

**DELAWARE VALLEY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION  
PLANNING COORDINATING COMMITTEE/  
REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE  
September 7, 2010 Meeting Highlights  
DVRPC Conference Room, Philadelphia, PA**

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

Natasha Manbeck (Chairperson – Chester 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 that DVRPC successfully completed the federal certification review. Mr. Dougherty announced that the Board Retreat will be on September 23, 2010 and will be focusing on regional scale transportation investments instead of focusing on the Work Program, as in the past. Mr. Dougherty gave kudos to NJ DOT for hosting the ESRI Transportation Special Interest Group (SIG) meeting. NJ DOT has made leaps and bounds on data storage and access to the public. Finally, Mr. Dougherty announced that DVRPC is on Twitter (<http://twitter.com/DVRPC>) and that traffic counts are on the internet and can be accessed via a user-friendly interface found at the DVRPC website.

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

Jim Richardson (RCC) thanked DVRPC for having members of the RCC participate in the federal certification review. (Details of the last RCC meeting can be found in the July 13, 2010 Meeting Minutes of the DVRPC RCC.)

**ACTION ITEMS**

**4. Highlights of the Meeting of July 6, 2010**

The highlights from the July 6, 2010 meeting of the PCC/RTC were presented for adoption.

*Motion: by Linda Guarini, seconded by Jim Richardson to adopt the highlights for the July 6, 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 five TIP amendments for consideration.

### a. NJ10-36a: Embankment Restoration (DB# DR015), DRPA/PATCO – Increased Project Scope

DRPA/PATCO has requested that DVRPC modify the FY2010-2013 TIP for New Jersey by modifying the project scope of Embankment Restoration (DB# DR015), to include fencing and retaining wall work. Additionally, modifying the current programming to reflect a decrease in the engineering, right of way, and construction phase. Current programming will be modified to reflect the following: (\$1,200,000 Section 5307/\$300,000 DRPA) in FY12, (\$800,000 Section 5307/\$200,000 DRPA) in FY13, (\$1,600,000 Section 5307/\$400,000 DRPA) in LFY. The overall project cost has decreased as DRPA has obligated the appropriate amount of funding to complete the project and as a result no longer needs the entire amount of funding programmed in the current TIP.

### b. NJ10-36b: Lindenwold Yard Tie Renewal (DB# DR044), DRPA/PATCO – Increased Cost/Project Scope

DRPA/PATCO has requested that DVRPC modify the FY2010-2013 TIP for New Jersey by increasing the cost of Lindenwold Yard Tie Renewal (DB# DR044), by a total of \$11 million; \$7 million (\$5,600,000 Section 5309/\$1,400,000 DRPA) in the four years of the TIP (FY12, FY13, FY14), and \$4 million (\$3,200,000 Section 5309/\$800,000 DRPA) in LFYs, a result of modifying the project scope to include additional improvements to be completed at Lindenwold Yard. Current programming will be modified to reflect a total cost of \$25.5 million for the project: \$4,000,000 (\$3,200,000 Section 5309/\$800,000 DRPA) in FY11; \$6,000,000 (\$4,800,000 Section 5309/\$1,200,000 DRPA) in FY12; \$6,000,000 (\$4,800,000 Section 5309/\$1,200,000 DRPA) in FY13; \$7,000,000 (\$5,600,000 Section 5309/\$1,400,000 DRPA) in LFYs.

*Motion: by Matthew Lawson, seconded by Lorraine Brill to recommend that the Board modify the FY2010-2013 TIP for New Jersey by modifying the project scope of Embankment Restoration (DB# DR015), to include fencing and retaining wall work. Additionally, modifying the current programming to reflect a decrease in the engineering, right of way, and construction phase; and that the Board modify the FY2010-2013 TIP for New Jersey by increasing the cost of Lindenwold Yard Tie Renewal (DB# DR044), by a total of \$11 million; \$7 million (\$5,600,000 Section 5309/\$1,400,000 DRPA) in the four years of the TIP (FY12, FY13, FY14), and \$4 million (\$3,200,000 Section 5309/\$800,000 DRPA) in LFYs, a result of modifying the project scope to include additional improvements to be completed at Lindenwold Yard.*

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

**c. NJ10-38: Bispham Street Bridge over Rancocas Creek (DB# D0806), Burlington County – Add Back In**

Burlington County has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2010-2013 TIP for New Jersey by adding a project back into the TIP, Bispham Street Bridge over Rancocas Creek (DB# D0806), and programming \$300,000 Bridge-Off funds for final design in FY11. Funding for the final design phase will be provided by Off-System Bridge funds. This project has been awarded a total of \$1 million for construction, provided by a prior year Local Bridges/Future Needs Program, (DB# 08387).

*Motion: by Carol Thomas, seconded by Matthew Lawson to recommend that the Board amend the FY2010-2013 TIP for New Jersey by adding a project back into the TIP, Bispham Street Bridge over Rancocas Creek (DB# D0806), and programming \$300,000 Bridge-Off funds for final design in FY11.*

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

**d. PA11-01a: Transit and Regional Rail Station Program (MPMS# 77183), SEPTA – Add Back In**

SEPTA has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2011-2014 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a project back into the TIP, Transit and Regional Rail Station Program (MPMS# 77183), and programming an engineering, right of way, and construction phase in FY11 (\$10,202,000 Section 5307/\$2,468,000 Section 1514B/\$83,000 Local) and a construction phase in FY12 (\$13,327,000 Section 5307/\$3,202,000 Section 1514B/\$107,000 Local), FY13 (\$5,760,000 Section 5307/\$1,066,000 Section 5307TE/\$1,652,000 Section 1514B/\$55,000 Local), FY14 (\$648,000 Section 5307/\$1,098,000 Section 5307TE/\$422,000 Section 1514B/\$14,000 Local), and LFY (\$1,435,000 Section 5307/\$347,000 Section 1514B/\$12,000 Local). The project and proposed programming were reviewed and endorsed by the PA TIP Subcommittee during the FY2011 TIP update process, but the project was inadvertently omitted from the document of the FY2011 – 2014 TIP.

**e. PA11-01b: SEPTA Bus Purchase Program - 60' (MPMS# 90512), SEPTA – Increase Purchasing Phase**

SEPTA has requested that DVRPC modify the FY2011-2014 TIP for Pennsylvania by increasing the total funds in the SEPTA Bus Purchase Program - 60' (MPMS# 90512), by \$12,339,000 Section 1514B, and programming in FY12 (\$4,133,000), FY13 (\$4,133,000), and FY14 (\$4,133,000) of the purchasing phase. The proposed programming of these funds were reviewed and endorsed by the PA TIP Subcommittee during the FY2011 TIP update process, but the Section 1514B funding was inadvertently omitted from the document of the FY2011 – 2014 TIP.

*Motion: by Jim Richardson, seconded by Thomas Shaffer to recommend that the Board amend the FY2011-2014 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a project back into the TIP, Transit and Regional Rail Station Program (MPMS# 77183), and programming an engineering, right of way, and construction phase in FY11 (\$10,202,000 Section 5307/\$2,468,000 Section 1514B/\$83,000 Local) and a construction phase in FY12 (\$13,327,000 Section 5307/\$3,202,000 Section 1514B/\$107,000 Local), FY13 (\$5,760,000*

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

## 6. **Fiscal Year 2011 Planning Work Program Amendment**

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. **City of Philadelphia Pedestrian and Bicycle Counts**

The City of Philadelphia has received a grant from the Centers for Disease Control to undertake an Anti-Obesity Initiative. An important activity of this initiative is to obtain some baseline data on activity levels for active living. To obtain that data, the City has requested that DVRPC perform a pedestrian and bicycle counting program on selected roadways/walkways within the city. This information will be used to help set those baseline activity levels. DVRPC will provide pedestrian and bicycle count information at locations determined by the City. John Ward (DVRPC) has asked the PCC/RTC to recommend that the DVRPC Board amend the DVRPC Fiscal Year 2011 Planning Work Program to add a project to conduct bicycle and pedestrian counts in the City of Philadelphia.

*Motion: by Stephen Buckley, seconded by Jim Richardson to recommend that the Board amend the DVRPC Fiscal Year 2011 Planning Work Program to add a project to conduct bicycle and pedestrian counts in the City of Philadelphia.*

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

## 7. **PennVEST Application Review**

DVRPC is reviewing two PennVEST applications (both in Chester County) to ensure that they are consistent with city, county and regional land use plans. Patty Elkins (DVRPC) explained that the applications were received too close to the PCC/RTC meeting, so staff did not have sufficient time to review them. Ms. Elkins stated that staff will ensure that the submitted applications will be consistent with city, county, and regional plans prior to Board Action.

*No action was taken.*

## **PRESENTATION ITEMS**

### **8. Update on Regional Transit Projects**

Joseph Hacker (DVRPC) and Greg Krykewycz (DVRPC) updated the committee on transit projects completed in FY2010, transit projects ongoing, and transit work programmed for 2011. This update was in lieu of a Regional Transit Advisory Committee (RTAC) meeting.

## **Discussion Item**

### **9. Fiscal Year 2012 Work Program**

John Griffies (DVRPC) presented a schedule and information regarding plans for the development of the FY2012 Work Program. At the next RTC meeting, the members will be asked to collectively develop a couple of region-level projects to be considered for the FY 2012 program.

## **INFORMATION ITEMS**

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

Each year the DVRPC Work Program includes funds reserved for special studies undertaken as part of the TSP and SRHPP work program elements. Sarah Oaks (DVRPC) reviewed study parameters and presented the schedule for candidate project submissions.

### **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 Matthew Lawson, seconded by Carol Thomas 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 5, 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**

(not represented)  
 Carol Thomas  
 (not represented)  
 Natasha Manbeck  
 Edward Williams  
 (not represented)  
 (not represented)  
 Thomas Shaffer  
 Linda Hayes  
 Jim Richardson  
 Lorraine Brill  
 Therese Donlan  
 Matthew Lawson  
 (not represented)  
 (not represented)  
 (not represented)  
 (not represented)  
 Louis Millan  
 (not represented)  
 Jim Mosca  
 Linda Guarini  
 Deborah Schaaf  
 Michelle Webb  
 Stephen Buckley  
 Kathleen Zubrzycki

**Representative**

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

Bridget Chadwick – Regional Citizens Committee

Patricia Ellis – City of Philadelphia

Darin Gatti – City of Philadelphia – Department of Streets

Joe Minott – Clean Air Council

Ted Ritter – North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority

### **DVRPC Staff**

Charles Dougherty

Patty Elkis

John Griffies

Joseph Hacker

Greg Krykewycz

Richard Murphy

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John Ward

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