

Transportations Operations Task Force Meeting

Meeting Time: Monday, December 12, 2016 at 10:00 AM

Meeting Location: DVRPC Main Conference Room

Meeting Highlights:

1. Welcome and Introductions

Chris King, Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission 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:

- ▶ New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT): The state recently handled its 9th weather related event of the year, with all agencies responding and working well together. The northern part of the state added designated personnel for special events and incident management, including a permanent manager. Statewide Transportation Improvement Plan (STIP) funding, including federal dollars, has been allocated for Active Traffic Management (ATM) corridor development.

Variable Speed Advisory, not regulatory or enforceable signs, has been placed along stretches of I-295. There have been reports of inaccuracies and inconsistencies in places and those are now being corrected.

- ▶ Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), NJ Division: Due to the funding sources, federal monies will continue in the case of any government shutdown.
- ▶ FHWA, PA Division: The position previously occupied by Carmine Fiscina will be filled, however the new position will be primarily a transportation engineer, not an ITS specialist. Also the Traffic Incident Management (TIM) Summit held in Harrisburg last month was a success.
- ▶ Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT), District 6-0: A Safety Service Patrol Vehicle is being added to US 1 in Bucks County. An RFP for the I-76 corridor has been issued and a FASTLANE Grant for the I-476 / I-95 junction has been applied for. An RFP has also

been issued for District 6-0 signals to be coordinated within a single software package.

- ▶ PennDOT, Central Office: The office is in the midst of revamping its Operations division, separating it from the maintenance department. The state is developing a workshop to highlight the importance of and changes to Operations as a whole.
 - Connected vehicle regulation and development is an ongoing and collaborative process within the state.
 - The new State Traffic Management Center (STMC) is now fully operational in the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency (PEMA) building, along with dedicated personnel, as opposed to its previous volunteer staff.

- ▶ Chester County Planning Commission: The county recently announced Landscape3, a strategic planning initiative to balance development and land preservation. Landscape3 is focused on addressing the environmental and growth challenges that the county will face over the next ten years.

- ▶ Montgomery County Planning Commission: The county is creating a new bicycle mobility plan which will enhance the county's efforts to advance bike and pedestrian mobility. The plan, which will be developed using a Transportation and Community Development Initiative (TCDI) grant from DVRPC, will include design improvements and key policies for bicycle safety throughout the county.

- ▶ Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission: The commission is currently working on signal timing initiatives throughout the region, each in different phases of development.

PennDOT Connects, an initiative to identify needs of communities and related issues early in project planning, is moving forward with many planning partners in the Delaware Valley.

The STIP and Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) for Pennsylvania were recently updated. The same updates for New Jersey are currently underway.

- ▶ Delaware River Port Authority: The shielding along the New Jersey tower of Walt Whitman Bridge was recently removed and the overall winter shutdown of projects is taking place.

A new Chief Operating Officer has been selected for the Authority.

3. All Hazards Consortium

Tom Moran, All Hazards Consortium, presented on the consortium's aim to improve public/private planning and operational information sharing in order to get business back to business faster following disruptions and/or disasters. A major concern before, during, and after an emergency is often not the lack of information; it is getting the information into the right hands in the right amount of time. All Hazards Consortium looks to be a hub for the mass amounts of information; where all data can be merged and delegated to the correct agencies and individuals. This ranges from accessing CCTV cameras across state lines or simply offering an updated directory of individual contact information.

4. Digital Transportation Technologies

Brett Fusco, DVRPC, presented on the current and possible future impacts of an increasingly digital and/or shared transportation network. As the digital revolution continues to expand, a major question is how the transportation network will function and look in ten, twenty, and thirty years. Will companies in the vein of Uber and Lyft change how people get to and from work, to and from the store, to and from vacation? Will digital transportation on demand be a supplement or a competitor to existing transit? As with most transportation scenarios, the impact of automated and connected vehicles was also discussed.

5. ITS PA/MASTIE Connected Vehicle Demonstration

Paul Carafides, DVRPC, provided a video on connected vehicle technology in first responder vehicles. The first application alerted drivers to the presence of an ambulance approaching from behind, providing them ample warning to pull to the side. The second demonstration involved a tractor trailer on cruise control approaching an incident scene. When the tractor trailer passed a predefined threshold, the signal emitting from the ambulance disengaged the truck's cruise control and engaged its engine brake, both slowing the vehicle and alerting the driver to the fast approaching incident.

6. New Business

2017 TOTF Meeting Dates

- ▶ **Monday, March 13, 2017**
- ▶ **Monday, June 12, 2017**
- ▶ **Monday, September 18, 2017**
- ▶ **Monday, December 11, 2017**

(Meetings start at 10 A.M)

MEETING ATTENDEES:

1)	Mark Green	Delaware River Port Authority
2)	Matthew Popek	Montgomery County Planning Commission
3)	Ek Phomsavath	FHWA – New Jersey
4)	Bill Deguffroy	Chester County Planning Commission
5)	Jacqueline Mandly	Philadelphia Regional Port Authority
6)	Frank Cavataio	PennDOT
7)	Pierce Sube	PennDOT
8)	Manny Anastasiadis	PennDOT
9)	Richard Montanez	Philadelphia Streets Department
10)	James Diamond	Philadelphia Police Department
11)	Daniel Ragone	DRPA Police Department
12)	Jim Paral	FHWA – PA Division
13)	Sal Cowan	NJDOT – TSM
14)	Saidul Islam	NJDOT – TSM
15)	Mike Pilsbury	NJDOT – TSM
16)	Tom Burgoon	Skyline / All Hazards Consortium
17)	Tom Moran	All Hazards Consortium
18)	Elizabeth Schoonmaker	DVRPC
19)	Brett Fusco	DVRPC
20)	Jaclyn Davis	DVRPC
21)	Paul Carafides	DVRPC
22)	Chris King	DVRPC
23)	Justin Neff	DVRPC

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