

MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2003 10AM

Coffee was available at 9:30AM.

Special Meeting Theme: Chamber Day

Sponsored by the Goods Movement Task Force's Shippers Subcommittee Greater Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce 7th Floor—Philadelphia Conference Room 200 South Broad Street, Philadelphia, PA

1. Welcome and Introductions

Co-chair John Coscia of DVRPC called the quarterly meeting of the Delaware Valley Goods Movement Task Force to order and welcomed the committee members. Edward King, Chair of the Shippers Subcommittee, and Joe Mahoney, from the Greater Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce, commented on the special nature of the meeting. Called *Chamber Day*, the meeting afforded the opportunity to meet at the Chamber offices and to give a greater profile to shippers' concerns in the transportation planning process.

2. Presentation

John Vickerman made the following presentation: *US Chamber of Commerce National Chamber Foundation; Trade and Transportation: A Study of North American Port and Intermodal Systems.* Mr. Vickerman was introduced by Rick Crawford, Chair of the Task Force's Data Subcommittee. (Note: Mr. Vickerman's presentation is posted on the freight page of the DVRPC web site.) Mr. Vickerman is a founding Principal and member of the Board of Directors of TranSystems Corporation, a specialist in intermodal and maritime terminal design, and a retired Captain from the United States Naval Reserve.

Among the recommendations (called "building blocks") resulting from the Chamber study were: a clearly defined freight program within the US DOT, national intermodal planning and development initiative, freight data and information technology, a coherent environmental regulatory process, and labor integrated into national freight policy.

3. Presentation

The Honorable José Luis Morales, Consul General of Chile in Philadelphia, was introduced by Ted Dahlburg, Manager of DVRPC's freight program, who commented on the special

relationship which exists between the people of Chile and the Delaware Valley.

Consul Morales addressed three topics in his presentation: Chile's trade policy and its longstanding commitment to international economic integration, bilateral trade indicators between Chile and the United States, and the Free Trade Agreement between Chile and the United States and the benefits that each country can derive from it.

4. DVRPC 2005 Candidate Work Program Concepts

DVRPC's Assistant Executive Director, Donald Shanis, led the committee in an annual exercise of discussing and ranking candidate concepts for the Planning Work Program. The priorities of the Goods Movement Task Force will be transmitted to the Board Work Program Committee for their consideration in selecting new projects for the 2005 Work Program.

Dr. Shanis presented eight candidate work program concepts for projects involving freight, and also led a discussion of other possible concepts. The top three candidate work program concepts for FY 2005, as voted upon by the Goods Movement Task Force, were:

- 1. Freight Corridor Development (\$140,000 over two years)
- 2. Rail Capacity Improvement Study (\$70,000)
- 3. Brownfields Database (\$100,000)

5. Two-minute Reports

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

Kelvin MacKavangh, Planning Sub. 2030 What If Scenario report; Transportation

Enhancement program; Pennsylvania STC

hearing on Sept. 26, 2003

Jeff Sutch, Keystone State Railroad Assoc. Meeting with the Pennsylvania Governor

Bill Shoaf, Traffic Club of Philadelphia Industry Night-Oct. 28, 2003; Annual Dinner-

Jan. 27, 2004

Jim Badgley, NJ DOT State freight plan; MAROPS initiative

John Brown, PENNDOT Intermodal course and video; Operation

Lifesaver

John Coscia, DVRPC Maritime Trade and Transportation study;

Freight Lines; TravelSmart

6. Old and New Business

Proposed 2004 meeting dates for the Goods Movement Task Force were presented as follows: January 21, April 14, July 21, and October 20. The meeting was adjourned.

AttendeesAffiliationAdams, PeggyPort of BucksBadgley, JamesNew Jersey DOTBastian, LugenePENNDOTBelmonte, KathyDVRPC

Boada, Gustavo Taller Puertorriqueño

Brown, Greg PENNDOT Brown, John PENNDOT

Bull, Larry Transportation Consultant
Carolan, Tom Metropolitan Trucking
Cassel, Mark TMA of Chester County
Charlton, Cecile Delaware County TMA

Clark, Charles FRA

Collard, Tom Southern Railroad Co. of New Jersey

Coscia, John DVRPC

Coyle, Gerard Evans Delivery Co.
Crawford, Rick Norfolk Southern Corp.
Cuccia, Brian New Jersey DOT

Dahlburg, Ted DVRPC

D'Andrea, Hank South Jersey Port Corporation
DeYoung, Larry Stone Consulting and Design
Duffy, Ed PIDC, Food Distribution Center

Erickson, Tom Rail Cents Enterprises

Fiscina, Carmine FHWA

Fisher, Kevin Nexus Distribution Corp. Golden, Doug Main Line Management

Hanssens, John Philadelphia International Airport

Heinzelmann, Ray DRPA Holt, Leo Holt

Johnson, Sterling Army Corps of Engineers

King, Edward Valero Refinery
Kirkpatrick, Michael Delaware DOT
MacKavanagh, Kelvin Railroad Consultant

Mahoney, Joe Greater Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce

Malikkal, Jacob DVRPC

May, Jeff Urban Engineers

McAuliffe, Dan Unique

McCreavy, John SMS Rail Lines
Morales, Consul José Luis Consulate of Chile
Powers, Eric New Jersey DOT

Quintana, Catalina Hispanic Chamber of Commerce

Rauscher, Teresa Federal Defender

Rothberg, Sheryl Chilean American Chamber of Commerce

Sabatino, Patrick Lehigh Valley Rail Management

Saggiomo, Angelo Brooks Provisions, Inc.

Schmidt, Peggy Partnership TMA

Shanis, Donald DVRPC Shoaf, Bill Shoaf Group

Siebeneicher, Bob Camden Iron and Metal

Siekerman, Don Penna. Motor Truck Association

Stevens, Spencer FHWA

Sutch, Jeff SMS Rail Lines

Synn, Jienki DVRPC

Truban, Paul
Vásquez, Pablo
Viacava, Dora
Vickerman, John
Volk, Herman

New Jersey DOT
First Investors Corp.
Taller Puertorriqueño
TranSystems Corporation
N.J. Office of Smart Growth

Winkler, Fred Winchester and Western Railroad

Zakutny, John The Pasha Group

Zito, Joseph DRPA