

**DELAWARE VALLEY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION**  
**PLANNING COORDINATING COMMITTEE/**  
**REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**  
**March 11, 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. Mr. Lawson introduced Jeff Taylor, who will be representing Gloucester County while Jessica Savidge-Lucas (Gloucester County) is on Maternity Leave. Mr. Lawson also introduced Rina Cutler (Deputy Mayor of Transportation for Philadelphia).

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

Dr. Shanis (DVRPC) updated the members on the February 28, 2008 Board meeting, and stated that the Board passed all Actions the RTC recommended. Also, the Board passed a \$22 Million budget for the 2009 DVRPC Fiscal Year. The October 7, 2008 PCC/RTC meeting has been moved to Friday, October 10, 2008.

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

John Boyle (RCC) provided information on the RCC meeting held on February 19, 2008. Mr. Boyle stated that Warren Strumpfer was re-elected as chair and that Hans Van Naerssen and Cheryl Tumola were appointed as Vice Chairs, while Mr. Boyle was re-appointed as the RTC Representative. Mr. Boyle also noted that the RCC is deeply concerned about climate change and would like DVRPC to take the lead on this subject matter. (Please refer to the February 19, 2008 Meeting Minutes of the DVRPC RCC for specific details.)

**ACTION ITEMS****4. Highlights of the Meeting of February 5, 2008**

The highlights from the February 5, 2008 meeting of the PCC/RTC were presented for adoption.

*Motion: by Brian Cuccia, seconded by Jessica Savidge-Lucas to adopt the highlights for the February 5, 2008 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 six TIP amendments for consideration.

**a. PA07-84: Inclusion of the FY08-FY11 Eastern Federal Lands Transportation Improvement Program Project as part of the DVRPC FY07 TIP for Pennsylvania****Inner Line Drive and Redoubt Road Rehabilitation Project (MPMS # TBD), Montgomery County**

FHWA has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2007-2010 TIP for Pennsylvania by including a portion of the FY08-FY11 Eastern Federal Lands Transportation Improvement Program Projects as part of the DVRPC FY07 TIP for Pennsylvania, by adding a new project to the TIP, Inner Line Drive and Redoubt Road Rehabilitation Project (MPMS #TBD) and programming \$3.1 million of Park, Roads, and Parkways funds in FY08 for construction, acknowledging a toll credit match.

*Motion: by Leo Bagley, seconded by Natasha Goguts to amend the FY2007-2010 TIP for Pennsylvania by including a portion of the FY08-FY11 Eastern Federal Lands Transportation Improvement Program Projects as part of the DVRPC FY07 TIP for Pennsylvania and adding a new project to the TIP, Inner Line Drive and Redoubt Road Rehabilitation Project (MPMS #TBD) by programming \$3,100,000 of Park, Roads, and Parkways funds, acknowledging a toll match for construction in FY08.*

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

**b. PA07-85: US 322, Commodore Barry Bridge – PA 291 2<sup>nd</sup> Street Interchange Project (MPMS #57780), Delaware County**

PennDOT has requested that DVRPC modify the FY2007-2010 TIP for Pennsylvania by increasing the total project cost of the US 322/Commodore Barry

Bridge/I-95 2nd Street Interchange Project (MPMS #57780) by \$26.6 million due to the low construction estimate of the project and the high bids received by PennDOT.

*Motion: by Thomas Shaffer, seconded by Linda Guarini to modify the FY2007-2010 TIP for Pennsylvania by increasing the total project cost of the US 322/Commodore Barry Bridge/I-95 2nd Street Interchange Project (MPMS #57780) by \$26.6 million and programming additional construction funds in FY08 (\$15,465,000 STU/\$2,144,000 STP/\$4,402,000 State) and FY09 (\$3,728,000 STU/\$932,000 State.*

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

**c. PA07-86: Boot Road Extension Bridge over Brandywine Creek (MPMS #83710), Chester County**

The Borough of Downingtown in Chester County has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2007-2010 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a new project to the TIP, Boot Road Extension Bridge over Brandywine Creek (MPMS #83710) by programming \$260,850 of local funds for preliminary engineering to advance the environmental clearance work for a new bridge over Brandywine Creek. The project would ultimately connect to the Boot Road Extension, which is critical to providing access to Chester County's only Keystone Opportunity Zone, improving traffic circulation on US 322 and US 30 business, and creating employment opportunities. The project construction will consist of a new bridge over the Brandywine Creek with one travel lane in each direction and sidewalks. The project will provide a more direct connection to the Downingtown Amtrak/SEPTA Train Station and regional bicycle and pedestrian facilities, including PA Bicycle Route L.

*Motion: by Natasha Goguts, seconded by Catherine Popp-McDonough to amend the FY2007-2010 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a new project to the TIP, Boot Road Extension Bridge over Brandywine Creek (MPMS #83710) and programming \$260,850 Local funds for preliminary engineering in FY08.*

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

**d. PA07-87: Cresheim Valley Drive, Cresheim Road to Stenton Avenue, Revitalization Project (MPMS #74831), Philadelphia**

PennDOT has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2007-2010 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a new project to the TIP, Cresheim Valley Drive, Cresheim Road to Stenton Avenue, Revitalization Project (MPMS #74831). This project will be funded by two SAFETEA-LU earmarks in the amount of (ID#1060) \$880,000 and (ID #4830) \$450,000, and a local match provided by the City of Philadelphia.

This project involves the restoration, resurfacing and reconstruction of Cresheim Valley Drive from Cresheim Road to Stenton Avenue. All street segments will be resurfaced with bituminous material. The existing inlets and lateral connections to the Cresheim Creek will be replaced with inlets. Also, the pipe that connects one of the inlets to the creek through the culvert beneath Lincoln Drive Bridge will be replaced with a new RCP with a new connection to the culvert. Rock lining will be provided on the street side slope of the creek. Concrete barrier and moment slab will be installed along the Cresheim Creek side. New concrete curb and guiderail will be installed on the opposite side of Cresheim Creek. In addition, the scour area under the bridge will be repaired as a part of this project.

This project was designed as a part of the Citywide Roadway Resurfacing project (MPMS #72946). Construction will be programmed in FY08 (\$1,328,000 DEMO/\$333,000 Local).

*Motion: by Chivas Grannum, seconded by Linda Guarini to amend the FY2007-2010 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a new project to the TIP, Cresheim Valley Drive, Cresheim Road to Stenton Avenue, Revitalization Project (MPMS #74831) and programming construction in FY08 (\$1,328,000 DEMO/\$333,000 Local).*

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

**e. PA07-88: I-476 over Schuylkill River Bridge Deck Replacement and ITS (MPMS #83603), Montgomery County**

PennDOT has requested that DVRPC modify the DVRPC Regional TIP by reducing it by \$830,000 in order to provide a construction funding increase to a Interstate Management Program (IMP) project for Pennsylvania by increasing the construction phase of an IMP project, I-476 over Schuylkill River Bridge Deck Replacement and ITS project (MPMS #83603) by \$830,000 of Regional TIP funds due to a low construction cost estimate and the high bids received by PennDOT. This action increases the amount of funds in the IMP and reduces the total funding in the DVRPC Regional TIP by \$830,000.

**f. PA07-89: Deferrals Resulting in Technical Deletions from the TIP, (MPMS #'s 47979 and 64791)**

- 1) Paoli Transportation Center – Road Improvements (MPMS #47979), Chester County**
- 2) Kedron Avenue at Franklin Avenue Intersection Improvements (MPMS #64791), Delaware County**

PennDOT has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2007-2010 TIP for Pennsylvania by deferring phases for 2 projects in the TIP, (MPMS #'s 47979,

64791) to reflect a more accurate let schedule and to program the projects consistently to what is proposed in the preliminary draft of the FY09 TIP. These project phases will not be using the funds that are currently programmed in FY08, and are being shifted to FY11, which is outside of the current FY07 TIP and considered "Later Fiscal Years" (hence, a "Technical Deletion"). The projects are not being dropped.

(1) The FY08 preliminary engineering phase of Paoli Transportation Center - Road Improvements (MPMS #47979) will be deferred to FY11, or Later Fiscal Years of the FY07 TIP. \$830,000 of the preliminary engineering phase will be used to provide additional funding for an Interstate Management Program (IMP) project, I-476 over Schuylkill River Bridge Deck Replacement and ITS (MPMS #83603). This project has not yet begun preliminary engineering since the Paoli Transportation Center (MPMS #60574) has not advanced or reached consensus on configuration.

(2) The FY08 construction phase of the Kedron Avenue at Franklin Avenue Intersection Improvements (MPMS #64791), would be deferred to FY11, or Later Fiscal Years of the FY07 TIP. Final design is underway and expected to be completed at the end of FY2010. The unused FY08 funding from this Kedron Avenue project will be used to help fund accrued unbilled costs for various projects.

Phases being pushed out of the 4 year TIP program results in "technical deletions". 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.

*Motion: by Leo Bagley, seconded by Brian Cuccia to modify the DVRPC Regional TIP by reducing it by \$830,000 in order to provide a construction funding increase to a Interstate Management Program (IMP) project for Pennsylvania by increasing the construction phase of an IMP project, I-476 over Schuylkill River Bridge Deck Replacement and ITS project (MPMS #83603) by \$830,000 of Regional TIP funds due to a low construction cost estimate and the high bids received by PennDOT; and to amend the FY2007-2010 TIP for Pennsylvania by deferring phases for 2 projects in the TIP, (MPMS #'s 47979, 64791) to reflect a more accurate let schedule and to program the projects consistently to what is proposed in the preliminary draft of the FY09 TIP.*

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

## **6. Fiscal Year 2009 Planning Work Program Amendment**

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. PennDOT PA Township Mapping**

PennDOT has requested that DVRPC prepare a First Class Township map for each First Class Township in Bucks, Chester, Delaware, and Montgomery counties. First Class Townships must have a population density that exceeds 300 persons per square mile. PennDOT First Class Township Maps, like PennDOT Second Class Township Maps, depict all roads under the Liquid Fuels Program with names and segment lengths. PennDOT will provide source information, training, and project specifications. DVRPC will perform all work using MicroStation software in accordance with PennDOT procedures. DVRPC will coordinate all information and project activities. Mark Gatti (DVRPC) presented the Work Program Amendment.

*Motion: by Leo Bagley, seconded by John Boyle to modify the Fiscal Year 2009 Work Program to add the PennDOT PA Township Mapping Project.*

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

## **PRESENTATION ITEMS**

### **7. 1980 – 2005 Travel Trends in the Philadelphia Central Business District (CBD)**

Scott Brady (DVRPC) presented a report which analyzes the results of DVRPC's latest travel survey for the Philadelphia CBD. This survey assesses highway and public transportation travel trends crossing into the CBD and compares the volume with those collected in 1980 and 2000.

### **8. 2000 & 2005 Motorized & Non-motorized Trip Generation**

Chris Puchalsky (DVRPC) presented trip generation results from the 2000 and 2005 travel simulation models. This includes person, transit, truck, taxi, internal, as well as external trips. The generation of non-motorized trips and trips from group quarters, new in the 2000 model, were covered, and results were compared against survey data.

### **9. Bicycling in the Delaware Valley in 2005: Use, Safety and Demographics**

In order to better inform and evaluate the effects of transportation policy and capital investment on bicycle usage, staff conducted in 2005 the region's first-ever metropolitan bicycle travel survey, the most comprehensive look at bicycling ever conducted in the region and possibly the largest of its kinds ever conducted in North

America. Trip and user data were collected through roadside interviews and distribution of mail-back questionnaires to intercepted bicyclists. Unique to this survey, data was collected on crash experience during the 12 months preceding the survey. A report on the survey results was released in December 2007. John Madera (DVRPC) described the survey design and procedures and discussed the survey's principal findings.

## **INFORMATION ITEMS**

### **10. 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. As a follow-up to the October 2007 RTC presentation, Laurie Matkowski (DVRPC) presented findings from the Pennsylvania corridor.

### **11. One Minute Reports**

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

### **12. Old Business and New Business**

### **13. Meeting Adjournment**

*Motion: by Brian Cuccia, seconded by Carol Thomas 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 April 1, 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**

(not represented)  
 Carol Thomas  
 Curt Noe  
 Natasha Goguts  
 Edward Williams  
 Simon Alexander  
 (not represented)  
 Thomas Shaffer  
 Linda Hayes  
 John Boyle  
 Lorraine Brill  
 Jessica Savdige-Lucas  
 Matthew Lawson  
 Leo Bagley  
 Brian Cuccia  
 (not represented)  
 (not represented)  
 Pippa Woods  
 (not represented)  
 Jim Mosca  
 Linda Guarini  
 Anthony Santaniello  
 Chivas Grannum  
 (not represented)  
 Catherine Popp-McDonough

**Representative**

Glenn Reibman  
 Kelvin MacKavanagh  
 (not represented)  
 Matt 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)  
 Martin Kotsch

## **ATTENDANCE (cont'd)**

### **Other Member Representatives and Guests**

James McQuilkin – DRPA  
Ben Ginsberg – CCD  
Jeff Taylor – Gloucester County  
Andrea Jordan – City of Philadelphia  
Warren Strumpfer - RCC  
Alex Flemming – SEPTA  
Rina Cutler – City of Philadelphia

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