



MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

10AM, WEDNESDAY, JULY 20, 2005

Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission
8th Floor—Main Conference Room
190 North Independence Mall West, Philadelphia, PA 19106

1. Call to order

Donald Shanis, DVRPC, and Sharon Daboin, PennDOT, called the meeting to order. All Task Force members were recognized and the April 15, 2005 meeting notes were approved. This was the freight advisory committee's first meeting in DVRPC's new building. A facility tour may be scheduled in conjunction with a future committee meeting.

2. FY 2007 Work Program Concepts

In conjunction with development of the DVRPC FY 2007 Work Program, several concepts for freight-related studies have been proposed. Don Shanis described the process for developing the Work Program, presented the freight study concepts, and led a discussion which also permitted committee members to suggest additional concepts.

Through a voting process, Goods Movement Task Force members were asked to select their study priorities. The results of the vote, which will be transmitted to the DVRPC Work Program Committee, were as follows:

1. Mega-Project Promotion and Coordination (37 votes)
2. Reuse of Brownfields as Transportation and Distribution Facilities (29 votes)
3. Land Use and Freight Strategies Brochure (21 votes)
4. Regional Highway-Railroad Grade Crossing Study (20 votes)
5. NHS Intermodal Connectors (19 votes)
6. Congestion Pricing Study (12 votes)
7. Delaware and Schuylkill Rivers Aerial Photo Booklet (5 votes)

3. 2005 Land-Use and Freight Summit

With the assistance of the Delaware Valley Goods Movement Task Force, the National Association of Regional Councils (NARC) will conduct a national summit focusing on the connections between land use and freight from September 7-9.

Ted Dahlburg described the activities of the summit steering committee in developing the program, identifying speakers, and compiling the invitation list. Summit sponsorship opportunities were also outlined.

4. Truck and Bus Travel in the Delaware Valley Region

Matt Gates presented highlights of a DVRPC report that compiles data from numerous sources to estimate the number of trucks and buses in the region, their trip making patterns, and the magnitude of truck and bus travel in the region. These estimates are necessary inputs to DVRPC's travel simulation models and are also needed for other planning purposes. Copies of the report were distributed, and are also available upon request.

DRVPC's research indicates that there are approximately 428,000 light trucks in the region, and about 51,000 heavy trucks. Combined, these trucks make 2.9 million trips per day. In addition to these trips, trucks entering from outside the region account for an additional 190,000 truck trips each day.

5. Advanced Travel Center Electrification

Carol Doty, Strategic Affairs Manager, discussed IdleAire's technology which provides a solution to the challenge of extended idling of diesel trucks. A short video demonstrating the technology was shown. IdleAire is based in Knoxville, Tennessee.

The IdleAire system provides electrical outlets, filtered central heat and air, a Pentium-speed computer, unlimited Internet and E-mail, satellite television and phone connection. The only retrofit equipment a truck requires to use the IdleAire system is a simple \$10 window adapter.

6. Trade and Transportation Outlook

Paul Bingham, Principal of Global Insight, Inc., discussed major factors affecting the trade outlook (including economic and infrastructure and logistics factors). He also highlighted the trade outlook for specific markets and commodities, such as ocean container trade, the U.S. Atlantic Coast, Central America, and bulk tonnage.

TRANSEARCH is an analytic tool developed by Global Insight to study the inland distribution of trade and freight. An overarching conclusion is that trade growth will be milder in 2005.

Note: this PowerPoint presentation (29 slides) can be viewed on the freight page of the DVRPC website.

7. Two-minute Reports

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

8. 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 Friday, October 21, 2005. Leo Penne of AASHTO is the scheduled guest speaker.

The committee members and guests were invited to remain after lunch for the webinar: *Notable Practices on Private/Public Sector Cooperation on Projects*. One of the speakers was Michael Kirkpatrick of the Delaware DOT.

Meeting Participants

<u>Name</u>	<u>Affiliation</u>
Adams, Peggy	Port of Bucks County
Badgley, James	NJ DOT
Bastian, Lugene	PennDOT
Belanger, Martine	Philadelphia City Planning Comm.
Belke, Carl	Patrick Engineering
Bingham, Paul	Global Insight
Blevins, Dan	WILMAPCO
Breeman, Paul	Holt Logistics
Carolan, Tom	East Coast Transportation
Crawford, Rick	Norfolk Southern
Cuccia, Brian	NJ DOT
Daboin, Sharon	PennDOT
Dahlburg, Ted	DVRPC
DeSignore, Paul	Bergmann Associates
DeYoung, Larry	L.A. DeYoung, Inc.
Diamond, Josh	Greater Valley Forge TMA
Dietz, Edward	NJ Commerce Commission
Doty, Carol	IdleAire Technologies
Dougherty, Charles	DVRPC
Dub, Avri	Avri Dub, CPA
Duffy, Ed	PIDC
Forrester, Linda	NJ DOT
Gemma, Tony	Roadway Express
Giobbie, Tony	CSX Transportation
Hanssens, John	Philadelphia International Airport
Hayes, Linda	DRPA
Herman, Sue	RRTS
Hicks, Charnelle	CHPlanning
Johnson, Sterling	U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Kenny, Tom	Delaware Avenue Distribution
Kessler, Bob	Hub Group
Krebs, Bill	South Jersey Port Corporation
Lankenau, Chris	Pennsylvania Economy League
Levecchia, Andrew	Camden County Improvement Authority
Loveless, Shirley	Temple University
Ludasi, Andrew	NJ DOT
MacKavanagh, Kelvin	MacKavanagh Railroad Consulting
McCreavy, John	SMS Rail Lines
McNary, Bob	PennDOT
McTamney, Michael	Klein and Hoffman
Miles, Paul	PECO Energy
Pawson, John	DVRPC Regional Citizens Committee
Powers, Eric	NJ DOT
Powers, John	NJ DOT
Renner, Robert	Haines & Kibblehouse
Rosen, Howard	Rosen Consulting
Schoonmaker, Elizabeth	DVRPC
Shanis, Donald	DVRPC
Spera, Dave	PA Motor Truck Association

Swiatek, Bill	WILMAPCO
Thomas, Carol	Burlington County
Tiley, Dennis	Edwards & Kelcey
Turcich, Jim	Philadelphia Belt Line Railroad
Wall, Brian	PennDOT
Wells, Tim	LTK Engineering Services
Winkler, Fred	Winchester & Western Railroad
Ziccardi, David	Conrail