

DELAWARE VALLEY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

Transportation Operations Task Force Meeting Highlights June 11, 2008

The following are highlights from the Transportation Operations Task Force (TOTF) meeting held at 9:30am on Wednesday, June 11, 2008 at the Montgomery County Department of Public Safety's Emergency Operations Center at 50 Eagleville Road in Eagleville, PA. A list of attendees is attached.

Agenda Item #1: Welcome & Introductions

Bill Hoffman, Federal Highway Administration, Chairman of the ITS Technical Task Force, welcomed members and thanked them for attending.

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

- ▶ PennDOT: The RFI for Pennsylvania Statewide 511 is being prepared to go out for responses. The 511 program will be a phased approach throughout the state, covering major cities and interstates in the first phase.
- ▶ NJDOT: Along with NJ's 511 call-in service, the new 511 traveler website is now online: www.nj511.info
- ▶ DVRPC: The NJ 42/55, I-76/676/295 Incident Management Task Force recently hosted a multi-disciplinary training session on May 15th at the Bellmawr Park Fire House in NJ. There were equipment demonstrations and presentations by representatives of the police (state and local), fire, EMS, DEP, DOT, and towing industries. Over 100 attended.
- ▶ The 2008 ITS Pennsylvania Annual Meeting will be held on September 11 & 12 in the Philadelphia/King of Prussia area. The meeting agenda includes Technical Training, a Phillies Networking Event, Technical Program, and Group Tour of the Montgomery County EOC.

Agenda Item #2: PennDOT Detour Routes

Manny Anastasiadis of PennDOT gave a synopsis of their color-coded detour route signage program. The color-coded detours are predetermined routes to be used in case of an emergency (crash, weather, etc) that closes a section of the expressways. The decision to detour traffic will be a joint effort between PennDOT and the Pennsylvania State Police. Motorists will be directed off at the nearest interchange, and then will follow the signs to get around the blocked area and back onto the main highway on the next available interchange. The signs are based on four colors: blue (north), red (south), green (east) and orange (west). It was discussed that protocols need to be developed for activation and deactivation procedures regarding opening and closing the main signs on the Interstates that indicate that the detour is active.

Agenda Item #3: Status Reports

Before the status reports were given, a short video was shown depicting traffic signal system design in 1937. The link to the video is www.archive.org/details/SeeingGr1937.

RIMIS: DVRPC is currently preparing a contract with TRANSCOM.

REGIONAL ITS ARCHITECTURE: DVRPC is continuing to update the Regional ITS Architecture by reviewing and customizing architecture flows for some of the major stakeholders. Once this is complete, diagrams will be prepared for agency outreach.

IDRUM: The application is complete and detour routes have been inputted. It is hoped that Pennsylvania Turnpike's routes will be incorporated into the program. The IDRUM website is being refined and a new link has been secured (www.idrum.us). The new website will require registration. For access to the existing website, please email Matt West at mwest@dvrpc.org.

Agenda Item #4: Montgomery County Public Safety Divisions

David Paul Brown, Montgomery County, gave an overview of the Montgomery County Public Safety's four operational divisions: Emergency Dispatch Services, Emergency Medical Services, Office of Emergency Preparedness, and Fire Protection Services. A summary of each division's functions and responsibilities were presented.

Agenda Item #5: Planning and Design of the Emergency Operations Center


Sean Petty, Montgomery County, gave a presentation on the planning process and design considerations that went into building the new Emergency Operations Center.

Agenda Item #6: Other Business

The next meeting date for the Transportation Operations Task Force is tentatively scheduled for September 2008 at DVRPC's offices.

Tour of the Emergency Operations Center

David Paul Brown and several Montgomery County Department of Public Safety staff members provided a tour of the new, state-of-the-art headquarters and Emergency Operations Center.

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Attendance List:

1)	Mathew Anderson	Chester County Planning Commission
2)	Karl Ziemer	Delaware River Port Authority
3)	Bill Hoffman	FHWA - New Jersey
4)	Ek Phomsavath	FHWA - New Jersey
5)	Rob Henry	Greater Valley Forge TMA
6)	Drew McKiernan	McMahon Associates
7)	David Paul Brown	Montgomery County Public Safety
8)	Sean Petty	Montgomery County Public Safety
9)	Jim Hadden	New Jersey DOT
10)	Mark Smith	New Jersey DOT
11)	Manny Anastasiadis	PennDOT District - 6.0
12)	Bob Kilyam	PennDOT District - 6.0
13)	Peter Sisofo	PennDOT District - 6.0
14)	Sgt. Robert D. Tyler	Pennsylvania State Police
15)	Dale Wickard	Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission
16)	Lou Cortelazzi	Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission
17)	John Bukowski	SEPTA
18)	Rich McCullough	SEPTA
19)	Mark Cassel	TMACC
20)	Chris King	DVRPC
21)	Laurie Matkowski	DVRPC
22)	Rick Murphy	DVRPC
23)	Stan Platt	DVRPC
24)	Matt West	DVRPC