



## **QUARTERLY MEETING HIGHLIGHTS**

**10AM, WEDNESDAY, JULY 21, 2004**

Coffee was available at 9:30AM, and a light lunch was served immediately 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**

All Task Force members and guests introduced themselves and the April 14, 2004 meeting notes were approved. Mr. Toby Fauver, PennDOT's new Director of the Bureau of Rail Freight, was welcomed at his first committee meeting.

The theme of the meeting was long range plans. There were successive presentations on 3 transportation plans which are under development. This is a very important opportunity for the Goods Movement Task Force to participate in the MPO and state DOT planning processes, and to ensure that freight is fully treated.

#### **2. DVRPC Long Range Plan Update: *Destination 2030***

DVRPC is beginning an update of the region's long range transportation and land use plan. Mike Boyer presented an overview of the project tasks and completion schedule.

DVRPC's plan update is called *Destination 2030*. Through policies, strategies, and projects, the plan seeks to *bend the trends*. The long range plan supplies a vision for future growth and development, provides guidance to municipal, county, and state agencies, and forms the foundation for the TIP (Transportation Improvement Program).

A number of public outreach activities are planned. The Goods Movement Task Force's Planning Subcommittee (Kelvin MacKavanagh, Chair) will meet on August 31 to provide further input into the DVRPC plan and the state DOT plans. A target date of June, 2005 has been set for adoption of the DVRPC plan.

#### **3. New Jersey Freight Plan**

New Jersey DOT is devoting significant resources to preparing the State's first ever comprehensive freight plan. Eric Powers of NJ DOT described the study schedule, plan framework and coordination with DVRPC and its sister MPOs, SJTPO and NJTPA. The project is currently in month 10 of the 19 month schedule. Final plan preparation will occur in

early 2005, with plan roll-out slated for April, 2005.

The *Developing a Framework to Assess Goods Movement in New Jersey* document, which provides a big picture of the freight system in the State, has just been completed. An outline of the framework will be used to evaluate the State's freight transportation system and will enable the development of recommendations to address issues and capitalize on opportunities.

A new web site has just been created for the freight plan, along with other New Jersey DOT freight planning initiatives. The address is: <http://www.state.nj.us/transportation/works/freight>

#### **4. Pennsylvania Mobility Plan**

Keith Chase of Gannett Fleming discussed the Pennsylvania Mobility Plan. This effort presents an excellent opportunity for the Goods Movement Task Force to assume a leadership role. The plan differs from previous plans (such as 1995 and 2000) in that expectations are greater and there will be a number of interim products.

The plan will be structured to mesh public/stakeholder involvement, issues analysis, and a full range of tools that support decision making. The implementation approach consists of 21 project phases organized by 5 broad planning stages: initiating, understanding, visioning, developing, and implementing. The targeted plan completion date is Spring, 2006.

The framework for planning, analysis and decision-making support is embodied in *TIPeM* (Transportation Investment and Policy Evaluation Model). *TIPeM* is made up of both network and non-network based analyses.

Following the presentation, Michael Kirkpatrick of the Delaware DOT updated the committee on freight planning initiatives in Delaware.

#### **5. FY 2006 Work Program Concepts**

In conjunction with development of the DVRPC FY 2006 Work Program, several concepts for freight-related studies have been proposed. The Goods Movement Task Force was asked to establish priorities among the potential studies through a voting process. The setting of Work Program priorities is an annual exercise for the committee, and has directly led to the selection of several studies in previous years.

As a result of the voting, the following concept studies were established as the top 3 committee priorities for the FY2006 Work Program and will be conveyed to the DVRPC Work Program Committee:

1. National Highway System Connectors (39 votes)
2. Brownfields Database (27 votes)
3. Freight Component: Regional ITS Architecture (27 votes)

## 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.

Toby Fauver and Lugene Bastian	PennDOT; Amtrak improvements; 2004 RFAP awards (\$1.1 M to SE Pennsylvania); state rail map
Jim Badgley	NJ DOT; staff changes; truck task force
John Coscia	DVRPC; TEA-21 reauthorization; Annual Dinner-Bill Keller award; December Board Retreat-freight and aviation theme; special edition newsletter on freight; PA TAC study of the economic impacts of railroads
Ted Dahlburg (for Rick Crawford)	Data Subcommittee; DVRPC web poll; BTS's TSI; Tennessee DOT presentation
Kelvin MacKavanagh	Planning Subcommittee; Awards to Fred Winkler, Ed Duffy, and Harvey Weiner; PCC/RTC; <i>Freight Forward</i> : tank truck request
Ted Dahlburg (for Edward King)	Shippers Subcommittee; support and tours for AASHTO and CLM annual meetings
Bill Shoaf	Traffic Club of Philadelphia; National Transportation Week luncheon; City of Philadelphia proclamation; Seamen's Church Institute benefit
John McCreavy	Railroad association outreach meeting: May 14
Kevin Fisher	ATA/PMTA Share the Road event: May 26; hours of service ruling
Ed Duffy	Philadelphia Naval Business Center developments
Dave Rafaelle	Port/military cargo; Pier 98 annex
Peggy Adams	Bucks County Keystone Opportunity Zone
Charles Clark	FRA grade crossing safety brief
Hank D'Andrea	South Jersey Port Corporation facility additions

## 7. Old/New Business

The meeting was adjourned. The next meeting of the Goods Movement Task Force is October 20, 2004. Following lunch, the Planning Subcommittee met to discuss the special freight edition of the DVRPC newsletter and the December Board Retreat.

**Meeting Participants****Name****Affiliation**

Adams, Peggy	Port of Bucks
Armand, Barbara	Armand Corp. and S. NJ Dev. Council
Badgley, James L.	NJDOT Freight Services
Bastian, Lugene	PENNDOT
Beetle, Bill	DMJM & Harris
Belmonte, Kathy	DVRPC
Blevins, Dan	WILMAPCO
Boucher, Bernie	St. Onge Co. and CLM
Carolan, Tom	East Coast Logistics
Chase, Keith	Gannett-Fleming
Clark, Charles W.	Federal Railroad Admin.
Coscia, John J.	DVRPC
Coyle, Gerard	Evans Delivery Co.
Cuccia, Brian	NJDOT
Dahlburg, Ted	DVRPC
D'Andrea, Hank	SJPC
Davis, Talvin E.	NJDOT/Freight Planning
DeJohn, Tony	Parsons Brinckerhoff
DeSignore, Paul	Bergmann Assoc.
DeYoung, Larry	L.A. DeYoung, Inc.
Dolan, Bill	TTI Environmental
Dub, Avri	Avri Dub, CPA
Duffy, Ed	PIDC
Edmond, Matthew	Montgomery County Planning Comm.
Erickson, Tom	Rail Cents Enterprises
Fauver, Toby	PENNDOT
Fehlig, Meghan	Parsons Brinckerhoff
Fisher, Kevin	Nexus Dist./PMTA
Flynn, Joe	Port of Bucks
Forrester, Linda	NJDOT/OMR
Gimbel, Gail	DMJM & Harris
Hayes, Linda	DRPA
Herman, Sue	Residents for Reg. Traffic Solutions, Inc.
Kenny, Tom	Delaware Avenue Distribution
King, Edward	Sunoco
Kirkpatrick, Michael	DELDOT
Krakauer, Miki	NJDOT/Freight Services
Lomax, Kenneth	Phila., Office of Strategic Planning
MacKavanagh, Kelvin	MacKavanagh RR Consulting
May, Jeff	Urban Engineers
McCreavy, John	SMS Rail Lines
McTamney, Michael J.	Klein and Hoffman, Inc.
Moncavage, Mike	State Sen Connie Williams
Nemeroff, Rian J.	Housatonic RR Co.
O'Brien, Dominic	Philadelphia Regional Port Authority
Parker, Scott	Edwards and Kelcey

Pawson, John	DVRPC Regional Citizens Committee
Peck, Duane	GVFTMA
Pisani, Frank	WILMAPCO
Powers, Eric	NJDOT/Freight Planning
Raffaele, David	Port of Philadelphia
Renner, Robert	Haines & Kibblehouse
Rosen, Howard	Consultant
Sabatino, Patrick	Lehigh Valley Rail Management LLC
Shoaf, Bill	Shoaf Group LLC
Siebeneicher, Paul Robert	Camden Iron & Metal, Inc.
Sneed, Jennifer	Office of US Senator Frank Lautenberg
Volk, Herman	NJ Office of Smart Growth
Wall, Brian	PENNDOT
Wells, Tim	LTK Engineering Services
Wilson, Larry K.	City of Phila. - Office of Strategic Plng.
Winkler, Frederick	Winchester & Western RR
Zito, Sgt. Joseph	DRPA Police Dept.