DELAWARE VALLEY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

ITS Technical Task Force
Meeting Minutes
August 1, 2003

The following are highlights from the meeting of the ITS Technical Task Force held on Friday, August 1, 2003 at the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission Conference Room. A list of attendees is attached.

Agenda Item #1: Welcome and Individual Updates

Karl Ziemer, DRPA, welcomed the Technical Task Force members and thanked them for coming. The minutes from the last meeting held on May 29, 2003 at the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission 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:

- ▸ FHWA reported that there are approximately 60 days left until the end of TEA 21. There is a stop gap measure to continue funding until the new legislation, SAFETEA, goes into effect. In addition, the final Environmental Impact Statement has been completed for the I-95 / PA Turnpike interchange.

- ▸ The I-95 Incident Management Task Force recently held a meeting to talk about long-term plans for I-95 and an Action Plan for I-95. The Action Plan discussed evacuation routes, detour routes, and better communication with other agencies.

- ▸ The annual I-95 Corridor Coalition will host their Highway Operations Group (HOG's) annual meeting October 7-8 in Baltimore, MD.

- ▸ The I-76 T-1 video feed will soon be installed at the Montgomery County Emergency Management Center. The center will monitor the video 24 / 7, and will control the cameras during PennDOT's off hours. This success of this project may serve as a model for other counties to follow the PennDOT's project.

- ▸ SEPTA is working on improved audio-visual displays at the Airport Terminals. SEPTA will also be upgrading the kiosks at Suburban and 30th Street Stations.

- ▸ Shawn Jalosinski, Sports Complex Special Services District, reported that the Lincoln

Financial Field will open this weekend with an international soccer game. Special efforts will be made to notify drivers of underutilized access routes and parking facilities through the use of portable VMS and HAR.

▸ PennDOT and TMACC will be hosting a discussion panel concerning the SAFETEA Legislation as the kick-off for the Penn State Transportation Seminar Series. The panel will be held in Malvern, PA on September 15, 2003.

▸ The Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission reported that they are approaching 70% EZ-Pass usage during the peak periods.

Agenda Item #2: Burlington County's ITS Efforts
Mike Nie, Burlington County Engineers Office, gave a presentation on the County's initiatives and perspective on ITS implementation. The goal of the ITS Program is to improve the safety and efficiency of County Roadways through an exchange network with other stakeholders along arterials and at intersections. The closed loop traffic control systems will link 125-130 signals when completed. The system will collect and archive data, detect traffic signal malfunctions, and exchange control data with NJDOT systems. The ITS Plan also includes an Incident Management System, a Traffic Operations Center, and CIP & Developer Projects. Special ITS Projects include school speed limit beacons, dynamic speed display signs, and in-pavement warning lights for pedestrian crossings.

Agenda Item #3: CHART Scanning Tour Recap
Chris King and DVRPC recently hosted a scanning tour to the Coordinated Highways Action Response Team (CHART) facility in Hanover, Maryland. CHART is a joint effort of the Maryland DOT's State Highway Administration, the Maryland Transportation Authority, and the Maryland State Police using technology and teamwork to improve highway operations on thousands of miles of highway.

CHART stakeholders span state, county, and local governments, traffic operations authorities, and CHART knowledge-base users. CHART provides traveler information via 68 VMS, 33 Traveler Advisory Radio, the media, and the internet. There are 60 total staff members, and the center operates 24 x 7. The basic functions include incident management, traffic and roadway monitoring, emergency weather operations, and communication and system integration.

Agenda Item #4: PRIMIS Update
Stan Platt, DVRPC, gave a demonstration of the CHART II software. The CHART II System is a state owned software system that helps manage Maryland's diverse traffic management and provide the operators with the tools to collect, process, and analyze traffic information throughout the state. The information is then used to make real-time traffic management decisions and initiate corrective actions from

a command center or regional command centers. Several basic VMS and HAR functions of the software were described during a simulated incident.

Agenda Item #5: Other Business

DVRPC and the Technical Task Force nominated Rich Montanez, City of Philadelphia - Traffic Engineering, for the position of Chair for the upcoming year. Lt. Col. Albert J. Kernagis, New Jersey State Police, was nominated for Vice Chair.

The next meeting date has been set for **Tuesday, September 30, at 9:30 am.**

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May 29, 2003

Attendance List:

1)	John Redos	Delaware River Joint Toll Bridge Commission
2)	Dave McCann	Delaware River Joint Toll Bridge Commission
3)	Jeff Cook	Delaware River & Bay Authority.
4)	Lou Belmonte	PennDOT - District 6
5)	David Wolfe	PennDOT - District 6
6)	Manny Anastasiadis	PennDOT - District 6
7)	Robert Hannigan	PennDOT
8)	Walt Green	Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission
9)	Mark Cassel	TMA of Chester County
10)	Carmine Fiscina	Federal Highway - Philadelphia
11)	William Ragozine	Cross County Connection TMA
12)	Stephen Jesiolowski	SEPTA
13)	Carol Thomas	Burlington County - Engineering
14)	Michael Nei	Burlington County
15)	Rich Montanez	City of Philadelphia
16)	Shawn Jalosinski	Sports Complex Special Services District
17)	Nelia Dyer	Montgomery County Planning Commission
18)	Steve Luxenberg	WILMAPCO
19)	Karl Ziemer	Delaware River Port Authority
20)	Richard Eng	New Jersey DOT - Traffic Operations South
21)	Richard Baker	Philadelphia Police
22)	Josh Diamond	Greater Valley Forge TMA
23)	Jack Stermel	Camden County
24)	John Ward	DVRPC
25)	Stan Platt	DVRPC
26)	Chris King	DVRPC
27)	Laurie Matkowski	DVRPC
28)	Keith Hartington	DVRPC