

## DELAWARE VALLEY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

### **ITS Technical Task Force Meeting Minutes November 17, 2003**

The following are highlights from the ITS Technical Task Force meeting held on Monday, November 17, 2003 at the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission Conference Room. A list of attendees is attached.

#### **Agenda Item #1: Welcome and Individual Updates**

Rich Montanez, welcomed the Technical Task Force members and thanked them for coming. The minutes from the last meeting held on September 30, 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:

- ▶ The Sports Complex Special Services District is in the process of developing a operations control center located at the Wachovia Center.
- ▶ DVRPC is hosting the 2003 Fall / Winter Breakfast Meeting of ITS Pennsylvania on December 3<sup>rd</sup>, with presentation beginning at 8:15 am. Guest speakers include Mike Roberson, FHWA, and Stan Platt, DVRPC.
- ▶ Carmine Fiscina, FHWA Philadelphia, reported that a ribbon cutting ceremony officially opened the I-76 / US 202 interchange on October 30<sup>th</sup>.
- ▶ Mark Cassel, TMA of Chester County, informed the task force about a signal preemption device that can now be purchased on the internet. There are concerns on how these devices could impact traffic flow.
- ▶ DRPA is in the process of removing the scaffolding from the Ben Franklin Bridge. The task will require 30 minute closures during the early morning hours.
- ▶ The South Jersey Transportation Planning Authority reported that the Pleasantville interchange on the AC Expressway will have high speed EZ Pass lanes completed by May.

### **Agenda Item #2: Philadelphia Emergency Preparedness Plan**

Inspector Robert Tucker, Philadelphia Police Department, presented the group with an overview of the City of Philadelphia's Emergency Preparedness Plan.

### **Agenda Item #3: New Jersey Hurricane Evacuation Plan**

Sgt. First Class Nicholas Massa, New Jersey State Police, presented the Task Force with an overview on the state of New Jersey's Hurricane Evacuation Plan. The major component of the plan is a reverse lane strategy. If a major storm is heading to the coast of New Jersey, Route 72, the Atlantic City Expressway, Route 35, Route I-195, and Route 47/347 are all part of the reverse lane plan. Implementing reverse lane strategy requires significant storm potential, the governor's State of Emergency declaration, and is ordered with consideration of clearance times as per the New Jersey Hurricane Evacuation Study. Other considerations include traffic problems at the bridges and possible toll suspensions.

The New Jersey Emergency Preparedness Association will be hosting a Conference at the Atlantic City Tropicana April 26-30, 2004.

### **Agenda Item #4: Montgomery County Department of Public Safety**

David Paul Brown, Montgomery County Public Safety EMS, gave a presentation on the Montgomery County Regional Incident Diversion Plan. Four corridors are identified in the Plan: Routes 611, Route 309, I-76, and Ridge Pike. Some of the key planning issues are large evacuation sites, hospital and decon capabilities, and integrating the plan with PennDOT. Information flow between Montgomery County 911/EOC, local hospitals, radio stations, traffic VMS, and local emergency management is critical. Other needs include identifying critical traffic control points and resource staging areas, working with other agencies to coordinate mass care sites, and producing maps and preestablished information flows. Two further steps are to continue plans for the four identified corridors and coordinate the Montgomery Plan with other regional plans.

### **Agenda Item #5: PRIMIS Update**

Stan Platt, DVRPC, gave a brief PRIMIS update. The official name PRIMIS has been changed to RIMIS. The initial phase of RIMIS includes developing a common regional database, a concept of operations, functional requirements, and an interim RIMIS. Products of the initial phase comprises of an implementation plan and a decision on whether or not to proceed to design. Benefits of RIMIS include eliminating fragmented communications, improved information sharing, enhanced operations coordination, and more efficient incident management. Future phases include design and software development, deployment, validation and acceptance testing, and training. A RIMIS E-mail directory will be established to aid integrated information sharing.

### **Agenda Item #7: Other Business**

The next meeting date has been set for Monday, **January 12<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 AM** at DVRPC.

**ITS Technical Task Force Meeting  
May 29, 2003**

**Attendance List:**

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| 1)  | Inspector Robert Trucker | Philadelphia Police Counter Terrorism         |
| 2)  | Captain Fred Cotton      | Philadelphia Police Counter Terrorism         |
| 3)  | Lt. Hugh Lynch           | Philadelphia Highway Patrol                   |
| 4)  | Charles Trainor          | Philadelphia Streets Department               |
| 5)  | Rich Montanez            | City of Philadelphia                          |
| 6)  | Ralph Halper             | Philadelphia Fire Department EMS              |
| 7)  | Walt Green               | Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission              |
| 8)  | Dave McCann              | Delaware River Joint Toll Bridge Commission   |
| 9)  | John Redos               | Delaware River Joint Toll Bridge Commission   |
| 10) | Ronald Drake             | Pennsylvania Dpt. of Environmental Protection |
| 11) | Lou Belmonte             | PennDOT - District 6                          |
| 12) | David Wolfe              | PennDOT - District 6                          |
| 13) | Manny Anastasiadis       | PennDOT - District 6                          |
| 14) | Robert Hannigan          | PennDOT Central Office                        |
| 15) | Kim Ferroni              | PennDOT Central Office                        |
| 16) | Dennis Starr             | PennDOT Central Office                        |
| 17) | Walt Green               | Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission              |
| 18) | Mark Cassel              | TMA of Chester County                         |
| 19) | Carmine Fiscina          | Federal Highway - Philadelphia                |
| 20) | Michael Roberson         | Federal Highway - New Jersey                  |
| 21) | William Ragozine         | Cross County Connection TMA                   |
| 22) | Ambrose Duckett, Jr.     | SEPTA                                         |
| 23) | Dennis Culnan            | South Jersey Transportation Authority         |
| 24) | Shawn Jalosinski         | Sports Complex Special Services District      |
| 25) | Jim Hilbert              | SmartRoute Systems                            |
| 26) | David Paul Brown         | Montgomery County Public Safety               |
| 27) | Karl Ziemer              | Delaware River Port Authority                 |
| 28) | Jim Hogan                | New Jersey DOT                                |
| 29) | Owen Morris              | New Jersey DOT                                |
| 30) | Terry Garvey             | New Jersey DOT                                |
| 31) | Nick Massa               | New Jersey State Police - OEM                 |
| 32) | Mariana Mossler          | New Jersey State Police - OEM                 |
| 33) | Lt. Col. Al Kernagis     | New Jersey State Police                       |
| 34) | David Lacy               | Upper Merion Twp Police                       |

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| 35) | Lt. Lenny Bandy   | Pennsylvania State Police       |
| 36) | Bruce Herbst      | Burlington County Bridge Police |
| 37) | Michael Mooublatt | Cheltenham Township             |
| 38) | Susan Young       | Delaware County TMA             |
| 39) | John Ward         | DVRPC                           |
| 40) | Stan Platt        | DVRPC                           |
| 41) | Chris King        | DVRPC                           |
| 42) | Laurie Matkowski  | DVRPC                           |
| 43) | Keith Hartington  | DVRPC                           |