

DELAWARE VALLEY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
PLANNING COORDINATING COMMITTEE/
REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
June 7, 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 May 26, 2011 Board meeting. Dr. Shanis stated that the Board approved all Action Items that the PCC/RTC recommended. Dr. Shanis then gave details of various meetings that he attended. Dr. Shanis also introduced special guest, Cynthia MacLeod Superintendent of Independence National Historic Park.

3. Report on Regional Citizens Committee Activities

Jim Richardson (RCC) provided an update on the RCC meeting that was held on May 17, 2011. (Details of the last RCC meeting can be found in the May 17, 2011 Meeting Minutes of the DVRPC RCC.)

ACTION ITEMS

4. Highlights of the Meeting of May 10, 2011

The highlights from the May 10, 2011 meeting of the PCC/RTC were presented for adoption.

Motion: by Jim Richardson, seconded by Jessica Savidge-Lucas to adopt the highlights for the May 10, 2011 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 thirteen TIP amendments for consideration.

a. PA11-29: : Philadelphia Art Museum Improvements (MPMS# 89180), Philadelphia – Proposed New DEMO Project

PennDOT, on behalf of the Philadelphia Art Museum, has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2011-2014 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a project to the TIP, the Philadelphia Art Museum Improvements (MPMS# 89180), and programming final design (\$187,500 Local) and construction in FY11 (\$750,000 DEMO), acknowledging a toll credit match. Construction of this project will be funded by a

FY2010 Appropriations Earmark (PA ID# 734) in the amount of \$750,000. Design is being advanced locally.

Motion: by Anthony Santaniello, seconded by Jim Mosca to recommend that the Board amend the FY2011-2014 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a project to the TIP, the Philadelphia Art Museum Improvements (MPMS# 89180), and programming final design (\$187,500 Local) and construction in FY11 (\$750,000 DEMO), acknowledging a toll credit match.

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

b. PA11-30: US 1 over PA 213, Maple Avenue Bridge Replacement (MPMS# 84086), Bucks County – Proposed New Project

PennDOT has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2011-2014 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a new project to the TIP, US 1 over PA 213 Bridge Replacement (MPMS# 84086), and programming construction in FY11 (\$7,723,000 NHS) and FY12 (\$6,000,000 STU/\$4,277,000 NHS), acknowledging a toll credit match.

c. PA11-31: Walnut Lane Bridge over Wissahickon Creek Restoration (MPMS# 92376), Philadelphia – Proposed New Project

PennDOT has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2011-2014 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a new project to the TIP, Walnut Lane Bridge over Wissahickon Bridge Restoration (MPMS# 92376), and programming preliminary engineering (\$250,000 State), final design (\$450,000 State), utility (\$50,000 State) in FY11, and construction in FY11 (\$508,000 STP/\$1,213,000 STU), FY12 (\$2,614,000 STU), and FY13 (\$2,030,000 STU), acknowledging a toll credit match.

Motion: by Richard Brahler, seconded by Anthony Santaniello to recommend that the Board amend the FY2011-2014 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a new project to the TIP, US 1 over PA 213 Bridge Replacement (MPMS# 84086), and programming construction in FY11 (\$7,723,000 NHS) and FY12 (\$6,000,000 STU/\$4,277,000 NHS), acknowledging a toll credit match; and that the Board amend the FY2011-2014 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a new project to the TIP, Walnut Lane Bridge over Wissahickon Bridge Restoration (MPMS# 92376), and programming preliminary engineering (\$250,000 State), final design (\$450,000 State), utility (\$50,000 State) in FY11, and construction in FY11 (\$508,000 STP/\$1,213,000 STU), FY12 (\$2,614,000 STU), and FY13 (\$2,030,000 STU), acknowledging a toll credit match.

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

d. PA11-32: Approval of Automated Red-Light Enforcement (ARLE) Round 1 Projects (Various MPMS#'s), Various Counties – Proposed New Projects

PennDOT has requested that DVRPC approve the list of projects selected as part of PennDOT's Automated Red-Light Enforcement (ARLE) Round 1 and amend the FY2011-2014 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding the projects to the TIP for construction in FY11 using \$11,976,000 State Appropriation 244 for the entire DVRPC region.

Motion: by Michelle Webb, seconded by Anthony Santaniello to recommend that the Board approve TIP Action PA11-32, PennDOT's request to approve the list of projects selected as part of PennDOT's Automated Red-Light Enforcement (ARLE) Round 1 and amend the FY2011-2014 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding the projects to the TIP in FY11 as appropriate using \$11,976,000 State Appropriation 244.

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

e. NJ10-67a: Burlington County Emergency Vehicle Preemption, Phase 2 (DB# D1133), Burlington County – Proposed New Project

Burlington County has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2010-2013 TIP for New Jersey by adding a new project to the TIP, Burlington County Emergency Vehicle Preemption, Phase 2 (DB# D1133), and programming construction in FY11 (\$500,000 STP-STU). This project will be funded with available STP-STU funds that the DVRPC subregion may have otherwise lost if not authorized this fiscal year. Funds were made available by other projects that have schedules that have slipped to next year or later.

f. NJ10-67b: CR 543/CR 656 Traffic Signal Upgrade and Safety Project (DB# D1134), Burlington County – Proposed New Project

Burlington County has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2010-2013 TIP for New Jersey by adding a new project to the TIP, CR 543/CR 656 Traffic Signal Upgrade and Safety Project (DB# D1134), and programming construction in FY11 (\$500,000 STP-STU). This project will be funded with available STP-STU funds that the DVRPC subregion may have otherwise lost if not authorized this fiscal year. Funds were made available by other projects that have schedules that have slipped to next year or later.

Motion: by Matthew Lawson, seconded by Carol Thomas to recommend that the Board amend the FY2010-2013 TIP for New Jersey by adding a new project to the TIP, Burlington County Emergency Vehicle Preemption, Phase 2 (DB# D1133), and programming construction in FY11 (\$500,000 STP-STU); and that the Board amend the FY2010-2013 TIP for New Jersey by adding a new project to the TIP, CR 543/CR 656 Traffic Signal Upgrade and Safety Project (DB# D1134), and programming construction in FY11 (\$500,000 STP-STU).

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

g. PA11-33: PA 252 Underpass and US 30 Intersection (MPMS# 85062), Chester County – Add PE,FD,UTL, and CON Phases

Chester County has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2011-2014 TIP for Pennsylvania by advancing a study to a construction project and adding Preliminary Engineering (\$140,000 CMAQ, \$35,000 State 581) in FY11, Final Design (\$140,000 CMAQ, \$35,000 State 581) in FY12, Utility (\$40,000 CMAQ, \$10,000 State 581) in FY12, and Construction (\$1,020,000 CMAQ, \$255,000 State 581) in FY12 for the PA 252 Underpass/US 30 Intersection project (MPMS #85062) and removing the “Study” component from the project description.

Motion: by Linda Guarini, seconded by Thomas Shaffer to recommend that the Board amend the FY2011-2014 TIP for Pennsylvania by advancing a study to a construction project and adding Preliminary Engineering (\$140,000 CMAQ, \$35,000 State 581) in FY11, Final Design (\$140,000 CMAQ, \$35,000 State 581) in FY12, Utility (\$40,000 CMAQ, \$10,000 State 581) in FY12, and Construction (\$1,020,000 CMAQ, \$255,000 State 581) in FY12 for the PA 252 Underpass/US 30 Intersection project (MPMS #85062) and removing the “Study” component from the project description.

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

h. NJ10-67d: Maple Shade Township Special Projects Road Program (DB# D0903), Burlington County – Add Back Into TIP

Maple Shade Township has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2010-2013 TIP for New Jersey by adding a project back into the TIP, Maple Shade Township Special Projects Road Program (DB# D0903), and programming construction in FY11 (\$800,000 DEMO). This project will be funded by an \$800,000 SAFETEA-LU Earmark (FED ID# 2728/NJ ID# 208).

Motion: by Jessica Savidge-Lucas, 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, Maple Shade Township Special Projects Road Program (DB# D0903), and programming construction in FY11 (\$800,000 DEMO).

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

i. NJ10-68a: Gloucester County Pedestrian Pushbutton Replacement (DB# D1135), Gloucester County – Proposed New Project

Gloucester County has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2010-2013 TIP for New Jersey by adding a new project to the TIP, Gloucester County Pedestrian Pushbutton Replacement (DB# D1135), and programming construction in FY11 (\$250,000 STP-STU). This project will be funded with available STP-STU funds that the DVRPC subregion may have otherwise lost if not authorized this fiscal year. Funds were made available by other projects that have schedules that have slipped to next year or later.

j. NJ10-68b: CR 553, Buck Road Resurfacing and Safety Improvements (DB# D1137), Gloucester County – Proposed New Project

Gloucester County has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2010-2013 TIP for New Jersey by adding a new project to the TIP, CR 553, Buck Road Resurfacing and Safety Improvements (DB# D1137), and programming construction in FY11 (\$2,000,000 STP-STU). This project will be funded with available STP-STU funds that the DVRPC subregion may have otherwise lost if not authorized this fiscal year. Funds were made available by other projects that have schedules that have slipped to next year or later.

k. NJ10-69a: Mercer County Rumble Strips (DB# D1136), Mercer County – Proposed New Project

Mercer County has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2010-2013 TIP for New Jersey by adding a new project to the TIP, Mercer County Rumble Strips (DB# D1136), and programming construction in FY11 (\$200,000 STP-STU). This project will be funded with available STP-STU funds that the DVRPC subregion may have otherwise lost if not authorized this fiscal year. Funds were made available by other projects that have schedules that have slipped to next year or later.

l. NJ10-69b: Mercer County Safety School Zone Speed Control (DB# D1138), Mercer County – Proposed New Project

Mercer County has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2010-2013 TIP for New Jersey by adding a new project to the TIP, Mercer County Safety School Zone Speed Control (DB# TBD), and programming construction in FY11 (\$450,000 STP-STU). This project will be funded with available STP-STU funds that the DVRPC subregion may have otherwise lost if not authorized this fiscal year. Funds were made available by other projects that have schedules that have slipped to next year or later.

Motion: by Carol Thomas, seconded by Jessica Savidge-Lucas to recommend that the Board amend the FY2010-2013 TIP for New Jersey by adding a new project to the TIP, Gloucester County Pedestrian Pushbutton Replacement (DB# D1135), and programming construction in FY11 (\$250,000 STP-STU); and that the Board amend the FY2010-2013 TIP for New Jersey by adding a new project to the TIP, CR 553, Buck Road Resurfacing and Safety Improvements (DB# D1137), and programming construction in FY11 (\$2,000,000 STP-STU); and that the Board amend the FY2010-2013 TIP for New Jersey by adding a new project to the TIP, Mercer County Rumble Strips (DB# D1136), and programming construction in FY11 (\$200,000 STP-STU); and that the Board amend the FY2010-2013 TIP for New Jersey by adding a new project to the TIP, Mercer County Safety School Zone Speed Control (DB# TBD), and programming construction in FY11 (\$450,000 STP-STU).

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

m. NJ10-70: Paratransit Vehicles (Various DB#s), Various Counties
South Jersey Transportation Authority (DB# D0601)
Camden County Bus Purchase (DB# D0601)
Mercer County Bus Purchase (DB# D1011)

NJ Transit has requested on behalf of South Jersey Transportation Authority (SJTA), Mercer County Transportation Resources to Aid the Disadvantaged and Elderly (TRADE), and Senior Citizens United Community Services (SCUCS, Sen-Han Transportation) that DVRPC modify the FY2010-2013 TIP for New Jersey by increasing the funding in FY11 by a total of \$525,000 STP-STU for the following paratransit services: Camden County Bus Purchase (DB# D0601), Mercer County Bus Purchase (DB# D1011) and South Jersey Transportation Authority (DB #D0601). Mercer County TRADE requests \$130,000 to be used for the purchase of two replacement mini-buses. SCUCS/Sen-Han of Camden County requests \$255,000 STP-STU to be combined with \$200,000 CMAQ already programmed in FY11 and FY12 of the current FY2010 NJ TIP to be used for the purchase of five replacement mini-buses. The SJTA requests \$140,000 to be used for the purchase of one replacement large mini-bus.

Motion: by Matthew Lawson, seconded by Jessica Savidge-Lucas to recommend that the Board modify the FY2010-2013 TIP for New Jersey by increasing the funding in FY11 by a total of \$525,000 STP-STU for the following paratransit services: Camden County Bus Purchase (DB# D0601), Mercer County Bus Purchase (DB# D1011) and South Jersey Transportation Authority (DB #D0601).

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. Sign Management Planning Initiative

The Local Sign Upgrade and Management Planning Initiative will be used to develop a systematic program that will manage roadway sign inventories. Development of the system will include the evaluation and inventory of warning and guide signs in accordance with Part II, Section 2A.08 of the 2009 Edition of the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices. In addition, the system could provide database tools for use in the creation of contract documents for sign replacement projects. The project is necessary to ensure the Cities and Counties are in full compliance with the new FHWA retro-reflectivity requirements for road signs. The estimated cost of the project is \$550,000.00. Chick Dougherty (DVRPC) requested that the RTC

recommend that the Board approve the Local Sign Upgrade and Management Planning Initiative.

Motion: by Matthew Lawson, seconded by Carol Thomas to recommend that the Board amend the DVRPC Fiscal Year 2011 Planning Work Program to include the Local Sign Upgrade and Management Planning Initiative.

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

b. Norristown High Speed Line King of Prussia Extension Alternatives

SEPTA is proceeding with the next phase of planning for an extension of the SEPTA Norristown High Speed Line (NHSL) to King of Prussia. The planning efforts required for an updated and refined NHSL extension project would include an update of the Alternatives Analysis, consideration of any possible new alignments, a review of capital and operating costs, and new ridership modeling. DVRPC will provide revised analysis of previous alternatives plus possible new alternatives on the Norfolk Southern Turnpike / Exelon alignment. The analysis will include both ridership forecasts and FTA prevailing user benefits calculations. DVRPC will also assist SEPTA and the project team in preparing cost estimates and environmental screening. Chris Puchalsky (DVRPC) requested that the RTC recommend that the Board approve the Norristown High Speed Line King of Prussia extension Alternatives project.

Motion: by Leo Bagley, seconded by Jim Richardson to recommend that the Board amend the DVRPC Fiscal Year 2011 Planning Work Program to include the Norristown High Speed Line King of Prussia Extension Alternatives project.

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

7. Approval of 2011 Regional Congestion Management Process (CMP)

The CMP is a systematic approach to analyze and manage congestion in the region. It provides analysis, identifies congested corridors, and recommends strategies to help achieve Long-Range Plan goals, while helping to more strongly link the Plan and the TIP. DVRPC is required to maintain and adopt an updated and refined CMP. The latest CMP update has been prepared with the involvement of the CMP Advisory Committee and is now proposed for Board adoption. A key aspect of the updated CMP is the use of archived operations data to analyze system reliability rather than the use of more indirect measures. Zoe Neaderland (DVRPC) requested that the RTC recommend that the Board approve the 2011 Regional Congestion Management Process (CMP).

Motion: by Jim Mosca, seconded by Zoe Robertson to recommend that the Board approve the 2011 Regional Congestion Management Process (CMP).

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

8. Annual Self-Certification of the Regional Transportation Planning Process

Federal regulations require that the Metropolitan Planning Organization self-certify that the Regional Transportation Planning Process is carried out in conformance with applicable federal regulations. Dr. Shanis (DVRPC) presented the recommendation for Board adoption.

Motion: by Jim Richardson, seconded by Leo Bagley to recommend Board adoption of the annual self-certification of the Regional Transportation Planning Process.

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

9. Election of Fiscal Year 2012 Officers

The PCC/RTC nominating committee presented a slate of candidates for FY2012. The candidates nominated were Carol Thomas (Burlington County) for the position of PCC / RTC Chairperson and Stephen Buckley (City of Philadelphia – Mayor’s Office of Transportation & Utilities) for the position of Vice – Chairperson.

Motion: by Jessica Savidge-Lucas, seconded by Linda Guarini to elect Carol Thomas to the position of PCC/RTC Chairperson, and Steve Buckley to the position of Vice Chairperson.

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

PRESENTATION ITEM**10. Philadelphia's Comprehensive Plan Update**

Philadelphia2035 is a blueprint for a 21st-century city. This is the first citywide comprehensive planning effort that Philadelphia has undertaken since 1960. The City Planning Commission has chosen a two-pronged approach: citywide, and Districts. Work on the citywide document has been underway over the past year and is currently wrapping up for an expected release in early June 2011. For the District Planning efforts, the city has been defined in terms of 18 separate Districts. The timeline anticipates the release of 3 to 4 District Plans each year between now and 2016. Anthony Santaniello from the Philadelphia City Planning Commission gave a brief overview of the entire Philadelphia2035 process.

INFORMATION ITEMS**11. New TransitChek Stored Value Card (SVC)**

Stacy Bartels (DVRPC) updated the PCC/RTC on the New TransitChek Stored Value Card (SVC). The TransitChek program is introducing a stored value card to supplement or replace paper vouchers this summer. The cards will be available to TransitChek Select customers and will be able to be automatically reloaded each month. Cards, branded with the MasterCard logo and TransitChek name, are limited to transit fare sales locations and will make buying fare media for all transit systems more convenient.

12. Public Works Equipment Inventory

To assist the emergency management community to respond to a major emergency, DVRPC's Office of Transportation Operations Management compiled a regional inventory of traffic control and public works equipment. Stan Platt (DVRPC) presented a recap this effort.

13. One Minute Reports

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

14. Old Business and New Business

15. Meeting Adjournment

Motion: *by Richard Brahler, 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, July 12, 2011.

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
 Anthony O'Toole
 Natasha Manbeck
 Edward Williams
 (not represented)
 (not represented)
 Tom Shaffer
 (not represented)
 Jim Richardson
 (not represented)
 Jessica Savidge-Lucas
 Matthew Lawson
 Leo Bagley
 Thomas Wospil
 (not represented)
 (not represented)
 Lou Millan
 (not represented)
 James Mosca
 Linda Guarini
 Anthony Santaniello
 Michelle Webb
 Stephen Buckley
 Zoe Robertson

Representative

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

Sharon Bancroft – SEPTA
Eddie Battle – ERBA
Byron Comati - SEPTA
Meredith Curran – Delaware County Planning Department
Patricia Ellis – City of Philadelphia
Jody Holton - SEPTA
Ryan Jeroski – GVFTMA
Jack Kanarek – Systra Consulting
Cynthia MacLeod – Independence National Historic Park
Andy Sharpe – DVARP

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