

STORMWATER MANAGEMENT FOCUS OF CONFERENCE

Annual Municipalities Conference Examines Water-Related Issues and Much More

The Delaware County Transportation Management Association's annual Municipalities Conference and Trade Show was held on Thursday, April 14, 2011 at the Drexelbrook Corporate Events Center. The theme of this year's conference was Stormwater Management. This topic is of concern for two reasons: 1) the volume and timing of runoff water (flood control and water supplies); 2) the potential contaminants that the water is carrying.

A featured panel discussion with industry experts addressed this issue and best practice management. The conference culminated with keynote

remarks by State Senator John C. Rafferty, Chairman of the Senate Transportation Committee, who offered his thoughts on the vital transportation issues facing Pennsylvania in the coming years.

The conference also featured three break-out meetings held concurrently – the quarterly meeting of the Delaware

County Coastal Zone Task Force, a meeting of the Delaware County Incident Management Task Force and a workshop on Risk Management and Tort Liability.

The day included plenty of time for networking with more than 100 professionals, representing a variety of

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DCTMA Municipalities Conference (left to right): John Nawn, Chairman of the Board, Czop/Specter, Inc; David Damon, H. Gilroy Damon Associates, Inc.; Cecile Charlton, Executive Director, DCTMA; Barry Newman, Department of Environmental Protection; Larry Fennessey, Penn State University; and Gary Fawver, PennDot.

WEST CHESTER PIKE CORRIDOR STUDY RELEASED

Transit Signal Priority Feasibility Study and Implementation Plan Looks at Rt. 3 Corridor

The Delaware County Transportation Management Association (DCTMA) commissioned a study to investigate the use of Transit Signal Priority (TSP), and identify bus stop amenity improvements along the West Chester Pike (PA Route 3) corridor within Delaware County. In coordination with

PennDOT, SEPTA, DVPRC, the Delaware County Planning Department, Upper Darby Township, Haverford Township, Marple Township, Newtown Township, Edgemont Township and Jacobs Engineering, the DCTMA began with a detailed look at the individual intersection and SEPTA fleet

improvements needed to operate a TSP system on SEPTA's 104 bus route.

The goals of the project were: 1) to identify what is needed to improve service quality and attract new passengers, 2) to propose other land and access improvements along the

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SEPTA Adjusts Routes for Improved DCCC Service

Did you know there's a small shopping center in the heart of Delaware County that quietly rivals the large malls? Do you need groceries, got it; a dentist, got it; a rug, got it. You get the idea.

Not only does the Lawrence Park area of Broomall support a shopping center, medical center, apartments, and a technical school it also has a thriving industrial park.

Delaware County is also home to one of the highest rated community colleges in the county. DCCC has



branches in Chester County and the Southeast Center in Sharon Hill, Delaware County along with its main campus in Marple.

What do Lawrence Park and Delaware County Community College have in common? Until this August it was SEPTA's route 112 bus.

On August 29, Route 112 began serving DCCC from 69th Street Transportation Center and West

Chester Pike and no longer serves the Lawrence Park area. SEPTA has also adjusted the Route 115 bus to connect the DCCC Marple campus to the Southeast Center in Sharon Hill. The Lawrence Park area is now served by the new Route 126 bus. This is great news for the area; the travel time will be quicker and more frequent.

We would like to thank SEPTA for its responsiveness to the concerns of our member institutions. It is a pleasure to work with the professionals at SEPTA who strive to make everyone's ride easier. ■

— Cecile Charlton

JOBS EXPO TO BE HELD ON OCT. 13

The 2011 Access to Jobs EXPO will be held on Thursday, October 13, 2011 from 9 am to 1 pm at the Springfield Country Club. Presented by DCTMA in conjunction with Delaware County Council, the Delaware County Commerce Center, Pennsylvania Careerlink and the Delaware County Chamber of Commerce, the EXPO is an annual event that brings local organizations together with qualified job-seekers from Delaware County.

Last year's EXPO attracted 500 job-seekers from throughout the area, and we are anticipating another well-attended event this year. Free shuttle service for job seekers will be provided.

Sponsors of this year's event include: Delaware County Community College, Fair Acres, Goodwill Industries of Delaware & Delaware County, Inc., and Harrah's Chester Racetrack & Casino. ■

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businesses and organizations. "We are pleased to be able to present these kinds of programs to support the municipalities throughout Delaware County as they work to make our communities safer and more environmentally-friendly places to live and work," said Cecile Charlton, DCTMA Executive Director. "Our hope is that this information will assist

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municipal managers and their staffs in their planning efforts as well as their day-to-day responsibilities." ■

2011 DCTMA Municipalities Conference & Trade Show

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BIKE-TO-WORK DAY CELEBRATED IN MEDIA

DCTMA and Local Businesses, Officials Support Alternative Transportation Methods

On Friday, May 20, the grounds of the Delaware County Court House, Front and Olive Streets, were the site of the annual Bike-to-Work Day, hosted by the Delaware County Transportation Management Association (DCTMA) and the Delaware County Planning Department. This year's celebration was presented by Franklin Mint Federal Credit Union and sponsored by area businesses.

County Council Chairman Jack Whelan and more than 15 other cyclists left their cars home for the day and instead rode their bikes to work.

Breakfast items were donated by 320 Market Café and Wawa. Riders were eligible for a raffle with prizes donated by local businesses; CycleFit of Delaware County, Cycle Sport, Drexel Hill Cyclery, Earth & State, Fergy's Hair Salon, Front Street Fountain, House, and Seven Stones Gallery. Media



Left to Right: Bryan Messick, Franklin Mint Federal Credit Union congratulates grand prize winner Gene Bonner along with County Council Vice Chair Christine Fizzano Cannon County Council Chair Jack Whelan and DCTMA Executive Director Cecile Charlton.

attorney Gene Bonner won the grand prize – a Raleigh Rush Hour bike, generously donated by Drexel Hill Cyclery owner Frank Havnoonian.

“With gas prices hovering around \$4.00 per gallon, we know people are looking for commuting alternatives. Bike-to-Work Day offers a great

opportunity for workers to try bicycling for their daily commute,” said Cecile Charlton, DCTMA Executive Director.

“We’re very happy to provide this opportunity, and appreciate the support of the county, Franklin Mint Federal Credit Union, and our local businesses.” ■

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corridor, and 3) to provide recommendations for potential funding sources to support implementation of the report's recommendations.

After much time researching, observing and studying the 104 bus route, a final presentation was made to all stakeholders. A prioritized listing of

municipalities and intersections was included, with corresponding order-of-magnitude costs. The study recommended advancing a pilot TSP system in Marple and Haverford Townships for an estimated implementation cost of \$409,400.

The report also presents recommendations for the addition of bus stop amenities to enhance rider experience and comfort. Eleven bus

stops were examined in detail. Overall, each one can accommodate at least one additional amenity.

Finally, this report presented potential Park-and Ride locations along the corridor, including the number of spaces available.

For more detailed information or a copy of the final report, please contact Trish McFarland at tmcfarland@dctma.org or 610-892-9440. ■

UPCOMING SCHEDULE



FOR MORE INFORMATION

about any of the events listed at right, please call DCTMA at **610-892-9440** or visit www.dctma.org

TRAVEL INSTRUCTION FOR WHEELCHAIR USERS

Tuesday, September 27, 2011
9:00 am - 11:30 am
Granite Run Mall

ACCESS TO JOBS EXPO

Thursday, October 13, 2011
9:00 am - 1:00 pm
Springfield Country Club

SEPTA ROUNDTABLE

Friday, November 4, 2011
Franklin Mint Federal Credit Union
1974 Sproul Road, Broomall
9:30 am - 11:00 am

DCTMA ANNUAL DINNER

Thursday, December 2, 2011
Drexelbrook Corporate Events Center
5:30 pm - 6:30 pm: Cocktails
6:30 pm: Awards Dinner

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PRENDIE STUDENTS BUCKLE UP TO WIN SEAT BELT CHALLENGE AWARD

A seat belt can save a life in a car accident. Unfortunately, teenage drivers have the highest accident rate and lowest rate of seat belt use of any age group.

Over the past three years, the DCTMA has been challenging Delaware County high schools and their student organizations to increase their seatbelt users. Participating schools compete for a \$500 cash prize for the sponsoring student organization and the Seat Belt Challenge plaque, which is displayed all year at the winning school.

This year, Archbishop Prendergast



High School has the biggest percentage increase of students who buckled up. DCTMA Executive Director Cecile Charlton (pictured above, second from left) presented the cash award to students and staff at Archbishop Prendergast High School. ■

Expanded DCCC Bus Service Arrives

