

**DELAWARE VALLEY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
PLANNING COORDINATING COMMITTEE/
REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
March 9, 2010 Meeting Highlights
DVRPC Conference Room, Philadelphia, PA**

1. Call to Order - Chairperson's Comments

Jessica Savidge-Lucas (Gloucester County) welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order. Ms. Savidge-Lucas made the announcement that Rick Westergaard (Gloucester County) is the acting Planning Director for Gloucester County.

2. Deputy Executive Director's Report

Don Shanis (DVRPC) updated the members on the February 25, 2010 Board meeting, and stated that the Board passed all Action Items recommended by the RTC.

3. Report on Regional Citizens Committee Activities

Jim Richardson (RCC) provided information on the RCC meeting held on February 16, 2010. (Details of the meeting can be found in the February 16, 2010 Meeting Minutes of the DVRPC RCC.)

ACTION ITEMS

4. Highlights of the Meeting of February 9, 2010

The highlights from the February 9, 2010 meeting of the PCC/RTC were presented for adoption.

Motion: by Catherine Popp-McDonough, seconded by Jim Richardson to adopt the highlights for the February 9, 2010 PCC/RTC meeting.

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

5. DVRPC Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Actions

Elizabeth Schoonmaker (DVRPC) presented one TIP amendment for consideration.

a. PA09-92: Potential Federal "Jobs Bill" Candidate Transportation Infrastructure Projects for Pennsylvania Highway Program

PennDOT has requested approval of candidate highway projects that could advance should there be a federal "Jobs Bill" relative to transportation infrastructure improvements. The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 provided close to \$700 million for transit and highway transportation improvements in the DVRPC region, including almost \$300 million for Pennsylvania highway/bridge/bike/ped projects. Over the last few months there has been national and congressional discussion about passing a second major "stimulus" program/jobs

bill. Proposals have included a program that closely mirrored last year's Economic Recovery Act with highway and transit infrastructure components, extending authorization of SAFETEA-LU through December, 2010, as well as possibly passing a series of smaller jobs bills including ones that might relate to infrastructure only. In order to be in a position to act quickly should additional funding be provided to the DVRPC region, PennDOT is requesting approval of a vetted highway funded candidate list totaling close to \$308 million which could be added to the TIP at the appropriate time. Funding levels, authorization parameters, and timing is all unknown since there is no formal bill at this time. Other DOT's and transit operators are having internal discussions regarding their potential candidate programs. The total package sums to \$307,945,250.

Motion: by Tom Shaffer, seconded by Jim Mosca to recommend that the Board approve PennDOT's requested approval of candidate highway projects totalling \$307,945,250 that could advance should there be a federal "Jobs Bill" relative to transportation infrastructure improvements.

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

6. FY 2011 Transportation Management Association Assistance and Mobility Alternatives Program Grant Applications

Sarah Oaks (DVRPC) presented the FY 2011 Transportation Management Association Assistance and Mobility Alternatives Program Grant Applications. Each year the Pennsylvania Transportation Management Associations, the Clean Air Council and SEPTA submit applications for these grants. Draft work programs were distributed at the last meeting and the Committee will be asked to approve the final applications.

Motion: by Lorraine Brill, seconded by Leo Bagley to recommend that the Board approve the list of final applications for the Transportation Management Association Assistance.

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

Motion: by Catherine Popp-McDonough, seconded by Linda Guarini to recommend that the Board approve the list of final applications for the Mobility Alternatives Program Grant.

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

7. FY 2011/2012 Coordinated Human Services Transportation Plan (CHSTP) List of Pennsylvania Project Applications Recommended for Approval

Joseph Hacker (DVRPC) summarized DVRPC's list of Pennsylvania Job Access and Reverse Commute (JARC) and New Freedom (NF) recommended projects for the next funding year (two years for NF projects). This list has been vetted through and approved by the CHSTP subcommittee of DVRPC. It consists of 25 JARC projects totalling about \$7.4 million dollars and four NF projects totalling about \$1.4 and \$1.6 million dollars

over two years. This action includes modification of the TIP when funds are allocated by PennDOT.

Motion: by Dave Johnson, seconded by Natasha Manbeck to recommend that the Board approve the list of Pennsylvania Job Access and Reverse Commute (JARC) and New Freedoms (NF) recommended projects for the next funding year (Two years for NF projects); and that the board modify the FY2009-2012 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding the Pennsylvania Job Access and Reverse Commute (JARC) and New Freedoms (NF) recommended projects for the next funding year (Two years for NF projects).

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

PRESENTATION ITEMS

8. Delaware River Main Channel Deepening Project

Ed Voigt and Anthony DePasquale of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Philadelphia District, described the project to deepen the main channel of the Delaware River to 45 feet. Their presentation provided background information about the project, which would permit larger ships to call on the ports of the Delaware River, and also touch on economic analyses, environmental concerns, and dredged material disposal plans. Key facts and statistics were provided to put the project in its proper regional perspective.

INFORMATION ITEMS

9. One Minute Reports

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

10. Old Business and New Business

11. Meeting Adjournment

Motion: by Catherine Popp-McDonough, seconded by Leo Bagley 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, April 6, 2010.

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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

Dave Johnson
 (not represented)
 Curt Noe
 Natasha Manbeck
 Edward Williams
 (not represented)
 (not represented)
 Tom Shaffer
 Linda Hayes
 Jim Richardson
 Lorraine Brill
 Jessica Savidge-Lucas
 Matthew Lawson
 Leo Bagley
 (not represented)
 (not represented)
 (not represented)
 Pippa Woods
 (not represented)
 Jim Mosca
 Linda Guarini
 Anthony Santaniello
 Chivas Grannum
 Steve Buckley
 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
 David Harvey
 (not represented)
 (not represented)
 (not represented)
 (not represented)
 Martin Kotsch

ATTENDANCE (cont'd)

Other Member Representatives and Guests

Anthony DePasquale – US Army Corps of Engineers
Charles Ingoglia – NJ Transit
Andrea Jordan – City of Philadelphia
Andrew Levecchia – Camden County Improvement Authority
Joe Minott – Clean Air Council
Aaron Rutz – Clean Air Council
Ed Voigt – US Army Corps of Engineers
Kathleen Zubrzycki – SEPTA

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