

DELAWARE VALLEY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

ITS Technical Task Force Meeting Minutes January 12, 2004

The following are highlights from the ITS Technical Task Force meeting held on Monday, January 12, 2004 at the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission Conference Room. A list of attendees is attached.

Agenda Item #1: Welcome and Individual Updates

John Ward, standing in for Rich Montanez, welcomed the Technical Task Force members and thanked them for coming. The minutes from the last meeting held on November 17, 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:

- ▶ Karl Ziemer, DRPA, reported on the successes of the Motorist Assistance Program (MAP). Members of the general public have sent letters of support for the program. MAP provides basic services on all four DRPA Bridges.
- ▶ The New Jersey DOT will be expanding their Service Patrols from 90 miles to 200 miles of coverage this spring.
- ▶ Carmine Fiscina, FHWA Philadelphia, reported that after 11 years of environmental clearance, the I-95 / PA Turnpike interchange has been approved.
- ▶ Walt Green, PA Turnpike Commission, reported that cameras are now operational at the Fort Washington and Willow Grove Interchanges.
- ▶ SEPTA has completed the traffic signal preemption project for Rt. 52.
- ▶ SmarTravler received over five million hits for calendar year 2003.

Agenda Item #2: Schuylkill Expressway Corridor TSM Development Study

Holly Rybinski, Edwards and Kelsey, gave a presentation on the Schuylkill Expressway Corridor Transportation Systems Management (TSM). A TSM is an initiative to utilize transportation facilities more efficiently through public transportation, regulatory and pricing strategies, and traffic engineering initiatives. TSM promotes ridesharing, transit improvements, and technology-based solutions, such as the use of dynamic message signs (DMS) and traffic signal coordination, to increase traffic efficiency - particularly during expressway incidents. The project area includes the entire Schuylkill Expressway corridor from the Vine Street Expressway (I-676) to the PA Turnpike (I-276). By improving the exchange of information among agencies, PENNDOT, SEPTA, and local municipalities can react to incidents on the Schuylkill Expressway faster to minimize the impact to local service and streets. In addition, incorporating new technologies will improve overall traffic signal operation, which will benefit all residences, and public safety and emergency response agencies.

Agenda Item #3: Update on ITS Incident Management Task Forces

Chris King, DVRPC, gave an update on the Incident Management Task Forces in the Delaware Valley. The purpose of an IM Task Force is to improve coordinated response, foster interaction among stakeholders, identify and address critical incident management needs, and to give other organizational perspectives. Some of the inter-agency coordination includes building relationships, enhancing communications, providing a forum to discuss issues, and sharing resources. The task forces have been successful in implementing new ramp designation signs at the I-76 / I-476 and the I-295 / NJ 42 interchanges. DVRPC continues to provide support services to the IM Task Forces with mapping, training, contact lists, meeting coordination, and a Nextel phone program.

Agenda Item #4: Update on New Jersey ITS Statewide Architecture

Stan Platt, DVRPC, gave a brief update on the New Jersey ITS Statewide Architecture. The state of New Jersey is currently developing three Architectures: North, South, and Statewide. The North and South Architectures will focus on interaction with other states, while the Statewide Architecture will focus more on the flows between metropolitan areas. The Statewide architecture will closely tie into DVRPC's Regional Architecture.

Agenda Item #5: RIMIS Update

- ▶ Stan Platt, DVRPC, gave a brief PRIMIS update. The RIMIS initiative issued an RFQ on December 19, 2003, which are due by January 27, 2004.
- ▶ Chris King, DVRPC, has created an interim RIMIS regional e-mail list.

Agenda Item #7: Other Business

The next meeting date has been set for Monday, **March 8, 2004** at DVRPC.

**ITS Technical Task Force Meeting
January 12, 2004**

Attendance List:

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| 1) | Walt Green | Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission |
| 2) | Dave McCann | Delaware River Joint Toll Bridge Commission |
| 3) | Ronald Drake | Pennsylvania Dpt. of Environmental Protection |
| 4) | Lou Belmonte | PennDOT - District 6 |
| 5) | David Wolfe | PennDOT - District 6 |
| 6) | Manny Anastasiadis | PennDOT - District 6 |
| 7) | Robert Hannigan | PennDOT Central Office |
| 8) | Carminе Fiscina | Federal Highway - Philadelphia |
| 9) | Michael Roberson | Federal Highway - New Jersey |
| 10) | William Ragozine | Cross County Connection TMA |
| 11) | John Bukowski | SEPTA |
| 12) | Dennis Culnan | South Jersey Transportation Authority |
| 13) | Jim Hilbert | SmartRoute Systems |
| 14) | Karl Ziemer | Delaware River Port Authority |
| 15) | Jim Hogan | New Jersey DOT |
| 16) | Tony Walano | New Jersey DOT |
| 17) | David Lacy | Upper Merion Twp Police |
| 18) | Lt. Lenny Bandy | Pennsylvania State Police |
| 19) | Bruce Herbst | Burlington County Bridge Police |
| 20) | Sasha Harding | Burlington County Bridge Commission |
| 21) | Susan Young | Delaware County TMA |
| 22) | Stacy Irving | Center City District |
| 23) | Holly Rybinski | Edwards & Kelcey |
| 24) | Kevin Hunt | Edwards & Kelcey |
| 25) | Bob Ugglа | Edwards & Kelcey |
| 26) | John Ward | DVRPC |
| 27) | Stan Platt | DVRPC |
| 28) | Chris King | DVRPC |
| 29) | Keith Hartington | DVRPC |