



MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

10AM, WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21, 2004

Coffee was available at 9:30AM, and a light lunch was served following the meeting.

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 Sharon Daboin of PennDOT and John Coscia of DVRPC called the meeting to order. All Task Force members and guests were recognized and the October 8, 2003 meeting notes were approved by the committee. (Note: PowerPoint presentations made by guests during the meeting are posted on the freight page of the DVRPC web site.)

2. Updates of the DVRPC FY 2005 Transportation Improvement Programs (TIPs)

Charles Dougherty reviewed the current updates of the DVRPC FY 2005 TIPs, the short-range capital improvement programs for the Delaware Valley. The presentation reinforces DVRPC's commitment to including the freight advisory committee in the decision-making process. The TIPs, which are constrained to reasonably available funding levels, identify the region's consensus list of projects to receive federal and state capital funding.

The typical schedule for an update extends from August to June (when final adoption occurs). DVRPC is working closely with its member governments, and will provide the Goods Movement Task Force with preliminary drafts for comment. The reauthorization of federal transportation legislation will play a major role in determining available funding levels.

3. The Importance of the Chemical Industry to the Delaware Valley Region

Pam Witmer gave an overview of the Pennsylvania Chemical Industry Council (PCIC). Ms. Witmer is the President and Chief Executive Officer of PCIC. PCIC, located in Harrisburg, was created in 1980 to work toward continuous improvement of the chemical industry through public policy advocacy, communication, and education. The economic contributions of the industry to Pennsylvania are very significant.

There are many PCIC members in the Delaware Valley, some small in size and others quite large. PCIC and the firms it represents are firmly committed to environmental protection. Cooperation is seen as the key to addressing transportation, economic development, and security issues.

4. **New Hours Of Service Regulations**

Don Siekerman reviewed the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration's new hours of service regulations. Mr. Siekerman is the Director of Safety for the Pennsylvania Motor Truck Association and a retired police officer. One of the Task Force objectives for 2004 and beyond is to incorporate more trucking topics into the meetings.

The new regulations went into effect on January 4. A significant change allows drivers to drive 11 hours after 10 consecutive hours off duty . It is estimated that the new regulations will provide major safety benefits. Some people feel that the new regulations hamper productivity and will increase truck traffic during rush hour. The overall impacts of the regulations are expected to be far-reaching, but impacts on individual companies will vary.

5. **Intermodal Freight Transportation: Fifth Edition**

Bill DeWitt, Ph.D., Teaching Professor of Logistics, Transportation & Supply Chain Management at the University of Maryland, discussed his current research activities. Professor DeWitt is a national expert on freight logistics, and he had previously worked for the Burlington Northern Railroad. One of his current major projects is co-authoring the fifth edition of *Intermodal Freight Transportation*.

Professor DeWitt discussed the significance of supply flow networks and the changing role for transportation in supply chains and supply flow networks. He also offered a number of observations from his career, and a series of international examples of innovative logistical practices and technologies (e.g., *Cargolifter*, inland port, and automated guided vehicles).

6. **Two-minute Reports**

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

Sharon Daboin, John Brown	PennDOT; 2004 Rail Freight Assistance Program; Annual Rail Freight Seminar: May 5-7
John Powers, Eric Powers John Coscia	New Jersey DOT; The Logistics Council; MAROPS FY 2005 Work Program; Peer Exchange report; AASHTO annual conference
Rick Crawford	Data Subcommittee; Kelvin MacKavanagh letter in <i>Traffic World</i>
Kelvin MacKavanagh	Planning Subcommittee; Regional Transportation Committee; Walt Whitman truck stop directional signs
Ed King	Shippers Subcommittee; Council of Logistics Management conference
Bill Shoaf James Boylan	Traffic Club of Phila. Annual Dinner; Feb. 4 Mega-Meeting Tyburn Railroad

A special presentation was made to John Brown on the occasion of his retirement and for his many years of dedicated service to the freight community. The invaluable contributions of Lucy Brown, his wife, were also noted.

7. Old and New Business

The next meeting date for the Goods Movement Task Force is April 14. Dan Murray of the American Trucking Research Institute is the scheduled guest speaker. Other 2004 meeting dates are July 21 and October 20. The meeting was adjourned. Guests and members were invited to remain and participate in the FHWA "Talking Freight" Internet Seminar Series from 1P.M.-2:30P.M. (topic: Perspectives from Freight Transportation Users).

Attendees

Adams, Peggy
Bastian, Lugene
Belmonte, Kathy
Boylan, James
Brown, John
Brown, Lucy
Carolan, Tom
Clark, Charles
Coscia, John
Cossaboon, Bert
Crawford, Rick
Cuccia, Brian
Daboin, Sharon
Dahlburg, Ted
D'Amelio, Lou
D'Andrea, Hank
DeWitt, Bill
Dougherty, Charles
Dub, Avri
Duffy, Ed
Erickson, Tom
Fisher, Kevin
Fisk, Steve
Forrester, Linda
Gemma, Tony
Gillespie, Jeff
Gimbel, Gail
Golden, Doug
Henderson, Ed
Hunt, David
Johnson, Sterling
Kessler, Bob
King, Edward
Kirkpatrick, Michael
Lai, Peter
MacKavanagh, Kelvin
McCreavy, John

Affiliation

Port of Bucks
PENNDOT
DVRPC
Tyburn Railroad
PENNDOT
Self
Metropolitan Trucking
FRA
DVRPC
McCormick Taylor
Norfolk Southern Corp.
New Jersey DOT
PENNDOT
DVRPC
Bekins Logistics
South Jersey Port Corporation
University of Maryland
DVRPC
Self
PIDC, Food Distribution Center
Rail Cents Enterprises
Nexus Distribution Corp.
CP Rail
NJ DOT
Roadway Express
Holt Cargo
DMJM+Harris
Main Line Management
Philadelphia Regional Port Authority
Cambridge Systematics
Army Corps of Engineers
Hub Group
Valero Energy Corp.
Delaware DOT
Parsons Brinckerhoff
Railroad Consultant
SMS Rail Lines

Attendees (cont.)

Affiliation

Mears, Dave	Amtrak
Nemeroff, Rian	Housatonic Railroad
Pawson, John	DVRPC Regional Citizens Committee
Peck, Duane	Greater Valley Forge TMA
Powers, Eric	New Jersey DOT
Powers, John	New Jersey DOT
Reid, David	Novolog
Renner, Robert	Haines & Kibblehouse
Sabo, Kelly	DVRPC
Shanis, Donald	DVRPC
Shoaf, Bill	Shoaf Group
Siekerman, Don	Penna. Motor Truck Association
Sutch, Jeff	SMS Rail Lines
Thomas, Carol	Burlington County
Tiley, Dennis	PennDOT
Truban, Paul	New Jersey DOT
Volk, Herman	NJ Office of Smart Growth
Ward, John	DVRPC
Weiner, Harvey	Dependable Distribution
Winkler, Fred	Winchester and Western Railroad
Witmer, Pam	Pennsylvania Chemical Industry Council
Wulderk, Nick	SJTPO
Zakutny, John	The Pasha Group
Zito, Joseph	DRPA