

# DELAWARE VALLEY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

## **ITS Technical Task Force Meeting Minutes April 29, 2005**

The following are highlights from the ITS Technical Task Force meeting held on Friday, April 29, 2005 at the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation - District 6, 7000 Geerdes Blvd., King of Prussia, PA. A list of attendees is attached.

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

Manny Anastasiadis welcomed the Technical Task Force members and thanked them for attending. The minutes from the last meeting held on March 18, 2005 at the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission were approved. The first item of business was individual updates. Each person in attendance introduced themselves and added any relevant ITS updates from their agency. Some of the highlights included:

- ▶ New Jersey Department of Transportation recently added 5 new CCTV cameras and 2 variable message signs along I-295.
- ▶ Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission is involved in an on-going I-95 Interchange project and expects its consultant to complete a Concept of Operations plan in 1-2 months. A Concept Communications Plan will also be completed in July.
- ▶ PennDOT's District 6-0 Traffic Control Center is expected to expand its current operational hours to 24 hours by 7 days a week beginning this upcoming weekend. Feeds from the PA 309 Construction camera's are also available on line at [www.309online.com](http://www.309online.com)

### **Agenda Item #2: RIMIS Concept of Operations**

Craig Pickering and John Wiegmann, Booz Allen Hamilton, presented the Task Force with an very detailed overview of the RIMIS Concept of Operations. The presentation described: the Current Situation; Justification and Nature of Changes; Description of the Concepts of Operation; Impacts; and Next Steps. The objective of the Concept of Operations document is to illustrate, at a high level, what needs to occur and what functionality users can reasonably expect from RIMIS.

The sections relating to Current Situation and Justification and Nature of Changes provide a regional context for the need, desired features, and desired functions of RIMIS for agencies in

the Delaware Valley. An integrated communications system is needed to address the transportation challenges in the region, such as:

- ▶ Ability to communicate simultaneously with multiple agencies
- ▶ Use of “standard” messaging
- ▶ Provision of “big picture” situational information
- ▶ Video sharing
- ▶ Providing immediate access to available background data
- ▶ Ability to confirm message notifications and real time situational information
- ▶ Translation of differences in agencies’ “languages”, referencing systems, or protocols

The Concept of Operation section describes:

- ▶ Assumptions and Issues
- ▶ Description of proposed solution
- ▶ Modes of operation
- ▶ User classes and other involved personnel
- ▶ Support environment

For more information, please contact DVRPC for a copy of the Booz Allen Hamilton’s Power Point presentation. There will also a RIMIS Subcommittee Meeting to discuss this topic in further detail Monday, May 23 at 1pm at DVRPC’s new office.

### **Agenda Item #3: Other Business**

- ▶ The next meeting has been set for **Monday, July 11, 2005 at 9:30 AM** at DVRPC.

### **Agenda Item #4: Tour of PennDOT’s Traffic Control Center**

Manny Anastasiadis, PennDOT, provided a tour of the PennDOT District 6-0 Traffic Control Center (TCC). The TCC is responsible for implementing real-time congestion management and incident management strategies essential to maximizing the operation and safety of the expressway system. Presently, the TCC staff monitors 103 CCTV cameras, operates 47 Variable Message Signs (VMS), monitors incident detectors, and dispatches expressway service patrols.

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**Attendance List:**

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| 1)  | Kristy Harris         | American Red Cross                       |
| 2)  | Craig Pickering       | Booz Allen Hamilton                      |
| 3)  | John Wiegmann         | Booz Allen Hamilton                      |
| 4)  | Rich Brahler          | Bucks County Planning Commission         |
| 5)  | William Ragozine      | Cross County Connection TMA              |
| 6)  | Michael Roberson      | Federal Highway - New Jersey             |
| 7)  | Josh Diamond          | Greater Valley Forge TMA                 |
| 8)  | George Fallat         | Mercer County                            |
| 9)  | Bill McManus          | Montgomery County Planning Commission    |
| 10) | Brad Shelton          | Montgomery County Planning Commission    |
| 11) | Dennis Motiani        | New Jersey DOT                           |
| 12) | Mark Smith            | New Jersey DOT                           |
| 13) | Captain Thomas Helker | Philadelphia Police Department - Traffic |
| 14) | Debra Kubiak          | Philadelphia Police Department - Traffic |
| 15) | Manny Anastasiadis    | PennDOT - District 6                     |
| 16) | Lou Belmonte          | PennDOT - District 6                     |
| 17) | David Wolfe           | PennDOT - District 6                     |
| 18) | Mike Pack             | PennDOT Central Office                   |
| 19) | Lt. Frank McCorkle    | Pennsylvania State Police                |
| 20) | Lou Cortelazzi        | Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission         |
| 21) | Les Ford              | Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission         |
| 22) | Walt Green            | Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission         |
| 23) | Tom Marchione         | Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission         |
| 24) | Steve Jesiolowski     | SEPTA                                    |
| 25) | Jim Hilbert           | SmartRoute Systems                       |
| 26) | Mark Cassel           | TMA of Chester County                    |
| 27) | David Lacy            | Upper Merion Township Police             |
| 28) | Chris King            | DVRPC                                    |
| 29) | Laurie Matkowski      | DVRPC                                    |
| 30) | Stan Platt            | DVRPC                                    |