

# DELAWARE VALLEY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

## **ITS Technical Task Force Meeting Minutes July 11, 2005**

The following are highlights from the ITS Technical Task Force meeting held on Monday July 11, 2005 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 attending. The minutes from the last meeting held on April 29, 2005 were approved.

The Technical Task Force officially introduced Dennis Motiani, New Jersey DOT, as the new Chair of the ITS Technical Task Force. The new Vice Chair is Carmine Fiscina, FHWA - Philadelphia. Manny Anastasiadis was recognized for his year of service as Chair.

Each person in attendance introduced themselves and added any relevant ITS updates from their agency. Some of the highlights included:

- ▶ The Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission is completing a Concept of Operations for the I-95 & Pennsylvania Turnpike Interchange Project. The Commission will present the Concept of Operations at the next Technical Task Force Meeting.
- ▶ PennDOT is currently working with a consultant to identify issues in regards to developing a statewide Traffic Management Center. There is a possibility of co-locating with other agencies.
- ▶ The Delaware River Port Authority is pursuing a project to evaluate infrastructure and security on their bridges and the PATCO High Speed Line. There is also a project to evaluate congestion on the Philadelphia side of the Ben Franklin Bridge.
- ▶ The Philadelphia Police Department Traffic Unit reported that there were no major problems during the Live 8 Concert where hundreds of thousands gathered on the Ben Franklin Parkway.
- ▶ DVRPC will be assisting in the set up of two new Incident Management Task Forces. The Bucks County TMA is initiating a Task Force on the I-95 Corridor, while the Chester County TMA is starting a Task Force on the US 1 Corridor in the Chadds Ford area.

### **Agenda Item #2: Quick Clearance Legislation**

Debbie Barol, from Pennsylvania Senator Connie Williams' Office, presented information

concerning House Bill No. 873, concerning quick clearance. The bill states that the driver of any vehicle in an accident that does not result in serious injury or death shall immediately remove the vehicle from the roadway to a safe refuge, provided the vehicle can be moved under its own power. There are also provision releasing a police officer of liability for additional damages incurred should the officer aid in removal of a vehicle from the traffic lane. The recently passed bill needs more dissemination to the traveling public.

### **Agenda Item #3: SAFETEA Update**

Jim Hunt, FHWA, gave a presentation on the pending transportation legislation. The current legislation, TEA-21, is currently in its eighth extension. The amount of money for the highway reauthorization is in the neighborhood of \$285 billion. The first bill, ISTEA, focused on initiating programs and research & development. The second, TEA-21, continued support for research & development, but also focused on deployment of ITS. The new bill will establish a foundation for Transportation Systems Management & Operations, increase and institutionalize freight management, and continue a strong ITS program. The new legislation contains several major new initiatives. The new bill also fosters an operations culture shift, focusing more on mobility, partnerships, customers, and performance.

### **Agenda Item #4: DVRPC 2030 Long Range Plan**

Mike Boyer, DVRPC, gave a presentation on DVRPC's Long Range Plan: *Destination 2030*. This Plan will focus more on ITS, goods movement, bike & pedestrian facilities, and aviation than previous Plans. The purpose of the Long Range Plan is to develop a vision for future growth and development, provide guidance for municipal, county, and state agencies. The ITS component of the Long Range Plan includes strategies for the implementation of ITS infrastructure, incident management programs, transit management programs, and traveler information services. ITS investments within the plan include RIMIS, traffic operations centers, ITS deployment, maintenance, and incident management. Other ITS opportunities exists in roadway reconstruction projects, highway and safety improvements, and transit projects.

### **Agenda Item #5: RIMIS Update**

Stan Platt, DVRPC, gave a brief update on the RIMIS project. The DVRPC staff has produced a draft ITS Master Plan and included maps for ITS Infrastructure, Emergency Service Patrol Coverage, Incident Management Task Forces, and Integrated Expressway Management Corridors. The consultants have been working on the Concept of Operations which should be finalized by September or October. An Executive Summary of the Concept of Operations is also forthcoming. One issue of the RIMIS project is cost. Agencies maybe looking at phasing in aspects of the project to absorb the cost over time.

### **Agenda Item #6: Other Business**

- ▶ The next meeting has been scheduled for **September 19, 2005** in Norristown.  
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**Attendance List:**

- 1) Mike Pack PennDOT
- 2) Peter Sisofo PennDOT
- 3) Jim Mosca PennDOT Program Center
- 4) Lou Belmonte PennDOT District - 6
- 5) Manny Anastasiadis PennDOT District - 6
- 6) Bruce McKenzie SEPTA
- 7) Stephen Jesiolowski SEPTA
- 8) Mark J. Smith New Jersey DOT - Traffic Operations South
- 9) Dennis Motiani New Jersey DOT - Traffic Operations South
- 10) Debbie Barol PA Senator Connie Williams' Office
- 11) Tom Helker Philadelphia Police Department - Traffic Unit
- 12) Michael Anderson Philadelphia Police Department - Traffic Unit
- 13) Sgt. Kurt Nappawa New Jersey State Police
- 14) David Lacy Upper Merion Police
- 15) Karl Ziemer Delaware River Port Authority
- 16) Lou Cortelazzi Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission
- 17) Tom Macchione Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission
- 18) Les Ford Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission
- 19) Jim Hunt Federal Highway Administration
- 20) Bill Hoffman FHWA - New Jersey
- 21) Bill Ragozine Cross County Connection TMA
- 22) Mark Cassel TMA Chester County
- 23) John Ward DVRPC
- 24) Stan Platt DVRPC
- 25) Chris King DVRPC
- 26) Laurie Matkowski DVRPC
- 27) Keith Hartington DVRPC
- 28) Matt West DVRPC