

DELAWARE VALLEY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
PLANNING COORDINATING COMMITTEE/
REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
September 9, 2008 Meeting Highlights
DVRPC Conference Room, Philadelphia, PA

1. Call to Order - Chairman's Comments

James Mosca (PennDOT) welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order.

2. Deputy Executive Director's Report

Charles Dougherty (DVRPC), filling in for Don Shanis (DVRPC), stated that at the July 24, 2008 Board Meeting, the Board expressed the same concerns as the RTC regarding the Integrating Land Use, Transportation, and Economic Development Planning (LUTED) set of investments. Mr. Dougherty also stated that the Board retreat will take place on September 25, 2008.

3. Report on Regional Citizens Committee Activities

Lorraine Brill provided information on the RCC meeting held on July 15, 2008. Ms. Brill stated that a discussion on Integrating Land Use, Transportation, and Economic Development Planning (LUTED) took place. (Please refer to the June 17, 2008 Meeting Minutes of the DVRPC RCC for specific details.)

ACTION ITEMS

4. Highlights of the Meeting of July 8, 2008

The highlights from the July 8, 2008 meeting of the PCC/RTC were presented for adoption.

Motion: by Leo Bagley, seconded by Matthew Lawson to adopt the highlights for the July 8, 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 two TIP amendments for consideration.

a. PA09-01: Conshohocken Road Bridge over Industrial Tract - Bridge Replacement Project (MPMS #16237), Montgomery County – Add Back Transition List Project/Cost Increase

PennDOT has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2009-2012 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding the Conshohocken Road Bridges over Industrial Tract - Bridge Replacement Project (MPMS #16237) back into the FY2009 TIP as a Transition List project and programming \$13 million in Act 44 funds in FY09 for construction, therefore increasing the total project cost by \$6 million from previous estimates. This action would become effective October 1, 2008, as the first amendment to the recently adopted FY2009 TIP for PA.

b. PA09-02: Germantown Avenue Roadway Reconstruction (South) at Ashmead - (MPMS #48191), Philadelphia – Add Back Transition List Project/Cost Increase

PennDOT has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2009-2012 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding the Germantown Avenue Roadway Reconstruction (South) at Ashmead (MPMS #48191) back into the FY2009 TIP, as a Transition List project, revising the project limits and scope, and programming \$12.5 million for final design and construction, a total project increase of \$7.3 million from previous estimates. Funding will be programmed for the previously obligated final design phase in FY09 (\$250,000 (\$200,000 FED HWY/\$50,000 State) and construction in FY09 (\$6,548,000 STP/\$0 Toll credit match) and FY10 (\$5,800,000 STP/\$0 Toll credit match) as part of the FY2009 TIP. This action would become effective October 1, 2008, as the second amendment to the recently adopted FY2009 TIP for PA.

Motion: by Christopher Zearfoss, seconded by Chivas Grannum to recommend that the Board amend the FY2009-2012 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding the Conshohocken Road Bridges over Industrial Tract - Bridge Replacement Project (MPMS #16237) back into the FY2009 TIP as a Transition List project and programming \$13 million in Act 44 funds in FY09 for construction; and amend the FY2009-2012 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding the Germantown Avenue Roadway Reconstruction (South) at Ashmead (MPMS #48191) back into the FY2009 TIP, as a Transition List project, revising the project limits and scope, and programming \$12.5 million for final design and construction.

Motion passed. All 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. **South St. Bridge/I-76 Ramp Study**

John Ward (DVRPC) asked the RTC to recommend that the Board modify the Fiscal Year 2009 Work Program by adding the South St. Bridge/I-76 Ramp Study. The City of Philadelphia is embarking on a project to replace the South Street Bridge, a structurally deficient bridge over the Schuylkill River and I-76 (Schuylkill Expwy) linking Center City Philadelphia and the University of Pennsylvania / West Philadelphia. The bridge structure currently includes ramps to and from I-76, although their design is lacking by today's standards (accel / decel length and left lane exit / merge). Attempts to ameliorate some of the ramp problems infringe on the improved bicycle / pedestrian accommodations which are integral to the design of the new structure. Because of this, the public has recommended that the bridge be reconstructed without the ramps. As alternative ramps exist which may or may not accommodate traffic movement, the City of Philadelphia has asked DVRPC to study traffic impacts on the roadway network if the new bridge were not to be connected to I-76.

Motion: by Jessica Savidge-Lucas, seconded by Catherine Popp-McDonough to recommend that the Board modify the Fiscal Year 2009 Work Program to add the South St. Bridge/I-76 Ramp Study.

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

b. **Bridgewater Road Extension Traffic Study**

Matthew Gates (DVRPC) asked the RTC to recommend that the Board modify the Fiscal Year 2009 Work Program by adding the Bridgewater Road Extension Traffic Study. DVRPC has received a letter from PennDOT District 6-0 requesting that DVRPC prepare a scope of services and cost/time estimate to develop traffic forecasts in support of PennDOT's evaluation of the extension of Bridgewater Road to either PA 452 or US 322, in Delaware County.

DVRPC will provide the traffic data and forecasts that are needed to evaluate the benefits and impacts of the various alternatives that are proposed for the extension of Bridgewater Road. For this work, DVRPC will refine the focused travel demand model that was created for the I-95 / US 322 Interchange Traffic Study. Daily and AM and PM peak hour traffic forecasts, including intersection turning movements will be prepared for a No-Build and two Build Alternatives.

Motion: by Thomas Shaffer, seconded by Richard Brahler to recommend that the Board modify the Fiscal Year 2009 Work Program to add the Bridgewater Road Extension Traffic Study.

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

7. Federal Safe Routes to School Program – Presentation of Recommended Projects and Scores

Although PennDOT will be responsible for evaluation of the submitted project applications and project selection for the Federal Safe Routes to School Program statewide, they have asked for regional input from DVRPC to aid in their selection process. DVRPC has asked the Regional Citizens Committee to evaluate and score 23 applications for the region that were received by PennDOT, and have also asked Bucks, Chester, Delaware, Montgomery and Philadelphia Counties to evaluate and score the projects in their respective counties. Based upon the scores, DVRPC has developed a list of 10 recommended projects, 2 projects from each county, which will be presented to PennDOT to take into consideration during their project selection process. Ryan Gallagher (DVRPC) asked the RTC to recommend that the Board approve the list of recommended projects.

Motion: by Catherine Popp-McDonough, seconded by Natasha Goguts to recommend that the Board approve the recommended projects and scores for the Federal Safe Routes to School Program.

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

8. PennVest Application Review

DVRPC recently received one PennVest application in Bucks County to review its consistency with city, county and regional land use plans. Patty Elkis (DVRPC) provided an overview of the application, which was submitted by Northampton Bucks County Municipal Authority (NBCMA) - Harvest Acres Project: the NBCMA. The Authority requested \$818,224 from PennVest to extend sanitary sewer lines 4,522 feet to serve up to 41 homes in the Harvest Acres subdivision area. Ms. Elkis recommended approval of this application as the project coincides with the Destination 2030 policy to reinvest in communities to renew and stabilize neighborhoods and reverse declining trends.

Motion: by Richard Brahler, seconded by Leo Bagley to recommend that the Board authorize the Executive Director to send a letter notifying PENNVEST of consistency with Destination 2030 Plan.

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

PRESENTATION ITEMS

9. Airports of the Future

William Fife, P.E., Senior Consultant for DMJM Harris, Inc., presented an overview of the range of current and emerging issues that are shaping the practice of airport planning, design and construction worldwide. A process of formally identifying key issues was initiated following the American Society of Civil Engineers International Air Transportation Conference held in Louisville, KY in June 1996, and subsequently has been kept up to date through the discussions and meetings of an airport industry Peer

Review Group. This presentation examined these issues within the context of industry trends and discussed how airports need to develop a flexible response to these evolving trends and the associated current and emerging issues.

INFORMATION ITEMS

10. FY 2010 Work Program

John Griffies (DVRPC) presented a schedule and information regarding plans for the FY2010 Work Program.

11. FY2010 Work Program Transit Support Program (TSP) and Supportive Regional Highway Planning Program (SRHPP) call for Special Studies

The special Studies element of TSP and SRHPP is now open for studies to be considered as part of the FY 2010 Work Program process. Sarah Oaks (DVRPC) presented program parameters and Work Program submission schedules.

12. Freight Plan Showcase

Ted Dahlburg (DVRPC) described the upcoming Freight Plan Showcase being conducted for the DVRPC planning community. The showcase will feature a guided journey through the Delaware Valley's supply chain and present identified freight projects for possible inclusion in the DVRPC's freight advisory committee, the Delaware Valley Goods Movement Task Force. The showcase will be conducted in an open-house format in the DVRPC conference room from 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. on Wednesday, October 15, 2008.

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 Jessica Savidge-Lucas, seconded by Brian Cuccia 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 Friday, October 10, 2008 (PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DAY).

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
 City of Philadelphia – City Planning Commission
 City of Philadelphia – Department of Streets
 City of Philadelphia – Mayor's Office of Transportation
 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

Richard Brahler
 Carol Thomas
 Curt Noe
 Natasha Goguts
 (not represented)
 (not represented)
 (not represented)
 Thomas Shaffer
 Linda Hayes
 (not represented)
 Lorraine Brill
 Jessica Savidge-Lucas
 Matthew Lawson
 Leo Bagley
 Brian Cuccia
 (not represented)
 (not represented)
 James Schwarzwald
 (not represented)
 Jim Mosca
 Linda Guarini
 Anthony M. Santaniello
 Chivas Grannum
 Christopher Zearfoss
 Catherine Popp-McDonough

Representative

Glenn Reibman
 Kelvin MacKavanagh
 (not represented)
 Matthew Smoker
 (not represented)
 (not represented)
 (not represented)
 Brian Wahler
 William Ragozine
 (not represented)
 Rob Henry
 Don Steele
 (not represented)
 (not represented)
 (not represented)
 (not represented)
 (not represented)
 Martin Kotsch

ATTENDANCE (cont'd)

Other Member Representatives and Guests

Kevin Black – FHWA
Ernest Cohen - RCC
William Fife – DMJM
Alex Flemming - SEPTA
Andrea Jordan – City of Philadelphia
George Mattar – Bucks County Courier Times
Warren Strumpfer - RCC
Randy Waltermayer – Chester County
Kathleen Zubrzycki – SEPTA

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