

**DELAWARE VALLEY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION  
PLANNING COORDINATING COMMITTEE/  
REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE  
June 12, 2007 Meeting Highlights  
DVRPC Conference Room, Philadelphia, PA**

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

Matthew Lawson (Mercer County) chaired the RTC meeting in the absence of Catherine Popp-McDonough (SEPTA).

**2. Deputy Executive Director's Report**

Dr. Don Shanis (DVRPC) updated attendees on the success of the DVRPC Annual Dinner, held at the Four Seasons Hotel on June 6, 2007.

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

John Boyle provided information on the RCC meeting held on May 16, 2007. At that meeting RCC members approved most TIP actions. In general, the committee had trouble agreeing with new DEMO projects and earmarked funding. Comments related to the New Jersey TIP will be discussed at the next RCC meeting on June 19, 2007. John Boyle will also present an idea for a bike sharing program at this meeting.

**ACTION ITEMS**

**4. Highlights of the Meeting of May 8, 2007**

The highlights from the May 8, 2007 meeting of the PCC/RTC were presented for adoption.

*Motion: by Brian Cuccia, seconded by Jessica Lucas to adopt the highlights for the May 8, 2007 PCC/RTC meeting.*

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

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

Elizabeth Schoonmaker (DVPRC) presented six TIP amendments for consideration.

**a. PA07-49: Deferrals Resulting in Technical Deletions from the TIP, (MPMS #'s 64494, 50640, 64811, 73864, 14515)**

- 1) US 202, Swedesford Road to Route 29 Reconstruction Project Sec. 320), (MPMS #64494), Chester County**
- 2) I-95/Girard Point Bridge and Pavement Preservation Project, (MPMS #73864), Philadelphia**
- 3) PA 100, Shoen Road to Gordon Drive Widening Project, (MPMS #14515), Chester County**
- 4) PA100, US202 - US30 Bypass Highway Restoration Project, (MPMS #50640), Chester County**
- 5) Pineville Road over Pidcock Creek Bridge Replacement Project (MPMS #13242), Bucks County**

PennDOT has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2007-2010 TIP for Pennsylvania by deferring phases for 5 projects in the TIP, (MPMS #'s 64494, 73864, 14515, 50640, 13242) to maintain fiscal constraint of the TIP for projects which are ready to advance, or to reflect a more accurate let schedule.

The construction phase of the US 202, Swedesford Road to Route 29 Reconstruction Project (MPMS #64494), would be deferred (estimated let date 3/15/2011), acknowledging that the construction of the US 202, 4 Overhead Bridges Rehabilitation project (MPMS #65613) must advance first and is ready to advance to construction.

The construction phase of the I-95/Girard Point Bridge and Pavement Preservation Project (MPMS #73864) would be deferred (estimated let date 1/15/2008), acknowledging that the River Road Flood Recovery Project (MPMS #78051 and #78050) is being identified by PennDOT as a higher priority and ready to advance to construction.

The construction phases for PA 100, Shoen Road to Gordon Drive Widening Project (MPMS #14515) has been deferred, acknowledging that the estimated let date for construction is not until October of 2010. Funds will be programmed to cover the cost increase associated with the reconstruction of PA309, Welsh to Highland Roads (MPMS #16477).

The construction phase of the PA100, US202 - US30 Bypass Highway Restoration Project (MPMS #50640) will be deferred. The construction phase of the Pineville Road over Pidcock Creek Bridge Replacement Project (MPMS

#13242) will be deferred. Funding would be used to cover accrued unbilled costs (AUC) of several projects noted on PennDOT's AUC constraint chart.

*Motion: by Linda Guarini, seconded by Leo Bagley to amend the FY2007-2010 TIP for Pennsylvania by deferring phases for US 202, Swedesford Road to Route 29 Reconstruction Project (MPMS #64494); I-95/Girard Point Bridge and Pavement Preservation Project (MPMS #73864); PA 100, Shoen Road to Gordon Drive Widening Project (MPMS #14515); PA100, US202 - US30 Bypass Highway Restoration Project (MPMS #50640); and Pineville Road over Pidcock Creek Bridge Replacement Project (MPMS #13242), to reflect a more accurate let schedule and maintain fiscal constraint of the TIP.*

Motion passed. One abstention. All other votes cast in favor of the motion

**b. PA07-50: US 202, 4 Overhead Bridges Rehabilitation Project (Sec. 311) (MPMS #65613), Chester County**

PennDOT has requested that DVRPC modify the FY2007-2010 TIP for Pennsylvania by programming an additional \$17.5 million federal highway funds, acknowledging a toll credit match for the construction phase of the, US 202, 4 Overhead Bridges Rehabilitation Project (MPMS #65613). Currently this project is programmed for construction in FY07 and FY08 in the amount of \$9.9 million. This project includes the construction of four overhead bridges along US 202 in East Whiteland and Tredyffrin Townships.

The project cost was not updated in the TIP, and that combined with \$7.5 million in cost increases results in the need for an additional \$17.5 million for this section. Cost increases are attributable to structure costs (demolitions, limestone subsurface), fuel costs, and proposed bridge construction during the winter season. The increased funding will be programmed for construction in FY08 (\$1,895,000 NHS/\$0 toll credit match \$2,062,000 STU/\$0 toll credit match) FY09 (\$4,000,000 STU/\$ 0 toll credit match \$4,917,000 NHS/\$0 toll credit match), and FY10 (\$4,651,000 STU/\$0 toll credit match).

*Motion: by Lee Whitmore, seconded by David Johnson to modify the FY2007-2010 TIP for Pennsylvania by programming an additional \$17.5 million federal highway funds, acknowledging a toll credit match for the construction phase of the, US 202, 4 Overhead Bridges Rehabilitation Project (MPMS #65613).*

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

**c. PA07-51: River Road Flood Recovery Project (Site 5) (MPMS #78051), and River Road Flood Recovery Project - (Site 6) (MPMS #78050), Bucks County**

PennDOT has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2007-2010 TIP for Pennsylvania by increasing the cost of 2 breakout projects to the TIP, and acknowledging \$768,000 federal flood funds and \$192,000 State funds made available to the project. The River Road Flood Recovery Project (Site 5) (MPMS #78051), and River Road Flood Recovery Project (Site 6) (MPMS #78050), Bucks County would be increased to a total cost of \$6,949,000 for both of these roadway sections.

River Road along the Delaware Canal, near the Delaware River has been severely damaged by flooding events over the last few years. Restoration of roadway and retaining structures is needed. Nine separate improvement sites have been identified, and a small amount of federal Flood funds with State match (\$768,000/\$192,000) have been received by PennDOT to assist with some of the repair work.

Site 5 of the River Road Flood Recovery Project (MPMS #78051), will program a total of \$48,000. Funds include \$6,000 STU/\$42,000 for the construction phase in FY07. Site 6 of the River Road Flood Recovery Project (MPMS #78050), will program a total of \$6,901,000. Funds include (\$768,000 Flood/\$192,000 State) for the construction phase, combined with (\$150,000/\$0 Toll credit match) for final design in FY07 and \$5,791,000 STU/\$ 0 Toll credit match for construction in FY08. This project will provide for recovery efforts in Solesbury Township along River Road for approximately .36 miles between Greenhill Road and Paxson Road.

*Motion: by David Johnson, seconded by Leo Bagley to amend the FY2007-2010 TIP for Pennsylvania by increasing the cost of the River Road Flood Recovery Project (Site 5) (MPMS #78051), and River Road Flood Recovery Project (Site 6) (MPMS #78050), and acknowledging \$768,000 federal flood funds and \$192,000 State funds made available to the project.*

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

**d. PA07-52: PA309, Welsh Road to Highland Avenue Reconstruction Project (MPMS #16477), Montgomery County**

PennDOT has requested that DVRPC modify the FY2007-2010 TIP for Pennsylvania by programming an additional \$21.7 million for the construction phase of the, PA309, Welsh Road to Highland Avenue Reconstruction Project (MPMS #16477). The project includes the reconstruction of 4.7 miles of Route 309 between Highland Avenue and PA 63 (Welsh Road) in Upper Dublin and Lower Gwynedd Townships in Montgomery County. Improvements will include the replacement of three bridges, widening and rehabilitation of 5 bridges,

construction of three retaining walls, extension and rehabilitation of 4 culverts, sound wall barrier, engineered slopes, 3 stormwater management basins, utility locations, 3 signalized intersections, intersection improvements, 14 sign structures, construction of new ramps at the Norristown Interchange, and ramp reconstruction.

The cost increase is due to failure to accurately consider inflation of material and labor costs over the life of the project's multi-year construction period, underestimated mobilization costs, and omitted earthwork quantities (earth moved for excavation and embankment during project construction) costs. The estimate also did not take into consideration the contractor costs increases related to a laterally restricted work area and staged construction activities.

*Motion: by Leo Bagley, seconded by John Boyle to modify the FY2007-2010 TIP for Pennsylvania by programming an additional \$21.7 million for the construction phase of the, PA309, Welsh Road to Highland Avenue Reconstruction Project (MPMS #16477).*

Motion passed. One abstention. All other votes cast in favor of the motion

**e. PA07-53: Accrued Unbilled Costs (Various MPMS #'s), Various counties**

PennDOT has requested that DVRPC modify the FY2007-2010 TIP for Pennsylvania by accounting for Accrued Unbilled Costs for several TIP projects that have costs that exceed the federally authorized amount, mostly due to cost increases that come up at the time that the project is under construction. The cost increases are generally for smaller unforeseen issues that are not obvious until the "shovel is in the ground". PennDOT will usually pay for the cost increase with state funds at the time of the billing. The process of submitting for Accrued Unbilled costs allows PennDOT to seek federal reimbursement for eligible projects.

This action would allow PennDOT to process a series of actions at once, and totals \$15.880 million (\$13,503,000 federal/\$2,319,000 state/\$58,000 local). PennDOT's attached AUC fiscal constraint chart shows all of these actions, and which projects serve as the source of funds.

*Motion: by Linda Guarini, seconded by Leo Bagley to modify the FY2007-2010 TIP for Pennsylvania by accounting for Accrued Unbilled Costs for several TIP projects.*

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

**f. PA07-54: Cruise Terminal Intermodal Facility (MPMS #TBD), DRPA/PATCO**

DRPA/PATCO has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2007-2010 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a new project to the TIP, the Cruise Terminal Intermodal Parking Facility Project (MPMS #TBD). The \$625,000 preliminary engineering phase of this project will be funded by a \$500,000 FY2005 FTA Section 5309 bus earmark combined with \$125,000 Local match. This project will ultimately include the design and construction of a new or renovated intermodal parking facility at the Philadelphia Cruise Terminal. The facility will function as an intermodal hub receiving passengers, along with their luggage, who are arriving at the terminal via automobile, bus, taxi, or airport shuttle. The existing parking facility is inadequate. DRPA has coordinated with FTA for approval to amend the project to include the construction phase of this project at a future date as the design gets underway. Funding will be programmed for preliminary engineering in FY07 (\$500,000 FTA/\$125,000 Local Match).

*Motion: by Kenneth Lomax, seconded by Kathleen Zubrzycki to amend the FY2007-2010 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a new project to the TIP, the Cruise Terminal Intermodal Parking Facility Project (MPMS #TBD).*

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

**6. Adoption of the DVRPC FY2008-2011 TIP for New Jersey**

DVRPC staff has worked with stakeholders to develop the DVRPC FY2008-2011 TIP for New Jersey as the region's official selection of transportation projects for federal funding. The document's public comment period runs through June 1, 2007. Chick Dougherty (DVRPC) requested a recommendation for adoption of the final program with recommended changes.

*Motion: by Brian Cuccia, seconded by Carol Thomas to recommend Board adoption of the DVRPC FY2008-2011 TIP for New Jersey with recommended changes, as the region's official selection of transportation projects for federal funding.*

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

**7. DVRPC Competitive Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) Program**

Every several years, DVRPC requests applications from public agencies, incorporated private firms, and non-profits to fund projects that help manage congestion and reduce emissions from vehicular sources. Chick Dougherty (DVRPC) requested a recommendation to open the 2007-2008 DVRPC Competitive CMAQ Program, funded through the DVRPC TIP for both Pennsylvania and New Jersey.

The suggestion of opening the Competitive CMAQ Program resulted in significant debate among RTC members concerned that previous CMAQ awarded projects were not yet complete, or in some cases were complete but not fully reimbursed. Many committee members supported the completion and reimbursement of all previously awarded projects prior to identifying new projects. To better understand the outstanding CMAQ commitments, DVRPC staff will post all CMAQ projects from previous years on the DVRPC website. Jerry Lutin (NJ TRANSIT) will also report back to the RTC at the next meeting on the status of CMAQ reimbursement payments for previously completed projects.

*Motion: by David Johnson, seconded by Lee Whitmore to table the recommendation of the 2007-2008 DVRPC CMAQ Program until more information is available.*

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

#### **8. Congestion Management Process: Status of Supplemental Projects**

Highway projects that add major Single Occupancy Vehicle (SOV) capacity are required to include supplemental projects that enhance the benefits of the capacity additions and extend the useful life of the project. The Congestion Management Process (CMP) is required to track implementation of supplemental projects to ensure that these commitments are being faithfully pursued. The first annual memorandum tracking CMP commitments was prepared in coordination with transportation planning partners. Sean Greene (DVRPC) presented highlights of the report and sought recommendation for Board adoption of the memorandum's recommendations.

*Motion: by Leo Bagley, seconded by John Boyle to recommend Board adoption of the 2007 CMP "supplemental project status update" and to include several recent projects in this update.*

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

#### **9. 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. Don Shanis (DVRPC) presented the results of the self-certification activity and asked for a recommendation for Board adoption.

*Motion: by Lee Whitmore, seconded by Brian Cuccia to recommend Board adoption of the annual self-certification of the Regional Transportation Planning Process.*

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

## **PRESENTATION ITEMS**

### **10. Journey-To-Work Trends and Recommendations for Transportation Planning**

Due to time limitations, the presentation item was postponed to a future meeting.

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

### **11. Trenton Line Clearance Project**

The CSX Trenton line is a major rail freight line traversing the Delaware Valley in a north-south fashion. At present, this line is not cleared for doublestack container trains due to vertical constraints, which results in routing inefficiencies, longer transit times, and diminished capacity. William Goetz (CSX) explained that with anticipated growth in cargoes at the Port of Philadelphia and elsewhere, CSX is now seeking to undertake a public-private partnership that will fund the modification of 16 overhead bridges in the City of Philadelphia and Bucks County, with completion targeted for 2009.

### **12. Projects to Support Economic Development in the Delaware Valley**

As part of the Integrating Land Use, Transportation and Economic Development Planning project, DVRPC staff has been working with a number of regional economic development agencies and planners to develop a list of key transportation investments that have been deemed critical to the region's future economic growth. Mike Boyer (DVRPC) presented the methodology for this activity and the resulting transportation investments identified.

## **INFORMATION ITEMS**

### **13. Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) State Transportation Commission (STC) Hearings**

A first milestone of the update of the Pennsylvania 12 Year Transportation Program and the DVRPC PA FY09 TIP is the State Transportation Commission (STC) hearings which are held statewide. Elizabeth Schoonmaker (DVRPC) announced that the DVRPC region hearing will occur at DVRPC offices on Thursday, August 16, 2007. Guidance for testimony is available.

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

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

### **16. Meeting Adjournment**

The next scheduled meeting of the PCC/RTC is July 10, 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 River Joint Toll Bridge Commission  
Delaware Valley Goods Movement Task Force  
Federal Highway Administration - NJ division  
Federal Highway Administration - PA division  
Federal Transit Administration - Region III  
Greater Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce  
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**

Dave Johnson  
Carol Thomas  
(not represented)  
Lee Whitmore  
Edward Williams  
(not represented)  
Judy Adams  
Justin Dula  
Linda Hayes  
John Boyle  
Lorraine Brill  
Jessica Lucas  
Matthew Lawson  
Leo Bagley  
Brian Cuccia  
(not represented)  
(not represented)  
Jerry Lutin  
(not represented)  
(not represented)  
Linda Guarini  
Deborah Schaaf  
Chivas Grannum  
Kenneth Lomax  
Kathleen Zubrzycki

**Representative**

Glenn Reibman  
Kelvin MacKavanagh  
(not represented)  
Matthew Smoker  
(not represented)  
(not represented)  
(not represented)  
Brian Wahler  
William Ragozine  
(not represented)  
Pete Quinn  
Don Steele  
(not represented)  
(not represented)  
(not represented)  
(not represented)  
(not represented)  
Martin Kotsch

**ATTENDANCE (cont'd)**

**Other Member Representatives and Guests**

Jonathan Konis – PennDOT

Les Varga – SJTPO

Andrea Jordan – City of Philadelphia, Streets Department

Steve Buckley – PB

Bob Scarlott – Burlington County Transportation

William Goetz - CSX

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