

**DELAWARE VALLEY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
PLANNING COORDINATING COMMITTEE/
REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
February 8, 2011 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 January 27, 2011 Board meeting. Dr. Shanis stated that the Board did not meet because the DVRPC offices were closed due to inclement weather. However, the Board did vote to pass two time sensitive Action Items via telephone. Dr. Shanis also stated that during the February 2011 Board Meeting that the Board will cover the January 2011 and February 2011 agendas.

3. Report on Regional Citizens Committee Activities

Jim Richardson (RCC) made the comment that the roads, bridges and busses in the region work quite well and on behalf of the RCC and the citizens of the region, thanked the RTC for their work. (Details of the last RCC meeting can be found in the January 18, 2011 Meeting Minutes of the DVRPC RCC.)

ACTION ITEMS

4. Highlights of the Meeting of January 11, 2011

The highlights from the January 11, 2011 meeting of the PCC/RTC were presented for adoption.

Motion: by Matthew Edmond, seconded by Jim Richardson to adopt the highlights for the January 11, 2011 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. NJ10-52: Mercer County Signal Project, CR 533 (DB# D0702), Mercer County – Graduate SD Project/Proposed New TIP Project

Mercer County has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2011-2014 TIP for New Jersey by adding a graduate Study and Development project to the TIP, Mercer County Signal Project, CR 533 (DB# D0702), and programming final design in FY11 (\$500,000 STP-STU) and construction in FY13 (\$3,500,000 STP-STU). This project was programmed in the Study and Development program in FY10, but now has a completed categorical exclusion (CE) document and is ready to advance to final design and construction.

Motion: by Edward Williams, seconded by Curt Noe to recommend that the Board amend the FY2011-2014 TIP for New Jersey by adding a graduate Study and Development project to the TIP, Mercer County Signal Project, CR 533 (DB# D0702), and programming final design in FY11 (\$500,000 STP-STU) and construction in FY13 (\$3,500,000 STP-STU).

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

b. PA11-17: London Track Bridge Over White Clay Creek Bridge Replacement (MPMS# 80060), Chester County – Add Final Design Phase

PennDOT has requested that DVRPC modify the FY2011-2014 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a final design phase to the London Track Bridge Over White Clay Creek Bridge Replacement (MPMS# 80060), and programming (\$500,000 Act 44) in FY11. Final design was programmed in the FY2009 TIP, but the funds were not obligated. Currently, this project is programmed for \$2.318 million in the current TIP for construction in FY12 and FY13.

c. PA11-18: Rickert Road Bridge Over Morris Run Creek Bridge Replacement (CB #21) (MPMS# 13296), Bucks County – Federalize

PennDOT has requested that DVRPC modify the FY2011-2014 TIP for Pennsylvania by federalizing the project, Ricket Road Bridge Over Morris Run Creek Bridge Replacement (MPMS# 13296), and switching a portion (\$36,000 State/\$9,000 Local) of the right of way phase funding from state and local funds to federal bridge funds (\$45,000 Bridge). Programming will be reflected as follows: (\$45,000 Bridge/\$9,000 State/\$2,000 Local).

Motion: by Linda Guarini, seconded by Thomas Shaffer to recommend that the Board modify the FY2011-2014 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a final design phase to the London Track Bridge Over White Clay Creek Bridge Replacement (MPMS# 80060), and programming (\$500,000 Act 44) in FY11; and that the Board modify the FY2011-2014 TIP for Pennsylvania by federalizing the project, Ricket Road Bridge Over Morris Run Creek Bridge Replacement (MPMS# 13296), and switching a portion (\$36,000 State/\$9,000

Local) of the right of way phase funding from state and local funds to federal bridge funds (\$45,000 Bridge).

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

d. PA11-19: Debt Service (MPMS# 60275), SEPTA – Increase Project Scope

SEPTA has requested that DVRPC modify the FY2011-2014 TIP for Pennsylvania by increasing the project scope of Debt Service (MPMS# 60275), to include the Silverliner V Railcars and Wayne Junction Intermodal Facility Rehabilitation project. As a result of this action, funding for Debt Service will be increased by \$85,109,000 (those funds represent a 5 year period of bond payments) and will be programmed as follows: FY11 (\$16,011,000 FTA Section 5309/\$3,874,000 State/\$129,000 Local); FY12 (\$13,680,000 FTA Section 5309/\$3,309,000 State/\$112,000 Local); FY13 (\$13,680,000 FTA Section 5309/\$3,309,000 State/\$112,000 Local); FY14 (\$13,680,000 FTA Section 5309/\$3,309,000 State/\$112,000 Local); and LFY (FY15) (\$13,680,000 FTA Section 5309/\$112,000 Local). This action is occurring as SEPTA is changing the type of financing they will use to fund various projects.

Motion: by Thomas Shaffer, seconded by Jim Richardson to recommend that the Board modify the FY2011-2014 TIP for Pennsylvania by increasing the project scope of Debt Service (MPMS# 60275), to include the Silverliner V Railcars and Wayne Junction Intermodal Facility Rehabilitation project.

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

e. PA11-20: Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) Bus Purchase (MPMS# 92304), SEPTA – Proposed New Project

On Behalf of the Transportation Management Association (TMA) in Bucks County (TMA Bucks), SEPTA has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2011-2014 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a new project to the TIP, Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) Bus Purchase (MPMS# 92304), and programming funds in FY11 (\$475,000 5309-B/\$119,000 Local) for the purchase of seven small buses for TMA Bucks service.

Motion: by Richard Brahler, seconded by Catherine Popp-McDonough to recommend that the Board amend the FY2011-2014 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a new project to the TIP, Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) Bus Purchase (MPMS# 92304), and programming funds in FY11 (\$475,000 5309-B/\$119,000 Local) for the purchase of seven small buses for TMA Bucks service.

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

6. Project Selection for Pennsylvania Community Transportation Initiative (PCTI), Round II

The Pennsylvania Community Transportation Initiative (PCTI), a Smart Transportation initiative, is intended to fund planning and construction projects that demonstrate creative and efficient ways of addressing various transportation challenges through strong local partnerships and with careful consideration of community goals. For the second round of PCTI funding, PennDOT is providing \$24.7 million Statewide, which will

fund 41 Smart Transportation-related projects selected from over 238 applications requesting more than \$175 million in funding. Elizabeth Smith (DVRPC) asked the RTC to recommend Board approval for 10 projects in the DVRPC Pennsylvania subregion to receive funding from the second round of PCTI.

Motion: by Michelle Webb, seconded by Jim Richardson to recommend that the Board approve the list of 10 projects in the DVRPC Pennsylvania subregion to receive funding from the second round of PCTI.

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

PRESENTATION ITEMS

7. New Jersey Interstate Partial Interchange Need Study

New Jersey DOT has developed an elegant screening methodology for judging its system's needs in response to a FHWA "planning emphasis area." The work was conducted with NJIT and Rutgers University, with MPO participation. Jerry Coyne (DVRPC) provided an overview of the methodology, the proposed use of the tool in developing the State's capital program, and DVRPC's parallel application for the NJ counties in the region.

8. DVRPC Travel Improvement Model (TIM) – Report on TIM 1.0 and plans for development of TIM 2.0 and beyond

The DVRPC Travel Improvement Model (TIM), used for various types of forecasts and analyses, is nearing the end of a 3 year cycle of upgrades to remain consistent with the state of the practice, new policy demands, and evolving Federal guidance on travel models. Dr. Christopher Puchalsky (DVRPC) discussed the selection of short and long term improvements to the model and the data that the model uses.

INFORMATION ITEMS

9. Transportation Management Association Assistance Grant Program and Mobility Alternatives Program 2012 Work Scopes

Each year, PennDOT invites Transportation Management Associations (TMAs) to apply for funding under the TMA Assistance Grant Program. In addition, DVRPC makes available grants for work under the Mobility Alternatives Program. Scopes for both programs have been submitted. Sarah Oaks (DVRPC) opened the comment period. Amended final scopes will be presented for RTC approval at the March 2011 meeting. Both programs are funded under CMAQ and require a 20% match.

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 Catherine Popp-McDonough, seconded by Jessica Savidge-Lucas 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, March 8, 2011.

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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)
 (not represented)
 Curt Noe
 Natasha Manbeck
 Edward Williams
 (not represented)
 (not represented)
 Thomas Shaffer
 Linda Hayes
 Jim Richardson
 Lorraine Brill
 Jessica Savidge-Lucas
 Matthew Lawson
 Matthew Edmond
 (not represented)
 (not represented)
 (not represented)
 (not represented)
 (not represented)
 Jame Mosca
 (not represented)
 Anthony Santaniello
 Michelle Webb
 (not represented)
 Catherine Popp-McDonough

Representative

(not represented)
 Kelvin MacKavanagh
 (not represented)
 (not represented)
 (not represented)
 (not represented)
 (not represented)
 (not represented)
 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

Victor Donato – PennDOT Central Office

Patricia Ellis – City of Philadelphia

Steve Noll – TMA Bucks

Andy Sharpe – Delaware Valley Association of Rail Passengers

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Gastonia Anderson-Ogoe

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