

# MEETING HIGHLIGHTS 10AM, FRIDAY, APRIL 15, 2005

Coffee was available at 9:30AM.
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

Task Force co-chairs Sharon Daboin of PennDOT and John Coscia of DVRPC called the meeting to order. All Task Force members were recognized and the January 20, 2005 meeting notes were approved. The Task Force meeting was conducted on a Friday due to the New Jersey TransAction transportation conference held earlier in the week.

## 2. Updates on Long Range Transportation Plans

DVRPC, New Jersey DOT, and PennDOT are all preparing long range transportation plans. Project managers for these different plans presented progress reports on the plans and discussed the treatment of freight considerations. The successive presentations on long range plans were made by Mike Boyer of DVRPC, Eric Powers of New Jersey DOT, and Keith Chase of Gannett-Fleming (for PennDOT).

The Task Force has received timely updates throughout the development of the plans, and Task Force members have been very supportive of these efforts. For example, many Task Force members participated in the recent outreach meetings for the PennDOT Mobility Plan.

The DVRPC 2030 Transportation Plan seeks to maximize each of the individual modes of freight transport, and to improve intermodal connectivity. The 2030 Plan is further defined by delineating and focusing efforts on a major north-south freight corridor and a major east-west freight corridor.

In terms of projects, the DVRPC 2030 Plan identifies \$2 billion in port improvements (i.e., in known costs) and \$785 million in rail freight improvements (i.e., in known costs). These improvements augment additional projects contained in the highway, transit, and aviation portions of the 2030 Transportation Plan which also facilitate the safe and efficient flow of freight. Public-private partnerships will be a key to funding and constructing these improvements.

### 3. Philadelphia Parking Authority

Richard Dickson, Senior Director of Strategic Planning and Administration, discussed the policies, initiatives, and laws and enforcement activities of the Philadelphia Parking Authority. The Authority's responsibilities range from managing parking and related traffic management programs to building and operating parking lots and garages.

The mission of the Philadelphia Parking Authority is to support the economic development of the City of Philadelphia through sound transportation and parking management programs. The Authority's facilities include 11 Center City garages (6,000 spaces), Airport parking facilities (17.500 spaces), and 45 neighborhood lots (3,200 spaces).

There are a number of issues and public concerns regarding commercial vehicles. Proposals to better accommodate and manage trucks include: restrict delivery hours, establish more loading areas, require off-street loading areas for new construction, and establish dedicated loading areas for specified hours.

## 4. World Trade Center of Greater Philadelphia

Joanna Savvides, President, discussed the mission and activities of the World Trade Center of Greater Philadelphia (WTCGP). Since its inception in October of 2002, the WTCGP has provided more than 600 companies with international trade assistance, market research, and education and training that has resulted in over \$115 million in reported export sales and helped create new jobs for the region. Ms. Savvides, who is a native of Cyprus, just returned from a trade mission to three cities in India.

The mission of the WTCGP is to provide services that enhance international trade growth and lead the Greater Philadelphia region to economic prosperity. The Center puts the region on the map of major trade hubs by being a certified World Trade Association member. One of its signature events is an annual World Trade Centers' Day Dinner.

Note: Ms. Savvides PowerPoint presentation (*World Trade Center of Greater Philadelphia: A Gateway to Global Trade*) is accessible through the freight page of the DVRPC website.

## 5. Two-minute Reports

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

#### 6. Old/New Business

There were no old or new items of business to consider. The next scheduled meeting of the Delaware Valley Goods Movement Task Force is Wednesday, July 20, 2005. The July 20 meeting will take place in the new DVRPC offices at Sixth and Race Streets. The meeting was adjourned.

#### **Meeting Participants**

<u>Name</u> <u>Affiliation</u>

Adams, Peggy Port of Bucks County
Badgley, James NJ DOT Freight Services

Bastian, Lugene PennDOT

Belke, Carl Patrick Engineering

Blevins, Dan WILMAPCO
Boylan, James Tyburn Railroad
Breeman, Paul Holt Logistics

Carolan, Tom East Coast Transportation

Chase, Keith Gannett-Fleming

Childs, Rick L. Robert Kimball Assoc.

Clark, Charles Self (FRA retired)

Coscia, John DVRPC

Coyle, Gerard Evans Delivery Co.

Cuccia, Brian NJDOT
Daboin, Sharon PennDOT
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Powers. Eric NJ DOT

Powers, John NJ DOT Freight Services

Reitz, Kathy PennDOT

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