

DELAWARE VALLEY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
PLANNING COORDINATING COMMITTEE/
REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
February 10, 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>

2. Deputy Executive Director's Report

Don Shanis (DVRPC) updated the members on the January 22, 2008 Board meeting, and stated that the Board passed all Actions recommended by the RTC.

3. Report on Regional Citizens Committee Activities

Jim Richardson (RCC) provided information on the RCC meeting held on January 13, 2009. Mr. Richardson noted that the RCC did not recommend for approval, TIP Action PA09-15a: PA 100 South, Pines Community Noisewalls and PA09-15b: I-476 Southbound, Avondale Springs Noisewalls. (Details of the meeting can be found in the January 13, 2008 Meeting Minutes of the DVRPC RCC.)

ACTION ITEMS

4. Highlights of the Meeting of January 6, 2009

The highlights from the January 6, 2009 meeting of the PCC/RTC were presented for adoption.

Motion: by Brian Cuccia, seconded by Carol Thomas to adopt the highlights for the January 6, 2009 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. PA09-19a: Clay Ridge Road Bridge over Beaver Creek, Bridge Replacement Project (MPMS #13014), Bucks County – Proposed New Project

PennDOT has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2009-2012 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a new project into the TIP, Clay Ridge Road Bridge over Beaver Creek, Bridge Replacement Project (MPMS #13014), and programming preliminary engineering (\$60,000 Bridge/\$11,000 State/\$4,000 Local) and final design (\$120,000 Bridge/\$23,000 State/\$8,000 Local) in FY09 for the replacement of the Clay Ridge Road bridge.

b. PA09-19b: Church Road Bridge over Valley Creek, Bridge Replacement Project (MPMS #14261), 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, Church Road Bridge over Valley Creek, Bridge Replacement Project (MPMS #14261), and programming preliminary engineering (\$280,000 Bridge/\$53,000 State/\$18,000 Local) in FY09, and final design (\$240,000 Bridge/\$45,000 State/\$15,000 Local) in FY12 for the replacement of the Church Road bridge.

c. PA09-19c: Station Road Bridge over Chester Creek, Bridge Replacement Project (MPMS #15183), 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, Station Road Bridge over Chester Creek, Bridge Replacement Project (MPMS #15183), and programming preliminary engineering/final design (\$544,000 Bridge/\$102,000 State/\$34,000 Local) in FY09 and right of way (\$16,000 Bridge/\$3,000 State/\$1,000 Local) in FY12 for the replacement of Station Road bridge.

d. PA09-20a: Pineville Road Bridge over Pidcock Creek, Bridge Replacement Project (MPMS #13242), Bucks County – Add Back In

PennDOT has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2009-2012 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a project back into the TIP, Pineville Road Bridge over Pidcock Creek, Bridge Replacement Project (MPMS #13242), and programming preliminary engineering (\$200,000 Bridge/\$50,000 State), final design (\$160,000 Bridge/\$40,000 State), and utility (\$40,000 Bridge/\$10,000 State) in FY09 for the replacement of Pineville Road bridge. This project was deferred last year due to negotiations on the turn-back agreement which have since been resolved.

Motion: by Linda Guarini, seconded by Christopher Zearfoss to recommend that the Board amend the FY2009-2012 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a new project into the TIP, Clay Ridge Road Bridge over Beaver Creek, Bridge Replacement Project (MPMS #13014), and programming preliminary engineering (\$60,000 Bridge/\$11,000 State/\$4,000 Local) and final design

(\$120,000 Bridge/\$23,000 State/\$8,000 Local) in FY09 for the replacement of the Clay Ridge Road bridge; and adding a new project into the TIP, Church Road Bridge over Valley Creek, Bridge Replacement Project (MPMS #14261), and programming preliminary engineering (\$280,000 Bridge/\$53,000 State/\$18,000 Local) in FY09, and final design (\$240,000 Bridge/\$45,000 State/\$15,000 Local) in FY12 for the replacement of the Church Road bridge; and amend the FY2009-2012 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a new project into the TIP, Station Road Bridge over Chester Creek, Bridge Replacement Project (MPMS #15183), and programming preliminary engineering/final design (\$544,000 Bridge/\$102,000 State/\$34,000 Local) in FY09 and right of way (\$16,000 Bridge/\$3,000 State/\$1,000 Local) in FY12 for the replacement of Station Road bridge; and amend the FY2009-2012 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a new project into the TIP, Station Road Bridge over Chester Creek, Bridge Replacement Project (MPMS #15183), and programming preliminary engineering/final design (\$544,000 Bridge/\$102,000 State/\$34,000 Local) in FY09 and right of way (\$16,000 Bridge/\$3,000 State/\$1,000 Local) in FY12 for the replacement of Station Road bridge; and amend the FY2009-2012 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a project back into the TIP, Pineville Road Bridge over Pidcock Creek, Bridge Replacement Project (MPMS #13242), and programming preliminary engineering (\$200,000 Bridge/\$50,000 State), final design (\$160,000 Bridge/\$40,000 State), and utility (\$40,000 Bridge/\$10,000 State) in FY09 for the replacement of Pineville Road bridge.

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

e. NJ09-07: Route 295/42/I-76 Direct Connection (DB #355), Camden County – Cost Increase

NJDOT has requested that DVRPC modify the FY2009-2012 TIP for New Jersey by increasing the preliminary design phase of Route 295/42/I-76 Direct Connection (DB #355), by \$7.3 million (\$2,437,000 EB/\$4,863,000 I-Maintenance) in FY09.

The preliminary design phase of the project has increased from \$9.5 million to \$16.8 million due to a better defined scope of work which includes the selection of an Initially Preferred Alternative. Preliminary design will include the design of two storm water pump stations and a sanitary sewer pumping station that were not originally anticipated, a more extensive effort to complete the traffic control, staging plans, development, maintenance, and updating of a Project Management Plan and a Financial Plan per FHWA requirements for major projects that was not included in the original preliminary design estimate, and the complete development of right of way plans and permit applications to accelerate the overall completion of the project.

Motion: by Brian Cuccia, seconded by Matthew Lawson to recommend that the Board modify the FY2009-2012 TIP for New Jersey by increasing the preliminary design phase of Route 295/42/I-76 Direct Connection (DB #355), by \$7.3 million (\$2,437,000 EB/\$4,863,000 I-Maintenance) in FY09.

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

f. **NJ09-08: Route 130, Campus Drive (DB #95078B1), Burlington County – Add ROW Phase**

Burlington County has requested that DVRPC modify the FY2009-2012 TIP for New Jersey by programming a right of way phase for Route 130, Campus Drive (DB #95078B1), in FY09 (\$350,000 DEMO) and FY10 (\$350,000 DEMO) to enable the purchase of the second “key piece” of property needed to complete a connector road. Right of way was not authorized in FY08 as anticipated, so the request is to add the phase back into the program.

This project will provide for the relocation of jug handles from milepost 44.75 to Campus Drive (milepost 44.52) and modification of existing traffic patterns to serve identified community and safety needs. Campus Drive will be extended from Sunset Road to Salem Road (approximately 1/3 mile). A full intersection will be constructed at Route 130 enabling southbound access to the State Highway. Currently, access is limited to northbound only. The completion of this project will provide traffic relief for an older neighborhood along Salem Road and congestion relief at the intersection of Route 130 and Salem Road.

Motion: by Brian Cuccia, seconded by Jessica Savidge-Lucas to recommend that the Board modify the FY2009-2012 TIP for New Jersey by programming a right of way phase for Route 130, Campus Drive (DB #95078B1), in FY09 (\$350,000 DEMO) and FY10 (\$350,000 DEMO) to enable the purchase of the second “key piece” of property needed to complete a connector road.

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

6. **Adoption of 2009 Supplemental Projects Status Memorandum for the Congestion Management Process (CMP)**

Highway projects that add major Single Occupancy Vehicle (SOV) capacity are required to include supplemental projects that enhance the benefits of the capacity additions and extend the useful life of the project. The Congestion Management Process (CMP) is required to track implementation of supplemental projects to ensure that these commitments are being faithfully pursued. This third annual memorandum tracking the status of supplemental commitments was prepared in coordination with transportation planning partners. Sean Greene (DVRPC) reported highlights of the memorandum and requested RTC approval.

Motion: by Leo Bagley, seconded by Linda Guarini to approve the adoption of the 2009 Supplemental Projects Status Memorandum for the Congestion Management Process (CMP).

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

7. **Recommendation for Reaffirmation of Conformity Determination of the FY 2009-2012 TIPS for Pennsylvania and New Jersey and the Destination 2030 Long Range Plan**

WILMAPCO is currently in the process of adopting their FY 2010-12 TIP. Since New Castle County, Delaware is part of the Philadelphia-Wilmington PM 2.5 nonattainment area and neither DVRPC counties nor New Castle County have SIP budgets for PM 2.5, DVRPC must reaffirm its conformity findings to support WILMAPCO's conformity findings for their new TIP. Public comments on the conformity Reaffirmation will be accepted until February 21, 2009, with no comments being received to date. Sean Greene (DVRPC) requested that the RTC recommend Board adoption of the Conformity Reaffirmation.

Motion: by Brian Cuccia, seconded by Linda Guarini to recommend that the Board adopt the Conformity Reaffirmation to support WILMAPCO's conformity findings for their FY 2010-12 TIP.

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

PRESENTATION ITEM

8. **Summary of Research for TransitChek Program**

Owen Franklin of Portfolio Associates presented initial findings for an in-depth marketing research project conducted in Fall 2008 for the TransitChek program. The project encompassed a written/electronic survey for employers currently offering this benefit to employees, and a separate written/electronic survey for employees participating in the program at those companies. Three focus groups were also conducted with employer administrators. The research provides staff with the demographic information to help improve the program, as well as provides transit usage and mode change data for participating transit agencies and related DVRPC efforts.

DISCUSSION ITEM

9. **Suggested Projects for Proposed Economic Recovery Legislation**

As the region prepares to receive new funding for infrastructure from the proposed Economic Recovery legislation, DVRPC has been working with stakeholders to identify projects which could advance under this new program. Lists of potential projects were discussed. The discussion was led by Elizabeth Schoonmaker (DVRPC), Charles Dougherty (DVRPC), and James Mosca (PennDOT).

INFORMATION ITEMS**10. FY 2010 Draft Pennsylvania Transportation Management Assistance Grant Program and Mobility Alternatives Program Work Program**

Each year at this time Pennsylvania Transportation Management Associations submit draft work programs for the Assistance Grant and Mobility Alternatives Program for the upcoming fiscal year. Sarah Oaks (DVRPC) presented details of the draft Assistance Grant and Mobility Alternatives Program and opened the comment period.

11. Efficient Growth for Growing Suburbs (EGGS) Program

The EGGS Program is a new grant program funded by PennDOT that will provide grants to growing suburbs to improve growth management and community design and to optimize the efficiency of the transportation network. Patty Elkis (DVRPC) presented an overview of the program.

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 Catherine Popp-McDonough, seconded by Jessica Savidge-Lucas 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, March 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

Richard Brahler
 Carol Thomas
 Curt Noe
 Natasha Goguts
 Edward Williams
 (not represented)
 (not represented)
 Louis Hufnagle
 James McQuilkin
 Jim Richardson
 Lorraine Brill
 Jessica Savidge-Lucas
 Matthew Lawson
 Leo Bagley
 Brian Cuccia
 (not represented)
 (not represented)
 Pippa Woods
 (not represented)
 Jim Mosca
 Linda Guarini
 Anthony M. Santaniello
 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

Cheryl Brennan – NJDOT
Chuck Davies - PennDOT
Matthew Edmond – Montgomery County
Owen Franklin - Portfolio Associates
Darin Gatti – City of Philadelphia
Andrea Jordan – City of Philadelphia
Bob Lund – SEPTA
Derrick Stokes – Chester County TMA
Warren Strumpfer – DVRPC RCC
Mila Tau _ NJDOT
Vincent Voltaggio – Gloucester County
Kathleen Zubrzycki - SEPTA

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