

**DELAWARE VALLEY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
PLANNING COORDINATING COMMITTEE/
REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
October 5, 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

Don Shanis (DVRPC) updated the members on the September 23, 2010 Board meeting. Dr. Shanis stated that The Board Retreat was a success.

3. Report on Regional Citizens Committee Activities

Jim Richardson (RCC) informed the members that three RCC members attended The Board Retreat and stated that it was a success. (Details of the last RCC meeting can be found in the September 14, 2010 Meeting Minutes of the DVRPC RCC.)

ACTION ITEMS

4. Highlights of the Meeting of September 7, 2010

The highlights from the September 7, 2010 meeting of the PCC/RTC were presented for adoption.

Motion: by Jim Richardson, seconded by Stephen Buckley to adopt the highlights for the September 7, 2010 PCC/RTC meeting.

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

5. 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. New Jersey Implementation Pilot for the FHWA's Conceptual Model for Conducting Climate Change Vulnerability and Risk Assessments of Transportation Infrastructure

This Action has been postponed to a future meeting.

6. PCC/RTC Meeting Dates for Calendar Year 2011

A set of proposed meeting dates for the PCC/RTC for calendar year 2011 were submitted to the committee for its consideration.

Motion: by Leo Bagley, seconded by Jessica Savidge-Lucas to accept the proposed meeting dates for the PCC/RTC for calendar year 2011.

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

7. Pennsylvania Community Transportation Initiative (PCTI)

John Coscia (DVRPC) asked the RTC to delegate responsibility to develop a recommended list of projects to the PA Subcommittee. The list will then be forwarded to the DVRPC Board for their consideration.

Motion: by Jim Richardson, seconded by Richard Brahler to delegate responsibility to develop a recommended list of projects to the PA Subcommittee.

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

8. Fiscal Year 2012 Work Program Development

As part of the development process for the FY2012 DVRPC Work Program, the RTC has been asked to submit recommendations to the DVRPC Board. RTC members were organized into break-out groups to facilitate discussion on potential projects. Each group was asked to share their ideas when the RTC reconvened, with the final goal of recommending direction to the Board and projects for inclusion in the FY2012 Work Program.

The following are the PCC/RTC Recommended Projects for the FY 2012 DVRPC Work Program:

Traffic Impact Study Guidelines

For years the use of a traffic impact study has been the foundation for municipal, county, state and private professional traffic engineers to determine transportation impacts primarily from vehicular traffic in ways that are measured by delay and are computed as a "level-of-service". Unfortunately, this measurement of time delay has become ambiguous and does not take into account the context of the roadway or impacts on other modes of transportation such as pedestrian and bicycling. The purpose of this study is examine the efficacy of the traditional traffic impact study and determine what changes can be implemented that would allow for analysis of transportation impacts in relation to the context of the roadway. The study will examine the potential to develop a "multi-modal level of service" which would integrate all transportation users of the facility, such as pedestrian, bicyclists, and public transit, as well as highway impacts. The study will give public officials more information on the land development decision making process based on impacts of vehicular traffic.

Transit Design Standards

Since the inclusion of public transit facilities is an important part of any transportation system and SEPTA, New Jersey and PATCO do not currently have design standards

for improved transit facilities, this study will attempt to develop a set of public transit facility design standards. These standards will provide guidance for such facilities as bus stop location, shelter placement, pedestrian linkages to bus stops and geometric standards for bus-turnouts. They will follow “Smart Transportation” principles; and therefore, the standards will be sensitive to context, assure sustainability, be acceptable to a wide variety of stakeholders, and drawn from the best regional and national examples.

Feasibility Study for Regional Financing Options

The study will explore the ability of the region to bring funding to the table to partner with other federal, state, and potentially private sources. The feasibility study would examine a range of options being explored and implemented nationally, e.g., variable pricing by time of day, high occupancy/toll (HOT) lanes, technology that provides travelers with pre-trip and real time congestion, and pricing information. Specific applications in the DVRPC region will be offered for discussion and action by the Board policy committee.

Corridor and Land-Use Study Implementation

DVRPC produces many corridor and land use studies with a wide range of recommended actions and next steps. The implementation, however, is typically left to local municipalities that might not have the resources or momentum to complete this implementation. To assist in implementing the study recommendations, DVRPC would provide quick response technical assistance such as convening and facilitating meetings, preparing status reports, assessing progress, assisting local leaders, and preparing specific implementation items (e.g., writing mixed use zoning, helping a community create a BID, assist in applying for grants, etc.)

INFORMATION ITEMS

9. Coordinate Human Services Transportation Plan (CHSTP) Update

Meghan Weir (DVRPC) provided a brief summary of DVRPC’s Coordinated Human Services Transportation Plan update and gave a preview of this year’s Pennsylvania funding round.

10. FY 12 Supportive Regional Highway Planning Program and Transit Support Program Special Studies Final Call for Projects

Each year there are funds set aside from the Transit Support Program budgets in PA and NJ and from the Supportive Regional Highway Planning Program in NJ for short-term studies and other relevant projects. Sarah Oaks (DVRPC) issued a final call for special study projects and discussed the programs’ schedules.

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 Jessica Savidge-Lucas, seconded by Jim Richardson 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, November 9, 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

Richard Brahler
 Carol Thomas
 Curt Noe
 Natasha Manbeck
 Edward Williams
 (not represented)
 (not represented)
 Lou Hufnagle
 Linda Hayes
 Jim Richardson
 Lorraine Brill
 Jessica Savidge-Lucas
 Matthew Lawson
 (not represented)
 (not represented)
 (not represented)
 (not represented)
 Louis Millan
 (not represented)
 Jim Mosca
 Linda Guarini
 Anthony Santaniello
 Michelle Webb
 Stephen Buckley
 Kathleen Zubrzycki

Representative

Glenn Reibman
 Kelvin MacKavanagh
 (not represented)
 Camille Otto
 (not represented)
 (not represented)
 (not represented)
 (not represented)
 William Ragozine
 (not represented)
 (not represented)
 Don Steele
 David Harvey
 (not represented)
 (not represented)
 (not represented)
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ATTENDANCE (cont'd)

Other Member Representatives and Guests

Bridget Chadwick – Regional Citizens Committee

Patricia Ellis – City of Philadelphia

Nancy Goldenberg – Center City District

DVRPC Staff

Mike Boyer

John Coscia

Ted Dahlburg

Matt Gates

John Griffies

Joseph Hacker

Richard Murphy

Sarah Oaks

Don Shanis

John Ward

Meghan Weir

Matthew West