

DELAWARE VALLEY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

ITS Technical Task Force Meeting Minutes November 30, 2004

The following are highlights from the ITS Technical Task Force meeting held on Friday, October 15, 2004 at the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission's Conference Room. A list of attendees is attached.

Agenda Item #1: Welcome & Introductions

Manny Anastasiadis, PennDOT District 6, Chairman of the Technical Task Force, welcomed the Technical Task Force members and thanked them for coming. The minutes from the last meeting held on October 15, 2004 were approved. Each person in attendance introduced themselves and added any relevant ITS updates from their agency. Some of the highlights included:

- ▶ The DVRPC Nextel Phone Program is in the process of being updated. Currently, 30 phones have been distributed to agencies and responders. New phones will be purchased and a new plan established to better serve the programs' needs.
- ▶ The annual Transportation Engineering and Safety Conference 2004 will be held December 8-10 at the Penn State Conference Center Hotel in University Park, PA.
- ▶ New Jersey DOT reported that the I-295 project will be finished by the end of the year.
- ▶ On December 20, 2004, the Potomac & Delaware Valley HOGs will conduct a Coordinated Incident Management Committee Meeting at the Maryland State Highway Administration Statewide Operations Center in Hanover, Maryland.
- ▶ The City of Philadelphia is currently developing two projects. One is a traffic signal interconnect throughout the Sports Complex area. The second is a lettering system for stadium parking lots.
- ▶ DVRPC received the National Award for Outstanding Technical Merit in Metropolitan Transportation Planning by the Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations for their work with the I-95 Corridor Coalition on coordinated incident management and intermodal and interregional travel information.

Agenda Item #2: 511 Traveler Information System

Bob Pento, PennDOT, gave the first of two presentations concerning the deployment of 511 for Traveler Information. The national 511 system can be described as a multi-modal traveler information service to enable a safer, more reliable and efficient transportation system. The system is expected to reach across every state in the U.S.. PennDOT will assess Pennsylvania's 511 system in two phases: customer needs analysis and technical feasibility study. The customer needs survey revealed that the most requested pre-travel items were driving directions, travel times, weather related road conditions, and lodging information. The most common en route info requests were weather related road conditions, driving directions, construction info, and incident/accident reporting. The survey also revealed that 80% of respondents have a need for real-time traffic conditions. Two concerns of the system were ensuring a voice activated system and expanding the system to make information available at locations such as truck stops, rest areas, and welcome centers.

New Jersey is also working to establish a 511 system. Their goal is to provide timely, accurate, and reliable travel information. The basic system will include state routes, interstates, and toll roads. The user interface will be voice activated, with a push button back-up. Information requests begin by city, then route, finally, by segment. There will also be a ten minute time limit for incoming calls.

Agenda Item #3: New Jersey Statewide ITS Architecture

Robert Jaffe, ConSysTec, gave a presentation on the New Jersey Statewide ITS Architecture. Afterward, discussion topics included accessing the Architecture information via the internet, how the Architecture applies to projects, how to get projects out of the Architecture, and submitting ITS projects.

Agenda Item #4: Incorporating ITS into DVRPC's Long Range Plan

Stan Platt, DVRPC, gave a presentation on the significance of the Long Range Plan (LRP) and ITS. The LRP is required by federal regulations that establishes a regional vision for the next 20 years, updated every three years. All projects funded by the Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) must come out of the LRP. However, being in the Plan does not guarantee being funded, it is just the first step in the planning process. There are a number of ITS projects that have potential to be included in the LRP, and thus receive TIP funding. These projects include traffic operation centers, highway incident management programs, closed loop traffic signal systems, transit operation centers, 511 programs, and highway monitoring and surveillance systems. These projects can focus on regional benefits rather than meeting individual goals. Agencies were asked to submit appropriate fundable ITS projects, along with a cost estimate, to DVRPC by December 8th.

Agenda Item #5: Other Business

- ▶ The next meeting has been scheduled for **Friday, January 28th** at the DVRPC conference room.

**ITS Technical Task Force Meeting
October 15, 2004**

Attendance List:

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| 1) | Mark Cassel | TMA Chester County |
| 2) | Sgt. Terry O'Neil | Philadelphia Traffic Police |
| 3) | Richard Dickson | Philadelphia Parking Authority |
| 4) | Robert Hannigan | PennDOT |
| 5) | Robert Pento | PennDOT |
| 6) | Lou Belmonte | PennDOT District - 6 |
| 7) | Edward C. Burns | PennDOT District - 6 |
| 8) | Manny Anastasiadis | PennDOT District - 6 |
| 9) | Emiliano Lopez | Federal Highway Administration - Resource Center |
| 10) | Michael Roberson | Federal Highway Administration - New Jersey |
| 11) | Bill Hoffman | Federal Highway Administration - New Jersey |
| 12) | Carmine Fiscina | Federal Highway Administration - Phila Metro Office |
| 13) | Shawn Jalosinski | Sports Complex Special Service District |
| 14) | Brad Shelton | Montgomery County Planning Commission |
| 15) | Bill Ragozine | Cross County Connection TMA |
| 16) | Karl Ziemer | Delaware River Port Authority |
| 17) | Robert Jaffe | ConSysTec Corp. |
| 18) | Jim Hilbert | SmartRoute Systems |
| 19) | John Wiegmann | Booz Allen Hamilton |
| 20) | Craig Pickering | Booz Allen Hamilton |
| 21) | Josh Diamond | Greater Valley Forge TMA |
| 22) | Bill Ducsak | New Jersey DOT |
| 23) | Mark J. Smith | New Jersey DOT - Traffic Operations South |
| 24) | Rich Montanez | City of Philadelphia |
| 25) | Roger Sager | Delaware River Joint Toll Bridge Commission |
| 26) | Kristy Harris | America Red Cross |
| 27) | Lt. Charles Rogers | Pennsylvania State Police |
| 28) | Carol Thomas | Burlington County |
| 29) | John Ward | DVRPC |
| 30) | Stan Platt | DVRPC |
| 31) | Chris King | DVRPC |
| 32) | Laurie Matkowski | DVRPC |
| 33) | Keith Hartington | DVRPC |
| 34) | Mike Boyer | DVRPC |
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