



Meeting Highlights

10AM, FRIDAY, JANUARY 17, 2003

Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission

8th Floor—Main Conference Room

The Bourse Building, 111 South Independence Mall East, Philadelphia, PA 19106

1. Call to order

Co-Chairs John Brown and John Coscia called the meeting to order. All Task Force members and guests were recognized and the October 9, 2002 meeting notes were approved by the committee. (Note: guest presentations are posted on the DVRPC web site.)

2. Transportation Management Systems

John Coscia, Jr., Senior Transportation Engineer, discussed DVRPC's transportation management systems. These tools link data and mapping capabilities to provide highly useful products for transportation planning purposes.

There are two types of management systems: asset based and performance based. Examples of management systems are: pavement, bridge, and congestion. In New Jersey, the pavement management system is being used on all non-state Federal Aid roads and employs various rating indices.

The management systems are employed to focus attention on actual problems, identify areas for coordinated problem solving, and develop problem statements for priority projects to enter the programming pipeline.

3. Delair Bridge Update

Tim Tierney, Assistant Vice-President and Chief Engineer for the Conrail Shared Assets Area, provided an update on the Delair Bridge, the primary rail link between South Jersey and Southeastern Pennsylvania. The bridge, built in 1896, is 4,170 feet long and has a 263,000 lb. rating. On a daily basis, the bridge has: 10 freight trains, 28 passenger trains, and 12 bridge openings.

A structural analysis of the bridge completed in September, 2002 determined the need for short and long term investments. The short term program, which will help achieve a 286,000 lb. rating, calls for 11 priority repairs, which will begin in 2003. For the long term (i.e., 8-10 years), 60 approach spans on the Conrail single track require replacement.

4. Freight Planning for the State of Oregon

Steve Kale, Senior Planner and Economist for the Oregon Department of Transportation and Chairman of TRB's Intermodal Freight Transport Committee, provided comparisons of population, employment, exports, and waterborne tonnage in Oregon and Pennsylvania.

The Oregon Freight Advisory Committee, authorized in 2001, advises the Oregon DOT director on freight issues, policies, and programs. The Oregon DOT staff support the committee, prepare and support the development of studies and plans, help maintain NHS intermodal connector data, and interact with the state's MPOs.

Among the issues confronted by Oregon's freight system are congestion and a deterioration of infrastructure. At present, funding for freight improvements is not sufficient to keep up with need, and new funding measures are under examination.

5. Two-minute Reports

Task Force and Subcommittee chairs and Task Force members and guests provided updates on the activities of their companies and agencies.

John Brown, PennDOT	PennDOT reorganization; State Rail Plan; Rail Freight Assistance Program; Intermodal Course
John Powers, New Jersey DOT	NJ DOT reorganization; Transportation Trust Fund
John Coscia, DVRPC	FY 2004 Work Program; Central New Jersey Forum; DVRPC Reauthorization Paper
Don Shanis	US DOT Freight Professional Capacity Building
Ted Dahlburg, Data Subcommittee	Freight Lines; TravelSmart; Freight Photo Gallery
Kel MacKavanagh, Planning Sub.	New Jersey State Rail Plan; CMAQ Program; Freight Forward project; South Phila. Freight Complex Study
Ted Dahlburg, Shippers Sub.	Gary Shields Resignation; 2003 ASLRRRA Annual Meeting
Dr. Ed Morlok, Univ. of Penn	Freight Capacity for the 21 st Century; Technologies for Sharing Rights-of-Way
Bill Shoaf, Phila. Traffic Club	(January 28) 2003 Annual Dinner
John Ward, DVRPC	New Jersey TransAction Conference
Heather Kump, DVRPC	Regional Economic Development Resource Guide
John Hummer	NJTPA Brownfield Study
Mark Cassel	Wilmington-Harrisburg Freight Study
Charles Clark	FRA Safety Programs
Jocelyn Jones	Baltimore MPO Freight Advisory Committee
Jim Boylan	CSX and SEPTA Track Sharing

6. Old and New Business

The next meeting of the Task Force is scheduled for Wednesday, April 16. Dr. Lazar Spasovic of the New Jersey Institute of Technology will be the guest speaker. A light lunch was served immediately following the meeting.

Attendees

Bastian, Lugene
Belmonte, Kathy
Binck, Chris
Boylan, James
Brimmer, Mike
Brown, Greg
Brown, John
Capers, Harry
Carolan, Tom
Cassel, Mark
Clark, Charles
Collard, Tom
Collins, Alan
Coscia, John
Cuccia, Brian
Cuff, John
Dahlburg, Ted
D'Andrea, Hank
Davies, Chuck
DeGennaro, Rich
DeYoung, Larry
Dougherty, Charles
Dub, Avri
Duffy, Ed
Erickson, Tom
Fear, Gina
Feygelson, Art
Fisk, Steve
Golden, Doug
Hanssens, John
Hayes, Linda
Heinzelmann, Ray
Hummer, John
Jones, Jocelyn
Kale, Steve
Kirkpatrick, Michael
MacKavanagh, Kelvin
McCreavy, John
Metrick, Sean
Morlok, Ed
Noe, Curt
Powers, John
Reeves, Mike

Affiliation

PennDOT
DVRPC
Bergmann Assoc.
Tyburn Railroad
CSX
PennDOT
PennDOT
NJ DOT
Green Field Transport
TMA of Chester County
FRA
Southern Railroad of New Jersey
Urban Engineers
DVRPC
New Jersey DOT
Pilots' Assoc. for the Bay and River Delaware
DVRPC
South Jersey Port Corporation
PennDOT
Maritime Exchange
RelTEK Services
DVRPC
Traffic Club of Philadelphia
PIDC, Food Distribution Center
Rail Cents
The Pasha Group
Canadian Pacific Railway
Canadian Pacific Railway
Main Line Management
Philadelphia International Airport
DRPA
DRPA
NJTPA
Baltimore Metropolitan Council
Oregon DOT
Delaware DOT
Railroad Consultant
SMS Rail Lines
Temple University
University of Pennsylvania
Camden County
New Jersey DOT
SJTPO

Rosen, Howard	CANAC
Runk, Jim	Pennsylvania Motor Truck Assoc.
Sabatino, Patrick	Subsidiary Railroads of Bethlehem Steel
Shanis, Donald	DVRPC
Shoaf, Bill	Shoaf Group
Speaker, Bob	Pitt-Ohio Express
Sutch, Jeff	SMS Rail Lines
Thomas, Carol	Burlington County
Tierney, Tim	Conrail
Tiley, Dennis	PennDOT
Tobin, Marty	NJ DOT
Torrey, Dave	NITL
Turcich, Jim	Philadelphia Belt Line Railroad
Valle, Janine	Pennsylvania Motor Truck Assoc.
Weiner, Harvey	Dependable Distribution
Wicklem, Greg	KSRRA
Winkler, Fred	Winchester and Western Railroad
Young, Susan	Delaware County TMA
Zakutny, John	The Pasha Group