

# **MEETING HIGHLIGHTS**

**10AM, FRIDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2005** 

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

190 North Independence Mall West, Philadelphia, PA 19106

#### 1. Call to order

Co-Chairs John Coscia of DVRPC and Sharon Daboin of PennDOT called the meeting to order. All Task Force members were recognized, new attendees were welcomed, and the July 20, 2005 meeting notes were approved by the committee.

## 2. DVRPC Transportation Improvement Program Updates

Transportation Improvement Programs (TIPs) are the regionally agreed upon list of priority projects prepared by Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs). DVRPC's Charles Dougherty discussed the current updating of the New Jersey and Pennsylvania regional TIPs, and cited opportunities for input from the local freight community. The TIP updates are expected to be completed by June, 2006.

# 3. South Philadelphia Freight Initiatives

A number of initiatives (e.g., facility construction and technology applications) are underway which will dramatically transform freight facilities and services in South Philadelphia.

Updates were provided by the following facility and project representatives:

- Shelley Warren, DRMEC and RAPID System
- Nick Walsh, PRPA and Southport
- Ed Duffy, PIDC and New Access Roads and Produce and Seafood Terminals
- Bob Siebeneicher, Camden Iron and Metal
- Rick Crawford, Norfolk Southern Intermodal Yard

### 4. South Central Pennsylvania Regional Goods Movement Study

The Tri-County Regional Planning Commission is leading a goods movement study in South Central Pennsylvania. A total of 6 MPO/RPO/independent counties are participating in the study, which will cover the Harrisburg/Carlisle, Lancaster, and York areas and the surrounding region. Chip Millard described the study purpose and some preliminary findings. DVRPC and the Goods Movement Task Force fully support this study and wish to contribute to the success of this important effort.

#### 5. Center of Freight Excellence

Rutgers University is investigating the establishment of a Center of Freight Excellence that would bring together many University departments that provide training in logistics, supply chain management and freight. Anne Strauss-Wieder and Maria Boilé described this concept and asked for input on how both private and public sector needs could be met. Ms. Strauss-Wieder and Dr. Boilé also met with a small focus group following the meeting to further discuss this proposal.

### 6. Freight Provisions of SAFETEA-LU

Leo Penne, Program Director for Intermodal Activities for the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO), discussed the recently passed SAFETEA-LU bill and highlighted the implications and opportunities for freight.

Note: Mr. Penne's PowerPoint presentation will be posted on the freight page of the DVRPC web site.

### 7. Two-minute Reports

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

Sharon Daboin . . . . . . . . PennDOT Jim Badgley . . . . . . . . NJ DOT

Michael Kirkpatrick . . . . . Delaware DOT

John Coscia ...... DVRPC

Don Shanis ...... NARC Freight and Land Use Summit

Jeff Sutch . . . . . . . . . . . SMS Rail Lines

Hank D'Andrea ..... South Jersey Port Corporation

#### 8. Old/New Business

The proposed Goods Movement Task Force meeting dates for Calendar Year 2006 were approved as follows:

- January 18
- April 19
- July 19
- October 18

#### **Meeting Participants**

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

Adams, Peggy Port of Bucks County

Badgley, James NJ DOT

Belke, Carl Patrick Engineering
Boilé, Maria Rutgers University
Charlton, Cecile Delaware County TMA

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Cuccia, Brian NJ DOT Daboin, Sharon PennDOT Dahlburg, Ted DVRPC

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Dougherty, Charles DVRPC Duffy, Ed PIDC

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Erickson, Tom East Penn Railway

Fisk, Steve Canadian Pacific Railway

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Golden, Doug Main Line Management

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Hayes, Linda DRPA Herman, Sue RRTS

Howland, Jessica The Howland Group
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Jacobs, Sean Clean Air Council

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