

**DELAWARE VALLEY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION  
PLANNING COORDINATING COMMITTEE/  
REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**

**July 7, 2009 Meeting Highlights**

**DVRPC Conference Room, Philadelphia, PA**

**1. Call to Order - Chairman's Comments**

Jessica Savidge-Lucas (Gloucester County) welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order.

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

Don Shanis (DVRPC) updated the members on the June 25, 2009 Board meeting, and stated that the Board passed all TIP Actions recommended by the RTC. Dr. Shanis also mentioned that The Board retreat would be held at the New Jersey State Aquarium. Finally, Dr. Shanis thanked James Mosca (PennDOT) and presented him with a gift of appreciation for his service to the RTC as the previous year's Chairman.

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

Jim Richardson (RCC) provided information on the RCC meeting held on June 16, 2009. (Details of the meeting can be found in the June 16, 2009 Meeting Minutes of the DVRPC RCC.)

**ACTION ITEMS**

**4. Highlights of the Meeting of June 9, 2009**

The highlights from the June 9, 2009 meeting of the PCC/RTC were presented for adoption.

Matthew Lawson (Mercer County) stated that he was not present at the June 9, 2009 RTC meeting and asked that his name be removed from the attendance sheet.

*Motion: by Brendan Cotter, seconded by Brian Cuccia to adopt the highlights for the June 9, 2009 PCC/RTC meeting, including changing Matthew Lawson's (Mercer County) attendance to 'not represented'.*

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

5. **Adoption of Connections: The Regional Plan for a Sustainable Future, DVRPC's Long-Range Plan for Greater Philadelphia**

Michael Boyer (DVRPC) presented a summary of DVRPC's Connections: The Regional Plan for a Sustainable Future, including key plan principles, the financial plan and a summary of comments received during the public comment period which was open from May 22, 2009 through June 22, 2009. Mr. Boyer requested that the RTC recommend that the DVRPC Board adopt the long-range plan at the July 2009 meeting.

*Motion: by James Mosca, seconded by Linda Hayes to recommend that the Board adopt Connections - The Regional Plan for a Sustainable Future.*

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

6. **Adoption of the DVRPC FY2010-2013 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for New Jersey**

Federal law and 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) presented a summary of the Draft FY2010-2013 TIP for NJ and recommended changes for approval. Ms. Schoonmaker requested that the RTC recommend that the DVRPC Board adopt the DVRPC FY2010-2013 TIP for New Jersey at the July 2009 meeting.

*Motion: by Brian Cuccia, seconded by Curt Noe to recommend that that the Board adopt the FY2010 Transportation Improvement Program for New Jersey (FY2010-FY2013) as the region's official selection of transportation projects for federal funding.*

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

7. **Adoption of Conformity Determination of Connections: The Long Range Plan, FY 2009-2012 TIP for Pennsylvania and the FY 2010-2013 TIP for New Jersey**

DVRPC has demonstrated Transportation Conformity for the Connections Long-Range Plan, FY 2010 New Jersey TIP and FY 2009 Pennsylvania TIP. Sean Greene (DVRPC) presented the results of the Transportation Conformity Determination and requested that the RTC recommend that the DVRPC Board adopt the findings at the July 2009 Board meeting.

*Motion: by Carol Thomas, seconded by Catherine Popp-McDonough to recommend that that the Board adopt the conformity finding of the Connections Long-Range Plan (Plan) and FY 2009 Pennsylvania and FY 2010 New Jersey TIPs.*

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

## 8. DVRPC Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Actions

Elizabeth Schoonmaker (DVPRC) presented thirteen TIP amendments for consideration.

### a. NJ09-37: Programming of Low-Bid Savings on NJDOT Recovery Act Projects (DB #09359 and DB #98516), Various Counties

NJDOT has requested that DVRPC modify the FY2009-2012 TIP for New Jersey by using funds made available from low-bid savings on projects initially selected for funding through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 and approved by the DVRPC Board in February 2009.

NJDOT has experienced cost savings due to low bids on various projects within the state and is working towards shifting funds onto other important shovel ready projects that can be advanced quickly. Some of these shifts involve funds from a project in one region of the state being used on projects in another region of the state. Specifically in the DVRPC region, NJDOT has experienced \$4.472 million cost savings on a state project, Route 295, Gloucester/Camden Rehabilitation, Route 45 to Berlin-Haddonfield Road (DB #00372). NJDOT is proposing to program the savings on a bridge replacement project in the SJTPO region, Tuckahoe Road NJT Bridge (Jim Lee Crossing), Cape May Branch Rail Line (DB #98516). The SJTPO bridge project would be funded through a combination of savings from 2 different ARRA funded projects.

NJDOT is also requesting that a new \$15 million project be added to the STIP using \$15 million in ARRA savings: the Route 195 Resurfacing, NJ Turnpike to East of Imleystown/Hightown Road, Paving Project (DB #09359) located in Mercer and Monmouth Counties, which falls within both the DVRPC and NJTPA MPO regions. The project would be added to the DVRPC TIP using \$2.5 million ARRA funds obtained as low-bid savings on the Route 1 Resurfacing in Mercer County (DB #09309). \$12.5 million of low bid savings from NJTPA ARRA projects would be programmed in the NJTPA TIP for the project. This is the only section of Route 195 that has not been re-paved recently and funds are expected to be authorized in FY09.

*Motion: by Matthew Lawson, seconded by Curt Noe to recommend that the Board approve TIP Action NJ09-37, NJDOT's request to modify/amend the DVRPC FY2009-2012 TIP for New Jersey by shifting funds made available by low-bid savings on ARRA projects and program accordingly in FY09:*

- 1. \$4,472,000 ARRA savings from Route 295, Gloucester/Camden Rehabilitation, Route 45 to Berlin-Haddonfield Road (DB #00372) will be programmed for Tuckahoe Road NJT Bridge (Jim Lee Crossing), Cape May Branch Rail Line (DB #98516), Atlantic County (SJTPO).*
- 2. \$2.5 million ARRA savings from Route 1, Vicinity of D&R Canal to North of CR 533, Resurfacing (DB #09309) will be programmed for Route 195, NJ Turnpike to East of Imleystown/Hightown Road, resurfacing project (DB #09359) in Mercer and Monmouth Counties.*

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

**b. PA09-50a: Stone Arch Rehab (Group D) (MPMS #87060), Bucks and Montgomery Counties – Proposed New Project**

PennDOT has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2009-2012 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a new project in the TIP and programming final design in FY09 (\$315,000 Act 44), and construction in FY10 (\$6,300,000 Act 44) for Stone Arch Rehab (Group D) (MPMS #87060), as part of PennDOT's Accelerated Bridge Program (ABP). Funding is being provided by the Act 44 Line Item (MPMS #82395). District 6 is permitted to make substitutions to projects currently in the ABP with projects that are expected to advance to construction more quickly.

**c. PA09-50b: Stone Arch Rehab (Group E) (MPMS #87061), Chester, Delaware, Montgomery, and Philadelphia Counties – Proposed New Project**

PennDOT has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2009-2012 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a new project in the TIP and programming final design in FY09 (\$405,000 Act 44), and construction in FY10 (\$8,100,000 Act 44) for Stone Arch Rehab (Group E) (MPMS #87061), as part of PennDOT's Accelerated Bridge Program. Funding is being provided by the Act 44 Line Item (MPMS #82395). District 6 is permitted to make substitutions to projects currently in the ABP with projects that are expected to advance to construction more quickly.

**d. PA09-50c: 30th Street Station Bridge (MPMS #64844), Philadelphia – Cost Increase**

PennDOT has requested that DVRPC modify the FY2009-2012 TIP for Pennsylvania by advancing and programming \$56.8 million additional funding for the construction phase of the 30th Street Station Bridge (MPMS #64844), in FY11 (\$5,792,000 Bridge/\$2,403,000 State) and FY12 (\$39,631,000 Bridge/\$8,991,000 State) due to advancing the project from Later Fiscal Years (LFY) as part of PennDOT's Accelerated Bridge Program.

**e. PA09-51a: SR 422, PM1 to MP 180, Resurfacing Project (MPMS #86924), Montgomery County – Proposed New Project**

PennDOT has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2009-2012 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a new project into the TIP, SR 422, PM1 to MP 180, Resurfacing Project (MPMS #86924), and programming a total of \$9,000,000 (\$6,159,000 STU/\$2,841,000 STU, acknowledging a toll credit match) for construction in FY09. This stretch of roadway is in need of repair, and the project is being added to the TIP to assist District 6 in achieving their Surface Improvement Miles annual target of 260 "segment" miles. Each fiscal year, District 6 works towards implementing surface improvements that will help maintain the life of roadways.

**f. PA09-51b: Sister Cities Plaza, Phase 1 (MPMS #87124), Philadelphia – Proposed New Project**

PennDOT has requested on behalf of Center City District that DVRPC amend the FY2009-2012 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a new project into the TIP, Sister Cities Plaza, Phase 1 (MPMS #87124), and programming \$1,250,000 STU,

acknowledging a toll credit match, for construction in FY09. This project is sponsored by the Center City District and is one of a series of improvements in the Ben Franklin Parkway area that is ready to advance sooner than other components that were approved by the DVRPC Board in December, 2008. The \$1.250 million STU funding will be shifted off of the Shakespeare Park project (MPMS #85059), which will instead be primarily locally funded.

**g. PA09-51c: SR 309, Sellersville Bypass Resurfacing Project (MPMS #86923), 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, SR 309, Sellersville Bypass Resurfacing Project (MPMS #86923), and programming \$11,520,000 NHS, acknowledging a toll credit match, for construction in FY09. This project is being added to the TIP to assist District 6 in achieving their Surface Improvement Miles annual target of 260 “segment” miles. Each fiscal year, District 6 works towards implementing surface improvements that will help maintain the life of roadways.

**h. PA09-52: Edge Hill Road and Tyson Avenue, Easton Road to Jenkintown Road, Reconstruction Project (MPMS #57865), Montgomery County – Add Back In**

PennDOT has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2009-2012 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a project back into the TIP, Edge Hill Road and Tyson Avenue, Easton Road to Jenkintown Road, Reconstruction Project (MPMS #57865), and programming (\$1,104,000 STU/\$276,000 Local) for final design in FY09 and construction in FY13 (\$8,480,000 STU/\$2,120,000 Local). Funding for the final design phase was included in the preliminary engineering phase and must be deobligated and broken out to a separate phase.

*Motion: by Leo Bagley, seconded by Natasha Goguts to recommend that the Board amend the FY2009-2012 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a new project in the TIP and programming final design in FY09 (\$315,000 Act 44), and construction in FY10 (\$6,300,000 Act 44) for Stone Arch Rehab (Group D) (MPMS #87060), as part of PennDOT's Accelerated Bridge Program (ABP); that the Board amend the FY2009-2012 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a new project in the TIP and programming final design in FY09 (\$405,000 Act 44), and construction in FY10 (\$8,100,000 Act 44) for Stone Arch Rehab (Group E) (MPMS #87061), as part of PennDOT's Accelerated Bridge Program; that the Board modify the FY2009-2012 TIP for Pennsylvania by advancing and programming \$56.8 million additional funding for the construction phase of the 30th Street Station Bridge (MPMS #64844), in FY11 (\$5,792,000 Bridge/\$2,403,000 State) and FY12 (\$39,631,000 Bridge/\$8,991,000 State) due to advancing the project from Later Fiscal Years (LFY) as part of PennDOT's Accelerated Bridge Program; that the Board amend the FY2009-2012 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a new project into the TIP, SR 422, PM1 to MP 180, Resurfacing Project (MPMS #86924), and programming a total of \$9,000,000 (\$6,159,000 STU/\$2,841,000 STU, acknowledging a toll credit match) for construction in FY09; that the Board amend the FY2009-2012 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a new project into the TIP, Sister Cities Plaza, Phase 1*

(MPMS #87124), and programming \$1,250,000 STU, acknowledging a toll credit match, for construction in FY09; that the Board amend the FY2009-2012 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a new project into the TIP, SR 309, Sellersville Bypass Resurfacing Project (MPMS #86923), and programming \$11,520,000 NHS, acknowledging a toll credit match, for construction in FY09; and that the Board amend the FY2009-2012 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a project back into the TIP, Edge Hill Road and Tyson Avenue, Easton Road to Jenkintown Road, Reconstruction Project (MPMS #57865), and programming (\$1,104,000 STU/\$276,000 Local) for final design in FY09 and construction in FY13 (\$8,480,000 STU/\$2,120,000 Local).

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

**i. PA09-54a: Bells Mill Road, Germantown Avenue to Stenton Avenue, Restoration Project (MPMS #17581), Philadelphia – Technical Deletion**

PennDOT has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2009-2012 TIP for Pennsylvania by deferring the FY12 construction phase (\$2,560,000 STU/\$640,000) of Bells Mill Road, Germantown Avenue to Stenton Avenue, Restoration Project (MPMS #17581) to Later Fiscal Years (FY13), thereby technically deleting this project from the TIP. The project has not been dropped, but there are community concerns regarding advancement of the project which have yet to be resolved.

**j. PA09-54b: Lincoln Drive, Ridge Avenue to Wissahickon Drive, Reconstruction Project (MPMS #57901), Philadelphia**

PennDOT has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2009-2012 TIP for Pennsylvania by deferring the FY12 construction phase (\$2,800,000 STU/\$700,000) of Lincoln Drive, Ridge Avenue to Wissahickon Drive, Reconstruction Project (MPMS #57901) to Later Fiscal Years (FY13), thereby technically deleting this project from the TIP. The project has not been dropped, but the updated schedule indicates the project, which is currently still in design, will not be ready to let until late FY12/FY13. The project area will be inspected next year and the retaining wall contained within the limits of the project will be broken out and advanced earlier if necessary.

*Motion: by Jim Richardson, seconded by Chivas Grannum to recommend that the Board amend the FY2009-2012 TIP for Pennsylvania by deferring the FY12 construction phase (\$2,560,000 STU/\$640,000) of Bells Mill Road, Germantown Avenue to Stenton Avenue, Restoration Project (MPMS #17581) to Later Fiscal Years (FY13), thereby technically deleting this project from the TIP; and that the Board amend the FY2009-2012 TIP for Pennsylvania by deferring the FY12 construction phase (\$2,800,000 STU/\$700,000) of Lincoln Drive, Ridge Avenue to Wissahickon Drive, Reconstruction Project (MPMS #57901) to Later Fiscal Years (FY13), thereby technically deleting this project from the TIP.*

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

k. **PA09-55: Benjamin Franklin Bridge Westside Operational Improvements (MPMS #72597)), DRPA/PATCO – Add Final Design and Construction Phases**

This TIP Action Item has been deferred to a later date.

l. **PA09-57: 5<sup>th</sup> and Market Street Transportation Improvements (MPMS #87137), SEPTA – Proposed New DEMO Project**

SEPTA in partnership with the National Museum of Jewish American History has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2009-2012 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a new DEMO project to the TIP, 5<sup>th</sup> and Market Street Transportation Improvements (MPMS #87137), and programming construction in FY09 (\$475,000 DEMO/\$119,000 Local). Funding is provided by a \$475,000 FHWA 2009 Appropriations Earmark (PA ID# 725) and a local match provided by the museum, which will be flexed to FTA.

m. **PA09-58: Market Street Elevated Reconstruction Program (MPMS #60281), SEPTA – Cost Increase**

SEPTA has requested that DVRPC modify the FY2009-2012 TIP for Pennsylvania by increasing the construction phase of the Market Street Elevated Reconstruction Program (MPMS #60281), by \$25 million in FY10 (\$13,040,000 Section 5309/\$6,960,000 Section 5307/\$4,167,000 T-Bond/\$833,000 Local) due to final change orders to the Stations and Guideway construction contracts. The total cost of this project has increased from \$710 million to \$740 million.

*Motion: by Brendan Cotter, seconded by James Mosca to recommend that the Board amend the FY2009-2012 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a new DEMO project to the TIP, 5<sup>th</sup> and Market Street Transportation Improvements (MPMS #87137), and programming construction in FY09 (\$475,000 DEMO/\$119,000 Local); and that the Board modify the FY2009-2012 TIP for Pennsylvania by increasing the construction phase of the Market Street Elevated Reconstruction Program (MPMS #60281), by \$25 million in FY10 (\$13,040,000 Section 5309/\$6,960,000 Section 5307/\$4,167,000 T-Bond/\$833,000 Local) due to final change orders to the Stations and Guideway construction contracts.*

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

9. **Project Selection for Pennsylvania Community Transportation Initiative (PCTI) and Safe Routes to School (SRTS)**

Don Shanis (DVRPC) presented the list of successful candidates that were awarded PCTI funds for planning and construction projects that focus on downtown revitalization efforts, local street connections, multi-use trails, and traffic calming and transit-oriented development studies. Dr. Shanis also presented the list of successful candidates that were awarded SRTS funds for the program with an overall goal to increase the number of children in grades Kindergarten through eight-grade who bicycle and walk to school by increasing awareness, developing locally-driven and supported programs, improving bicycling and walking conditions near the qualifying schools. Dr. Shanis requested that the RTC recommend to the DVRPC Board to approve the list of recommended projects

for the Pennsylvania Community Transportation Initiative (PCTI) and the Safe Routes to School funding at the July 2009 meeting.

Motion: *by Jim Richardson, seconded by Linda Guarini to recommend that the Board approve the list of recommended projects for the Pennsylvania Community Transportation Initiative (PCTI) and the Safe Routes to School (SRTS) funding.*

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

## **PRESENTATION ITEMS**

### **10. Scenario Planning with UPlan Land Use Model**

Jon Kugel (DVRPC) presented an overview of how DVRPC is utilizing the Uplan Land Use model in support of the scenario planning project. Mr. Kugel also reviewed the model's current implementation as well as the updated form, which was recently received.

## **INFORMATION ITEMS**

### **11. One Minute Reports**

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

### **12. Old Business and New Business**

### **13. Meeting Adjournment**

Motion: *by Brian Cuccia, seconded by Curt Noe 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, September 8, 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  
 Transportation Operations 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  
 Curt Noe  
 Natasha Goguts  
 (not represented)  
 (not represented)  
 (not represented)  
 Brendan Cotter  
 Linda Hayes  
 Jim Richardson  
 Lorraine Brill  
 Jessica Savidge-Lucas  
 (not represented)  
 Leo Bagley  
 Brian Cuccia  
 (not represented)  
 (not represented)  
 Pippa Woods  
 (not represented)  
 James Mosca  
 Linda Guarini  
 Deborah Schaaf  
 Chivas Grannum  
 (not represented)  
 Catherine Popp-McDonough

**Representative**

Glenn Reibman  
 (not represented)  
 (not represented)  
 Matthew Smoker  
 (not represented)  
 (not represented)  
 (not represented)  
 Brian Wahler  
 William Ragozine  
 (not represented)  
 (not represented)  
 Don Steele  
 David Harvey  
 (not represented)  
 (not represented)  
 (not represented)  
 (not represented)  
 Martin Kotsch

## **ATTENDANCE (cont'd)**

### **Other Member Representatives and Guests**

Nic Baker – City of Philadelphia – City Planning Commission  
Cheryl Brennan – NJDOT  
Andrea Ferdt – Delaware County Planning Department  
Nick Gaeteri – Delaware County Planning Department  
John Gazzola – Philadelphia Regional Port Authority  
John Howard - NMAJH  
Leigh Jones – Office of Smart Growth / NJDCA  
Andrea Jordan – City of Philadelphia  
Briana Looby – SEPTA  
Bryan Rodda – City of Philadelphia – City Planning Commission  
Arianne Sellers – Representative Steven Santarsiero  
Warren Strumpfer – RCC

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