

TRANSPORTATION OPERATIONS TASK FORCE
MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

December 7, 2015

1. Welcome and Introductions

Laurie Matkowski, Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission (DVRPC), 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. Some of the highlights include:

- ▶ Federal Highway Administration (FHWA): On December 4, 2015, President Obama signed into law the Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act, or "FAST Act." It is the first law enacted in over ten years that provides long-term funding certainty for surface transportation.
- ▶ Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT): PennDOT is beginning a project to look at implementing Active Traffic Management strategies along the I-76 Schuylkill Expressway. Potential strategies include variable speed limits, hard shoulder running and queue detection. PennDOT's Safety Service Patrol had approximately 14,000 assists in 2015.
- ▶ Philadelphia Streets Department: The Philadelphia Traffic Operations Center was recently completed and is now active. It will receive live video feeds from traffic and surveillance cameras operated by the Streets and Police Departments, SEPTA, and the University of Pennsylvania, among others. Traffic engineers will be able to remotely change traffic signals in real time.

3. SPATEL Tool

Rob Bamford, Transcom, gave a presentation on a new web-based data analysis tool they developed that is built around a Data Fusion Engine. The tool is called SPATEL and allows the analysis of transportation system performance. It allows users the ability to search historical travel times, volumes, incidents and speed data through interactive and graphical formats. The tool also provides operations staff with a map and dashboard view of real-time regional transportation network conditions.

4. NJDOT Complete Team

Sudhir Joshi, NJDOT, provided a presentation on the NJDOT Complete Team effort. Complete Team is a collaborative effort between NJ's planners and operators whose mission is to "move people & goods more efficiently" by facilitating better linkages between regional transportation planning and investment decision-making, and Transportation Systems Management and Operations (TSMO). It is modeled after FHWA's Scope of Linking Planning and Operations in their "Getting More by Working Together" Reference Manual. The vision is to have better collaboration/coordination between NJDOT's Planning and ITS/Traffic Operations units; and bring about more efficient, cost-effective congestion relief/ mobility projects and better system performance evaluation.

The Complete Team meets quarterly and involves stakeholders from NJDOT Statewide Planning, Traffic Ops, Freight Planning, Capital Investment Planning, and Project Management. It also includes other agencies like NJ Transit, NJ Turnpike Authority, Port Authority of NY and NJ, FHWA and the three metropolitan planning organizations from within the state, including DVRPC.

4. Celebrating DVRPC's 50th

In honor of DVRPC's 50th year, a small presentation was provided that took a look at the changing face of transportation and traffic operations since DVRPC began in 1965.

5. New Business

- ▶ Next Meeting Date: Monday, March 14th, 2016 at DVRPC with a focus on Regional Construction Coordination.

MEETING ATTENDEES:

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| 1. | Patrick Reilly | Burlington Bristol Bridge Commission |
| 2. | Matthew Zochowski | Camden County Planning |
| 3. | William Ragozine | CCCTMA |
| 4. | Ek Phomsavath | FHWA – NJ |
| 5. | Bhavik Invedi | ISG |
| 6. | Sudhir Joshi | NJDOT |
| 7. | Catherine Valencia | NJOHSP |
| 8. | Manny Anastasiadis | PennDOT District - 6.0 |
| 9. | Jim Diamond | Philadelphia Police Department |
| 10. | Rich Montanez | Philadelphia Streets Dept. |
| 11. | Jacqueline Mandy | Philadelphia Regional Port Authority |
| 12. | Bill Comer | SEPTA |
| 13. | Bill Brady | TMA Bucks |
| 14. | Jon Ewald | TMA Chester County |
| 15. | Rob Bamford | Transcom |
| 16. | David Siegelmen | Self |
| 17. | Sean Coffey | Villanova University |
| 18. | Laurie Matkowski | DVRPC |
| 19. | Matt West | DVRPC |
| 20. | Chris King | DVRPC |
| 21. | Paul Carafides | DVRPC |
| 22. | John Ward | DVRPC |

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