

DELAWARE VALLEY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

BOARD COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting of April 24, 2008

Location: Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission
Main Conference Room, 8th Floor
190 N. Independence Mall West
Philadelphia, PA 19106-1520

Membership Present

Representative

New Jersey Department of Community Affairs	Joyce Paul
New Jersey Department of Transportation	David A. Kuhn
New Jersey Governor's Appointee	Brian Cuccia
Pennsylvania Governor's Appointee	(not represented)
Pennsylvania Governor's Policy Office	Kenneth Klothen
Pennsylvania Department of Transportation	James Ritzman
Bucks County	Lynn Bush
Chester County	Carol Aichele Ronald Bailey
Delaware County	John Pickett
Montgomery County	James W. Maza Kenneth Hughes
Burlington County	Jerald R. Cureton Carol Ann Thomas
Camden County	Louis Cappelli, Jr., Esq.
Gloucester County	Charles E. Romick
Mercer County	Donna Lewis
City of Chester	(not represented)
City of Philadelphia	Rina Cutler
City of Camden	(not represented)
City of Trenton	(not represented)

Non-Voting Members

Federal Highway Administration
New Jersey Division (not represented)
Pennsylvania Division (not represented)

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban
Development, Region III Elvis Solivan

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region III (not represented)

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region II (not represented)

New Jersey Office of Smart Growth James Requa

Federal Transit Administration, Region III Janet Kampf

Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority David Fogel

New Jersey Transit Corporation Pippa Woods

Port Authority Transit Corporation Cheryl Spicer

Delaware River Port Authority John Matheussen
Linda Hayes

New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (not represented)

Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (not represented)

Pennsylvania Department of Community and
Economic Development (not represented)

Regional Citizens Committee Chairman Warren Strumpfer

DVRPC Co-Counsel

Pennsylvania Co-Counsel Timothy J. Carson
New Jersey Co-Counsel Thomas J. Coleman

DVRPC Staff: Barry J. Seymour, Donald S. Shanis, Charles Dougherty, John Ward, Elizabeth Schoonmaker, Michael Boyer, Rob Graff, Chris Linn, Candace Snyder, Phyllis Robinson, and Jean McKinney.

Guests

Pennsylvania Department of Transportation James Mosca

Delaware River Port Authority Ann Duvall

New Jersey Turnpike Authority Brian Wahler

Cross County Connection TMA William Ragozine

Delaware River Joint Toll Bridge Commission Glenn Reibman

Call to Order - Chair's Comments

Chair Jerald R. Cureton called the meeting to order at 10:06 a.m. Chair Cureton welcomed to the meeting John Matheussen, CEO of the Delaware River Port Authority.

Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items

No public comments were stated.

1. Minutes of Meeting of March 27, 2008

On a **Motion** by Mr. Romick, seconded by Mr. Cuccia, the minutes of the Board Meeting of March 27, 2008 were approved as revised.

2. Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Action

Elizabeth Schoonmaker, DVRPC Manager, Office of Capital Programming, presented the following TIP Action for approval.

a. PA07-91: Federal Preventative Maintenance Program (MPMS #60317), SEPTA Program Expansion

SEPTA has requested that DVRPC modify the FY2007-2010 TIP for Pennsylvania by expanding the scope of the Federal Preventative Maintenance Program (MPMS #60317) to include the overhaul of SEPTA rail vehicles including Broad Street Subway, Norristown High Speed Line, Market-Frankford, Light Rail Vehicles and Regional Rail cars, and increasing the program by \$50 million (\$40,000,000 FTA 5309/\$10,000,000 Local) in FY08.

The \$40.250 million currently programmed provides funding for all activities associated with vehicle and facility maintenance, including administration, repair of buildings, grounds and equipment; operation of electric power facilities, maintenance of vehicle movement control systems, fare collection, counting equipment and structures, maintenance of general administration buildings, grounds and equipment, and electrical facilities. Additional funding will be programmed in FY08 (\$40,000,000 FTA 5309/\$10,000,000 Local) for the operating phase, to be used specifically for the rail vehicle overhauls.

Financial constraint will be maintained by making adjustments to other existing TIP projects whose schedules, costs, or funding plans have changed.

The TIP's current conformity finding will not be impacted by this amendment as the project is exempt from regional air quality analysis.

After favorable recommendation was received from the Planning Coordinating Committee/Regional Transportation Committee (PCC/RTC) and the Regional Citizens Committee (RCC) to approve TIP Action PA07-91, the Board unanimously adopted the following **motion**:

MOTION by Mr. Kuhn, seconded by Ms. Lewis, that the Board approve TIP Action PA07-91, SEPTA's request to modify the FY2007-2010 TIP for Pennsylvania by expanding the scope of the Federal Preventative Maintenance Program (MPMS #60317) to include the overhaul of SEPTA rail vehicles including Broad Street Subway, Norristown High Speed Line, Market-Frankford, Light Rail Vehicles and Regional Rail cars, and increasing the program by \$50 million (\$40,000,000 FTA 5309/\$10,000,000 Local).

3. **Authorization to Open 30-Day Public Comment Period for an Amendment to the Destination 2030 Long Range Plan; the Draft 2009 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for New Jersey (FY2009-2012) and for Pennsylvania (FY2009-2012); for the Proposed New Jersey 10-Year Capital Program; and for the Conformity Determination of the TIPs and the 2030 Long Range Plan**

Ms. Schoonmaker explained that Federal law and planning regulations require the development of a Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) in order for the metropolitan region to be eligible to receive federal transportation funds. The creation of the TIP is to be done by the MPO in cooperation with the state and transit operators, and must provide opportunity for input and comment by the public. These same laws and regulations require the MPO to have a long range plan and to update that plan periodically as new conditions or policies are determined or to amend that plan to include new components. A 30-day comment period must be conducted prior to a formal action to adopt the TIP or update/amend the plan.

Every other year DVRPC develops a TIP that covers both state portions of the region (the New Jersey portion is done every year). Work began in September 2007 on the development of the FY 2009-2012 TIPs for the New Jersey and Pennsylvania portions of the region. The New Jersey and Pennsylvania Subcommittees of the RTC, under the direction of the DVRPC staff, have been working on a draft TIP that meets the requirements of the federal laws and regulations, including those concerning financial constraint, air quality, plan consistency and environmental justice. DVRPC needs to adopt the 2009 TIP no later than the June Board meeting so that the states can submit their 2009 Statewide Transportation Improvement Programs (STIPs) to the federal agencies for review and approval before the end of the federal fiscal year. The Pennsylvania portion must first be approved by the State Transportation Commission at its quarterly meeting.

DVRPC will also work closely with the Transportation Conformity Interagency Consultation Group to insure that the region has addressed the set of regulations issued by US DOT and US EPA concerning the impact of the TIP. The regulations prescribe specific emissions analyses and procedures to be performed, which DVRPC has employed under the guidance of the TCICG. The final conformity rule promulgated by US EPA (40 CFR 51 and 93) requires that the TIP and the Plan must not cause new air quality violations, worsen existing violations, or delay timely attainment of federal standards. Unless it is determined that the TIP and the plan “conform” to the Clean Air Act requirements and other applicable state air quality goals as embodied in each of the state implementation plans, US DOT cannot fund, authorize, or otherwise approve transportation programs or projects.

Staff recommends that the DVRPC Board authorize a 30-day comment period to allow further comment on the draft TIP and Conformity Determination documents and amendment to the long range plan by the public and other agencies. The draft documents will be available for public review on May 2nd, with the public comment period running through June 2nd. Following this 30-day public comment period, staff and the PA and NJ Subcommittees of the RTC will review the comments received and the RTC will prepare recommendations to the Board for adoption of the final TIP and conformity determination and long range plan amendment.

The PCC/RTC recommended that the Board authorize the staff to open a 30-day public comment period.

The RCC also recommends approval, however, recommends the Board consider the recommendations shown in the proposal contained in the *Recommendations to the Board for April 24, 2008* (copy attached as part of these minutes).

Barry J. Seymour, Executive Director, responded that the TIP is the short term implementation of the Long Range Plan (LRP), and, as such, DVRPC is required every four years to update the LRP. The LRP is the umbrella which sets the context, goals, and priorities for investment in the region and leads the TIP process. The idea of a broader opportunity to comment and have discussion and debates about priorities and policies within the region happens under the LRP comment period. The priority setting within the LRP is the appropriate forum for broader discussions.

After discussion, the board unanimously adopted the following **motion**:

MOTION by Mr. Klothen, seconded by Ms. Cutler, that the Board authorizes staff to open a 30-day public comment period for the purpose of gathering public and agency comments on the draft 2009 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for New Jersey and for Pennsylvania (FY2009-2012), the proposed New Jersey 10-Year Capital Program, and the Conformity Determination of the TIPs and the amendment to the Destination 2030 Long Range Plan, to issue proper public notification, to publish the draft TIP, Conformity Determination and long range plan amendment on the Internet, to hold a public meeting, and to disseminate notices to individuals and organizations advising how to review the documents and submit comments.

4. Proposed Amendments to the Tri-County Water Quality Management Plan

a. Adoption of the Gloucester County Utility Authority Wastewater

Chris Linn, DVRPC Senior Environmental Planner, explained to the Board that The Gloucester County Utilities Authority has requested an Amendment to the Tri-County Water Quality Management Plan to adopt its Wastewater Management Plan (WMP) for the Gloucester County Urban Area (GCUA).

The GCUA does not have an adopted WMP. The WMP that they crafted during the 1990's was never adopted. In the summer of 2005 GCUA hired a consultant, Weston Solutions, to create an up-to-date WMP. All assessments/analyses were conducted in preparing the WMP. Weston and GCUA submitted the first draft of the WMP to New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) on January 26, 2006. After NJDEP's review, the plan was revised and the proposed approval of the final Wastewater Management Plan was published in the New Jersey Register on January 7, 2008. Upon final approval by NJDEP, the WMP amendment for the Gloucester County Utility Authority will be added to the Tri-County Water Quality Management Plan.

The proposed WMP is generally in conformance with DVRPC's 2030 Conservation Focus Areas and the 2030 Rural Conservation Lands.

The Board unanimously adopted the following **motion**:

MOTION by Mr. Romick, seconded by Mr. Cuccia, that the Board approve the proposed Amendment to the Tri-County Water Quality Management Plan entitled: Adoption of the Gloucester County Utility Authority Wastewater Management Plan by adopting Resolution No. B-FY08-004 (copy attached).

b. Wawa Market and Fueling Station, Burlington County

This amendment would revise the Tri-County Water Quality Management Plan by allowing for the construction of a new discharge to groundwater wastewater treatment facility to serve a proposed 5,940 square foot Wawa Food Market and 16 fueling positions to be located on Block 404/Lot 1, 2, 2.10 and 2.02 in Southampton Township, Burlington County at the Northeast intersection of County Route 530 and United States Route 206.

The Board unanimously adopted the following **motion**:

MOTION by Mr. Kuhn, seconded by Mr. Romick, that the Board approve the proposed Amendment to the Tri-County Water Quality Management Plan entitled: Wawa Market and Fueling Station, Burlington County by adopting Resolution No. B-FY08-005 (copy attached).

5. **Appointment of Nominating Committee for Fiscal Year 2009 DVRPC Board Officers**

A Nominating Committee was selected to appoint candidates for Board Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer for Fiscal Year 2009 (July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009) as follows:

Jerald R. Cureton, Burlington County
Carol Aichele, Chester County
James Ritzman, Pennsylvania Department of Transportation
Charles E. Romick, Gloucester County
David A. Kuhn, New Jersey Department of Transportation
Rina Cutler, City of Philadelphia

The committee will report these candidates at the May Board Meeting and elections will take place at the June Board Meeting.

On a **motion** by Mr. Cuccia, seconded by Ms. Bush the Board approved the selection of the Nominating Committee as stated.

6. **Port Authority Transit Corporation (PATCO) Projects**

John J. Matheussen, CEO of the Delaware River Port Authority (DRPA) and President of Port Authority Transit Corporation (PATCO) presented to the Board plans for expanding PATCO service in both Philadelphia and New Jersey.

Moving approximately 9.5 million individuals within the 14.5 mile track extension, PATCO operates 13 stations which include seven park-and-ride stations in New

Jersey, and subway stations in Camden City and Philadelphia. PATCO continues

to strive for improvements to attract more ridership such as the new fare collection system.

Cheryl Spicer, PATCO Assistant General Manager, spoke about the new highly secure PATCO Smart Cards. These new cards process and read extremely quickly so there is no delay at the fare gates. In an effort to make transit a seamless transaction, PATCO has adopted the Fare Media standard and if SEPTA chooses to adopt the same standard the Smart Cards would then be applicable on both systems. Paper magnetic tickets will be available for occasional riders.

New automated vending machines have also been installed which now accept cash (bills and coins), credit/debit cards, and smart cards as payment. Paddle Gates are another improvement. These gates now comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act, and accept magnetic and smart cards. The new parking system accepts smart cards in gated lots and metered spaces will continue to accept coins.

Mr. Matheussen then discussed the proposed projects for Transit Oriented Development (TOD). PATCO is examining a more efficient use of the seven New Jersey park-and-ride parking lots and have met with communities and developers to convert some of this land to TOD's. PATCO is also examining development of TOD's within their expansion project.

Working with a consultant, PATCO is now in the alternatives analysis process for their expansion project. This analysis will evaluate transportation, community needs, alignments, station locations, modes, environmental impacts, ridership, safety and security, costs and funding.

The primary focus for the proposed alternative routes in Pennsylvania is the connection to the waterfront. The New Jersey alternatives include new PATCO lines extending to Williamstown or Glassboro. There are five alternatives proposed for New Jersey and four alternatives proposed for Philadelphia.

Mr. Matheussen also mentioned the planned car enhancement. The stainless steel shells of the train cars will be kept. All other features of the train cars will be rebuilt.

7. Regional Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS)

Robert Graff, DVRPC Manager, Office of Economic Analysis and Coordination, explained to the Board that DVRPC has an opportunity to pursue funding from the Philadelphia Regional Office of the U.S. Department of Commerce Economic Development Administration (EDA) to prepare a Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) for the DVRPC region. The CEDS process identifies priority economic development projects, and is used by the EDA to evaluate what projects to fund in a given region. Specifically, a CEDS is required in order to apply for investment assistance under EDA's public works or economic

adjustment assistance programs. EDA focuses on economically distressed

communities with an emphasis on job creation and retention.

The region as a whole would benefit from a comprehensive economical development strategy integrated with our land use and transportation planning. It would help EDA guide its spending of the economic development funding to support our regional priorities.

The EDA requires a broad process for preparing a CEDS. A Strategy Committee must be established representing the main economic interests of the region. EDA's goal is to have the committee members made up primarily of the private sector. The DVRPC Land Use and Transportation Economic Development (LUTED) Committee might satisfy the EDA Strategy Committee requirements with minor adjustments. The preparation of the CEDS itself would draw on documents already prepared by counties and municipalities, and draw on HUD consolidated plans and other economic development documents prepared throughout the region.

The DVRPC Board will ultimately need to approve the list of CEDS project priorities perhaps through a mechanism similar to that used for approving the Tri-County Water Quality Management Program.

James A. Maza, Montgomery County, commented that Montgomery County has an Economic Development Task Force working on a CEDS, is in support of this program, and encouraged DVRPC to work with Montgomery County on the CEDS.

Louis Cappelli, Jr. Esq., Camden County, commented that a CEDS would benefit the entire region.

Rina Cutler, City of Philadelphia, questioned how the funding for this program would work. Would it compete with other organizations and counties?

Kenneth Klothen, Department of Community and Economic Development, stated that the process not duplicate other efforts. The CEDS should bridge and integrate the various processes at the county and state level and not be an entirely different entity.

Mr. Seymour commented that DVRPC still needs to discuss with EDA the specific scope of work before a Board action will be requested.

8. Connections Plan On-Line Survey

Michael Boyer, DVRPC Manager, Office of Long Range Planning and Congestion Management, presented the results of the on-line survey for the long-range plan. The purpose of the survey was to prioritize long range plan policy issues.

The survey, which consisted of eight questions, ran for 10 weeks, was available in

four different languages, and was distributed to a large audience. The survey was promoted through business card distribution, e-mail blasts, media coverage, paid advertising, promotional materials, and partner/stakeholder promotions.

Approximately 5,000 responses were received. Responses were received from highly educated individuals, various ages, and the geographic distribution by planning area type (i.e., core cities, developed communities, growing suburbs, and rural areas).

Mr. Boyer then presented the eight questions and the percentage of answers for each answer choice.

The survey findings showed to be similar to the results of the 2005 Household Survey, supported the goals and policies of *Destination 2030*, showed strong regional support for Smart Growth policies and reinvestment in and improvements to the existing transportation infrastructure.

The next steps will be to complete an analysis of the survey and post on the web; refine Long Range Plan vision and goals; conduct focus groups to further refine and prioritize goals and strategies; meet with member governments and stakeholder groups; and present draft goals and policies at a series of public workshops in the Fall.

9. Regional Citizens Committee (RCC) Report

Warren Strumpfer, RCC Chair, reported on the activities of the RCC Meeting of April 15, 2008.

Mr. Strumpfer reported that the RCC is preparing a policy paper for integrating bicycle/pedestrian accommodations, safety and environmental justice issues at the county level. Their concern is that data from the traffic calming study shows that most accidents occur on local and county roads and the RCC sees a need to improve bicycle/pedestrian accommodations. DVRPC and the states have a plan to address those issues, however, the RCC is unsure of the county's involvement.

Mr. Seymour responded that the Road Safety Audit Program that has been underway is working on county roads in New Jersey and although, at present, are site specific, efforts will be made to expand these programs.

10. Executive Director's Report

Mr. Seymour reported on the following:

- a. Post Gazette Article *Rendell to Name Turnpike Lease Bidder by end of April*

Mr. Seymour pointed out the turnpike article (distributed to the Board) and commented that the state of Pennsylvania is again seeking bidders for the Turnpike and eliminating the controversial provision of a funding formula approved last year that would require tolls on Interstate 80.

b. DVRPC Mission - Board Workshop and Updates

Mr. Seymour thanked the Board members who participated in last month's workshop on DVRPC's mission and identify. A similar exercise was conducted with staff and interviews with outside stakeholders are being conducted. The findings will be presented to the Board upon completion.

c. DVRPC Annual Dinner

Mr. Seymour encouraged all Board members and Alternates to attend the Annual Dinner on May 15, 2008 at the Four Seasons Hotel. Mayor Nutter is expected to attend the cocktail hour.

d. Board Member Briefings

Board Member briefings are being conducted for new members of the DVRPC Board. Mr. Seymour encouraged meetings with other interested senior staff of Board Members.

e. Urban Land Institute (ULI) Forum - May 15, 2008

The ULI is hosting a Infrastructure Forum on May 15, 2008 at the Union League.

f. U.S. - European Conference of Metropolitan Regional Councils

Mr. Seymour reported that he had the opportunity to participate in the first U.S - European Conference of Metropolitan Regional Councils in Washington. The focus of the meeting was to share how regional planning is done in the U.S. and Europe and to discuss climate change initiatives.

g. Governor's Award for Local Government Excellence

Mr. Seymour announced that he was awarded the Governor's Award for Local Government Excellence.

h. Member Government Presentations

Mr. Seymour encouraged the Board Members and Alternates to recommend presentations for future Board meetings.

i. The Philadelphia Regional Transit Visioning Project *Envisioning A Route to Regional Mobility*

Students from the University of Pennsylvania Studio traveled to London, Toronto, and Washington to examine transit alternatives for the region. The results of their findings will be presented on May 8, 2008 at Meyerson Hall. These results will also be presented at the May RTC Meeting.

j. Smart Transportation Guidebook

Mr. Seymour pointed out the *Smart Transportation Guidebook* Executive Summary (distributed to the Board).

11. Committee Reports

The following Committee Reports were distributed to the Board for their review: (1) Planning Coordinating Committee/Regional Transportation Committee; (2) Land Use and Housing Committee; and (3) Delaware Valley Goods Movement Task Force.

Lynn Bush, Chair of the Land Use and Housing Committee commented that the meeting focused on the current mortgage foreclosure crisis. John Bravacos, Regional Director, U.S. Housing and Urban Development, presented the current status of and trends related to the mortgage foreclosure crisis, including housing and community impacts as well as impacts on local, regional, state, and national economies.

12. One Minute Reports

David Fogel, SEPTA, reported the 46th Street Station has been reopened. This station is also being examined for TOD projects.

James Ritzman, Pennsylvania Department of Transportation, thanked DVRPC for their assistance in preparing the *Smart Transportation Guidebook* and commented that these plans should have a great impact on Pennsylvania.

Ms. Cutler commented that the City of Philadelphia is in the process of selecting an individual to be appointed to the Citizen Advisory Board of SEPTA. The candidate must be a resident of Philadelphia County.

OLD BUSINESS

No old business was stated.

NEW BUSINESS

No old business was stated.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:05 p.m.

Attachments:

- (1) PCC/RTC Recommendations to the Board for April 24, 2008
- (2) RCC Recommendations to the Board for April 24, 2008

Additional Documents Distributed to the Board:

- (1) *Alert*, April 2008
- (2) *TravelSmart*, April 2008

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Call to Order - Chair's Comments

1. Minutes of Meeting of March 27, 2008

On a **motion** by Ms. Cutler, seconded by Mr. Kuhn, the minutes of the meeting of March 27, 2008 were approved as distributed.

2. Contract Authorizations

a. Contract Authorization: Regional Integrated Multi-Modal Information Sharing (RIMIS)

Donald S. Shanis, Deputy Executive Director, explained to the Board that DVRPC is contracting with TRANSCOM to provide software, project support, and operation and maintenance capabilities for an information exchange network connecting traffic and transit operation centers, county 911 call centers, state police, and other stakeholders involved in traffic management and incident management.

TRANSCOM is a non-profit organization established by 16 agencies in the New York, New Jersey, Connecticut metropolitan area to coordinate transportation operations. Their RA Web software is used to share information about highway and transit incidents, maintenance and construction activities, and special events. New Jersey Department of Transportation is using the RA Web as the statewide software for center-to-center coordination among state agencies.

Through this contract, TRANSCOM will customize the software for the DVRPC region, extending coverage to New Jersey counties, Delaware River crossings, and agencies in Southeast Pennsylvania.

The RIMIS Subcommittee of the ITS Technical Task Force comprised of representatives from New Jersey Department of Transportation, Pennsylvania Department of Transportation, Philadelphia Streets Department, SEPTA, the Delaware River Port Authority, the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission, Federal Highway Administration, and the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission was formed to develop RIMIS. As per federal Systems Engineering Requirements, the committee developed a Concept of Operations and Functional Requirements. A Request for Information was issued to solicit the status of center-to-center of software throughout the county. The committee recommends approval to contract with TRANSCOM.

A total of \$1,100,000 is allocated for the above contract from available Work Program funds.

The Executive Committee unanimously adopted the following **motion**:

MOTION by Mr. Ritzman, seconded by Ms. Cutler, that Executive Committee authorize the Executive Director to enter into, negotiate and execute a contract with TRANSCOM to provide software, project support, and operation and maintenance capabilities for an information exchange network connecting traffic and transit operation centers, county 911 call centers, state police, and other stakeholders involved in traffic management and incident management.

b. Contract Authorization: US 422 Corridor Transportation Master Plan

John Ward, DVRPC, Associate Director, Intermodal Planning, explained to the Board that a US 422 Corridor Transportation Master Plan is needed to provide a unified vision and framework for land use and multi-modal transportation planning to deal with rapid growth and heightening traffic congestion in the corridor. Broadly defined, the corridor extends from US 422 and Monocacy Creek Road, in Amity Township, Berks County, the first signalized intersection west of highway's split, to US 202 as a gateway to Norristown and change of mode opportunities at the Norristown Transportation Center. The transportation plan will define a comprehensive and feasible set of multi-modal improvements and implementation program to serve growth, mobility and incidents along a key roadway network. An important component of the project will be to review existing and proposed land use policies, development controls and access management approaches among the corridor municipalities, and identify land use planning guidelines and practices which will support the transportation plan and provide a linkage with its implementation.

A consultant selection committee comprised of representatives from Montgomery County, Chester County, Berks County, the PA Turnpike Commission, Pottstown Area Rapid Transit, PennDOT, GVF Transportation, SEPTA and DVRPC was formed to evaluate the proposals and to recommend a final selection consistent with the scope of the RFP. The committee recommends approval to contract with the selected firm.

A total of \$235,000 is allocated for the above contract from available funds in the FY 2008 and FY 2009 Planning Work Programs.

The Executive Committee unanimously adopted the following **motion**:

MOTION by Mr. Ritzman, seconded by Ms. Cutler, that the Executive Committee authorize the Executive Director to enter into, negotiate and execute a contract with the selected firm as recommended by the review committee. If such negotiations prove not to meet the financial requirements of the Commission, to proceed on to negotiations with the second ranked firm.

3. Appointment of Nominating Committee for Fiscal Year 2009 DVRPC Executive Committee Officers

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The committee will report these candidates at the May Board Meeting and elections will take place at the June Board Meeting.

On a **motion** by Mr. Ritzman, seconded by Ms. Cutler the Executive Committee approved the selection of the Nominating Committee as stated.

OLD BUSINESS

No old business was stated.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business was stated.

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