

**DELAWARE VALLEY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
PLANNING COORDINATING COMMITTEE/
REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
November 13, 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 (DVRPC) updated the members on the October 9, 2007 Board meeting, and Dr. Shanis stated that the Board passed all Actions the RTC recommended.

3. Report on Regional Citizens Committee Activities

John Boyle (RCC) provided information on the RCC meeting held on October 16, 2007. Mr. Boyle stated that the RCC's Nominating Committee was appointed and the election of the Chair will be held at the November 28, 2007 meeting. Mr. Boyle also stated that the RCC did not approve TIP Action PA07-64: I-476 Reconstruction, Chemical Rd. to I-76 (RES) (MSMS #16737), Montgomery County – Increase of Interstate Management Program/Reduction of Regional TIP. (Please refer to the October 16, 2007 Meeting Minutes of the DVRPC RCC for specific details.)

ACTION ITEMS

4. Highlights of the Meeting of October 9, 2007

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

Motion: by Brian Cuccia, seconded by Jessica Savidge-Lucas to adopt the highlights for the October 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 (DVRPC) presented two TIP amendments for consideration.

a. PA07-68a: Market Street Elevated Reconstruction Program (MPMS #60281), SEPTA

SEPTA has requested that DVRPC modify the FY2007-2010 TIP for Pennsylvania by increasing the total project cost of the Market Street Elevated Reconstruction Program (MPMS #60281) by \$84.072 million to reflect the increase to the construction bid. Additional funds will be programmed in FY08 (\$10,643,530/\$40,270,000 5309/\$10,606,000 T-Bond/\$2,124,000 Local) and FY09 (\$12,343,000 5307/\$4,000,000 5309/\$3,404,000 T-Bond/\$682,000 Local). The total cost of the project has increased from \$625.9 million to \$710 million. Significant progress has been made and the project will be substantially complete by the end of calendar year 2008.

b. PA07-68b: SEPTA Bus Purchase Program (MPMS #60286), SEPTA

SEPTA has requested that DVRPC modify the FY2007-2010 TIP for Pennsylvania by increasing the total project cost of the SEPTA Bus Purchase Program (MPMS #60286) by \$67.5 million to provide for the purchase of hybrid electric buses instead of regular diesel buses. Additional funds will be programmed in FY08 (\$2,825,000 5307/\$588,000 T-Bond/\$117,000 Local). Also note that \$64,062,000 million (\$51,249,000 CMAQ/\$10,890,000 T-Bond/\$1,923,000 Local) from Transit Flex-SEPTA (MPMS# 65109) will also be contributed to the Bus Purchase project from FY08, FY09 and FY10 to cover the increased cost of the new buses. The initial total cost of this project was originally \$191.6 million to purchase 400 regular diesel buses, but has now increased to \$259.2 million due to SEPTA's decision to purchase hybrid electric buses instead of regular diesel buses.

Motion: by Anthony Santaniello, seconded by Alex Flemming to modify the FY2007-2010 TIP for Pennsylvania by increasing the total project cost of the Market Street Elevated Reconstruction Program (MPMS #60281) by \$84.072 million to reflect the increase to the construction bid; and to modify the FY2007-2010 TIP for Pennsylvania by increasing the total project cost of the SEPTA Bus Purchase Program (MPMS #60286) by \$67.5 million to provide for the purchase of hybrid electric buses instead of regular diesel buses.

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

c. PA07-69: Act 44 Line Item/Five-Year Plan (MPMS #82395), PennDOT-Variou

PennDOT has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2007-2010 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding the Act 44 line Item (MPMS #82395) to the TIP to reflect new state transportation funds made available to the region by Act 44: (\$71,189,000) FY08, (\$79,896,000) FY09, (\$79,896,000) FY10. \$82,074,000 will be available in FY11 and \$84,305,000 will be available in FY12.

Motion: by Randy Waltermeyer, seconded by Matthew Edmond to modify the FY2007-2010 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding the Act 44 line Item (MPMS #82395) to the TIP to reflect new state transportation funds made available to the region by Act 44.

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

6. 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. Planning & Designing a Philadelphia Riverfront Grant Program

The William Penn Foundation has awarded DVRPC \$72,600 to plan and design a grant program, at their request, that would offer grants to implement high-quality projects that advance Philadelphia riverfront plans and demonstrate design excellence, project innovation, community engagement, and enhanced public and private stewardship and collaboration along the city's riverfronts. Karin Morris (DVRPC) presented the work program amendment.

Motion: Catherine Popp-McDonough, seconded by John Boyle to modify the Fiscal Year 2008 Work Program to add the Planning & Designing a Philadelphia Riverfront Grant Program.

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

b. Proposal for an Analysis of Socioeconomic Trends and Preparation of Demographic Forecasts for Sketch Planning

DVRPC proposes to collect, compile, and analyze demographic and socio-economic data from existing secondary sources (such as the United States Census Bureau, the Bureau of Economic Analysis, and other federal, state, and local agencies) for a ten-county region, including Bucks, Chester, Delaware, Montgomery and Philadelphia counties in Pennsylvania; Burlington, Camden, Gloucester, and Mercer counties in New Jersey; and New Castle County, Delaware. This data will

be compiled and presented for multi-municipal, sub-county areas, based on established county planning areas and/or other logical criteria. Historical demographic trends will be analyzed, and sketch forecasts of future socio-economic conditions will be prepared. The final report will include current baseline data, an environmental justice analysis, an analysis of historical trends, and sketch projections through 2020. Eric Grugel (DVRPC) presented the work program amendment.

Motion: Jessica Savidge-Lucas, seconded by John Boyle to modify the Fiscal Year 2008 Work Program to add the Proposal for an Analysis of Socioeconomic Trends and Preparation of Demographic Forecasts for Sketch Planning.

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

7. FY 2009 Transit Support Program and Supportive Regional Highway Planning Program Special Studies

Sarah Oaks (DVRPC) presented the slate of Special Studies work programs submitted for RTC consideration under the TSP and SRHPP elements of the upcoming FY 2009 Planning Work Program. These work programs were submitted by member governments and cover a variety of planning topics. Using available program budgets, staff worked with the PA and NJ subcommittees to develop the list of projects. Approved project write ups will be included in the draft FY 2009 Planning Work Program.

Motion: Brian Cuccia, seconded by David Johnson to approve the special studies work programs as presented.

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

PRESENTATION ITEMS

8. Innovation in Zoning for Smart Growth

Karin Morris (DVRPC) gave a brief overview of a recently released DVRPC study, Innovations in Zoning for Smart Growth, which investigates the root flaws in conventional zoning codes and discusses a variety of approaches for codifying smart growth, including form-based codes and hybrid zoning.

9. 1985-2005 Highway Traffic Trends in the Delaware Valley Region

Matthew Gates (DVRPC) presented a report which analyzes the results of DVRPC's latest traffic counting survey. This survey assesses highway travel trends throughout the region by comparing the 2005 traffic volumes with those collected in 1985, 1995, and 2000 along two cordon lines, ten screenlines, and two turnpikes.

DISCUSSION ITEM

10. Options for Filling the Region's Transportation Funding Gap

The recent enactment of Act 44 in Pennsylvania provides a portion of the funds needed for the region to address its transportation needs. Charles Dougherty (DVRPC) presented a recent document which describes 23 options for generating additional revenue for the region. The document, given to the Board at its October 2007 meeting, is intended to stimulate debate on this topic, in hope of garnering support to implement a number of these or other options in the future.

INFORMATION ITEMS

11. PhillyCarShare Project Update

Due to time constraints, this item has been postponed until a later date.

12. Transportation Systems Management and Operations

Due to time constraints, this item has been postponed until a later date.

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 Catherine Popp-McDonough, seconded by John Boyle 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 January 8, 2008.

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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
Curt Noe
Randy Waltermeyer
Edward Williams
(not represented)
Judy Adams
Justin Dula
Linda Hayes
John Boyle
Lorraine Brill
Jessica Lucas
Matthew Lawson
Matthew Edmond
Brian Cuccia
(not represented)
(not represented)
James Schwarzwald
(not represented)
Jim Mosca
(not represented)
Anthony Santaniello
Chivas Grannum
Kenneth Lomax
Catherine Popp-McDonough

Representative

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

ATTENDANCE (cont'd)

Other Member Representatives and Guests

John Dooner - SEPTA
Clayton Lane – PhillyCarShare
Jim Brady – GHI Consultants, Inc.

DVRPC Staff

Donald Shanis
Charles Dougherty
Elizabeth Schoonmaker
Richard Murphy
Matthew West
John Ward
Sara Oaks
Matthew Gates
Karin Morris
Eric Grugel