

**DELAWARE VALLEY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
PLANNING COORDINATING COMMITTEE/
REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
July 12, 2011 Meeting Highlights
DVRPC Conference Room, Philadelphia, PA**

1. Call to Order - Chairperson's Comments

Carol Thomas (Chairperson – Burlington County) welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order.

2. Deputy Executive Director's Report

Don Shanis (DVRPC) updated the members on the June 23, 2011 Board meeting. Dr. Shanis stated that the Board approved all Action Items that the PCC/RTC recommended. Dr. Shanis then stated that there is no August PCC/RTC meeting, there is a Board retreat on September 22, 2011 and that there were three retirements from DVRPC: Roger Moog, W. Thomas Walker, and Phyllis Robinson. Dr. Shanis then updated everyone on the Board officers for Fiscal Year 2012 as follows:

Chair: Louis Cappelli, Freeholder, Camden County

Vice Chair: Andrew Paris, Pennsylvania Governor's Policy and Planning Office

Secretary: Diane Ellis-Marseglia, Commissioner, Bucks County

Treasurer: Brian Hughes/ Donna Lewis, Mercer County

3. Report on Regional Citizens Committee Activities

Jim Richardson (RCC) provided an update on the RCC meeting that was held on June 15, 2011. (Details of the last RCC meeting can be found in the June 15, 2011 Meeting Minutes of the DVRPC RCC.)

ACTION ITEMS

4. Highlights of the Meeting of June 7, 2011

The highlights from the June 7, 2011 meeting of the PCC/RTC were presented for adoption.

Motion: by Leo Bagley, seconded by Jessica Savidge-Lucas to adopt the highlights for the June 7, 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 four TIP amendments for consideration.

a. PA11-35: Vine Street Expressway Bridges (MPMS# 80054), Philadelphia County – Cost Increase

PennDOT has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2011-2014 TIP for Pennsylvania by increasing the scope and cost of the Vine Street Expressway

Bridges projects (MPMS# 80054, 88767, and 88768), by adding a preliminary engineering phase of \$975,000 (\$780,000 STP/\$146,250 State 581/\$48,750 Act 26) in FY11 to MPMS #80054 that would address two structurally deficient bridges on Spring Garden Street that will serve as detour routes while the Vine Street bridges are under construction. It has been anticipated that the Spring Garden Bridges would be used for detour routes, but recent inspections have determined that some rehabilitation work will be required for the structurally deficient structures prior to them being adequate to serve this detour purpose, and preliminary engineering work is required to get those structures ready for construction prior to establishing them as detour routes. Preliminary engineering is already underway for the Vine Street structures, and all PE work for the overall Vine Street project will be contained in one MPMS#.

b. PA11-36: US 422 Expressway Reconstruction, Section M1A /Armand Hammer Boulevard over Schuylkill River (MPMS# 64222), Chester County – Cost Increase

PennDOT has requested that DVRPC modify the FY2011-2014 TIP for Pennsylvania by increasing the construction phase by \$23,563,000 for US 422 Expressway Reconstruction, Section M1A (PA 724 to Sprogels Run)/Armand Hammer Boulevard over Schuylkill River (MPMS# 64222), and increasing programming accordingly: \$4,371,000 BOO/\$1,093,000 state 185/\$1,155,000 NHS/\$289,000 581 for construction in FY11; \$1,843,000 BOO/\$461,000 State 185 for construction in FY12; \$4,244,000 NHS/\$1,061,000 State 581 for construction in FY12; and \$7,237,000 BOO/\$1,809,000 State 185 for construction in FY14.

Motion: by Leo Bagley, seconded by Linda Guarini to recommend that the Board amend the FY2011-2014 TIP for Pennsylvania by increasing the scope and cost of the Vine Street Expressway Bridges projects (MPMS# 80054, 88767, and 88768), by adding a preliminary engineering phase of \$975,000 (\$780,000 STP/\$146,250 State 581/\$48,750 Act 26) in FY11 to MPMS #80054; and that the Board modify the FY2011-2014 TIP for Pennsylvania by increasing the construction phase by \$23,563,000 for US 422 Expressway Reconstruction, Section M1A (PA 724 to Sprogels Run)/Armand Hammer Boulevard over Schuylkill River (MPMS# 64222), and increasing programming accordingly: \$4,371,000 BOO/\$1,093,000 state 185/\$1,155,000 NHS/\$289,000 581 for construction in FY11; \$1,843,000 BOO/\$461,000 State 185 for construction in FY12; \$4,244,000 NHS/\$1,061,000 State 581 for construction in FY12; and \$7,237,000 BOO/\$1,809,000 State 185 for construction in FY14.

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

c. PA11-37: Philadelphia Traffic Operations Center (MPMS# 93106), Philadelphia County – Proposed New Project

The City of Philadelphia has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2011-2014 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a new \$2,320,000 project to the TIP, the Philadelphia Traffic Operations Center (MPMS# 93106), and programming preliminary engineering (\$320,000 CMAQ/\$80,000 Local), final design (\$1,136,000

CMAQ/\$284,000 Local), and construction (\$400,000 CMAQ/\$100,000 Local) in FY11.

This project provides for the design and construction of a Traffic Operation Center (TOC) and Intelligent Transportation System (ITS), in the Northern Liberties section of the City of Philadelphia. The TOC will service the City of Philadelphia and will tie into District 6-0's TOC as well as DVRPC's Regional Integrated Multi-modal Information System (RIMIS). Implementation of the TOC will be a three year effort.

Motion: by Steve Buckley, seconded by Jim Richardson to recommend that the Board amend the FY2011-2014 TIP for Pennsylvania by adding a new \$2,320,000 project to the TIP, the Philadelphia Traffic Operations Center (MPMS# 93106), and programming preliminary engineering (\$320,000 CMAQ/\$80,000 Local), final design (\$1,136,000 CMAQ/\$284,000 Local), and construction (\$400,000 CMAQ/\$100,000 Local) in FY11.

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

d. NJ10-73: Camden Waterfront Roads, Phase Two (DB# TBD), Camden County

NJDOT has requested on behalf of Cooper's Ferry Development Association that DVRPC amend the FY2010-2013 TIP for New Jersey by adding a new project to the TIP, Camden Waterfront Roads, Phase Two (DB# TBD), and programming construction in FY11 (\$1,200,000 DEMO). Funds are provided by a FY2005 Appropriations, DEMO ID #NJ116. NJDOT has already received the CED (Categorical Exclusion Document) from Cooper's Ferry in order to authorize the funds quickly before the end of the federal fiscal year.

This project will provide for the extension of two city roads in the downtown waterfront area of Camden City: Riverside Drive from Cooper Street to Penn Street and Cooper Street from Delaware Avenue to the Delaware River. The project objective aims to improve vehicular and pedestrian traffic flow, create new public access to the river and waterfront promenade park, and extend the existing street grid in the downtown.

Motion: by Barbara Holcomb, seconded by Edward Williams to recommend that the Board amend the FY2010-2013 TIP for New Jersey by adding a new project to the TIP, Camden Waterfront Roads, Phase Two (DB# TBD), and programming construction in FY11 (\$1,200,000 DEMO).

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

6. Adoption of the DVRPC FY2012-2015 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for New Jersey

Elizabeth Schoonmaker (DVRPC) presented the Draft FY2012-2015 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for New Jersey for adoption.

Federal law and planning regulations require the development of a Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) in order for the metropolitan region to be eligible to receive and spend federal transportation funds. The creation of the TIP is to be done by the MPO in cooperation with the state and transit operators, and must provide opportunity for input and comment by the public. For the DVRPC Draft FY2012 TIP

for NJ, Ms. Schoonmaker presented an overview of the program, comments received to date during the public comment period, any recommended changes, and asked the PCC/RTC to recommend the Board approve final adoption.

The Draft TIP document was made available for public review during a 30+ day period which started on June 3, 2011, and ended on July 5, 2011.

Motion: by Jessica Savidge-Lucas, seconded by Thomas Wospil to recommend that the Board adopt the Draft FY2012-2015 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for New Jersey along with the recommended changes as the region's official selection of transportation projects for federal funding.

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

7. Fiscal Year 2012 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 which 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 sign. John Coscia (DVRPC) requested that the PCC/RTC recommend that the DVRPC Board amend the FY11 Planning Work Program to include the Local Sign Upgrade Management Planning Initiative.

Motion: by Barbara Holcomb, seconded by Matthew Lawson to recommend that the Board amend the DVRPC Fiscal Year 2012 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. Route 422 Traffic and Transit Study - Phase 2

The consulting team led by Michael Baker Jr. under contract with the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission (DVRPC), initiated a study in March 2010 to estimate the potential revenue that could be generated by tolling the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation's (PennDOT) US 422. The 12-month investigation demonstrated that revenue generated from the tolls would be sufficient to construct needed improvements to the roadway and to initiate rail service in the corridor to Wyomissing/Reading.

The Phase 2 study includes the additional preparation for and participation in outreach; many meetings and briefings; analysis to respond to citizen and elected official inquiries; as well as refinement to recommendations and study reports. Don

Shanis (DVRPC) requested that the PCC/RTC recommend that the DVRPC Board amend the FY11 Planning Work Program to include the Route 422 Traffic and Transit Study – Phase 2 project.

Motion: by Jim Richardson, seconded by Leo Bagley to recommend that the Board amend the DVRPC Fiscal Year 2011 Planning Work Program to include the Route 422 Traffic and Transit Study – Phase 2 project.

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

8. Recommendation for Adoption of Conformity Determination of the FY 2011 - 2014 TIP for Pennsylvania, FY 2012-2015 TIP for New Jersey and the Connections Long-Range Plan

DVRPC has demonstrated Transportation Conformity for the FY 2011 Pennsylvania TIP, FY 2012 New Jersey TIP and Connections Long-Range Plan. Mike Boyer (DVRPC) presented the results of the Transportation Conformity Determination and requested that the RTC recommend that the DVRPC Board adopt the findings at the July Board meeting.

Motion: by Tom Shaffer, seconded by Matthew Lawson to recommend that the Board adopt the Transportation Conformity Determination findings at the July Board meeting.

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

PRESENTATION ITEM

9. Update on Regional Transit Projects

Joseph Hacker (DVRPC) and Greg Krykewycz (DVRPC) updated the committee on transit projects completed in FY2011, transit projects ongoing, and transit work programmed for 2012. This update was in lieu of a Regional Transit Advisory Committee (RTAC) meeting.

10. City of Camden Parking Study

Ellis Kim (DVRPC) reported on the recently completed parking demand study in the City of Camden, NJ. Recommendations were developed on ways to utilize existing parking stock more efficiently and to accommodate future demand.

INFORMATION ITEMS

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 Barbara Holcomb 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 September 6, 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
 (not represented)
 Randy Walermayer
 Edward Williams
 (not represented)
 (not represented)
 Tom Shaffer
 Barbara Holcomb
 Jim Richardson
 Loraine Brill
 Jessica Savidge-Lucas
 Matthew Lawson
 Leo Bagley
 Thomas Wospil
 (not represented)
 (not represented)
 Lou Millan
 (not represented)
 James Mosca
 Linda Guarini
 (not represented)
 Michelle Webb
 Stephen Buckley
 Zoe Robertson

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)
 (not represented)
 Martin Kotsch

ATTENDANCE (cont'd)

Other Member Representatives and Guests

Kirby Diven – DRPA Guest
Patricia Ellis – City of Philadelphia
Joe Myers – Cooper's Ferry
Susan Pigula – NJDOT
Ted Ritter – NJTPA
Nick Rogers – Clean Air Council
Andy Sharpe – DVARP

DVRPC Staff

Mike Boyer
John Coscia
Charles Dougherty
Joseph Hacker
Ellis Kim
Greg Krykewycz
Richard Murphy
Chris Puchalsky
Elizabeth Schoonmaker
Don Shanis
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