

DELAWARE VALLEY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
PLANNING COORDINATING COMMITTEE/
REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
April 6, 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 this meeting will be her last for a few months because she is going on maternity leave.

2. Deputy Executive Director's Report

Don Shanis (DVRPC) updated the members on the March 25, 2010 Board meeting, and stated that the Board passed all Action Items recommended by the RTC. Dr. Shanis also announced that DVRPC's Celebration of Regional Excellence will be held on Thursday, May 20, 2010.

3. Report on Regional Citizens Committee Activities

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

ACTION ITEMS

4. Highlights of the Meeting of March 9, 2010

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

Motion: by Matthew Lawson, seconded by Jim Richardson to adopt the highlights for the March 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 (DVPRC) presented six TIP amendments for consideration.

a. NJ10-18: River Road Improvements, Cramer Hill (DB# D0902), Camden County

Cooper's Ferry Development Association, on behalf of the City of Camden, has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2010-2013 TIP for New Jersey by adding a preliminary engineering phase in FY10 (\$200,000 DEMO), final design phase in FY11 (\$250,000 DEMO), and construction phase in FY11 (\$800,000 DEMO) and FY12 (\$2,758,241 DEMO) for River Road Improvements, Cramer Hill (DB# D0902).

Funding will be provided by two SAFETEA-LU Earmarks (NJ ID#'s 253 and 268), and any additional funds required to complete the project will be provided locally.

Motion: by Matthew Lawson, seconded by Lorraine Brill to recommend that the Board amend the FY2010-2013 TIP for New Jersey by adding a preliminary engineering phase in FY10 (\$200,000 DEMO), final design phase in FY11 (\$250,000 DEMO), and construction phase in FY11 (\$800,000 DEMO) and FY12 (\$2,758,241 DEMO) for River Road Improvements, Cramer Hill (DB# D0902).

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

b. PA09-93a: Vehicle Overhaul Program (MPMS# 60582), SEPTA

SEPTA has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2009-2012 TIP for Pennsylvania by federalizing the Vehicle Overhaul Program (MPMS# 60582) which is currently programmed with state and local funds and totals \$53.6 million in FY10. Further, funds/work will be broken out of the Federal Preventive Maintenance Program and programmed in the Vehicle Overhaul Program. Note that the cost of the work for Vehicle Overhaul Program has not increased. This action serves primarily to provide a different mix of funding types for SEPTA projects, and to break out work from Preventive Maintenance and program it in Vehicle Overhaul Program per FTA guidance.

c. PA09-93b: Preventive Maintenance Flex (MPMS# 90123), PennDOT/SEPTA

PennDOT has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2009-2012 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a new project to the TIP, Preventive Maintenance Flex (MPMS# 90123) using \$7 million STP funds provided to SEPTA from PennDOT's Statewide Discretionary Line Item (MPMS #77786) in FY10. These funds are additional funds to the region, and do not impact financial constraint. The funds will be used for eligible expenses such as federal operating assistance and preventive maintenance pertaining to activities performed on vehicles and facilities. Activities can include 1) program administration; 2) repair of buildings, grounds and equipment (including, but not limited to, the overhaul of vehicles); 3) operation of electric power facilities; 4) maintenance of vehicle movement control systems, fare collection, counting equipment and structures; and 5) maintenance of general administration buildings, grounds and equipment, and electrical facilities.

Motion: by Jim Richardson, seconded by Tom Shaffer to recommend that the Board amend the FY2009-2012 TIP for Pennsylvania by federalizing the Vehicle Overhaul Program (MPMS# 60582) which is currently programmed with state and local funds and totals \$53.6 million in FY10; and that the Board amend the FY2009-2012 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a new project to the TIP, Preventive Maintenance Flex (MPMS# 90123) using \$7 million STP funds provided to SEPTA from PennDOT's Statewide Discretionary Line Item (MPMS #77786) in FY10.

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

d. PA09-94: Chester County ARRA Paving (MPMS# 86872), Chester County

PennDOT has requested that DVRPC modify the FY2009-2012 TIP for Pennsylvania by increasing the construction phase of Chester County ARRA Paving (MPMS# 86872) by \$6.519 million in FY10 (\$2,086,000 STP/\$637,000 NHS) and FY11 (\$2,117,000 STU/\$1,679,000 STP). This project was approved as part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 by the DVRPC Board in February of 2009. The additional funding will be used to address significant issues discovered during the field view, and will bring the construction cost up to \$20,536,000.

e. PA09-95: US 13/9th Street/Morton Ave. Signals (DS1) (MPMS# 47990), Delaware County

PennDOT has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2009-2012 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding the TIP US 13/9th Street/Morton Ave. Signals (DS1) (MPMS# 47990), and programming utility in FY10 (\$1,420,000 CMAQ) and construction in FY10 (\$1,845,000 CMAQ) and FY11 (\$2,155,000 CMAQ).

f. PA09-96: District 6-0 On-Demand Bridge Maintenance Contracts (MPMS# 89027, 89028, 89092), Various Counties

PennDOT has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2009-2012 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a new project to the TIP, District 6-0 on Demand Bridge Maintenance Contracts (MPMS# 89027, 89028, 89092), and programming construction in FY10 (\$8,700,000 Act 44) for three separate bridge maintenance contracts.

Motion: by Jim Richardson, seconded by Natasha Manbeck to recommend that the Board modify the FY2009-2012 TIP for Pennsylvania by increasing the construction phase of Chester County ARRA Paving (MPMS# 86872) by \$6.519 million in FY10 (\$2,086,000 STP/\$637,000 NHS) and FY11 (\$2,117,000 STU/\$1,679,000 STP); that the Board amend the FY2009-2012 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding the TIP US 13/9th Street/Morton Ave. Signals (DS1) (MPMS# 47990), and programming utility in FY10 (\$1,420,000 CMAQ) and construction in FY10 (\$1,845,000 CMAQ) and FY11 (\$2,155,000 CMAQ); and that the Board amend the FY2009-2012 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a new project to the TIP, District 6 on Demand Bridge Maintenance Contracts (MPMS# 89027, 89028, 89092), and programming construction in FY10 (\$8,700,000 Act 44) for three separate bridge maintenance contracts.

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

6. **Authorization to Open 30-Day Public Comment Period for the Draft DVRPC 2011 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for New Jersey (FY2011-2014) and Pennsylvania (FY2011-2014) and for the associated Transportation Conformity Determination**

Federal planning law regulations require the development of a Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) in order for the metropolitan region to be eligible to receive federal transportation funds. The TIP must be drawn from a conforming long range plan, requiring that a new conformity determination also be prepared. Sean Greene (DVRPC) asked for a recommendation to open a 30-day public comment period and release documents in May 2010, for the purpose of gathering public and agency comments on the Draft DVRPC 2011 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for New Jersey (FY2011-2014) and Pennsylvania (FY2011-2014), and for the associated Draft Transportation Conformity Determination.

Motion: by Jim Richardson, seconded by Lorraine Brill to recommend that the Board open a 30-day public comment period and release documents in May 2010, for the purpose of gathering public and agency comments on the Draft DVRPC 2011 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for New Jersey (FY2011-2014) and Pennsylvania (FY2011-2014), and for the associated Draft Transportation Conformity Determination.

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

7. **Fiscal Year 2011 Planning Work Program Amendments**

To respond to the needs of member governments and agencies, work program changes and additions are brought to the PCC/RTC to permit the timely undertaking of technical activity.

a. **Burlington County Guide Rail Inventory Planning Initiative**

Burlington County, as part of their ongoing asset management program, will be implementing a Guide Rail Inventory component. The intent of the project is to develop a Guide Rail Inventory and Asset Management component which includes a database for all county owned NBIS bridges and their approaches on over 1000 directional miles of roads in Burlington County, New Jersey. The County intends to hire a consultant to develop the system and collect the inventory data. The work will include the evaluation of all existing guide rail locations, identifying those where the existing guide rail is damaged, deficient or not in compliance with current design standards. Furthermore the project will identify locations where new or additional guide rail may be warranted based on NJDOT and AASHTO standards. John Coscia (DVRPC) asked that the RTC recommend that the Board approve the addition of the Burlington County Asset Management Planning Initiative - Guiderail Component Project to the DVRPC FY 2011 Planning Work Program

b. **Gloucester County Guide Rail Inventory Planning Initiative**

Gloucester County, as part of their ongoing asset management program, will be implementing a Guide Rail Inventory component. The intent of the project is to develop a Guide Rail Inventory and Asset Management component which includes a

database for all County owned Bridges and approaches on approximately 403 centerline miles of roads in Gloucester County, New Jersey. The resulting database will assist the County in evaluating, prioritizing, scheduling and implementing the maintenance, repairs and/or replacement activities of guiderail based on deficiencies. The County intends to hire a consultant to develop the system and collect the inventory data. The consultant will also train the County on the use of the Guide Rail Management System and provide technical support. The Consultant will conduct a Needs Assessment and develop a System Design and Report that will provide recommendations to the County on the various components of the Management System. John Coscia (DVRPC) asked that the RTC recommend that the Board approve the addition of the Gloucester County Asset Management Planning Initiative - Guiderail Component Project to the DVRPC FY 2011 Planning Work Program.

Motion: by Carol Thomas, seconded by Curt Noe to recommend that the Board approve the addition of the Burlington County Asset Management Planning Initiative - Guiderail Component Project to the DVRPC FY 2011 Planning Work Program; and that the Board approve the addition of the Gloucester County Asset Management Planning Initiative - Guiderail Component Project to the DVRPC FY 2011 Planning Work Program.

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

PRESENTATION ITEMS

8. NJ Route 73 Corridor Study

Dave Anderson (DVRPC) presented the NJ Route 73 Corridor Study which seeks to preserve the operating performance of the current transportation facilities within the Route 73 corridor, promote multi-modal transportation solutions to help alleviate current and forecasted travel growth, coordinate land use and transportation planning, determines policies for future transportation improvements, and encourage municipal actions to achieve a land use pattern that is reflective of smart growth principles.

9. Transportation Security Planning at DVRPC

Being prepared for major natural and manmade events is essential to the region, and the transportation element is required as a planning factor by FHWA. DVRPC has prepared an overview report, Fitting the Pieces Together: Improving Transportation Security Planning in the Delaware Valley. It includes steps DVRPC can take and strategies that may be considered by staff at other agencies for a wide range of projects. Zoe Neaderland (DVRPC) presented Transportation Security Planning at DVRPC

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 Matthew Lawson, seconded by Natasha Manbeck 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, May 11, 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
 Carol Thomas
 Curt Noe
 Natasha Manbeck
 (not represented)
 (not represented)
 (not represented)
 Tom Shaffer
 Linda Hayes
 Jim Richardson
 Lorraine Brill
 Jessica Savidge-Lucas
 Matthew Lawson
 Matthew Edmond
 Brian Cuccia
 (not represented)
 (not represented)
 (not represented)
 (not represented)
 Jim Mosca
 Linda Guarini
 Anthony Santaniello
 Chivas Grannum
 (not represented)
 Kathleen Zubrzycki

Representative

Glenn Reibman
 Kelvin MacKavanagh
 (not represented)
 Matt 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

DVRPC Staff

Dave Anderson
Gastonia Anderson
John Coscia
Sean Greene
Richard Murphy
Zoe Neaderland
Elizabeth Schoonmaker
John Ward
Matthew West