

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

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

Matthew Lawson (Mercer County) welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order.

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

Dr. Shanis updated the members on the September 27, 2007 Board meeting. Dr. Shanis stated that the Board completed the annual Board Retreat and they discussed the FY09 work program.

On behalf of the RTC, Dr. Shanis presented Lee Whitmore with a token of appreciation for his many years of participation, and wished him well in his retirement from Chester County.

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

John Boyle (RCC) provided information on the RCC meeting held on September 18, 2007. Mr. Boyle stated that the RCC's new format; designed to improve the effectiveness of the committee, was successful. Mr. Boyle also stated that the city of Philadelphia has responded to queries made regarding the South Street Bridge Replacement Project, and that the RCC will respond. (Please refer to the September 18, 2007 Meeting Minutes of the DVRPC RCC for specific details).

**ACTION ITEMS****4. Highlights of the Meeting of September 11, 2007**

The highlights from the September 11, 2007 meeting of the PCC/RTC were presented for adoption.

*Motion: by Leo Bagley, seconded by Brian Cuccia to adopt the highlights for the September 11, 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 two TIP amendments for consideration.

**a. PA07-63: Capital Assistance for Purchase of Accessible Small Transit Vehicles Section 5310 Program (MPMS #62150), PennDOT's Bureau of Public Transportation - Proposed Project**

PennDOT's Bureau of Public Transportation has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2007-2010 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a project to the TIP, Capital Assistance for Purchase of Accessible Small Transit Vehicles Section 5310 Program (MPMS #62150), by programming \$1,336,000 (\$1,068,800 FTA - 5310/\$267,200 Local Match) in FY08 for the purchase of 23 vehicles for 9 agencies in the DVRPC region.

*Motion: by John Boyle, seconded by Catherine Popp-McDonough to amend the FY2007-2010 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a project to the TIP, Capital Assistance for Purchase of Accessible Small Transit Vehicles Section 5310 Program (MPMS #62150) by programming a total of \$1,336,000 (\$1,068,800 FTA - 5310/\$267,200 Local Match) in FY08 for the purchase of 23 vehicles for 9 agencies in the DVRPC region.*

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

**b. PA07-64: I-476 Reconstruction, Chemical Rd. to I-76 (RES) (MPMS #16737), Montgomery County – Increase of Interstate Management Program/Reduction of Regional TIP**

Last year, PennDOT instituted the new PA Statewide Interstate Management Program (IMP) to pro-actively address the maintenance and reconstruction of the state's aging interstate infrastructure; \$370 million per year (FY07-FY10) was made available statewide. These improvements will be funded by Interstate Maintenance

(IM) funds as well as a portion of NHS and Bridge funds that these miles of roadway/bridges represent, plus the appropriate state match. It was agreed that these IM funds would be for system preservation projects, not capacity adding projects. DVRPC has 12 projects in the region totaling over \$1 billion that are included in the new IMP.

The I-476 Reconstruction between Chemical Road and I-76 is one of the IMP projects and requires additional funding. Cost increases for this project total \$5.968 million for the roadway reconstruction work and for ITS improvements. A portion of the total cost increase, \$1.693 million, would be funded by schedule changes to other IMP projects per PennDOT's statewide management of the program. \$4.275 million is needed for ITS improvements that are not eligible for funding through the IMP Program. PennDOT would fund the \$4.275 million by using funds available due to "regular" regional TIP projects that have schedules that have slipped, which essentially increases the amount of funds in the IMP Program and reduces the total funding in the DVRPC Regional TIP by \$4.275 million.

*Motion: by Leo Bagley, seconded by Brian Cuccia to modify the Interstate Management Program by increasing the construction phase of the I-476 Reconstruction project (MPMS #16737) by \$5.9 million. \$1.4 million (\$1,280,000 Bridge/\$142,000 State) will be shifted from another IMP project (I-95, Ann Street to W heatsheaf, MPMS #47813) and \$271,000 (\$244,000 Bridge/\$27,000 State) will be shifted from the I-95 Betsy Ross Interchange project (MPMS #47812). \$4.275 million (\$1,820,000 STU/\$1,600,000 STP/\$855,000 State) will be shifted from the DVRPC regional TIP for ITS project costs of I-476 Reconstruction (MPMS #16737) that are ineligible under the IMP.*

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

## **6. PCC/RTC Meeting Dates for 2008**

A set of proposed meeting dates for the PCC/RTC for calendar year 2008 was submitted to the committee for its consideration. There were three changes to the proposed meeting dates: Tuesday, February 5; Tuesday April 1; and Wednesday November 5.

*Motion: by Brian Cuccia, seconded by Jessica Savidge-Lucas to accept the updated proposed meeting dates for the PCC/RTC for calendar year 2008.*

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

## **PRESENTATION ITEMS**

### **7. Delaware County Bicycle Plan**

Justin Dula (Delaware County) presented Delaware County's Bicycle Plan, which will be adopted as a component of the Delaware County Comprehensive Plan. The Plan focuses on ways to increase bicycle transportation in Delaware County, and takes a comprehensive approach focusing on the four E's of engineering, encouragement, education, and enforcement. The Plan identifies a priority Bicycle Network for on road routes, but embraces a Complete Streets policy for all new, resurfaced, or reconstructed roads in the County.

### **8. Transportation Systems Management and Operations**

DVRPC, with assistance from PennDOT and NJDOT, initiated a project that examined Transportation Systems Management and Operations for two transportation corridors in the region. The goal of the project was to identify various management and operations deficiencies and develop possible mitigation strategies designed to preserve capacity and improve security, safety, and reliability of the transportation system along the chosen corridors. Laurie Matkowski (DVRPC) presented findings from the New Jersey corridor.

## **INFORMATION ITEMS**

### **9. Southeastern Pennsylvania Emergency Evacuation Transportation Plan**

The Southeastern Pennsylvania Regional Counterterrorism Task Force has received a \$500,000 Department of Homeland Security (DHS) grant to develop an Emergency Evacuation Transportation Plan for the five-county Pennsylvania region. The Task Force's Emergency Evacuation Transportation Committee developed an RFP and selected a consultant team. Stan Platt (DVRPC) provided an overview of the project.

### **10. FY 2009 Transit Support Program (TSP) and the Supportive Regional Highway Planning Program (SRHPP) Special Studies**

Each year additional monies are made available in the TSP and SRHPP for studies outside of the core work program efforts. Sara Oaks (DVRPC) presented the project descriptions that were submitted and reviewed the selection schedule with the members.

11. **New SAFETEA-LU Requirements for the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)**

Elizabeth Schoonmaker (DVRPC) provided information regarding the requirement for Year of Expenditure cost estimates for the TIP as regulated by SAFETEA-LU.

12. **TransitChek Update**

Stacy Bartels (DVRPC) gave an update on TransitChek sales and activities, as well as the new TransitChek Select premium program.

13. **One Minute Reports**

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

14. **Old Business and New Business**

15. **Meeting Adjournment**

*Motion: by Brian Cuccia, seconded by Catherine Popp-McDonough to adjourn the PCC/RTC Meeting.*

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

The next scheduled meeting of the PCC/RTC is November 13, 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**

(not represented)  
 Carol Thomas  
 (not represented)  
 Randy Waltermeyer  
 Edward Williams  
 (not represented)  
 (not represented)  
 Justin Dula  
 Linda Hayes  
 John Boyle  
 Lorraine Brill  
 Jessica Lucas  
 Matthew Lawson  
 Leo Bagley  
 Brian Cuccia  
 (not represented)  
 (not represented)  
 Jerry Lutin  
 (not represented)  
 Jim Mosca  
 (not represented)  
 Deborah Schaaf  
 Chivas Grannum  
 Kenneth Lomax  
 Catherine Popp-McDonough

**Representative**

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

**ATTENDANCE (cont'd)**

**Other Member Representatives and Guests**

Lee Whitmore - Citizen  
Matthew Anderson – Chester County  
Kathleen Zubrzycki – SEPTA  
Jerry Mooney – NJDOT  
Tim Kelly – Clean Air Council  
Ernest Cohen - SSAP  
Steve Buckley – PB  
Les Varga – SJTPO  
Andrew Levecchia – Camden County Improvement Authority  
Robert Preston - SJTA

**DVRPC Staff**

Donald Shanis  
Charles Dougherty  
Elizabeth Schoonmaker  
Richard Murphy  
Matthew West  
John Ward  
Laurie Matkowski  
Stan Platt  
Sara Oaks  
Stacy Bartels