

DELAWARE VALLEY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

ITS Technical Task Force Meeting Minutes April 22, 2002

The following are highlights from the meeting of the ITS Technical Task Force held on Monday, April 22, 2002 at the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission 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 and thanked them for coming. The minutes from the last meeting on February 25, 2002 were approved. The first item of business was the individual updates. Each person in attendance introduced themselves and added any relevant ITS updates from their agency. Some of the highlights included:

- ▶ There will be a Center-to-Center ITS Standards Training Session held on May 20-23 at the Radisson Hotel in Valley Forge, PA. There are 50 available spots open to area agencies. Further information can be found on the Institute of Transportation Engineers (ITE) website.
- ▶ Chester County TMA submitted an application for US 202 Section 300 through the FY 2003 Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) Deployment Program.
- ▶ The City of Philadelphia has rented portable variable message signs for use at the stadium complex for during multiple events. The signs will notify drivers when certain parking lots are full. The City is hopeful that the complex will eventually have permanent variable message signs to assist with driver information.
- ▶ The Burlington County Bridge Commission submitted an application for CCTV surveillance and security lighting through the FY 2003 ITS Deployment Program.
- ▶ New Jersey DOT is currently working on a preliminary Hurricane Evacuation Plan on several major highways, including I-195, NJ 72, NJ 47, and the Atlantic City Expressway. The plan would include reversing lanes so all of the traffic would flow in one direction to expedite the evacuation process.
- ▶ Part of SEPTA's website includes a rail map that provides station information including schedules, parking, routing, and cost. SEPTA is currently updating this function to include

a feature similar to MapQuest, which will display routes after a user enters local addresses for beginning and end points.

- ▶ The new International Terminal at the Philadelphia Airport is scheduled to open in October 2002. The new interchange ramps and the new parking facility should also be completed by July.

Agenda Item #2: FWHA Fiscal Year 2003 ITS Deployment Program

John Ward, DVRPC, gave a presentation on the FY 2003 Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) Deployment Program. Applications have been submitted from public agencies to determine qualifications to participate in the FY 2003 ITS Deployment Program. The purpose of this TEA-21 grant, funded under Section 5208, is to accelerate the integration and interoperability of intelligent transportation systems in metropolitan areas. The focus of this years program is the deployment or integration of ITS projects which enhance the security of our surface transportation systems. The Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission's application represents a cooperative endeavor involving all of the key transportation operators in the region. Copies of the application have been sent to 12 of the region's congressional leaders and four US senators.

Agenda Item #3: I-95 Corridor Coalition DVHOG's Projects

John Ward, DVRPC, gave a presentation on two issues concerning the Delaware Valley Highway Operations Group (DVHOGs). The first initiative is a Delaware Valley Video Sharing Project. The goal is to develop a center-to-center video sharing plan to share feeds from major river crossings or facilities that cross agency jurisdictions. This will be a three phase process that will include conducting a survey for needs assessment, cataloging video sources, and examining alternate architecture options. The final step will be a detailed quantitative assessment and cost estimate.

The second DVHOGs concern is a Nextel Phone Communication Project. The project originally began with 800 MHz radios, but limited range and other complications inhibited widespread use. The Nextel Phones provide a direct connect feature for faster and more reliable calling. The phones also have better range and include text messaging. The DVHOGs are currently conducting a survey to see who uses these phones, and discussing the provisions of funding for purchasing Nextel Phones, as well as two years of operating costs for the DVHOGs members.

Agenda Item #4: DRPA - Regional VMS Project

Karl Ziemer, DRPA, gave a presentation on plans to develop a regional VMS project. The concept is to install VMS on PennDOT and NJ DOT highways en route to DRPA bridge facilities to notify drivers of changes in traffic conditions early enough for them to make routing decisions. Once in place, use of VMS

would be shared with state DOT's. A list of sites for VMS has been submitted, with possibly 12 signs at key locations.

Agenda Item #5: PRIMIS Subcommittee Update

Stan Platt, DVRPC, gave an update of the discussions from the most recent PRIMIS Subcommittee meeting. The subcommittee is working to improve center-to-center communications by developing flow diagrams of how agencies communicate with each other. The list will include how and to what extent the different agencies communicate.

Agenda Item #6: ITS Equipment Inventory Update

Stan Platt, DVRPC, gave a brief presentation on the ITS inventory update. DVRPC is continuing to request updated ITS equipment information from several agencies. The updates will be added to the ITS Components Map and to the ITS Architecture text for dissemination to all agencies. ITS Equipment Maps can be custom made, focusing on a agency-specific areas. The maps will eventually include police dispatch areas and maintenance unit locations.

**ITS Technical Task Force Meeting
February 25, 2002**

Attendance List:

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| 1) | Fred Pourki | Philadelphia International Airport |
| 2) | Bob Murphy | |
| 3) | Sasha Harding | Burlington County Bridge Commission |
| 4) | Karl Ziemer | Delaware River Port Authority |
| 5) | Shawn Jalousinski | City of Philadelphia- Streets Department |
| 6) | Richard Montanez | City of Philadelphia- Streets Department |
| 7) | Tom Fuca | New Jersey DOT |
| 8) | Mark J. Smith | New Jersey DOT |
| 9) | Scott Perley | Mobility Technologies |
| 10) | John Bukowski | SEPTA |
| 11) | Ralph Menzano | SEPTA |
| 12) | Soloman Caviness | New Jersey Turnpike Authority |
| 13) | Jerry Kraft | New Jersey Turnpike Authority |
| 14) | Carmin Fiscina | FHWA |
| 15) | Robert J. Foose | Pennsylvania State Police |
| 16) | Mark Cassel | TMA of Chester County |
| 17) | Peter Sisofo | PennDOT |
| 18) | Bob Hannigan | PennDOT |
| 19) | Kim Ferroni | PennDOT |
| 20) | Dennis Starr | PennDOT |
| 21) | Robert Hochswinder | Gloucester County |
| 22) | William Ragozine | Cross County Connection TMA |
| 23) | Lou Cortelazzi | Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission |
| 24) | John Ward | DVRPC |
| 25) | Stan Platt | DVRPC |
| 26) | Chris King | DVRPC |
| 27) | Laurie Matkowski | DVRPC |
| 28) | Keith Hartington | DVRPC |