DELAWARE VALLEY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

PLANNING COORDINATING COMMITTEE/

REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

November 5, 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. Mr. Mosca also mentioned that the Pennsylvania Community Transportation Initiative (PCTI) deadline is December 15, 2008. Information about this Initiative can be found at http://www.smart-transportation.com/

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

   Don Shanis (DVRPC) updated the members on the October 23, 2008 Board meeting, and stated that the Board passed all Actions recommended by the RTC. Dr. Shanis also stated that DVRPC was recognized for its work in Smart Transportation by the American Metropolitan Planning Organization (AMPO) at its annual meeting in Seattle, Washington.

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

   John Boyle (RCC) provided information on the RCC meeting held on October 14, 2008. Mr. Boyle stated that all Action Items were recommended for approval by the RCC, with one Action Item approved with a condition. (Please refer to the October 14, 2008 Meeting Minutes of the DVRPC RCC for specific details.)

ACTION ITEMS

4. **Highlights of the Meeting of October 10, 2008**

   The highlights from the October 10, 2008 meeting of the PCC/RTC were presented for adoption.

   > Motion: *by Jessica Savidge-Lucas, seconded by Brian Cuccia to adopt the highlights for the October 10, 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 six TIP amendments for consideration.

    a. **PA09-08a: Parkway Streetscape Improvements Projects (MPMS #84649), Philadelphia – _Proposed New Project_**

        On behalf of the Fairmount Park Commission, PennDOT has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2009-2012 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a new project to the TIP, Parkway Streetscape Improvements Project (MPMS #84649), and programming $3.75 million ($3,250,000 Federal STP/$500,000 Local), acknowledging a toll credit match in FY09 for construction. The federal funding for this project is comprised of $2 million in statewide discretionary funds and $1.25 million in DVRPC regional TIP funds. The local funding will be provided by the City of Philadelphia's Capital Budget funds.

    b. **PA09-08b: Shakespeare Park at 19th/20th/Vine/Parkway (MPMS #85059), Philadelphia – _Proposed New Project_**

        On behalf of the Center City District, PennDOT has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2009-2012 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a new project to the TIP, Shakespeare Park at 19th/20th/Vine/Parkway (MPMS #85059), and programming $1.75 million federal STU funds, acknowledging a toll credit match in FY12 for construction.

        Motion: _by Deborah Schaaf, seconded by Chivas Grannum to recommend that the Board amend the FY2009-2012 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a new project to the TIP, Parkway Streetscape Improvements Project (MPMS #84649), and programming $3.75 million ($3,250,000 Federal STP/$500,000 Local), acknowledging a toll credit match in FY09 for construction; and amend the FY2009-2012 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a new project to the TIP, Shakespeare Park at 19th/20th/Vine/Parkway (MPMS #85059), and programming $1.75 million federal STU funds, acknowledging a toll credit match in FY12 for construction._

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

c. **PA09-09: PA 252 Underpass and US 30 Intersection (MPMS# 85062), Chester County – _Proposed New DEMO Project_**

On behalf of Tredyffrin Township, Chester County has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2009-2012 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a new DEMO project to the TIP, PA 252 Underpass and US 30 Intersection (MPMS# 85062), and programming $150,000 ($120,000 DEMO/$30,000 Local match) in FY09 for a feasibility study. The DEMO funding is provided by a $1.319 million SAFETEA-LU Earmark (Fed ID# 1468), and the Local match will be provided by Tredyffrin Township.

> Motion: _by Jessica Savidge-Lucas, seconded by Natasha Goguts to recommend that the Board amend the FY2009-2012 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a new DEMO project to the TIP, PA 252 Underpass and US 30 Intersection (MPMS# 85062), and programming $150,000 ($120,000 DEMO/$30,000 Local match) in FY09 for a feasibility study._

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

d. **PA09-10: PA 309, Fort Washington Interchange - Commerce to Pennsylvania Avenue (MPMS# 64275), Montgomery County – _Add Back In/Cost Increase_**

PennDOT has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2009-2012 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a project back into the FY09 TIP, PA 309, Fort Washington Interchange - Commerce to Pennsylvania Avenue (MPMS# 64275), and increasing the construction phase by programming $14,836,000 STP in FY09 in order to address Accrued Unbilled Costs for this project which is completed.

> Motion: _by Linda Guarini, seconded by Catherine Popp-McDonough to recommend that the Board amend the FY2009-2012 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a project back into the FY09 TIP, PA 309, Fort Washington Interchange - Commerce to Pennsylvania Avenue (MPMS# 64275), and increasing the construction phase by programming $14,836,000 STP in FY09 in order to address Accrued Unbilled Costs for this project which is completed._

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

e. **NJ09-01: Laurel Springs Streetscape Improvements Project (DB# D0901), Camden County –** *Proposed New DEMO Project*

The Borough of Laurel Springs has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2009-2012 TIP for New Jersey by adding a new DEMO project to the TIP, Laurel Springs Streetscape Improvements Project (DB# D0901), and programming $382,351 DEMO provided by a SAFETEA-LU Earmark (Fed ID# 1642, NJ ID# 182) in FY09 for construction. Any additional funds required to complete the project will be provided locally.

Motion: *by Matthew Lawson, seconded by Brian Cuccia to recommend that the Board amend the FY2009-2012 TIP for New Jersey by adding a new DEMO project to the TIP, Laurel Springs Streetscape Improvements Project (DB# D0901), and programming $382,351 DEMO provided by a SAFETEA-LU Earmark (Fed ID# 1642, NJ ID# 182) in FY09 for construction.*

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

f. **NJ09-02: River Road/Ave. Improvements/Cramer Hill (DB# D0902), Camden County – Proposed New DEMO Project**

The Cooper's Ferry Development Association in Camden, New Jersey, on behalf of the City of Camden has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2009-2012 TIP for New Jersey by adding a new DEMO project to the TIP, River Road/Ave. Improvements/Cramer Hill (DB# D0902), and programming $4,008,241 DEMO in FY09 for construction. The DEMO funds will be provided by a 2 SAFETEA-LU Earmarks (NJ ID#'s 253 and 268). Any additional funds required to complete the project will be provided locally.

Motion: *by Edward Williams, seconded by Matthew Lawson to recommend that the Board amend the FY2009-2012 TIP for New Jersey by adding a new DEMO project to the TIP, River Road/Ave. Improvements/Cramer Hill (DB# D0902), and programming $4,008,241 DEMO in FY09 for construction. The DEMO funds will be provided by a 2 SAFETEA-LU Earmarks (NJ ID#'s 253 and 268).*

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. **TreeVitalize Municipalities Collaboration**

Patty Elkis (DVRPC) asked the RTC to recommend that the Board modify the Fiscal Year 2009 Work Program by adding the TreeVitalize Municipalities Collaboration.

Launched by the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) in 2004, TreeVitalize produced impressive results in the Greater Philadelphia Area during its first four years:

- Planted over 20,000 trees along streets, in parks, schools, and other public lands
- Restored nearly 300 acres of forested riparian buffer
- Educated 2,800 citizens through Tree Tender classes
- Engaged 11,000 volunteers in community tree plantings

The tasks of the TreeVitalize Municipalities Collaboration are:

1. Announce subsidized bare root tree order opportunities to municipalities.
2. Highlight success stories of the 2007 round of Municipal Incentive Grants.
3. Engage "Municipal Tree Leaders" to serve as peer advisors.
4. Launch new round of Municipal Incentive Grants for tree plantings and capacity building.
5. Organize two workshops in southeastern Pennsylvania: Tools for Municipalities -Lessons Learned and Best Practices.
6. Attend PHS TreeVitalize planning partner meetings.

Motion: *by Jessica Savidge-Lucas, seconded by Thomas Shaffer to recommend that the Board modify the Fiscal Year 2009 Work Program by the adding the TreeVitalize Municipalities Collaboration.*

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

7. **FY10 Transit Support Program and Supportive Regional Highway Planning Program Special Studies**

Sarah Oaks (DVRPC) presented the Special Study work programs for the Supportive Regional Highway Planning (SRHPP) and Transit Support Programs (TSP). Each Year, the DVRPC Planning Work Program includes budgets for Special Study work programs funded as part of the SRHPP (New Jersey only) and the TSP (both Pennsylvania and New Jersey). Calls for Projects were issued in July, September, and October for

member governments to submit candidate work programs. For FY10, the programs were all undersubscribed. Because this process coincides with the DVRPC Board Work Program Committee's activities, additional candidate projects were selected by staff from among the list of worthwhile but otherwise unfunded Work Program projects.

> Motion: *by Thomas Shaffer, seconded by Matthew Lawson to approve the slate of candidate SRHPP and TSP Special Studies and recommend inclusion in the Draft FY 2010 DVRPC Planning Work Program.*

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

8. **Approval of 2008 Congestion Management Process (CMP) Update**

The CMP is a systematic process for managing congestion in the region. It provides analysis, agreed-upon corridors and strategies to help achieve Long-Range Plan goals, and is an input to the Plan and TIP. Zoe Neaderland (DVRPC) presented an update to the 2006 version, which has been prepared with the CMP Advisory Committee and is proposed for adoption by the Board. This update incorporates more recent data, enhanced criteria, an innovative way to refine strategies for each subcorridor, and ongoing coordination.

> Motion: *by Catherine Popp-McDonough, seconded by Lorraine Brill to recommend that the Board adopt the 2008 Congestion Management Update.*

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

PRESENTATION ITEMS

9. **Validation and Update of the DVRPC Travel Simulation Model**

Chris Puchalsky (DVRPC) presented how DVRPC recently revalidated the travel demand model to ensure that model outputs match real-world measured results as required by federal regulations. The validation showed that the travel model reproduces 2000 and 2005 transportation system measures, including highway and traffic counts, with a reasonable level of accuracy. The travel model is currently being upgraded in order to improve the accuracy of travel forecasts and to take advantage of advances in the field.

10. **Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority (SEPTA) Silverliner V Regional Rail Cars**

As an update to a September, 2006 RTC presentation, David W. Casper, Assistant Chief Engineer of SEPTA's New Vehicle Programs Department, provided an update on the Silverliner V. Regional Rail Fleet Procurements. This presentation provided a summary of the results of the Silverliner V Mock-up review as well as the current status of vehicle manufacturing. The presentation also described the various features that

have been incorporated into the design of the car such as improved passenger flow, enhanced communication capabilities and other passenger amenities.

INFORMATION ITEMS

11. Overview of Recent and Upcoming Transit Surveys

Joseph Hacker (DVRPC) gave a brief overview of different transit related surveys conducted region wide. Based on requests from member governments and transit partners, DVRPC staff have designed, implemented, and analyzed various intercept, mail back, and license plate surveys. Results from these surveys provide supporting data for planning studies and implementation efforts throughout the region.

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 Curt Noe, 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 Tuesday, January 6, 2009.

ATTENDANCE

Voting Members	**Representative**
Bucks County	David Johnson
Burlington County	Carol Thomas
Camden County	Curt Noe
Chester County	Natasha Goguts
City of Camden	Edward Williams
City of Chester	(not represented)
City of Trenton	(not represented)
Delaware County	Thomas Shaffer
Delaware River Port Authority	Linda Hayes
DVRPC Regional Citizens Committee	John Boyle
Delaware Valley Citizens' Transportation Com.	Lorraine Brill
Gloucester County	Jessica Savidge-Lucas
Mercer County	Matthew Lawson
Montgomery County	Leo Bagley
NJ Department of Transportation	Brian Cuccia
NJ Department of Environmental Protection	(not represented)
NJ Department of Community Affairs	(not represented)
New Jersey Transit Corporation	Pippa Woods
PA Department of Environmental Protection	(not represented)
PA Department of Transportation	Jim Mosca
PA Governor's Policy Office	Linda Guarini
City of Philadelphia – City Planning Commission	Deborah Schaaf
City of Philadelphia – Department of Streets	Chivas Grannum
City of Philadelphia – Mayor's Office of Transportation	Stephen Buckley
Southeastern PA Transportation Authority	Catherine Popp-McDonough

Non-Voting Members	**Representative**
Delaware River Joint Toll Bridge Commission	Glenn Reibman
Delaware Valley Goods Movement Task Force	Kelvin MacKavanagh
Federal Highway Administration - NJ Division	(not represented)
Federal Highway Administration - PA Division	Matt Smoker
Federal Transit Administration - Region III	(not represented)
Greater Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce	(not represented)
ITS Technical Task Force	(not represented)
NJ Turnpike Authority	Brian Wahler
New Jersey TMAs	William Ragozine
Pennsylvania Bus Association	(not represented)
Pennsylvania TMAs	(not represented)
Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission	Don Steele
Philadelphia Regional Port Authority	(not represented)
Pottstown Urban Transit	(not represented)
South Jersey Port Corporation	(not represented)
South Jersey Transportation Authority	(not represented)
US EPA - Region II	(not represented)
US EPA - Region III	Martin Kotsch

ATTENDANCE (cont'd)

Other Member Representatives and Guests

Dave Casper - SEPTA
Alex Flemming - SEPTA
Ben Ginsberg - CCD
Jenny Greenberg – Cooper's Ferry Development Association
Andrea Jordan – City of Philadelphia
James McQuilkin - DRPA
John Quatman – PennDOT
Anna Lynn Smith – PB
Kathleen Zubrzycki – SEPTA

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