

**DELAWARE VALLEY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
PLANNING COORDINATING COMMITTEE/
REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
March 6, 2012 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 February 7, 2012 Board meeting.

ACTION ITEMS

3. Highlights of the Meeting of February 7, 2012

The highlights from the February 7, 2012 meeting of the PCC/RTC were presented for adoption.

Motion: by Matthew Lawson, seconded by Edward Williams to adopt the highlights for the February 7, 2012 PCC/RTC meeting.

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

4. Transportation Management Association Assistance Grant Program and Mobility Alternatives Program Grant Applications.

Each year PennDOT invites the Transportation Management Associations (TMA) to apply for two grants: The TMA Assistance Grant, and the Mobility Alternatives Program. Draft work programs were submitted for RTC review at the February meeting and comments received have been incorporated by the TMAs. Sarah Oaks (DVRPC) asked the RTC to approve the revised work programs and forward their recommendation for approval to the DVRPC Board.

Motion: by Tom Shaffer, seconded by Leo Bagley to recommend that the Board approve and forward to PennDOT for their approval the FY 2013 Mobility Alternatives Program grant requests for the Bucks County TMA, the TMA of Chester County, the Delaware County TMA, the Greater Valley Forge TMA, the Partnership TMA, The Clean Air Council, SEPTA, and DVRPC for a program total of \$816,000 (\$652,800 CMAQ, \$163,200 contractor match).

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

During the discussion portion of the FY2013 TMA Assistance Grant Program, concerns were raised over how the funds for the tasks associated with the Central Philadelphia

TMA application were being allocated. A large portion of those funds were to be passed through to the City of Philadelphia for TMA-related work. Several RTC members objected, and stated that they believed that the funds should be allocated to and only used by the TMA. Also, some RTC members objected to the application because some of the funds are intended to go to a preliminary engineering activity. Natasha Manbeck (Chester County) put forth an amended motion that asked the RTC to recommend that the Board approve the FY 2013 TMA Assistance Grant programs as presented for each of the TMAs at \$192,000 with the exception of the Central Philadelphia TMA, until these issues are resolved.

Motion: by Natasha Manbeck, seconded by Leo Bagley to recommend that the Board approves the FY 2013 TMA Assistance Grant programs as presented for each of the TMAs at \$192,000 with the exception of the Central Philadelphia TMA, awaiting the resolution of certain issues.

Motion passed. 13 votes in favor, 3 opposed, and 1 abstention

PRESENTATION ITEMS

5. City of Philadelphia's Corridor Signal Timing Program

In 2011, the City of Philadelphia advanced a corridor timing program on several key arterials. Steve Buckley, Director of Policy and Planning, City of Philadelphia, Office of Transportation and Utilities, reviewed some of the early findings on the effectiveness of the program.

6. Routes 55/42/676 Transit Alternatives Analysis

R.J. Palladino, New Jersey Transit, presented the findings of a study that examined several alternatives for providing improved transit service along this heavily-traveled corridor.

7. I-76 Schuylkill Expressway Operational Research Model

Keith Hartington (DVRPC) described how this project developed a traffic operations research model in VISSIM for the Schuylkill Expressway, from the toll plaza in King of Prussia to the Walt Whitman Bridge. This model simulates the travel of individual vehicles along the I-76 corridor during AM, PM, and a midday period, under both current (2010) and forecasted future year (2035) conditions. The goal of the project will be to evaluate the effectiveness of conceptual improvements strategies.

INFORMATION ITEMS

8. One Minute Reports

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

9. Old Business and New Business

10. Meeting Adjournment

Motion: by Jessica Savidge-Lucas, seconded by James Mosca to adjourn PCC/RTC Meeting.

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

The next scheduled meeting of the PCC/RTC is Tuesday, April 10, 2012.

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
 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
 Andrew Levecchia
 Natasha Manbeck
 Ed Williams
 Whitney White
 (not represented)
 Thomas Shaffer?
 (not represented)
 Jessica Savidge-Lucas
 Matthew Lawson
 Leo Bagley
 Eric Powers
 (not represented)
 (not represented)
 Lou Millan
 Patrick Patterson
 James Mosca
 (not represented)
 (not represented)
 Michelle Webb
 Patricia Ellis
 Zoe Robertson

Representative

Glenn F. Reibman
 Kelvin MacKavanagh
 Sandra Brillhart
 Camille Otto
 (not represented)
 (not represented)
 (not represented)
 (not represented)
 William Ragozine
 (not represented)
 Rob Henry
 Don Steele
 (not represented)
 (not represented)
 (not represented)
 (not represented)
 (not represented)
 Martin Kotsch

ATTENDANCE (cont'd)

Other Member Representatives and Guests

Lorraine Brill – Citizen
Sue Herman – Residents for Regional Traffic Solutions, Inc.
Martin Hull – IBI Group
Simon Alexander – Chester Economic Development Authority
Patricia Ellis - City of Philadelphia – Mayor's Office of Transportation
R.J. Palladino – NJ Transit
Bill Comer – Citizen
Jim Richardson – Citizen
Bridget Chadwick – Citizen
Andrew Clark – NJ DOT
David Kanthor – Center City District

DVRPC Staff

Charles Dougherty
Elizabeth Schoonmaker
Matthew West
Stan Platt
Rick Murphy
Rich Bickel
Erin McCann
Laurie Matkowski
John Ward
Matt Gates
Chris Puchalsky
Keith Hartington
Greg Krykewycz
Jesse Buerk
Stacy Bartels
Candy Snyder
Sarah Oaks
Don Shanis

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