



## **MEETING HIGHLIGHTS AND FREIGHT WORKSHOP ADDENDUM**

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2001**

### **Special Meeting Location**

The Down Town Club, Public Ledger Building, 6<sup>th</sup> and Chestnut Sts., Philadelphia, PA

\*Slide presentation is available on the DVRPC website ([www.dvrpc.org](http://www.dvrpc.org)) in the freight planning section.

### **1. Call to order**



Co-chairs John Coscia of DVRPC (pictured) and John Brown of PennDOT called the meeting to order. All Task Force members and guests were recognized and the July 11, 2001 meeting notes were approved by the committee (**action item**).

### **2. NHS Connectors to Freight Facilities in the Delaware Valley Region\***



Jerry Coyne of DVRPC presented an overview of a DVRPC study which examined conditions on National Highway System (NHS) connectors serving intermodal freight facilities in the Delaware Valley. The report identifies approximately \$169 million in projects and studies to improve operations for commercial vehicles on these highway links.

There are 24 miles of designated NHS connectors in the Delaware Valley region. These connectors serve 10 existing freight intermodal facilities, or clusters. The report also examined connectors to 2 additional terminals (Novolog and FastShip) because highways serving them may potentially be added to the list of designated connectors.

Using a methodology similar to one employed by FHWA, each of the connectors was inventoried and assessed. This assessment took into account factors such as pavement conditions, geometric and physical deficiencies, traffic operations, safety, and delay.

The report recommends an improvement program consisting of elements such as improved signing, new traffic lanes, pavement rehabilitation and additional studies. The final report will be published and made available to all Goods Movement Task Force members.

### 3. New Study Ranking\*



Development of the FY 2003 DVRPC Work Program is underway. Don Shanis of DVRPC described the process for creating the Work Program and presented concepts for 10 potential freight-related projects. These new studies represent possible additions which must compete with studies from all sources for limited funding.

The Work Program establishes the activities to be undertaken by DVRPC and its member agencies. It currently stands at \$15 million and 130 studies. A draft Work Program will be released in December and DVRPC Board adoption is scheduled for January, 2002.

Task Force members voted on the new studies to establish the committee's priorities. The top three studies were: South Philadelphia Freight Complex Study (29 votes), Delair Bridge Study (24 votes), and Beckett-Broadway Terminal Connector Study/South Jersey Port Inland Distribution Network Study (combined) (22 votes). These priorities will be conveyed to the DVRPC Work Program Committee (**action item**).

### 4. Regional Success Stories In Freight Planning



DVRPC hosted an intensive freight planning workshop for teams from Delaware, Florida, New Jersey, New York, and Virginia from October 9-11, 2001. (See addendum to highlights.) The visiting teams participated in the October 10 Goods Movement Task Force meeting and each highlighted freight planning success stories in their regions.

Also, Mr. Coscia presented workshop instructor Gerald Rawling of the Chicago MPO (pictured) with a special gift which recognized Mr. Rawling's significant contributions to the field of freight planning and the guidance he has provided to the DVRPC staff over the years.

### 5. Brazil: A Strategic Partner\*



The Vice Consul General of Brazil in New York, Paulo César Vasconcellos, discussed current trade trends and market opportunities in Brazil. Brazil is the 5<sup>th</sup> most populous nation in the world (with 170 million inhabitants), is the 3<sup>rd</sup> largest democracy, and has the 9<sup>th</sup> largest economy.

Brazil possesses a dynamic and traditional market economy. *Banco do Brasil* is the largest financial institution in all of Latin America. Brazil also offers a friendly business environment.

The *Plano Real* initiative of 1994 was followed by economic stabilization and transformation. A new program, *Advance Brazil Plan*, provides many investment opportunities and calls for 385 highway, railroad, waterway, power lines, gas pipeline, airport, and port projects.

## 6. Two-minute Reports



Task Force and Subcommittee chairs and Task Force members provided updates on the activities of their companies and agencies. These reports included: John Brown, PennDOT (pictured); Ted Matthews, NJ DOT; John Coscia, DVRPC; Ted Dahlburg, Data Subcommittee; Kelvin MacKavanagh, Planning Subcommittee; and Gary Shields, Shippers Subcommittee.

Proposed testimony by the Goods Movement Task Force for the Pennsylvania State Transportation Commission hearing on October 12 was summarized and approved. The testimony will be made by Jeff Sutch on behalf of the committee and will stress projects to facilitate the flow of goods in the Delaware Valley region (**action item**).

## 7. Old and New Business

The proposed year 2002 meeting dates of the Delaware Valley Goods Movement Task Force were adopted by the committee as follows: January 9, April 10, July 10, and October 9. All meetings will be conducted at the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission offices at 10AM unless other arrangements are made and communicated to committee members (**action item**).

## 8. Freight Issues and Policy Options\*



Gary Maring of the US DOT's Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) was the special lunchtime speaker. Mr. Maring is the Director for FHWA's Office of Freight Management and Operations. This office serves as *freight's voice* at FHWA in numerous areas and through many efforts.

There are several noteworthy freight trends and issues. In terms of logistics and demand, there are perceptible shifts to global markets, a service economy, and a customer dictated just-in-time delivery system. Most importantly, freight volumes are growing and are projected to double by 2020.

Many freight outreach and analysis efforts have been conducted across the country in the form of conferences, forums, and workshops. Some of the views expressed by stakeholders are that solutions will involve new capacity and improved operations, that it is necessary to plan and operate the system as a whole and not as individual modes, and that multi-state coalitions must be supported to deal with corridor and regional issues.

A policy framework consisting of the 4 I's (institutional, information, infrastructure, and international) has been developed with respect to the role of freight in the reauthorization of federal transportation legislation, TEA-21. Three key problem areas are international gateways, multi-jurisdictional cooperation, and statewide and metropolitan freight programs.

**Attendees<sup>1</sup>**



Hank D'Andrea, South Jersey Port Corporation  
Irina Trachenko, Port of Bucks

<u>Name</u>	<u>Affiliation</u>
Gary Shields	Subsidiary Railroads of Bethlehem Steel
Donna Kwan	Subsidiary Railroads of Bethlehem Steel
Edward King	Valero Refining Company
Harvey Weiner	Dependable Distribution
Dick Ryan	Bombardier
Avri Dub	Traffic Club of Philadelphia
Bruce Hochman	Traffic Club of Philadelphia
Marty Friedland	Efco Importers
Mike Brimmer	CSX
Steve Fisk	CP Rail
Jeff Sutch	SMS/Penn Jersey Rail
Fred Winkler	Winchester and Western Railroad
Kelvin MacKavanagh	Consultant-CSXT
Terry Foley	Amtrak
Charles Clark	FRA
Carl Belke	Genesee and Wyoming Railroad
Tom Erickson	Rail Cents
Greg Wicklem	Keystone State Railroad Association
Bob Turner	Philadelphia Belt Line Railroad
Hank D'Andrea	South Jersey Port Corporation
Peggy Adams	Port of Bucks
Irina Trachenko	Port of Bucks
Ed Henderson	Philadelphia Regional Port Authority
Dominic O'Brien	Philadelphia Regional Port Authority
Ray Heinzelmann	DRPA
Linda Hayes	DRPA
Lt. Toussaint Alston	U.S. Coast Guard
Joe LoCastro	Eastern/GPS
Tom Carolan	Greenfield Transport
Robert Renner	Haines and Kibblehouse
Ed Duffy	PIDC
Joe Burke	PA DCED
Jen Hermansky	SEPA Export Consortium
Mjenzi Traylor	City of Philadelphia
Carol Brooks	City of Philadelphia
Jim Blair	Reebie Associates
Howard Rosen	ALK Technologies

<sup>1</sup>Building the Partnership workshop attendees are not listed.

David Hunt	Wilbur Smith Assoc.
Genevieve White	CHPlanning
Jeff May	Urban Engineers
Gary Maring	FHWA
Carmine Fiscina	FHWA
Spencer Stevens	FHWA
Paulo Vasconcellos	Brazilian Consulate
Luiz Eduardo Ferreira	Brazilian Consulate
Maristela Lima	Brazil
Maria Helena Alemany	Brazil
Zelia Lima	Brazil
Dario Lima	Brazil
Zelia Miranda	Brazil
Christina Bean	Wolf Block
Celia Randolph	Wolf Block
Dr. Lorenzo Mott	Consulate of Italy
Jacob Prado	Consulate of Mexico
Carol Thomas	Burlington County
Curt Noe	Camden County
Bob Baker	Office of Governor Schweiker
Ted Matthews	NJ DOT
John Powers	NJ DOT
Brian Cuccia	NJ DOT
Al Prant	NJ DOT
John Brown	PennDOT
Ran Marshall	PennDOT
Lugene Bastian	PennDOT
Dennis Tiley	PennDOT
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Don Shanis	DVRPC
Jerry Coyne	DVRPC
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## ADDENDUM

### October 10, 2001 Delaware Valley Goods Movement Task Force Meeting Highlights *Building the Partnership* Freight Planning Workshop Philadelphia, PA; October 9-11, 2001

The successful incorporation of freight interests and needs into the metropolitan planning process has become an important cause. For this reason, the Federal Highway Administration, the Foundation for Intermodal Research and Education, the Eno Transportation Foundation, and the Chicago Area Transportation study have conducted *Building the Partnership* workshops around the United States to educate private and public sector planning partners about the strategies and rewards of cooperative freight planning.

The following documentation provides highlights from the *Building the Partnership* workshop conducted in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania with the assistance of the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission from October 9-11, 2001. \*Slide presentation is available on the DVRPC website ([www.dvrpc.org](http://www.dvrpc.org)) in the freight planning section.

#### DISTRIBUTED MATERIALS (partial listing)

- CATS Publications and Freight Planning Chronology, Gerald Rawling
- Facilities and services pamphlet, Port of Philadelphia and Camden
- *Preliminary 2025 Transportation Plan*, DVRPC
- *The Value of Freight to the State of New Jersey*, A. Strauss-Wieder and NJ DOT
- *Intermodal Freight Transportation*, Gerhardt Muller
- *Intermodal Coordinator Course Job Book Files*, Gannett Fleming and PennDOT
- Freight Planning Web Sites, Foundation for Intermodal Research and Education
- *Freight's Voice at FHWA*, FHWA Office of Freight Management and Operations

#### SITE VISITS AND HOSTS



- Pier 84: Harvey Weiner, Dependable Distribution Services
- Pier 98 Annex: Steve Gallucci and John Zakutny, The Pasha Group
- CSX Intermodal Facility: Dennis Sweeney, CSX Intermodal
- Pier 122: Dennis Latina, Delaware River Stevedores
- Packer Avenue Marine Terminal: Dominic O'Brien, Philadelphia Regional Port Authority
- SS United States: Tom Margiotti, Edward A. Cantor Affiliated Interests

#### ACTIVITIES

- *Freight Games*, Course Instructors
- Delaware Valley Goods Movement Task Force meeting, DVRPC
- *Industry Night*, The Traffic Club of Philadelphia
- Guided Tour, Independence National Historical Park
- Wine and Cheese Party, Independence Park Inn
- Salsa Dancing, Brazil's Restaurant

## **PRESENTATIONS**

### **Freight Advisory Committees**



Gary Shields, Subsidiary Railroads of Bethlehem Steel  
Kelvin MacKavanagh, Consultant, CSXT

### **State Departments of Transportation Perspectives**



*Freight Planning: Issues and Initiatives in Pennsylvania*, Ran Marshall, Pennsylvania DOT\*



*New Jersey Department of Transportation: Bureau of Ports, Terminals, and Freight Services*, Ted Matthews, New Jersey DOT\*

### **Innovative/Multi-Jurisdictional Projects**

- *Pennsylvania RAPID System*, Susan Howland, The Howland Group\*
- *Company Overview*, Kate Chambers, FastShip\*
- *I-95 Corridor Coalition Mid-Atlantic Rail Operations*, Alan Meyers, Cambridge Systematics\*
- *Preparing the Infrastructure to Support Brownfields Economic Development*, John Hummer, North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority\*

### **The Metropolitan Planning Organization Process**

- *Welcome and Overview*, Jack Claffey, DVRPC
- *Horizons 2025 Transportation Plan*, Don Shanis, DVRPC\*
- *Freight Considerations in the DVRPC TIP*, Charles Dougherty, DVRPC\*
- *Central Jersey Transportation Forum*, Rosemarie Anderson, DVRPC\*
- *Freight Issues in the Delaware Valley and Freight Advisory Committees*, Ted Dahlburg, DVRPC\*

## **PARTICIPANTS**

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Kathy Graham, Virginia DOT



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