

**DELAWARE VALLEY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION**  
**PLANNING COORDINATING COMMITTEE/**  
**REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**  
**September 8, 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**

Charles Dougherty (DVRPC – Director, Technical Services Division) updated the members on the July 23, 2009 Board meeting, and stated that the Board passed all TIP Actions recommended by the RTC. Mr. Dougherty also mentioned that the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) State Transportation Commission (STC) Hearings, which is the first step in the update for the Pennsylvania Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), was held on September 2, 2009 at the DVRPC offices.

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

Jim Richardson (RCC) provided information on the RCC meeting held on August 13, 2009. He stated that Barry Seymour (DVRPC) had spoken to the RCC about what direction they want to take the committee in.

**ACTION ITEMS**

**4. Highlights of the Meeting of July 7, 2009**

The highlights from the July 7, 2009 meeting of the PCC/RTC were presented for adoption.

*Motion: by Leo Bagley, seconded by Catherine Popp-McDonough to adopt the highlights for the July 7, 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 eight TIP amendments for consideration.

### a. PA09-62a: US 422/PA 23 Interchange & North Gulph Road Improvements (MPMS# 66952), 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, US 422/PA 23 Interchange & North Gulph Road Improvements (MPMS #66952), and programming final design in FY09 (\$680,000 STP/\$170,000 State); utility in FY09 (\$696,000 STP) and FY10 (\$56,000 STP); right of way in FY10 (\$50,000 STP), and construction in FY12 (\$10,501,000 DEMO). This project has been “right-sized” and reduced from a \$40 million project down to a \$12 million project.

### b. PA09-62b: Old Betzwood Bridge Bike/Pedestrian Trail Project (MPMS# 16703), Montgomery County – Add PE, FD, UTL, ROW and Increase CON

PennDOT has requested that DVRPC modify the FY2009-2012 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding preliminary engineering, final design, utility, and right of way phases for Old Betzwood Bridge Bike/Pedestrian Trail Project (MPMS# 16703); additionally, increasing the construction phase by \$5.43 million. Funding will be programmed for preliminary engineering (\$750,000 STP) and final design (\$250,000 STP) in FY09; utility (\$250,000 CMAQ) and right of way (\$50,000 CMAQ) in FY10, and construction in FY09 (\$3,000,000 STP), FY10 (\$1,438,000 CMAQ), and FY12 (\$1,000,000 CMAQ), acknowledging a toll credit match. \$800,000 CMAQ is currently programmed in FY09 for construction.

### c. PA09-62c: Old Betzwood Bridge over Schuylkill River Bridge Replacement Project (MPMS# 16489), Montgomery County – Proposed Deletion

PennDOT has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2009-2012 TIP for Pennsylvania by deleting a \$23 million project from the TIP, Old Betzwood Bridge Over Schuylkill River Bridge Replacement (MPMS #16489). As a result of current funding shortages, PennDOT and other project stakeholders have developed a scaled down or “right-sized” approach to address the transportation needs of the US 422 Schuylkill River Crossing Complex in a cost-effective manner. The Old Betzwood Bridge (vehicular) is currently programmed for utility in FY09 (\$9,176,000 STP/\$2,294,000 STATE) and construction in FY09 (\$11,620,000 Act 44) and FY10 (\$215,000 Bond). It is now proposed that the Old Betzwood vehicular bridge project be dropped, and replaced with a bike/pedestrian only bridge to complete connections between the Schuylkill River Trail and the Valley Forge National Historic Park. Vehicular traffic needing to cross the Schuylkill River will use the US 422 expressway bridge.

*Motion: by Leo Bagley, seconded by Natasha Manbeck to recommend that the Board amend the FY2009-2012 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a project back into the TIP, US 422/PA 23 Interchange & North Gulph Road Improvements (MPMS #66952), and programming final design in FY09 (\$680,000 STP/\$170,000 State); utility in FY09 (\$696,000 STP) and FY10 (\$56,000 STP); right of way in FY10 (\$50,000 STP), and construction in FY12 (\$10,501,000*

*DEMO); that the Board modify the FY2009-2012 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding preliminary engineering, final design, utility, and right of way phases for Old Betzwood Bridge Bike/Pedestrian Trail Project (MPMS# 16703); additionally, increasing the construction phase by \$5.43 million. Funding will be programmed for preliminary engineering (\$750,000 STP) and final design (\$250,000 STP) in FY09; utility (\$250,000 CMAQ) and right of way (\$50,000 CMAQ) in FY10, and construction in FY09 (\$3,000,000 STP), FY10 (\$1,438,000 CMAQ), and FY12 (\$1,000,000 CMAQ), acknowledging a toll credit match. \$800,000 CMAQ is currently programmed in FY09 for construction; and that the Board amend the FY2009-2012 TIP for Pennsylvania by deleting a \$23 million project from the TIP, Old Betzwood Bridge Over Schuylkill River Bridge Replacement (MPMS #16489).*

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

**d. PA09-63: US 202-650 Transportation Systems Management (TSM) Improvements (MPMS #84868), Montgomery County – Proposed New Project**

PennDOT has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2009-2012 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a new project to the TIP, US 202-650 Transportation Systems Management (TSM) Improvements (MPMS #84868), and programming construction in FY12 (\$2,000,000 CMAQ), acknowledging a Toll credit match.

*Motion: by James Mosca, seconded by Leo Bagley to recommend that the Board amend the FY2009-2012 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a new project to the TIP, US 202-650 Transportation Systems Management (TSM) Improvements (MPMS #84868), and programming construction in FY12 (\$2,000,000 CMAQ), acknowledging a Toll credit match.*

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

**e. PA09-64a: SR 422, PM1 to MP 180, Resurfacing Project (MPMS #86924), Montgomery County – Add PE and FD**

PennDOT has requested that DVRPC modify the FY2009-2012 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding preliminary engineering (\$625,000 STU) and final design (\$625,000 STU) phases for SR 422, PM1 to MP 180, Resurfacing Project (MPMS #86924), in FY09, acknowledging a toll credit match. The project is already programmed for construction.

**f. PA09-64b: SR 309, Sellersville Bypass Resurfacing Project (MPMS #86923), Bucks County – Add PE and FD**

PennDOT has requested that DVRPC modify the FY2009-2012 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding preliminary engineering (\$625,000 STU) and final design (\$625,000 STU) phases for SR 309, Sellersville Bypass Resurfacing Project (MPMS #86923), in FY09, acknowledging a toll credit match. The project is already programmed for construction.

*Motion: by David Johnson, seconded by Natasha Manbeck to recommend that the Board modify the FY2009-2012 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding preliminary engineering (\$625,000 STU) and final design (\$625,000 STU) phases for SR*

422, PM1 to MP 180, Resurfacing Project (MPMS #86924), in FY09, acknowledging a toll credit match; and that the Board modify the FY2009-2012 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding preliminary engineering (\$625,000 STU) and final design (\$625,000 STU) phases for SR 309, Sellersville Bypass Resurfacing Project (MPMS #86923), in FY09, acknowledging a toll credit match.

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

**g. PA09-65: West Chester University, East Campus Drive Project (MPMS #74798), Chester County – Proposed New DEMO Project**

West Chester University has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2009-2012 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a new project to the TIP, West Chester University, East Campus Drive Project (MPMS #74798), and programming \$1,570,527 (\$1,200,000 DEMO/\$370,527 Local) for construction in FY10 so that West Chester University can receive federal reimbursement for this completed project. This project is funded by a \$1.2 million SAFETEA-LU Earmark (Fed ID# 2942, PA ID# 485), and local funding provided by West Chester University.

*Motion: by Leo Bagley, seconded by Natasha Manbeck to recommend that the Board amend the FY2009-2012 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a new project to the TIP, West Chester University, East Campus Drive Project (MPMS #74798), and programming \$1,570,527 (\$1,200,000 DEMO/\$370,527 Local) for construction in FY10 so that West Chester University can receive federal reimbursement for this completed project.*

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

**h. PA09-55: Benjamin Franklin Bridge Westside Operational Improvements (MPMS #72597), DRPA/PATCO – Add FD and CON phases**

DRPA/PATCO has requested that DVRPC modify the FY2009-2012 TIP for Pennsylvania by programming final design (\$400,000 FHWA Sect 115) and construction (\$3,100,000 FHWA Sect 115) in FY10 for the Benjamin Franklin Bridge Westside Operational Improvements (MPMS #72597) using the balance of the existing Section 115 earmark, PA ID #251. The \$500,000 FY09 PE Phase will be corrected to reflect 100% Section 115 funds.

*Motion: by Catherine Popp-McDonough, seconded by Chivas Grannum to recommend that the Board modify the FY2009-2012 TIP for Pennsylvania by programming final design (\$400,000 FHWA Sect 115) and construction (\$3,100,000 FHWA Sect 115) in FY10 for the Benjamin Franklin Bridge Westside Operational Improvements (MPMS #72597) using the balance of the existing Section 115 earmark, PA ID #251.*

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

## 6. **PennVest Application Review**

DVRPC is reviewing 1 PennVEST application (in Philadelphia) to ensure that it is consistent with city, county, and regional land use plans. Patty Elkis (DVRPC) provided an overview of the submitted application, which was submitted by the Lower Schuylkill River Users Association, for the Cherry to Race Street Improvement Project. The Lower Schuylkill River Users Association is requesting \$169,936 from PennVest to build a six foot section of sidewalk on Cherry Street with a bike path to Race Street that would incorporate green street measures designed to alleviate the ponding at the end of Cherry Street. Ms. Elkis recommended approval of this application as the project coincides with *Connections 2035: the Regional Plan for a Sustainable Future* policy to reinvest in communities to renew and stabilize neighborhoods and reverse declining trends.

*Motion: by Jim Richardson, seconded by Chivas Grannum to recommend that the Board authorize the Executive Director to send a letter notifying PENNVEST of consistency with Connections 2035: the Regional Plan for a Sustainable Future.*

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

## **PRESENTATION ITEMS**

### 7. **County Freight Scans**

During FY 2010, DVRPC staff will conduct Freight Scans in each of the region's nine counties. The primary purpose of the scans is to build greater capacity at the county planning agencies for addressing freight issues. With the help of the members of DVRPC's freight advisory committee, staff will perform a number of technical activities highlighting freight facilities and operations within each county. Ted Dahlburg (DVRPC) gave an overview of the upcoming project.

### 8. **Route 611/263 Corridor Study**

David Anderson (DVRPC) presented an overview of the two-year, multi-municipal corridor study that focuses on routes PA 611 and PA 263 in Montgomery County. The Route 611/263 Corridor Study is a comprehensive planning effort addressing multiple concerns including safety, walkability, streetscape enhancements, green infrastructure, traffic mobility and public transit improvements.

## **INFORMATION ITEMS**

### 9. **Shifting Gears**

Joseph Hacker (DVRPC) introduced a new outreach project called Shifting Gears, which is designed to better gauge the bicycle issues and priorities for our region. The project seeks input from bicyclists and non-bicyclists alike, and consists of three parts: an inventory of county and regional bicycle plans, staff outreach to county stakeholders, and a regional online questionnaire. A report will outline results from the collected inputs, including recommendations for future work/coordination in the region.

10. **Call for Supportive Regional Highway Planning Program (SRHPP) and Transit Support Program (TSP) Special Study Projects**

The Special Studies element of SRHPP and TSP is now open for studies to be considered as part of the FY 2011 Work Program process. Sarah Oaks (DVRPC) presented program parameters and Work Program submission schedules.

11. **Fiscal Year 2011 Work Program**

John Griffies (DVRPC) presented a schedule and information regarding plans for the development of the FY2011 Work 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 Linda Hayes, seconded by Matthew Lawson 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, October 6, 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**

David Johnson  
 Carol Thomas  
 Curt Noe  
 Natasha Manbeck  
 Edward Williams  
 (not represented)  
 (not represented)  
 Louis Hufnagle  
 Linda Hayes  
 Jim Richardson  
 (not represented)  
 Jessica Savidge-Lucas  
 Matthew Lawson  
 Leo Bagley  
 (not represented)  
 (not represented)  
 (not represented)  
 (not represented)  
 (not represented)  
 James Mosca  
 Linda Guarini  
 (not represented)  
 Chivas Grannum  
 Stephen Buckley  
 Catherine Popp-McDonough

**Representative**

Glenn Reibman  
 Kelvin MacKavanagh  
 (not represented)  
 Matthew Smoker  
 (not represented)  
 (not represented)  
 (not represented)  
 (not represented)  
 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**

Andy Sharp – Delaware Association of Rail Passengers (DVARP)  
Warren Strumpfer – RCC

**DVRPC Staff**

David Anderson  
Gastonia Anderson  
Ted Dahlburg  
Charles Dougherty  
Patty Elkis  
John Griffies  
Joseph Hacker  
Richard Murphy  
Sarah Oaks  
Elizabeth Schoonmaker  
John Ward  
Meghan Weir  
Matthew West