DELAWARE VALLEY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

ITS Technical Task Force
Meeting Minutes
October 5, 2001

The following are highlights from the meeting of the ITS Technical Task Force held on October 5, 2001 at the Delaware River Port Authority Conference room. A list of attendees is attached.

Agenda Item #1: Welcome and Individual Updates

Tom Fuca, New Jersey Department of Transportation, welcomed the Technical Task Force members for coming. The minutes from the last meeting on July 10, 2001 were approved. The first item of business was the welcome and individual updates. Each person in attendance introduced themselves and added any relevant ITS updates from their agency.   Some of the highlights included:

> ▸ DRPA is now implementing a Motorist Assistance Program. The Program operates from 7:30 am to 6:00 pm and assists with disabled vehicles on all four bridges.

> ▸ Lt. Hugh Lynch reported that part of the I-95 Airport Construction Project requiring highway closures is now finished. Traffic was rerouted without any major incidents due to coordination among municipalities and police departments.

> ▸ The University of Pittsburgh and Drexel University are interested in conducting a Risk Management Assessment of the Philadelphia area.

> ▸ Laurie Matkowski, DVRPC, is requesting video clips from other agencies to incorporate into the ITS Video. The clips is needed to personalize our ITS video for the region.

Agenda Item #2: 511 for Traveler Information

David Fierro, SmartRoute Systems Inc., gave a presentation about the National 511 Traveler Information. In March of 1999, 511 was petitioned for traveler information. In July of 2000, the Federal Communications Commission assigned 511 as the national traveler information number. State and local agencies are responsible for its implementation. The goal is to provide consistent and reliable information to travelers calling from anywhere in the U.S.. The 511 Coalition is made up of FHWA, APTA, AASHTO, ITS America, and the private sector. A basic platform for calls is to provide basic services, local options, and premium services. Information provided by the service includes traffic and transit

information, road and weather conditions, parking, road closures, detours, delays, travel times, and special events. Cost is also an issue. It is now likely that the agencies will pay for the basic services rather than having the users pay. Other costs include information gathering, system infrastructure, and telecommunication costs. There is a need for consistency in using common interfaces, call route plans, call transfers, and number allocation plans. The new system will also be voice activated.

Agenda Item #3: DRPA Traffic Management Center

Dan Faust, DRPA, gave a presentation on the Delaware River Port Authority's Traffic Management Center. The goal of the new center is to monitor incident management on their facilities, more efficiently utilize manpower, and allow for DRPA patrons to make intelligent travel decisions. This thirty month initiative continues the notion of smart bridges. The smart bridge components include closed circuit TV cameras, EZPass, fiber optic lane controls, road weather sensors, highway advisory radio, cable monitoring, and movable median barriers. Some of the future plans include centralizing police dispatch, a programmable VMS system, and automated incident detections.

Agenda Item #4: Delaware Valley Highway Operations Group

Jim Hogan, New Jersey DOT, gave and informative presentation about the Delaware Valley Highway Operations Group (DVHOGS's). The DVHOG's are made up of law enforcement and operation personnel in Delaware, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania. They are part of four groups that make up the I-95 Corridor Coalition that began in 1995. Their goal is to support and enhance the coordination and implementation of interagency efforts in response to major incidents and special events. The Operations Group communicate on major incidents, share training, post incident response, and develop joint projects.

Agenda Item #5: Other Business

- ▸ DVRPC's ITS Institutional Coordination CD ROM should be ready by the end of October

- ▸ The TRANSCOM Scanning Tour has been rescheduled for November 14. It will be an all day venture, with transportation and lunch provided. There is no cost for the tour.

- ▸ Laurie Matkowski, DVRPC, presented information about CITE on-line training.

- ▸ The next meeting date is set for **December 10th at 9:30 am** in the DVRPC conference room.

Attendance List:

1) Dan Faust — DRPA
2) Bob Hannigan — Penn DOT
3) Karen Jehanian — Mobility Technologies
4) Rich Markwith — Mobility Technologies
5) Walt Green — Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission
6) Jim Hogan — New Jersey DOT
7) Susan Simkus — MCPC
8) William Ragozine — Cross County Connection
9) Derrick Sawyer — Philadelphia Fire Dept.
10) Michael Pack — Penn DOT
11) Keith Sinclair — FHWA- New Jersey
12) Matt Edelman — TRANSCOM
13) Larry Wilson — Mayor's Office of Transportation, Philadelphia
14) Lt. George Crognale — DRPA Police
15) Lt. Hugh Lynch — Philadelphia Highway Patrol
16) Carol Ann Thomas — Burlington Co. Engineers Office
17) Bob Murphy — SmarTraveler/SmartRoute
18) David Fierro — SmarTraveler/SmartRoute
19) Tom Fuca — New Jersey DOT
20) Marci Rost — DRPA
21) John Fleming — Philadelphia Traffic Police
22) Martene Sinclair — DRPA
23) Don Shanis — DVRPC
24) Stan Platt — DVRPC
25) Chris King — DVRPC
26) Laurie Matkowski — DVRPC
27) Keith Hartington — DVRPC