

# DELAWARE VALLEY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

## **ITS Technical Task Force Meeting Minutes March 8, 2004**

The following are highlights from the ITS Technical Task Force meeting held on Monday, March 8, 2004 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 January 12, 2004 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 Pennsylvania State Police reported that they will begin servicing the PA 309 reconstruction project. The State Police will utilize one stationary and one roving patrol car to enforce speed through the construction area.
- ▶ The City of Philadelphia reported that the Veterans Stadium implosion will occur on Sunday, March 21<sup>st</sup>, at 7:00 am. Key locations of I-76 and I-95 will be closed for approximately fifteen minutes.
- ▶ Officials from DVRPC and Montgomery County recently met with Chester County to discuss the success of PennDOT Traffic Control Center's CCTV Video link to Montgomery County's Emergency Management Center. The center has already reported several success stories, which monitor the video 24/7, and control the CCTV cameras during PennDOT's off hours.
- ▶ The Cross County Connection TMA hosts an emergency traffic alert spanning South Jersey that now reaches 700 business and over 100,000 employees. ITS Technical Task Force members can join the alert list.
- ▶ DRPA is now deploying a new strategy to catch EZ-Pass toll violators. Police will be randomly placed at various toll locations to pull over violators, which will face fines and a court appearance.
- ▶ Mobility Technology's will begin to provide traffic information to XM Satellite Radio in all

of their market cities.

**Agenda Item #2: PennDOT's ITS - Toward a Statewide Operations Framework**

Craig Reed, PennDOT, gave a presentation on the outline plan for PennDOT statewide operational framework. The primary drivers behind the need for a statewide framework are economic development, safety, mobility, congestion management, and security. In order to further ITS deployment, PennDOT needs greater statewide direction and coordination. This will better manage resources, ensure statewide consistency, and more effectively deploy ITS technologies. This approach will require a comprehensive approach to planning and funding, software and data, and hardware and communications. PennDOT central office will maintain a Statewide Operations Center to coordinate the different regions, adjacent states, and agencies.

The future of PennDOT will include three levels of Transportation Management Centers, Standard ITS software, a corridor incident management program, and uniform hardware and communications. Outcomes of this Statewide Framework include consistent corridor management program and traveler information, a foundation for regional ITS planning and investment, and cost savings through integration and standardization.

**Agenda Item #3: Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission's I-95 Interchange Project**

Joseph F. Roth, KCI Technologies, gave an overview of the new I-95 / PA Turnpike Interchange that recently cleared the environmental process. In addition to the interchange, the project will include a variety of additional improvements. The PA Turnpike will be widened from two to three lanes between US 1 and the Delaware River. A new toll plaza with high speed EZ-Pass will also be built. The ramps on the interchange will be designed for highway speeds. Parts of US 1 will also be widened. There are a total of eight contracts for the entire project. The ITS component of the project will assist during the construction. A long term aspect of the project will build an additional bridge over the Delaware River to accommodate three travel lanes in each direction.

**Agenda Item #4: New Jersey Statewide Architecture Update**

Stan Platt, DVRPC, gave a brief update on the New Jersey ITS Statewide Architecture. The US DOT requires metropolitan areas to have an ITS Regional Architecture by April 2005. New Jersey DOT, NJTPA, and SJTPO have pulled funds together to jointly develop architectures. The consultant team consisting of ConSysTec, Iteris, Transcore, and Eng-Wong Taub will assist with the architecture's development.

**Agenda Item #5: RIMIS Update**

Stan Platt, DVRPC, gave a brief RIMIS update. The RIMIS Consultant Process will consist of a two consultant process: a Systems Manager and a Systems Integrator. The Systems Manager will provide a concept of operations, functional requirements, systems configuration analysis, and an implementation plan. The Systems Integrator will be responsible for software design, integration, and deployment.

**Agenda Item #6: Other Business**

The next meeting date has been set for Wednesday, May 5<sup>th</sup> at DVRPC.

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March 8, 2004**

**Attendance List:**

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| 1)  | Walt Green           | Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission            |
| 2)  | Dave McCann          | Delaware River Joint Toll Bridge Commission |
| 3)  | John Redos           | Delaware River Joint Toll Bridge Commission |
| 4)  | David Wolfe          | PennDOT - District 6                        |
| 5)  | Manny Anastasiadis   | PennDOT - District 6                        |
| 6)  | Lou Belmonte         | PennDOT - District 6                        |
| 7)  | Craig Reed           | PennDOT Central Office                      |
| 8)  | Michael Pack         | PennDOT Central Office                      |
| 9)  | Carminе Fiscina      | Federal Highway - Philadelphia              |
| 10) | Michael Roberson     | Federal Highway - New Jersey                |
| 11) | Bill Hoffman         | Federal Highway - New Jersey                |
| 12) | William Ragozine     | Cross County Connection TMA                 |
| 13) | John Bukowski        | SEPTA                                       |
| 14) | Dennis Culnan        | South Jersey Transportation Authority       |
| 15) | Jim Hilbert          | SmartRoute Systems                          |
| 16) | Karl Ziemer          | Delaware River Port Authority               |
| 17) | Jim Hogan            | New Jersey DOT                              |
| 18) | Bill Ducsak          | New Jersey DOT                              |
| 19) | Dave Waskiewicz      | Traffic Pulse Network                       |
| 20) | Mark Cassel          | TMA of Chester County                       |
| 21) | Joseph Roth          | KCI Technologies                            |
| 22) | Scott Hansen         | Wilmington Area Planning Council            |
| 23) | Dan Dleuins          | Wilmington Area Planning Council            |
| 24) | Matt Schell          | Greater Valley Forge TMA                    |
| 25) | David Paul Brown     | Montgomery County EMS                       |
| 26) | Rich Montanez        | City of Philadelphia                        |
| 27) | Lt. Col. Al Kernagis | New Jersey State Police                     |
| 28) | David Lacy           | Upper Merion Twp Police                     |
| 29) | Lt. Lenny Bandy      | Pennsylvania State Police                   |
| 30) | Capt. Bob Dupzey     | Pennsylvania State Police                   |
| 31) | Sasha Harding        | Burlington County Bridge Commission         |
| 32) | John Ward            | DVRPC                                       |
| 33) | Stan Platt           | DVRPC                                       |
| 34) | Chris King           | DVRPC                                       |

35) Keith Hartington

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