



Southeastern Montgomery County Transportation Coalition

Minutes

URS Building, Fort Washington, PA
September 24, 2008

Attendees:

Vijay Gupta – A.D. Marble
Xavier Riva – A.D. Marble
Bryan Havir – Cheltenham Township
Rudy Kastenhuber – Cheltenham Township
Stacy Bartels – Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission
Maura McCarthy – Friends of the Wissahickon
Rob Henry – GVF Transportation
Genevieve Lodal – GVF Transportation
Zoe Robertson – GVF Transportation
Steve Spindler - Jenkintown
Stephanie Butler – McMahan
George Gunning – Montgomery County Industrial Development Corporation
Carmen Italia – MCIDC
Wes Ratko – Montgomery County Planning Commission
Don Steele – Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission
Don Berger – Springfield Township
Doug Heller – Springfield Township Commissioner
Dave Wolfgang – Upper Dublin Township
Alex Houseal – URS
Mike Zeock – Whitmarsh Township

Opening and Introductions

Don Berger called the meeting to order at 9:05am.

Economy of Montgomery County & the “Recession”

Carmen Italia, President of Montgomery County Industrial Development Corporation, gave a presentation on the state of industry in Montgomery County as well as his organization’s role in encouraging industrial development. He emphasized the diversification of tax bases as a solution to municipalities’ problems with development resulting from the shift from an industrial to a service economy. Carmen provided examples of municipalities in Montgomery County that he has worked with, tying their needs to those of some of the industrial groups with whom he works. He also called upon the municipalities in the southeastern part of the county to help him make connections and better understand that area.