO was not properly programmed and needed to be adjusted: \$2.188 million is available from the earmark. This project will provide for the relocation of jughandles from milepost 44.75 to Campus Drive (milepost 44.52) and modification of existing traffic patterns to serve identified community and safety needs. Campus Drive will be extended from Sunset Road to Salem Road (approximately 1/3 mile).

Motion: by Carol Thomas, seconded by Brian Cuccia, to modify the FY2007-2010 TIP for New Jersey by adding the final design phase back into the US 130 Campus Drive Project, (DB #95078B1) to FY07.

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

d. TIP Action NJ07-06a: Route 295, Tomlin Station Road to Route 45, Rehabilitation (DB #00372A), Gloucester County

NJDOT has requested that DVRPC modify the FY2007-2010 TIP for New Jersey by increasing the FY08 construction funding for the Gloucester County section of the Route 295 Rehabilitation project (DB #00372A) between Tomlin Station Road and Route 45 by adding \$42.915 million (\$27.37 million IM funds/\$15.545 million State funds). There has been a significant cost increase to this project, attributable primarily to the rise in the cost of materials, addition of \$4 million for ITS components to the project, and increased traffic control measures. The increase will raise the cost of this section from \$44.347 million to \$87.262 million. This hyperbuild "fix it first" roadway rehabilitation project will provide for the excavation and rebuilding the roadway project, as well as excavation to allow for vertical clearance at the overpass. The project description will be edited to reflect an accurate construction estimate.

e. TIP Action NJ07-06b: Route 30, Clementon at Gibbsboro Road (DB #95032), Proposed Deletion, Camden County

NJDOT has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2007-2010 TIP for New Jersey by deleting the Route 30, Clementon at Gibbsboro Road project (DB #95032) from the TIP by removing the FY09 construction funding (\$2.2 million HSIP funds). NJDOT's solution to this heavy accident location with a high rate of turning movements became a large scale widening of the intersection which was locally opposed, and the scaled back version of the project was not acceptable to the municipality. After further review and consideration, NJDOT believes that a new traffic signal and newly striped dedicated turn lanes will alleviate the safety problems at the location, and NJDOT will monitor the location for a year after those improvements are made in the spring of 2007. This project is currently programmed for \$2.2 million HSIP funds for construction in FY09.

f. TIP Action NJ07-06c: Route 30, Cooper River Drainage Improvements (DB #9377), Camden County

NJDOT has requested that DVRPC modify the FY2007-2010 TIP for New Jersey by deferring the FY08 and FY09 construction phases to FY11 for the Route 30, Cooper River Drainage Improvements, (DB #9377). The construction phases will be deferred from FY08 (\$10,870,000 NHS) and from FY09 (\$8,250,000 NHS) to FY11 (\$19,120,000 NHS). Funds from the deferred construction phases in FY08 and FY09 will be used to offset the cost of the construction phase of a project with a higher priority, Route 295, Tomlin Station Road to Route 45, Rehabilitation (DB #00372A), Gloucester County. The Cooper River Drainage project includes drainage improvements in the vicinity of Baird Boulevard and will include a tidal gate on the Cooper River approximately 165 to 230 feet downstream of the East State Street Bridge. The gate will be remotely operated from the NJDOT Regional Office in Cherry Hill. Highway stormwater runoff will be separated from sanitary sewers. Two water quality basins will be constructed inside ramps at Baird Boulevard. Also, two oil-water separators are proposed for water quality at two locations where the stormwater could not be directed into the water/quality basins. Outflow pipes from the proposed basins and oil-water separators will be fitted with tideflex valves to prevent backflow from water stored in the Cooper River basin. A 3-foot by 600-foot berm will be constructed east of the gate. NJDOT expects to be able to advance the construction phase in the future.

g. TIP Action NJ07-06d: Route 73, Fox Meadow Road/Fellowship Road (DB #94068), Burlington County.DVRPC Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Actions

NJDOT has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2007-2010 TIP for New Jersey by changing the scope of the state funded Route 73, Fox Meadow Road /Fellowship Road project (DB #94068) and reducing the programming for the project. The project has been scaled down through NJDOT's "Smart Solutions" effort and reduced in cost by eliminating \$22.038 million state funds from the FY09 construction phase. The project will improve a heavily congested intersection and

drainage at the trouble spots that currently have flooding problems. The reduction in cost is attributable to retaining the existing vertical clearance of the bridge and requiring replacement of the bridge superstructure in lieu of an entire bridge replacement, and will add a 15' auxiliary lane instead of a 12' lane and a 10' shoulder for Route 73 North Bound beyond Fox Meadow Road. This project is currently programmed for \$4.1 million state funds for utility phase in FY07, \$18.938 million state funds for construction in FY08, and \$22.038 million state funds for construction in FY09. The community is not opposed to the revisions, and the project description will be edited to reflect the accurate description.

Motion: by Brian Cuccia, seconded by Curt Noe, to modify the FY2007-2010 TIP for New Jersey by increasing the FY08 construction funding for the Gloucester County section of the Route 295 Rehabilitation project (DB #00372A) between Tomlin Station Road and Route 45 by adding \$42.915 million (\$27.37 million IM funds/\$15.545 million State funds); amend the FY2007-2010 TIP for New Jersey by deleting the Route 30, Clementon at Gibbsboro Road project (DB #95032) from the TIP by removing the FY09 construction funding (\$2.2 million HSIP funds); modify the FY2007-2010 TIP for New Jersey by deferring the FY08 and FY09 construction phases to FY11 for the Route 30, Cooper River Drainage Improvements, (DB #9377); and amend the FY2007-2010 TIP for New Jersey by changing the scope of the state funded Route 73, Fox Meadow Road /Fellowship Road project (DB #94068) and reducing the programming for the project.

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

6. Fiscal Year 2007 Planning Work Program Amendments

To respond to the needs of member governments and agencies, work program changes and additions are brought to the PCC/RTC to permit the timely undertaking of technical activity.

a. Supplemental I-95 Street Road Interchange Traffic Study

Tom Walker (DVRPC) explained that due to the upcoming development of several casinos and related developments along I-95, the transportation analysis for this project needs to be reassessed. The requested increase in budget will be used to review previous traffic forecasts to determine their validity and to ensure that preliminary designs based on these forecasts are adequate for the expected increase in traffic along I-95.

Motion: by Linda Guarini, seconded by Dave Johnson to amend the FY 07 work program for Pennsylvania to include additional funds for this project.

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

b. Interstate 95 / US 322 Interchange Improvement Traffic Study

Matt Gates (DVRPC) reviewed a new traffic study to produce traffic forecasts for several ramps and turning movements along I-95 in the vicinity of the US 322 interchange. The study, requested by PennDOT, would assist the project's advisory committee in determining the best roadway configuration for this interchange as well as improved access for several industrial parks nearby.

Motion: by Tom Shaffer, seconded by Lee Whitmore to amend the FY 07 work program for Pennsylvania to include this additional project.

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

7. FY 2007/2008 Airport Capital Improvement Program (ACIP), Pennsylvania Side of Region

Each year in February, DVRPC provides to PENNDOT a priority listing of recommended airport capital expenditures in the region for the next grant year. This year's fiscally constrained ACIP was prepared by staff along with sponsor airports and has been reviewed by the Regional Aviation Committee (RAC). Reiner Pelzer (DVRPC) presented the highlights of this program as well as the methodology involved in determining the most appropriate recommendations.

Motion: by Lee Whitmore, seconded Matthew Edmonds to accept the recommendations and priority listing of airport capital expenditures contained in the ACIP.

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

8. DVRPC FY 2008 Planning Work Program

The Draft Planning Work Program for FY 2008, which begins on July 1, 2007, was approved by the Board for distribution and review. This draft document was made available at the Board Meeting on December 7, 2006 and copies were mailed separately to RTC members in mid-December. The draft includes all of the work expected to be completed by DVRPC staff and also the Transportation Support Programs and the Supportive Regional Highway Planning Programs in both States. John Griffies (DVRPC) asked those in attendance to email any comments on the work program to him. He also asked the RTC to recommend that the DVRPC Board adopt the Final FY 2008 Work Program.

Motion: by Jerry Lutin, seconded Tom Shaffer to recommend that the DVRPC Board adopt the Final FY 2008 Work Program, pending the resolution of any comments.

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

9. Adoption of DVRPC Title VI Compliance Plan

As the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Delaware Valley, DVRPC is required to adopt a Title VI Compliance Plan that addresses responsiveness to Title

VI requirements for project selection in the Work Program, the TIP and the Long-Range Plan, as well as providing evidence of public outreach techniques that encourage the involvement of all regional citizens. The Draft Plan, entitled "Equity and Opportunity", underwent a 45-day public comment period that ended on November 17, 2006. Jane Meconi (DVRPC) stated that a summary of public comments received has been prepared, although none of the comments will significantly change the document. Ms. Meconi asked that the RTC recommend that the DVRPC Board adopt this plan at their next meeting on January 25, 2007.

Motion: by John Boyle, seconded by Matthew Lawson, to recommend that the DVRPC Board adopt the Title VI Compliance Plan, "Equity and Opportunity".

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

10. PennVEST Applications Review

DVRPC is reviewing two PennVest applications (one in Delaware County and one in Philadelphia) to ensure that they are consistent with city, county, and regional land use plans. Patty Elkins (DVRPC) provided an overview of both applications, as well as staff recommendations.

Delaware County: Chadds Ford Township Sewer Authority for Turner's Mill Sewer Plant and Collection Facilities— PennVest loan request for \$1,600,000 for sewage collection facilities to serve Chadds Ford Village and other nearby areas, and a pro rated allocation of the cost of the Turner's Mill Plant capacity. The plant has a capacity of 140,000 gpd, which was built to serve a new development, as well as to serve Chadds Ford Village and other nearby areas that suffer from malfunctioning septic systems or that have small sewage treatment plants in need of replacement. Due to the poor soils and wet conditions in the Chadds Ford Village area, the current sewage disposal conditions could have negative impacts on the Brandywine Creek.

This project along Route 1 in Chadds Ford Township is in an existing developed area and will improve the water quality of the Brandywine Creek. As such, it is consistent with the goals and policies of the regional plan.

Motion: by Tom Shaffer, seconded by Lee Whitmore, to recommend that the DVRPC approve the PennVest application for Chadds Ford Township Sewer Authority.

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

City of Philadelphia: Canus Corporation North Second Street Development Brownfield Project – PennVest loan request for \$7,601,250 to remediate a brownfield site, a former scrap yard, currently contaminated with PCBs, lead, and contaminated building debris. The funding request also includes acquisition of the site so that Canus can begin the remediation and associated soft costs of the project. Upon the clean-up, Canus has developed schematic plans for a 150-unit residential and a 7-unit industrial studio development. The project is approximately 3 acres, located at 1300-

54 North Second Street in the Kensington South neighborhood. The developer's project description also states that buildings will be LEED certified structures.

This project is consistent with the Destination 2030 Plan policy to revitalize and strengthen urban centers and to rebuild abandoned brownfield sites into thriving mixed use areas. As such, it is recommended for approval.

Motion: *by Debbie Schaaf, seconded by John Boyle, to recommend that the DVRPC approve the PennVest application for the City of Philadelphia.*

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

PRESENTATION ITEMS

11. DVRPC's Transportation Safety Planning Program

With the additional costs of property damage, injuries and lost lives associated with transportation safety, DVRPC has taken a collaborative and integrative approach to transportation safety planning. Rosemarie Anderson (DVRPC) presented the RTC with the steps the Commission has initiated to integrate safety into the planning process. Ms. Anderson also invited the audience to attend the next Regional Safety Task Force meeting to be held at the DVRPC offices on January 18, 2007.

12. PA 100 Safety Study

Postponed to February 2007 RTC meeting.

DISCUSSION ITEM

13. Revisions to the Destination 2030 Long Range Plan

DVRPC must revise the Destination 2030 Long Range Plan to comply with SAFETEA-LU requirements by July 2007. The Long Range Financial Plan must be updated as part of the revision. Mike Boyer (DVRPC) presented an overview of draft revenues and expenditures as well as the implications on the set of major regional transportation projects included in the Plan.

INFORMATION ITEMS

14. FY 08 Pennsylvania TMA Assistance Grant and Mobility Alternative Program Work Programs

Each year in January, the Pennsylvania Transportation Management Associations submit new work programs for the following fiscal year for the PennDOT TMA Assistance Grant Program, and the Mobility Alternatives Program. Sarah Oaks (DVRPC) presented these draft work programs. RTC members were asked to review the document over the next two weeks and return comments to Ms. Oaks (soaks@dvrpc.org) no later than January 19, 2007. The RTC will be asked to take approval action on these work programs in February 2007.

15. Job Access Program /Coordinated Human Services Transportation Plan (CHST)

Natalia Olson gave a brief overview of the JARC program's current issues, proposed changes and next steps.

16. One Minute Reports

PCC/RTC Members and guests were invited to provide updates on the activities of their agencies.

17. Old Business and New Business

Due to a schedule conflict with the upcoming TransAction Conference, the RTC meeting for April will be rescheduled from April 11, 2007 to April 3, 2007.

Motion: by Jessica Lucas, seconded by Jerry Lutin, to reschedule the April RTC meeting for April 3, 2007

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

18. Meeting Adjournment

The next scheduled meeting of the PCC/RTC is February 6, 2007.

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
 US EPA - Region II
 US EPA - Region III

Representative

David Johnson
 Carol Thomas
 Curt Noe
 Lee Whitmore
 Edward Williams
 (not represented)
 Judy Adams
 Tom Shaffer
 Linda Hayes
 John Boyle
 Lorraine Brill
 Jessica Lucas
 Matthew Lawson
 Matthew Edmonds
 Brian Cuccia
 (not represented)
 (not represented)
 Jerry Lutin
 (not represented)
 (not represented)
 Linda Guarini
 Deborah Schaaf
 Chivas Grannum
 Kenneth Lomax
 Catherine Popp-McDonough

Representative

Kelvin MacKavanagh
 (not represented)
 (not represented)
 (not represented)
 (not represented)
 (not represented)
 Brian Wahler
 William Ragozine
 (not represented)
 Peter Quinn
 Don Steele
 Nick Walsh
 (not represented)
 (not represented)
 (not represented)
 (not represented)
 Martin Kotsch

ATTENDANCE (cont'd)

Other Member Representatives and Guests

Kathryn Zubrzycki – SEPTA

Jim McQuilkin – DRPA

Marty DeNero – Mercer County

Glenn Reibman – Delaware River Joint Toll Bridge Commission

Randy Waltermeyer – Chester County Planning Commission

Jim Berzok – NJDOT

Dana Hecht – NJDOT

Dave Lambert – NJDOT

Peter Bromley – Michael Baker Jr Inc

David Harvey – PRPA

Anna Lynn Smith – PB

Sue Herman – RRTS

Julie Gandy – Burlington County

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John Ward

Elizabeth Schoonmaker

Sarah Oaks

Karen Cilurso

Michael Boyer

Natalia Olson

Reiner Pelzer

Roger Moog

Gastonia Anderson

Matt Gates

Matthew West

Kelly Rossiter