

**DELAWARE VALLEY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION**  
**PLANNING COORDINATING COMMITTEE/**  
**REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**  
**January 8, 2008 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 December 6, 2007 Board meeting, and 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 November 28, 2007. Mr. Boyle stated that the RCC has asked the DVRPC Executive Director to ensure that an addendum to the Bucks County Regional Traffic Study is prepared that includes all of the written materials that were received from municipalities through October 29, 2007 relative to the Draft Report of June, 2007 and to the Final Report of October, 2007. This addendum should be distributed to all recipients of the original report. (Please refer to the November 28, 2007 Meeting Minutes of the DVRPC RCC for specific details.)

**ACTION ITEMS**

**4. Highlights of the Meeting of November 13, 2007**

The highlights from the November 13, 2007 meeting of the PCC/RTC were presented for adoption.

*Motion: by Catherine Popp-McDonough, seconded by Brian Cuccia to adopt the highlights for the November 13, 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 11 TIP amendments for consideration.

### a. PA07-71: PennDOT Year of Expenditure Adjustments for SAFETEA-LU Compliance

#### 1. **Includes Deferral/Technical Deletion of Woodbourne Road At Langhorne-Yardley Road Intersection Improvement and Turning Lanes Project (MPMS #13452), Bucks County**

PennDOT has requested that DVRPC modify the FY2007-2010 TIP for Pennsylvania by applying a Year of Expenditure (YOE) multiplier to the TIP in order to bring the program into compliance with SAFETEA LU federal transportation legislation. Statewide planning regulations issued by the Federal Highway Administration contained a requirement that projects contained in the TIP be expressed in "Year of Expenditure" (YOE) dollars by December 11, 2007 in order to be SAFETEA LU compliant; project costs should account for revenue growth and inflation. FHWA worked closely with PennDOT to develop guidance on this process and agreed to establish a 4% inflation factor that would be applied to current TIP projects.

*Motion: by Leo Bagley, seconded by Brian Cuccia to modify the FY2007-2010 TIP for Pennsylvania by applying a Year of Expenditure (YOE) multiplier to the TIP in order to bring the program into compliance with SAFETEA LU federal transportation legislation.*

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

### b. PA07-72a: PA 611, North Broad Street, Glenwood - Grange Street Corridor Improvements (MPMS #17652), Philadelphia – Add Back In

PennDOT has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2007-2010 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a project back into the current TIP, PA 611, North Broad Street, Glenwood - Grange Street Corridor Improvements (MPMS #17652), and programming construction in FY08 and FY09. This project will provide for the upgrade of traffic signals at approximately 35 intersections along Broad Street between Somerset Street (near Lehigh Avenue) and Grange (near Stenton/Godfrey Avenues). This project was designed as part of a commitment to address I-95 traffic diversion. Signals will be replaced, interconnected, and tied via fiber optics to the City's Central Control Center and Traffic Shop. Medians and hand/man signs will also be included at selected intersections. This project ties into PA 611, Broad Street at I-95 Signal project (MPMS #17796) as well as planned work on Belfield Avenue and Stenton/Godfrey Avenues. This project is one of the top 5 safety locations as determined by FHWA and will be funded with Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) funds. Construction needs for the combined Broad Street projects is less than anticipated and will be programmed in FY08 (\$100,000 HSIP) and FY09 (\$700,000 HSIP).

### c. PA07-72b: PA 41, Gap Newport Road at Old Baltimore Pike Intersection Improvement Project (MPMS #14613), Chester County – Add a Phase

PennDOT has requested that DVRPC modify the FY2007-2010 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a final design phase in FY08, for the PA 41, Gap Newport Road at Old Baltimore Pike Intersection Improvement Project (MPMS #14613). This project will realign intersection

approaches to either form a "T" intersection and add left turn lanes on all approaches, or a round-about. Currently, utility is programmed in FY07 for \$50,000, and right of way is programmed in FY08 for 500,000. Final design will be programmed in FY08 (\$500,000 HSIP)

**d. PA07-72c: Hares Hill Road over French Creek Bridge Rehabilitation Project (MPMS #13885), Chester County – Add a Phase**

PennDOT has requested that DVRPC modify the FY2007-2010 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a preliminary engineering phase in FY08, to the Hares Hill Road over French Creek Bridge Rehabilitation Project (MPMS #13885). The bridge is listed on the National Register and is posted for weight restricted loads. The project includes determining an accurate weight capacity of the existing bridge and rehabilitating the structure which would improve the load bearing capacity without adversely affecting the historical integrity of the bridge. The bridge was built in 1869 and is a single span structure. It contains stone masonry abutments, an open grid deck, and is composed of wrought iron girder trusses with latticed webbing. Utility and right of way phases should be pushed out from FY07 to LFY (\$50,000 state and \$100,000 state, respectively). Preliminary engineering will be programmed in FY08 (\$50,000 State).

**e. PA07-72d: Greenwood Avenue over SEPTA Mainline Commuter Rail Bridge Replacement Project (MPMS #16197), Montgomery County – Add a Phase**

PennDOT has requested that DVRPC modify the FY2007-2010 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a final design phase to the Greenwood Avenue over SEPTA Mainline Commuter Rail Bridge Replacement Project (MPMS #16197). The project involves a complete replacement of the bridge. The structural design will accommodate the present abutment, and connection to the roadway retaining walls will also be made. The underlying areas of the existing stone arch bridge abutments will be addressed by placing scour protection around the structure at the creek.

Currently, construction is programmed in FY08, FY09, and FY10 for \$6 million. Final design will be programmed in FY08 (\$840,000 Bridge/\$210,000 State).

**f. PA07-74a: Old Baltimore Pike Bicycle/Pedestrian Facility (MPMS #62297), Various Counties – Add a Phase**

PennDOT has requested that DVRPC modify the FY2007-2010 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a construction phase in FY09, to the Old Baltimore Pike Bicycle/Pedestrian Facility (MPMS #62297) project. This project is intended to improve the service quality for bicycling on Old Baltimore Pike, a known bicycle commuter route for workers in the mushroom industry. This project will include shoulder delineation, installation of bike lanes, warning signage, and replacement of drainage grates. The project has an estimated let date of July 2008 and is ready to advance to construction. Currently, preliminary engineering is programmed in FY07 in the amount of \$20,000. Construction will be programmed in FY09 (\$414,000 CMAQ), acknowledging a toll credit match.

**g. PA07-74b: MacDade Boulevard from Ashland Avenue to Cherry Street Signal Improvement Project (MPMS #64790), Delaware County – Add a Phase**

PennDOT has requested that DVRPC modify the FY2007-2010 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a preliminary engineering phase in FY07 and FY08, to the MacDade Avenue from Ashland Avenue to Cherry Street Signal Improvement Project (MPMS #64790). Additionally, modifying the project description as a result of the project limits being changed, from Oak

Avenue to Springfield Road; to Ashland Avenue to Cherry Street. The project will include the replacement of existing solid state equipment with new state of the art controllers to allow for coordinated signalization and better traffic flow management. Fiber Optic interconnections will be installed overhead on utility poles, and ADA requirements will also be addressed. A total of eleven signalized intersections will be included in this project. These intersections include: McDade Boulevard & Ashland Avenue, McDade Boulevard & Cooke Avenue, McDade Boulevard & Oak Lane (S.R. 2015), McDade Boulevard & Lafayette Avenue, McDade Boulevard & Woodlawn Avenue, McDade Boulevard & Clifton Avenue (S.R. 2013), McDade Boulevard & Sharon Avenue, McDade Boulevard & Felton Avenue, McDade Boulevard & Jackson Avenue, McDade Boulevard & Roberta Avenue, and McDade Boulevard & Cherry Street. The new signal equipment will allow for coordinated signalization and improve traffic flow. Currently, final design is programmed in FY09 (\$200,000). Preliminary engineering will be programmed in FY07 (\$160,000 CMAQ), and FY08 (\$140,000 CMAQ).

**h. PA07-74c: Susquehanna Road from Huntingdon Road to Tennis Avenue Bikeway Improvements (MPMS # 62300), Montgomery County – Add back In**

PennDOT has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2007-2010 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a project back into the TIP, Susquehanna Road from Huntingdon Road to Tennis Avenue Bikeway Improvements (MPMS # 62300), and programming construction in FY09. This project is intended to improve the service quality for bicycling on Susquehanna Road. The project will include shoulder delineation, widening and reconstruction; installation of bike lanes, warning signage; replacement of drainage grates; and replacement of open swales contiguous to roadway shoulders with subsurface drainage systems. The project is ready to advance to construction. Construction will be programmed in FY09 (\$450,000 CMAQ).

**i. PA07-74d: Old Baltimore Pike/Bicyclist's Baltimore Pike (MPMS # 62299), Delaware County – Add Back In**

PennDOT has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2007-2010 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a project back into the TIP, Old Baltimore Pike/Bicyclist's Baltimore Pike (MPMS # 62299), and programming construction in FY09. This project is intended to aid bicyclists in navigating an alternative route to the heavily traveled Baltimore Pike, and to improve the service quality for bicycling along this roughly parallel east-west alternative route. This project will include a bike route designation (including navigational signs), shoulder delineation, widening and reconstruction; installation of bike lanes, warning signage; replacement of drainage grates; and replacement of open swales contiguous to roadway shoulders with subsurface drainage systems. The project is ready to advance to construction. Construction will be programmed in FY09 (\$386,000 CMAQ), acknowledging a toll credit match.

*Motion: by John Boyle, seconded by Thomas Shaffer: to amend the FY2007-2010 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a project back into the current TIP, PA 611, North Broad Street, Glenwood - Grange Street Corridor Improvements (MPMS #17652), and programming construction in FY08 and FY09; to modify the FY2007-2010 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a final design phase in FY08, for the PA 41, Gap Newport Road at Old Baltimore Pike Intersection Improvement Project (MPMS #14613); to modify the FY2007-2010 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a preliminary engineering phase in FY08, to the Hares Hill Road over French Creek Bridge Rehabilitation Project (MPMS #13885); to modify the FY2007-2010 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a final design phase to the Greenwood Avenue over SEPTA*

*Mainline Commuter Rail Bridge Replacement Project (MPMS #16197); to modify the FY2007-2010 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a construction phase in FY09, to the Old Baltimore Pike Bicycle/Pedestrian Facility (MPMS #62297) project; to modify the FY2007-2010 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a preliminary engineering phase in FY07 and FY08, to the MacDade Avenue from Ashland Avenue to Cherry Street Signal Improvement Project (MPMS #64790); and to amend the FY2007-2010 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a project back into the TIP, Susquehanna Road from Huntingdon Road to Tennis Avenue Bikeway Improvements (MPMS # 62300), and programming construction in FY09; amend the FY2007-2010 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a project back into the TIP, Old Baltimore Pike/Bicyclist's Baltimore Pike (MPMS # 62299), and programming construction in FY09.*

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

**j. PA07-75a: Food Distribution Center Cross-Dock Facility (MPMS #68068), Philadelphia - Proposed Project Deletion**

PennDOT has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2007-2010 TIP for Pennsylvania by deleting the Food Distribution Center Cross-Dock Facility Project (MPMS #68068), from the current TIP by removing the FY07 construction phase (\$200,000 CMAQ). The goal of this project was to eliminate long distance truck trips from interstate highways and local Philadelphia streets by converting trips to rail containers using a newly constructed dock built especially to accommodate frozen or refrigerated goods. This project was awarded \$200,000 in CMAQ funds as part of the 2002 DVRPC Competitive CMAQ Program, and a local match of \$643,000 was to be provided by the project's sponsors, Brooks Provisions Inc. in partnership with the Food Distribution Center. The project sponsor does not wish to move forward with the project due to higher expense determined necessary for construction.

**k. PA07-75b: Packer Avenue Marine Terminal Gate Enhancement (MPMS #68070), Philadelphia - Proposed Project Deletion**

PennDOT has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2007-2010 TIP for Pennsylvania by deleting the Packer Avenue Marine Terminal Gate Enhancement Project (MPMS #68070), from the current TIP by removing the FY07 construction phase (\$420,000 CMAQ). The goal of this project was to modernize the current gate structure, and purchase and install software and hardware to automate the gate process for trucks at the Packer Avenue Marine Terminal. This project was awarded \$420,000 in CMAQ funds as part of the 2002 DVRPC Competitive CMAQ Program, and a local match of \$105,000 was to be provided by the project's sponsor, the Philadelphia Regional Port Authority. The project is not expected to advance for several more years since the configuration and a still to-be-determined location of the new gate will change. The sponsor hopes to be able to re-visit the CMAQ Competitive Program at a future date, but has agreed to drop the project.

*Motion: by Lorraine Brill, seconded by David Johnson to amend the FY2007-2010 TIP for Pennsylvania by deleting the Food Distribution Center Cross-Dock Facility Project (MPMS #68068), from the current TIP by removing the FY07 construction phase (\$200,000 CMAQ); and to amend the FY2007-2010 TIP for Pennsylvania by deleting the Packer Avenue Marine Terminal Gate Enhancement Project (MPMS #68070), from the current TIP by removing the FY07 construction phase (\$420,000 CMAQ).*

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

**6. DVRPC Fiscal Year (FY) 2009 Planning Work Program**

The Draft Planning Work Program for FY 2009 was approved by the Board for distribution and review, with the public comment period closing on January 14, 2008. DVRPC staff are in the process of responding to comments that have been received and are working to resolve an open issues. After Board and adoption, relevant revisions will continue to be incorporated into the Work Program and the Final document will be produced. John Griffies (DVRPC) asked the RTC to recommend that the Board adopt the Final FY 2009 Planning Work Program, pending the resolution of any outstanding comments and issues.

*Motion: by Thomas Shaffer, seconded by Catherine Popp-McDonough to recommend that the Board adopt the Final FY 2009 Planning Work Program, pending the resolution of any outstanding comments and issues.*

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

**7. Approval of DVRPC Public Participation Plan: A Strategy for Citizen Involvement**

As a means of documenting DVRPC's long history of proactive public involvement, the Board adopted a Public Participation Plan in 2001 and amended it in 2004. In order to meet SAFETEA-LU requirements, the Public Participation Plan has been revised and needs to be re-adopted. The draft plan underwent a 45-day public comment period that ended on January 2, 2008. Jane Meconi (DVRPC) asked the RTC to recommend that the Board adopt the *DVRPC Public Participation Plan: A Strategy for Citizen Involvement*.

*Motion: by John Boyle, seconded by Lorraine Brill to recommend that the Board adopt the DVRPC Public Participation Plan: A Strategy for Citizen Involvement.*

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

**8. FY 2008/2009 Airport Capital Improvement Program (ACIP), Pennsylvania Side of Region**

Each year in February, DVRPC provides to PennDOT a priority listing of recommend airport capital expenditures in the region for the next grant year. This year's fiscally constrained ACIP presented was prepared by staff along with sponsor airports and has been reviewed by the Regional Aviation Committee (RAC). Reiner Pelzer (DVRPC) asked the RTC to recommend that the Board approve the FY 2008/2009 Airport Capital Improvement Program.

*Motion: Leo Bagley, seconded by Deborah Schaaf to recommend that the Board approve the FY 2008/2009 Airport Improvement Program.*

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

**9. PennVEST Application Review**

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

*Motion: Natasha Goguts, seconded by Leo Bagley to recommend that the Board accept the application and recommendations of PennVEST's Chester County application.*

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

*Motion: Thomas Shaffer, seconded by Catherine Popp-McDonough to recommend that the Board accept the application and recommendations of PennVEST's Delaware County application.*

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

**PRESENTATION ITEM****10. PhillyCarShare Project Update**

In 2006, DVRPC funded PhillyCarShare to expand its non-profit car-sharing service from 2,000 participants to 15,000 members in all five Pennsylvania counties by 2008. Clayton Lane (PhillyCarShare) updated DVRPC on the status of this project, presented how dollars have been invested, markets that are currently served, and progress on environmental goals.

**INFORMATION ITEMS****11. FY 2009 Pennsylvania Transportation Management Association (TMA) Assistance Grant and Mobility Alternative Program Work Programs**

Sarah Oaks (DVRPC) presented the Transportation Management Association Assistance Grant and Mobility Alternatives Program 2009 work programs for review. Each year the TMAs must have their scopes of work reviewed by DVRPC as well as their respective counties and PennDOT. The comment period will be open until the close of business Friday, January 18, 2008.

**12. One Minute Reports**

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

**13. Old Business and New Business**

**14. Meeting Adjournment**

*Motion: by Brian Cuccia, 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 February 5, 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  
 (not represented)  
 Natasha Goguts  
 (not represented)  
 (not represented)  
 Judy Adams  
 Thomas Shaffer  
 Linda Hayes  
 John Boyle  
 Lorraine Brill  
 Jessica Lucas  
 Matthew Lawson  
 Leo Bagley  
 Brian Cuccia  
 (not represented)  
 (not represented)  
 Pippa Woods  
 (not represented)  
 Jim Mosca  
 Linda Guarini  
 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)  
 (not represented)  
 (not represented)  
 (not represented)  
 (not represented)  
 (not represented)

**ATTENDANCE (cont'd)**

**Other Member Representatives and Guests**

Chuck Davis – PennDOT 6-0  
Dave Martin – NJDOT Traffic Operations  
Kathleen Zubrzyck – SEPTA  
Randy Waltermyer – Chester County  
Ben Ginsberg - CCD  
Clayton Lane – PhillyCarShare  
Ernest Cohen - Citizen

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Roger Moog  
Gastonia Anderson