

**DELAWARE VALLEY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
PLANNING COORDINATING COMMITTEE/
REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
January 6, 2009 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 discussed the Pennsylvania Community Transportation Initiative (PCTI). Information about PCTI can be found at <http://www.smart-transportation.com>

Mr. Mosca began a discussion on the probable Federal stimulus package that President-elect Obama is considering.

2. Deputy Executive Director's Report

Don Shanis (DVRPC) updated the members on the December 4, 2008 Board meeting, and stated that the Board passed all Actions recommended by the RTC. Dr. Shanis also stated that Raymond LaHood has been nominated for the position of United States Secretary of Transportation.

3. Report on Regional Citizens Committee Activities

Tom Cooper (RCC) provided information on the RCC meeting held on November 18, 2008. (Details of the meeting can be found in the November 18, 2008 Meeting Minutes of the DVRPC RCC.)

ACTION ITEMS

4. Highlights of the Meeting of November 5, 2008

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

Motion: *by Brian Cuccia, seconded by Carol Thomas to adopt the highlights for the November 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 (DVPRC) presented six TIP amendments for consideration.

a. PA09-15a: PA 100 South, Pines Community Noisewalls (MPMS #84989), Chester County – Proposed New Project

PennDOT has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2009-2012 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a new project into the TIP, PA 100 South, Pines Community Noisewalls (MPMS #84989), and programming final design in FY09 (\$350,000 ECON) and construction in FY10 (\$4,300,000 ECON). This project is funded with economic development funds which are additional funds to this region.

b. PA09-15b: I-476 Southbound, Avondale Springs Noisewalls (MPMS #84990), Delaware County – Proposed New Project

PennDOT has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2009-2012 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a new project into the TIP, I-476 Southbound, Avondale Springs Noisewalls (MPMS #84990), and programming final design in FY09 (\$100,000 ECON) and construction in FY10 (\$500,000 ECON). This project is funded with economic development funds which are additional funds to this region.

Motion: by Brendan Cotter, seconded by Linda Guarini to recommend that the Board amend the FY2009-2012 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a new project into the TIP, PA 100 South, Pines Community Noisewalls (MPMS #84989), and programming final design in FY09 (\$350,000 ECON) and construction in FY10 (\$4,300,000 ECON); and adding a new project into the TIP, I-476 Southbound, Avondale Springs Noisewalls (MPMS #84990), and programming final design in FY09 (\$100,000 ECON) and construction in FY10 (\$500,000 ECON).

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

c. PA09-16: US 322, Main Street/PA 10 Intersection Improvements (MPMS #72603) Chester County – Proposed New DEMO Project

PennDOT has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2009-2012 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a new DEMO project into the TIP, US 322, Main Street/PA 10 Intersection Improvements (MPMS #72603), and programming preliminary engineering (\$75,000 DEMO), final design (\$25,000 DEMO), and construction (\$275,000 DEMO) in FY09, acknowledging a toll credit match. Two SAFETEA-LU Earmarks were made available for this project; a \$384,566 earmark (PA ID# 374, Fed ID# 1076), and a \$100,148 earmark (PA ID# 575, Fed ID# 4765).

Motion: by Natasha Goguts, seconded by Linda Guarini to recommend that the Board amend the FY2009-2012 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a new DEMO project to the TIP, US 322, Main Street/PA 10 Intersection Improvements (MPMS #72603), and programming preliminary engineering (\$75,000 DEMO),

final design (\$25,000 DEMO), and construction (\$275,000 DEMO) in FY09, acknowledging a toll credit match.

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

d. PA09-17: Schuylkill River Park Pedestrian Bridge (MPMS #81584), Philadelphia – Proposed New Project

The City of Philadelphia has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2009-2012 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a new project into the TIP, Schuylkill River Park Pedestrian Bridge (MPMS #81584) and programming (\$1,000,000 Statewide Discretionary TE/\$4,201,000 Local match) in FY09 for the construction of an ADA accessible pedestrian bridge, connecting Schuylkill River Park and Schuylkill Banks Park. The State Discretionary TE funds are additional funds to the region. The local match is being provided by the City's Capital Budget.

Motion: by Chivas Grannum, seconded by Linda Guarini to recommend that the Board amend the FY2009-2012 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a new project into the TIP, Schuylkill River Park Pedestrian Bridge (MPMS #81584) and programming (\$1,000,000 Statewide Discretionary TE/\$4,201,000 Local match) in FY09 for the construction of an ADA accessible pedestrian bridge, connecting Schuylkill River Park and Schuylkill Banks Park.

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

e. NJ09-05: Maple Shade Township Special Projects Road Program (DB #TBD), Burlington County – Proposed New Project

Maple Shade Township of Burlington County has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2009-2012 TIP for New Jersey by adding a new DEMO project to the TIP, Maple Shade Township Special Projects Road Program (DB #TBD), and programming (\$700,000 DEMO/\$2,277,000 Local match) in FY09 for the reconstruction of three sections of roadway. The project will be funded by a SAFETEA-LU Earmark (Fed ID# 2728) and a local match will be provided by Maple Shade Township in the form of bond funding.

Motion: by Carol Thomas, seconded by Jessica Savidge-Lucas to recommend that the Board amend the FY2009-2012 TIP for New Jersey by adding a new DEMO project to the TIP, Maple Shade Township Special Projects Road Program (DB #TBD), and programming (\$700,000 DEMO/\$2,277,000 Local match) in FY09 for the reconstruction of three sections of roadway.

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

f. **NJ09-06: Bridge Rehabilitation (DB #DR040), DRPA/PATCO – Add back in**

DRPA/PATCO has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2009-2012 TIP for New Jersey by adding a project back into the TIP, Bridge Rehabilitation (DB #DR040), and programming \$2.5 million (\$2,000,000 Section 5309/\$500,000 DRPA/PATCO) for engineering, right of way, and construction in FY09.

Motion: by Matthew Lawson, seconded by Carol Thomas to recommend that the Board amend the FY2009-2012 TIP for New Jersey by adding a project back into the TIP, Bridge Rehabilitation (DB #DR040), and programming \$2.5 million (\$2,000,000 Section 5309/\$500,000 DRPA/PATCO) for engineering, right of way, and construction in FY09.

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

6. **DVRPC Fiscal Year (FY) 2010 Planning Work Program**

The Draft Planning Work Program for FY 2010 was approved by the Board for distribution and review, with the public comment period closing on January 16, 2009. DVRPC staff are in the process of responding to comments that have been received and are working to resolve any open issues. After Board adoption, relevant revisions will continue to be incorporated into the Work Program and the Final document will be produced. Don Shanis (DVRPC) asked the RTC to recommend that the Board adopt the Final FY 2010 Planning Work Program, pending the resolution of any outstanding comments and issues.

Motion: by Jessica Savidge-Lucas, seconded by Linda Guarini to recommend that the Board adopt the Final FY 2010 Planning Work Program, pending the resolution of any outstanding comments and issues.

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

PRESENTATION ITEMS

7. **The Automobile at Rest: Toward Better Parking Policies in the Delaware Valley**

Karin Morris (DVRPC) presented a recently released DVRPC study, **The Automobile at Rest: Toward Better Parking Policies in the Delaware Valley**, which presents an overview of parking policies and requirements in the region, along with strategies for managing and designing parking better.

8. **Overview of DVRPC's Regional Greenhouse Gas Emissions Inventory**

Robert Graff (DVRPC) presented an overview of DVRPC's recently completed inventory of greenhouse gas emissions in the DVRPC region. This inventory provides detailed emissions information at the regional, county, and municipal levels, and will be used to guide DVRPC's climate change and energy work.

9. **DVRPC Long-Range Vision for Transit**

Gregory Krykewycz (DVRPC) presented an overview of DVRPC's recently-published Long-Range Vision for Transit, which highlights the long-term regional benefits of a modernized, integrated transit network that is coordinated with land development. The

report (one project selection input for DVRPC's next Long-Range Plan) assembles a handful of transit improvement and expansion projects into a series of narratives that illustrate how transit investments would fit into people's lives and the life of the region. This presentation provided an overview of the report's development, as well as a detailed synopsis of one select vision narrative.

INFORMATION ITEMS

10. One Minute Reports

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

11. Old Business and New Business

12. Meeting Adjournment

Motion: by Brian Cuccia, seconded by Catherine Popp-McDonough 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, February 10, 2009.

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

(not represented)
 Carol Thomas
 (not represented)
 Natasha Goguts
 Edward Williams
 (not represented)
 (not represented)
 Brendan Cotter
 Linda Hayes
 Tom Cooper
 Lorraine Brill
 Jessica Savidge-Lucas
 Matthew Lawson
 Leo Bagley
 Brian Cuccia
 (not represented)
 (not represented)
 Pippa Woods
 (not represented)
 Jim Mosca
 Linda Guarini
 Deborah Schaaf
 Chivas Grannum
 Christopher Zearfoss
 Catherine Popp-McDonough

Representative

Glenn Reibman
 Kelvin MacKavanagh
 (not represented)
 Matt 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

Andrea Jordan – City of Philadelphia
George Mattar – Bucks County Courier Times
James McQuilkin - DRPA

DVRPC Staff

Gastonia Anderson
Charles Dougherty
Robert Graff
Gregory Krykewycz
Karin Morris
Richard Murphy
Elizabeth Schoonmaker
Don Shanis
John Ward
Matthew West