

DELAWARE VALLEY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
PLANNING COORDINATING COMMITTEE/
REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
February 6, 2007 Meeting Highlights
DVRPC Conference Room, Philadelphia, PA

1. Call to Order - Chairman's Comments

Catherine Popp-McDonough (SEPTA) welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order. Ms. Popp-McDonough pointed out that President Bush's budget was presented on Monday, February 5, 2007, and included \$309 million less for transit than the SAFETEA-LU funding levels. Ms. Popp-McDonough also mentioned that new SEPTA routes would provide service to the Philadelphia Park Casino beginning on February 11, 2007. SEPTA also recently updated their transit maps for both the City and Suburban services. Maps can be purchased for \$9.95 at the SEPTA main office (1234 Market Street, Philadelphia, PA). Finally, a public meeting was held at SEPTA on Monday, January 29, 2007; drawing twenty-four participants and eight comments from the public.

2. Deputy Executive Director's Report

Dr. Don Shanis (DVRPC) noted that highlights from the most recent DVRPC board meeting, held on January 25, 2007, were included in the RTC meeting materials packet. He also, the New Jersey chapter of the Federal Highways Administration recently presented an award to DVRPC staff member, Rosemarie Anderson, in recognition of her work in safety planning.

3. Report on Regional Citizens Committee Activities

John Boyle provided information on the most recent RCC meeting. At that meeting RCC representatives for DVRPC committees were chosen. Warren Strumpfer was chosen as the Chairperson of the RCC with Hans van Naerssen as the PA Vice Chair and John Boyle as the NJ Vice Chair. Mr. Strumpfer was also appointed to the Regional Transportation Subcommittee along with John Boyle and Larry Shaeffer. RCC members also commented on the FY 2008 Work Program and drafted a resolution for the Cooper River project.

ACTION ITEMS**4. Highlights of the Meeting of January 9, 2007**

The highlights from the January 9, 2007 meeting of the PCC/RTC were presented for adoption.

Motion: by Brian Cuccia, seconded by Jim Mosca to adopt the highlights for the January 9, 2007 PCC/RTC meeting.

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

5. DVRPC Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Actions

Elizabeth Schoonmaker presented six TIP amendments for consideration.

a. TIP Action PA07-23: Chestnut Hill Parking Lot Rehabilitation (Proposed New DEMO Project)

The Philadelphia Streets Department has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2007-2010 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a new project to the TIP, Chestnut Hill Parking Lot Rehabilitation using \$247,500 FTA DEMO funds provided by a FY06 Appropriations bill, and a \$82,723 local match. The project will provide for the resurfacing, lighting, signage, upgrading of parking attendant booths, and communication systems for two parking facilities in the Germantown Avenue Commercial Corridor, which has 120 businesses, and SEPTA routes R7, R8, L, 77 and 94. A parking study and improvements to seven lots have already been completed as part of the larger improvement program and serve as the local in-kind match. The funding will be programmed for construction in FY07 (\$247,500 DEMO/\$82,723 local match). The FY 2006 Appropriations DEMO ID# is PA E-2006 BUSP.

Motion: by Tom Branigan, seconded by Kenneth Lomax to amend the FY2007-2010 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a new project to the TIP, Chestnut Hill Parking Lot Rehabilitation, using \$247,500 FTA DEMO funds provided by a FY06 Appropriations bill and a \$82,723 local match.

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

b. **TIP Action PA07-24: Deferrals Resulting in Technical Deletions from the TIP, Multiple Projects, All Counties**

PennDOT has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2007-2010 TIP for Pennsylvania by deferring phases for several projects in the TIP in order to 1) indicate more accurate "let" schedules, 2) accommodate cost increases for other projects that are ready to advance at this time, and 3) maintain fiscal constraint of the TIP. These deferrals result in phases being pushed out of the 4 year TIP program and "technical deletions" of several projects. All of the projects deferred as part of this action will continue to show in the program with funding captured in "Later Fiscal Years" and their let date noted. DVRPC will keep a running list of any project that has been shifted back significantly since the beginning of the FY07 fiscal year, October 1, 2006. This list will be considered at the time of the FY09 PA TIP update, which begins in the fall of 2007, along with the issue of whether to add new projects to the program.

Motion: by Jessica Lucas, seconded by Matthew Edmonds to amend the FY2007-2010 TIP for Pennsylvania by technically deleting MPMS #16086, 15698, 64846, 17581, 70243, 16688, 64017, 17817, 57904, 64805, 68064 to coincide with revised let dates.

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

c. **TIP Action PA07-25b: Closed Loop Traffic Signal System - State Road from Route 3/West Chester Pike to US 1/Township Line Road (MPMS # 57756), Delaware County**

PennDOT has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2007-2010 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a project back into the TIP that was never obligated and missed being carried over into the FY07 TIP. The Closed Loop Traffic Signal System on State Road between Rolling Road and Hilltop Road. (MPMS #57756) will be programmed for \$800,000 for construction in FY07, and \$400,000 for construction in FY08, acknowledging a Toll Credit Match. The project is ready to advance to construction. Project will include installation of an interconnected closed loop traffic signal system by replacing obsolete traffic controllers at 13 intersections on State Road between Rolling Road and Hilltop Road. 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.

d. **TIP Action PA07-25c: US 202, Township Line Road to Morris Road (Section 61N), (MPMS # 63490), Montgomery County**

PennDOT has requested that DVRPC modify the FY2007-2010 TIP for Pennsylvania by increasing the right of way phase by \$13 million NHS funds, (\$4,000,000 NHS/\$0 Toll credit match in FY08 and \$9,000,000 NHS/\$0 Toll credit match in FY09), and deferring \$12 million of the FY08 and FY09 construction phases to FY11 (Later Fiscal Years) for the US 202, Township Line Road to Morris Road (Section 61N) project (MPMS # 63490). This \$38 million project includes widening US 202 for approximately 2.4 miles from two lanes to 5 lanes including a center turn lane in this section of US 202 between Township line Road and Morris Road. Five culverts will be replaced in this portion of section 600 and traffic signal equipment will be replaced at the intersections with Swede Road, Yost Road, Jolly Road and Skippack Pile (PA 73).

Motion: by Matthew Edmonds, seconded by Linda Guarini to amend the FY2007-2010 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding the Closed Loop Traffic Signal System on State Road between Rolling Road and Hilltop Road (MPMS #57756) back into the TIP, programming \$800,000 STU in FY07 and \$400,000 STU in FY08 for construction. Also to increase the right of way phase by \$4,000,000 NHS funds in FY08 and \$9,000,000 NHS funds in FY09, and deferring the FY08 and FY09 construction phases (\$12,000,000 NHS) to FY11 for the US 202, Township Line Road to Morris Road (Section 61N), (MPMS # 63490).

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

e. **TIP Action NJ07-08: Gloucester County Guide Rail Safety Project (DB #D0411), Gloucester County**

Gloucester County has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2007-2009 TIP for New Jersey by programming \$70,000 STP-STU funds in FY07 for final design and \$500,000 STP-STU in FY08 for construction for the Gloucester County Guide Rail Safety Project (DB #D0411). The final design and construction phase funding will be provided by the Future projects line item DB #D026. This project initially originated as a local scoping project with \$100,000 STP-STU funding programmed in FY04 for preliminary engineering, and has graduated into a TIP project. Gloucester County has 16 locations where county roadways either cross over or under the NJ Turnpike without actual access to the toll facility. When the turnpike was constructed in the 1960's, steel guide-rail and other dated appurtenances attached to the turnpike's parapets were installed and given to the county to maintain. The original installations are substandard and pose traffic safety hazards such as improper shielding for any errant vehicle as well as blunt

and fixed object hazard. This project will provide for the design of 5 guide-rails on the following roads: Tomlin Station Road, Ogden Station Road, Parkville Station Road, Elm Avenue, and Tanyard Road.

Motion: by Matthew Lawson, seconded by Carol Thomas to amend the FY2007-2010 TIP for New Jersey by programming \$70,000 STP-STU funds in FY07 for final design and \$500,000 STP-STU in FY08 for construction of the Gloucester County Guide Rail Safety Project (DB #D0411).

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

f. **TIP Action NJ07-09: CR 571/Princeton Hightstown Road (Local Scoping Project), (DB# X80B), Mercer County**

Mercer County has requested that DVRPC modify the FY2007-2009 TIP for New Jersey by programming \$300,000 STP-STU funds from FY07 of the DVRPC Local Scoping Line Item for CR 571/Princeton Hightstown Road (Local Scoping Project). 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 has endorsed the improvement concept. 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, \$2 million STP-STU is available in the FY07 Local Scoping Line Item for selected projects, and \$1.7 million will remain in FY07 after this action. This project was recommended for inclusion in the Local Scoping program last year, but was never advanced to federal authorization.

Motion: by Brian Cuccia, seconded by Jessica Lucas to modify the FY 2007-2009 TIP for New Jersey (FY2007-2009) by programming \$300,000 STP-STU for Local Preliminary Design (LPD) from the DVRPC Local Scoping Line Item (DB# X80B), for CR 571/Princeton Hightstown Road project.

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

6. **Pennsylvania Regional Safety Initiatives Program Project Selection for Inclusion in the FY07 TIP**

The Pennsylvania Regional Safety Initiatives program line item (Project ID MPMS #57927) in the PA FY07 TIP makes funding available for projects in the five county PA DVRPC region for hazard elimination treatments. Three specific projects have been identified and were recommended for funding through this program:

1) PA 100 Corridor Safety Project in Chester County - \$1,575,000

This project implements the short-term recommendations of the PA 100 Safety Study, conducted by DVRPC, of the approximately 8.5 miles through North and South Coventry, East Nantmeal, West Vincent, and Upper Uwchlan Townships in Chester County between Hanover Street (North Coventry Township) and Font Road (Upper Uwchlan Township). Several fatalities along the corridor over the last 10 years have been of great concern, and Chester County requested that DVRPC examine the causes and develop an action plan. Specific improvements identified in the study and recommended for funding include 1) applying Nova Chip to increase skid resistance at curves (this \$580,000 portion of the project will be funded and advanced through a state program and will not be funded with the HSIP funds), 2) pull-outs for police speed enforcement, 3) two dynamic message signs to warn motorists of unsafe road conditions, 4) construction of a northbound left turn lane at PA 23, and 5) extension of the Blackhorse Hill climbing lane transition and flattening its curve. It is anticipated that design will begin this fiscal year 2007, with construction planned for FY09 or sooner as possible.

2) Roosevelt Expressway Safety Improvements in Philadelphia - \$4,400,000

This project aims to reduce the number of injuries and the severity of those injuries along the approximate 3 mile section of limited access highway known as the Roosevelt Expressway. The anticipated benefits of the project are to 1) minimize the angle of redirecting vehicles off the median barrier; 2) preventing penetration through the barrier; 3) eliminating the blunt end of bridge abutment walls; and 4) reducing the number of single vehicles running off the road along the right shoulder in both directions. These goals will be accomplished by 1) installing over 12,000 feet of improved safety-shape concrete median barrier with ample delineation; 2) installing reflective pavement markers; 3) installing milled shoulder rumble strips; and 4) installing roadside barrier and crashworthy end treatments at bridge abutments. Design for this project will get underway this fiscal year 2007, with construction anticipated in FY08.

3) Henry Avenue Corridor Safety Improvements in Philadelphia - \$1,000,000

The Henry Avenue/Ridge Avenue Corridor was initially selected and studied by PennDOT as a Congested Corridor Improvement Program. This heavily traveled corridor extends 6.2 miles from Roberts Avenue (1755 feet north of Hunting Park Avenue) to the Montgomery County Line and is impacted by a high congestion related crash rate and is characterized by a high percentage of angle, head on, and pedestrian related crashes especially at intersections. Specific safety improvements to be advanced may include: installation of hand-man pedestrian signals, advanced pedestrian signal timings, and pedestrian bumpouts; installation of centerline ruble strips at all painted median locations where appropriate; selective tree removal where appropriate based on crash cluster information; installation of reflective pavement markers; and new mast arms. The approaches at Walnut lane and Hunting Park Ave will be considered for minor widening for turn movements, conditional on concurrence from the City of Philadelphia.

Motion: by Lee Whitmore, seconded by Linda Guarini to approve the three new projects selected for safety improvements to be funded with PA HSIP funds. These projects are: PA 100 Corridor Safety Project, Roosevelt Expressway Safety Improvements, and the Henry Avenue Corridor Safety Improvements.

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

7. Pennsylvania District Round-Abouts Incentive Program Project Selection for Inclusion in the FY07 TIP

The Pennsylvania District Round-Abouts Incentive Program line item (Project ID MPMS #76173) in the PA FY07 TIP makes pilot funding available for projects in the PA DVRPC region to provide for the implementation of low cost roundabouts where they would be appropriate to solve problematic road intersections. Two specific projects have been identified and were recommended for funding through this program:

1) Cold Spring Creamery / Burnt House Hill Roads in Buckingham Township, Bucks County - \$800,000 for construction.

-2) PA 52/Wawaset/Unionville Road South in Pocopson Township, Chester County - \$850,000 for construction

Both projects will advance through the design process using local funding, and construction funding will be provided at the agreed upon amount based on current

estimates. Additional costs above and beyond the estimates will be the responsibility of the townships.

Motion: by Lee Whitmore, seconded by David Johnson to approve the two selected roundabout projects — Cold Spring Creamery / Burnt House Hill Roads in Buckingham Township, Bucks County and PA 52/Wawaset/Unionville Road South in Pocopson Township, Chester County — and modify the FY2007 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for PA by adding these projects to the District Round-Abouts Incentive Program line item (MPMS #76173).

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

8. Pennsylvania District Bridge Design Program Project Selection for Inclusion in the FY07 TIP

The Pennsylvania District Bridge Design Program line item (Project ID MPMS #75767) in the PA FY07 TIP makes design funding available for the repair or replacement of structurally deficient State and Local bridges in the DVRPC region. Twenty-four specific projects have been identified and were recommended for funding through this program. The recommended projects were noted on a spreadsheet provided in the RTC meeting materials.

Motion: by Jim Mosca, seconded by David Johnson to approve the list of twenty-four specific projects selected for inclusion in the PA District Bridge Design Program line item (MPMS #75767) and modify the FY2007 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for PA.

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

9. Amendment to the New Jersey Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on Procedures to Amend or Modify the Transportation Improvement Program

An element of the TIPs for both PA and NJ is the MOU or “Memorandum of Understanding on Procedures to Amend or Modify the TIP”, as required by federal regulations. These agreements are amended from time to time to provide for improved and streamlined processes for making changes to the TIP. Mr. Chick Dougherty (DVRPC) presented changes to the New Jersey MOU that relate to project reporting and information, cost thresholds for Administrative Actions, and SAFETEA-LU compliance.

Motion: by Jessica Lucas, seconded by Curt Noe to amend the New Jersey Memorandum of Understanding on Procedures as suggested by DVRPC staff.

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

10. Fiscal Year 2008 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. Child Passenger Safety Program, Children's Hospital of Philadelphia

Mr. John Coscia Jr (DVRPC) introduced Karen D. Matthews, Administrative Director for the Center for Injury Research and Prevention at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, as the main contact for this project at CHOP. Mr. Coscia Jr. explained that the DVRPC is proposing an amendment to the DVRPC FY2008 Work Program to add the Child Passenger Safety Program-CHOP (Children's Hospital of Philadelphia). CHOP received a SAFETEA LU transportation earmark in the amount of \$1 million DEMO/\$250,000 Local Match to be used for a Child Passenger Safety Program. DVRPC would serve as the public sponsor for CHOP and would provide limited project administration services for processing invoices, etc., over the three-year period of this project. The goals of the program are:

- 1) Increase Use of Automobile Restraints in Children and Youth Populations
- 2) Develop a Marketing Campaign Targeted to At-Risk Populations for Low Use of Automobile Safety Restraints
- 3) Evaluate New Parent Website, "After the Injury: Helping Parents Help Their Kids" To Prevent Post Traumatic Stress Syndrome After Childhood Injury Due to Motor Vehicle Incident.

Motion: by John Boyle, seconded by Lorraine Brill to amend the DVRPC Fiscal Year 2008 Planning Work Program to include the Child Passenger Safety Program.

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

11. Recommendation for Adoption of Conformity Determination of the FY 2007 - 2010 TIP for New Jersey and Pennsylvania and the Destination of 2030 Long Range Plan

The public comment period for the reaffirmation of the Conformity Determination of the FY 2007 - 2010 TIP for New Jersey and Pennsylvania and the Destination 2030 Long Range Plan will end February 14, 2007. Since there have been no additions or withdraws of projects in the DVRPC region that will affect the conformity findings affirmed in December, 2006 DVRPC is able to rely on these previous findings to reaffirm their Conformity Determination.

Mr. Sean Greene (DVRPC) presented this information as well as the staff recommendation for Board adoption to support WILMAPCO's conformity findings.

Motion: by Matthew Lawson, seconded by Brian Cuccia to adopt conformity determination based on the reaffirmation of the December 2006 conformity determination.

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

12. The Pennsylvania Transportation Management Association Assistance Grant Program and the Mobility Alternatives Program FY08 Work Program Approval

Each year the RTC is asked to review and approve work programs for DVRPC's Mobility Alternatives Program (MAP) and PennDOT's Transportation Management Association Assistance Grant Program. Ms. Sarah Oaks (DVRPC) explained the typical services offered by TMAs through the Mobility Alternatives Program. Ms. Oaks also commented that each TMA submitted applications for funding through the MAP that propose eligible, acceptable, and beneficial activities.

Motion: by Kenneth Lomax, seconded by Thomas Shaffer to approve the MAP grant requests submitted by the TMA's.

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

Secondly, draft work programs, prepared by the TMAs, were presented in January 2007. Relevant comments have since been incorporated into these programs. Ms. Oaks provided an overview of the FY08 activities to be carried out by the TMAs with the help of the Transportation Management Association Assistance Grant Program. Ms. Oaks also commented that each TMA has submitted work programs that propose eligible, acceptable, and beneficial activities for FY08.

Motion: by Thomas Shaffer, seconded by Matthew Edmonds to approve the work programs of the TMAs conditional on the TMA of Chester County gaining approval from Chester County Planning Commission.

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

PRESENTATION ITEM**13. PA 100 Safety Study**

PA 100 in Chester County is a high accident corridor; since the year 2000, there have been 10 fatal crashes. At the request of Chester County Planning Commission, DVRPC conducted a safety study that investigated the causes of the crashes and developed an action plan to mitigate the crashes. This presentation, conducted by Mr. Stanley Platt (DVRPC) and Ms. Regina Moore (DVRPC), highlighted the study methodology, findings, and recommendations.

INFORMATION ITEMS**14. Pennsylvania Job Access and Reverse Commute Grant Program**

Ms. Karen Cilurso (DVRPC) advised the group that Job Access and Reverse Commute (JARC) funding for the Greater Philadelphia Urban Affairs Coalition will be discontinued based on recommendation by a special task force. Additionally, Ms. Cilurso reported that DVRPC is currently developing a new Human Services Transportation Coordination Plan for Pennsylvania. A public meeting will take place at DVRPC at 10:00 A.M. on Thursday February 15, 2007 for discussion and comments on this plan.

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**18. Meeting Adjournment**

The next scheduled meeting of the PCC/RTC is March 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
 Thomas Shaffer
 Jim McQuilkin
 John Boyle
 Lorraine Brill
 Jessica Lucas
 Matthew Lawson
 Matthew Edmonds
 Brian Cuccia
 (not represented)
 (not represented)
 Jerry Lutin
 (not represented)
 Jim Mosca
 Linda Guarini
 (not represented)
 Tom Branigan
 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
 David Harvey
 (not represented)
 (not represented)
 (not represented)
 (not represented)
 Martin Kotsch

ATTENDANCE (cont'd)

Other Member Representatives and Guests

Kathleen Zubrzycki – SEPTA

Karen Matthews – Children's Hospital of Philadelphia

Glenn Reibman – Delaware River Joint Toll Bridge Commission

Andrea Jordan – City of Philadelphia Streets Department

Chivas Grannum – City of Philadelphia Streets Department

Darin Gatti – City of Philadelphia Streets Department

Bob Previdi – CH District

Tim Kelly – Clear Air Council

Randy Waltermyer – Chester County Planning Commission

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