

TRANSPORTATION OPERATIONS TASK FORCE
MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

May 23, 2011

1. Welcome and Introductions

Bill Ragozine, Cross County Connection TMA (CCCTMA) welcomed members and thanked them for attending.

2. Two Minute Agency Reports

Each person in attendance introduced themselves and added any relevant ITS and operations updates from their agency.

- ▶ Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT): The I-95 ITS projects are now operational and the cameras are available on the 511 Website. An ITS contract for US 202 Parkway in Montgomery and Buck County will be let soon, which will include ITS devices, and travel time information on select arterials in the corridor.

- ▶ Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission (PTC): The I-476 Northeast Extension widening project began construction in March. A work zone traveler information system has deployed to provide travel time information in and around the construction zone.

- ▶ New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT): The \$900 million I-295 Direct Connect project is moving forward and as part of that project there is an advanced ITS contract that will be issued to enhance NJDOT's ITS devices from Burlington County to the Delaware Memorial Bridge on many regional roadways including I-295 and NJ 42. It includes additional dynamic message signs, CCTV, travel time readers and adaptive traffic signals on US 130 and NJ 168. The contract will be let later this year.

3. New Jersey Turnpike Authority ITS Initiatives

Jose Dios, New Jersey Turnpike Authority (NJTA), gave a presentation on current ITS efforts that NJTA are working on. The presentation described the ITS devices currently deployed by the NJTA and how the NJTA is currently connected to the equipment and their plans for future connectivity. Other efforts described new integration core software, IBM Traffic Prediction Tool Software, traveler Information tools and their network infrastructure.

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4. RIMIS Deployment and New Enhancements

Stan Platt and Chris King, DVRPC, provided an update on the Regional Information Multimodal Information Systems (RIMIS) project. A new enhancement to RIMIS has been developed which now allows a user to customize a Video Wall to display several CCTV cameras at once. This feature will be very useful for those agencies that do not have direct video feeds from PennDOT or NJDOT.

Currently Burlington County Traffic Operation Center it is using RIMIS on a daily basis to enter incident or construction information. DVRPC has held outreach meetings with the City of Philadelphia, Camden County 911 and Gloucester County 911 centers to begin deployment at these locations.

5. Re-Cap of Regional Traffic Incident Management Conference

Laurie Matkowski, DVRPC, gave a recap on the Regional Traffic Incident Management Conference hosted by DVPRC at the Citizens Bank Park on May 10, 2011. There were over 150 police, fire, emergency medical services, towing, and other key personnel responsible for managing traffic incidents in the Greater Philadelphia region in attendance. The focus of the conference was responder safety and quick clearance of traffic incidents on limited access highways. The event promoted the need for cooperation and a unified incident command structure so that responders can perform their jobs efficiently, and most importantly, safely.

Highlights of the day included a welcome by Philadelphia Fire Commissioner Lloyd Ayers and Philadelphia Police Commissioner Charles Ramsey. Also, a vehicle placement training demonstration took place outside the ballpark, where an instructor highlighted basic principles of emergency traffic control and scene management.

6. Status Updates

Regional Fiber Inventory

Rick Murphy, DVRPC, stated that he has updated the Regional Fiber Network to include new data from PennDOT, NJDOT and the City of Philadelphia. He is looking at setting up a second fiber coordination meeting in the near future.

Pennsylvania Regional Traffic Initiative

Matt West, DVRPC, provided an update on a possible new project in development by DVRPC, which will explore the feasibility of alternative options for the operations and maintenance of traffic signals in southeastern Pennsylvania. Continued coordination amongst regional stakeholders is a key element to the success of this project.

Upcoming FHWA Training Courses

Stan Platt, DVRPC, announced that there are a couple FHWA training courses that will be offered at DVRPC.

- Foundations of "Dynamic Traffic Assignment" Workshop
Tuesday, June 21, 2011
- FHWA Applying Analysis Tools Workshop
Thursday, July 14, 2011

7. New Business

Upcoming Meeting Dates

- ▶ Monday, September 26, 2011
- ▶ Monday, December 5, 2011

Meetings start at 10 A.M - Lunch will be provided immediately following the meetings.

MEETING ATTENDEES:

Richard Brahler	Bucks County Planning Commission
Mathew Anderson	Chester County Planning Commission
William Ragozine	Cross County Connections TMA
Carmine Fiscina	Federal Highway Administration – Philadelphia Office
Wes Ratko	Montgomery County Planning Commission
Vinne Cortese	New Jersey Department of Transportation
Sean Hill	New Jersey Turnpike Authority
Jose Dios	New Jersey Turnpike Authority
Lou Belmonte	PennDOT District - 6.0
Lou Cortelazzi	Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission
Doreen Dean	Philadelphia Police Department
Rich Montanez	Philadelphia Streets Department
Kristin Del Rossi	Philadelphia Streets Department
Steve Jesilowski	SEPTA
Chris King	DVRPC
Laurie Matkowski	DVRPC
Rick Murphy	DVRPC
Stan Platt	DVRPC
Matt West	DVRPC
John Ward	DVRPC

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