

DELAWARE VALLEY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
PLANNING COORDINATING COMMITTEE/
REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
April 1, 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

Don Shanis (DVRPC) updated the members on the March 27, 2008 Board meeting, and stated that the Board passed all Actions recommended by the RTC.

3. Report on Regional Citizens Committee Activities

John Boyle (RCC) provided information on the RCC meeting held on March 18, 2008. Mr. Boyle stated that the RCC had concerns with two of the TIP Actions from the March 18, 2008 meeting: The Valley Forge Park Inner Line Drive Rehabilitation Project; and the US 322/Commodore Barry Bridge/I-95 2nd Street Interchange Project. (Please refer to the March 18, 2008 Meeting Minutes of the DVRPC RCC for specific details.)

ACTION ITEMS

4. Highlights of the Meeting of March 11, 2008

The highlights from the March 11, 2008 meeting of the PCC/RTC were presented for adoption.

Motion: by Brian Cuccia, seconded by Catherine Popp-McDonough to adopt the highlights for the March 11, 2008 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 one TIP amendment for consideration.

a. PA07-91: Federal Preventative Maintenance Program (MPMS #60317), SEPTA

SEPTA has requested that DVRPC modify the FY2007-2010 TIP for Pennsylvania by expanding the scope of the Federal Preventative Maintenance Program (MPMS #60317) to include the overhaul of SEPTA rail vehicles including Broad Street

Subway, Norristown High Speed Line, Market-Frankford, Light Rail Vehicles and Regional Rail cars, and increasing the program by \$50 million (\$40,000,000 FTA 5309/\$10,000,000 Local) in FY08.

Motion: by Thomas Shaffer, seconded by Brian Cuccia to modify the FY2007-2010 TIP for Pennsylvania by expanding the scope of the Federal Preventative Maintenance Program (MPMS #60317) to include the overhaul of SEPTA rail vehicles including Broad Street Subway, Norristown High Speed Line, Market-Frankford, Light Rail Vehicles and Regional Rail cars, and increasing the program by \$50 million (\$40,000,000 FTA 5309/\$10,000,000 Local).

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

6. Authorization to Open 30-Day Comment Period for the Draft 2009 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for New Jersey (FY2009-2012) and for Pennsylvania (FY2009-2012)

Federal law planning regulations require the development of a Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) in order for the metropolitan region to be eligible to receive federal transportation funds. Elizabeth Schoonmaker (DVRPC) asked the RTC to recommend that the Board open a 30-day public comment period in May 2008, for the purpose of gathering public and agency comments on the draft 2009 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for New Jersey (FY2009-2012) and for Pennsylvania (FY2009-2012).

7. Request to Release Transportation Conformity Determination of the FY 2009-2012 TIP's for Pennsylvania and New Jersey for Public Comment

DVRPC will be conducting a Transportation Conformity Determination of the FY 2009-2012 TIPs for Pennsylvania and New Jersey. DVRPC will hold a thirty-day public comment period on the conformity document from May 16, 2008 until June 20, 2008. Elizabeth Schoonmaker requested that the RTC recommend that the DVRPC Board authorize the release of the conformity documents for the required thirty-day public comment period.

Motion: by Natasha Goguts, seconded by Brian Cuccia to recommend that the Board open a 30-day public comment period in May 2008, for the purpose of gathering public and agency comments on the draft 2009 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for New Jersey (FY2009-2012) and for Pennsylvania (FY2009-2012); and to recommend that the DVRPC Board authorize the release of the Transportation Conformity Determination of the FY 2009-1012 TIP's for Pennsylvania and New Jersey for the required thirty-day public comment period.

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

8. 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. Woodhaven Road Extension Traffic Study

This Action Item has been tabled until a later date.

9. Appointment of Nominating Committee for Fiscal Year 2009 (FY09) DVRPC Planning Coordinating Committee/Regional Transportation Committee (PCC/RTC) Officers

A Nominating Committee of Matthew Lawson (Mercer County), Jim Mosca (PennDOT) and Don Shanis (DVRPC) was selected to appoint candidates for Chairman and Vice Chairman for the PCC/RTC for FY09 (July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009). The Chairman for FY09 must be a voting member from Pennsylvania, and the Vice Chairman must be a voting member from New Jersey. The committee will report these candidates and elections will take place at the June 2008 PCC/RTC meeting.

Motion: by Lorraine Brill, seconded by Catherine Popp-McDonough to name Matthew Lawson (Mercer County), Jim Mosca (PennDOT) and Don Shanis (DVRPC) as the Nominating Committee to name the candidates for Chairman and Vice Chairman for FY09

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

PRESENTATION ITEMS**10. Climate Change Overview**

Robert Graff (DVRPC) presented an overview of the science underlying climate change, and discussed the implications for DVRPC's work. The presentation also included an overview of the new "Climate Change Initiatives" program area in DVRPC's FY 2009 Comprehensive Work Program.

11. 2000 and 2005 Modes of Travel

Thomas Walker (DVRPC) presented an overview of the travel modes and sub-modes utilized by residents of the DVRPC region and how they are included in DVRPC's regional travel simulation model. Transit sub-modes include Railroad, Subway Elevated, Bus and Trolley; Highway modes consider Auto, Truck, and Taxi trips; and, nonmotorized travel include Bicycle and Walk trips. This presentation also provided regional tabulations of the trips for each travel mode and sub-mode as estimated in the recent 2000 and 2005 validations of the DVRPC model.

INFORMATION ITEMS

12. Connections Plan On-Line Survey

DVRPC has just concluded an on-line survey of regional issues that will be used to help prioritize regional goals and strategies for the long-range plan. Michael Boyer (DVRPC) reported on the preliminary findings as well as outlined the next steps in development of the Connections Plan.

13. One Minute Reports

PCC/RTC Members and guests will be 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 Pippa Woods 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 May 6, 2008.

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

David Johnson
 Carol Thomas
 (not represented)
 Natasha Goguts
 (not represented)
 (not represented)
 (not represented)
 Thomas Shaffer
 Linda Hayes
 John Boyle
 Lorraine Brill
 Jeff Taylor
 Matthew Lawson
 Leo Bagley
 Brian Cuccia
 (not represented)
 (not represented)
 Pippa Woods
 (not represented)
 Jim Mosca
 (not represented)
 Anthony Santaniello
 Chivas Grannum
 (not represented)
 Catherine Popp-McDonough

Representative

Glenn Reibman
 Kelvin MacKavanagh
 (not represented)
 (not represented)
 (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

John Dooner – SEPTA
Jim McQuilkin –DRPA
Tonie Anderson – DRPA
Steve Buckley – City of Philadelphia

DVRPC Staff

Gastonia Anderson
Michael Boyer
Charles Dougherty
Robert Graff
Richard Murphy
Elizabeth Schoonmaker
Donald Shanis
Thomas Walker
John Ward
Matthew West