



May 25, 2011

**Board of Directors
Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission
190 N. Independence Mall West
Philadelphia, PA 19106-1520**

To the DVRPC Board of Directors:

PA-TEC attended the May 17, 2011 RCC meeting as we have repeatedly since June 2010. Unfortunately, this meeting was unusually unproductive. Most of the conversation was directed at PA-TEC, as a result of us asking for clarification on the RCC's new policies, and as a result of our attempts to improve diversity and minority representation on the RCC. This was the second meeting this year that was almost exclusively devoted to discussing PA-TEC, despite its single member speaking up only occasionally.

While we have moved well beyond our initial focus on the Newtown line, and towards our goal of a more comprehensive and diverse regional transportation system, our organization continues to be attacked by the leaders of the RCC, who have fostered a hostile environment, which has had a chilling effect on new and existing members, and has reduced the diversity of the committee.

We have sought to increase minority representation on the RCC through our ground efforts, forums, and presentations. Recently, we encouraged a class at Bucks County Community College in Perkasie to get involved in the RCC, in an area all would agree is unrelated to Newtown.

We regret that as we've done this, more and more time at the RCC has been devoted to conversations about PA-TEC instead of real issues. We apologize for offenses taken during this meeting. We will make constructive suggestions for policy changes that will limit the amount of time devoted to the discussion of personal issues, and to provide the membership with the ability to remove unruly individuals. In conclusion, we ask for a more civil discussion in the future.

We'd sincerely like to get back to work.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Paul R. Iverson".

Paul R. Iverson
Pennsylvania Transit Expansion Coalition (PA-TEC)