

# DELAWARE VALLEY GOODS MOVEMENT TASK FORCE

# **MEETING HIGHLIGHTS**

#### 10AM, Wednesday, July 19th, 2006

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 Don Shanis of DVRPC and Sharon Daboin of PennDOT called the meeting to order. Dr. Shanis introduced DVRPC's new Executive Director, Barry Seymour. Mr. Seymour is the former head of Regional Planning at DVRPC, and he spoke briefly about the breadth of DVRPC's work and services. His comments began a major theme for the meeting of DVRPC's technical services, such as mapping and aerial photography. Many of these products have excellent applications to the freight community. Dr. Shanis then reviewed the new DVRPC organizational chart. All Task Force members were recognized, new attendees were welcomed, and the April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2006 meeting notes were approved by the committee.

## 2. Delaware Valley Freight Corridors Study

The freight corridors are the primary context for DVRPC's freight planning work and the inspiration behind a new initiative called, *Freight For A Day*. Ted Dahlburg explained the purpose and mechanics of this initiative. Don Shanis and Barry Seymour stressed the importance of the support of the Task Force members to assure the event's success.

In coordination with *Freight For A Day*, DVRPC is putting together teams to evaluate NHS connectors. Walker Allen led a presentation detailing what a connector is and why it is important. Task Force members are also being asked to participate in *Freight For A Day* by joining a connector evaluation team.

#### 3. **DVPRC Mapping Services**

Chris Pollard of the DVRPC Technical Services Division provided an overview of DVRPC's online mapping resources. He demonstrated several applications for multi-use trails and the Transportation Improvement Programs (TIPs).

He also unveiled the beta version of the new interactive application for the Delaware Valley's freight network. Employing *Flash* technology, the application permits a toggling of the following regional facilities: the National Highway System, rail freight network, intermodal facilities, and primary north-south and east-west freight corridors.

#### 4. **DVRPC's 2005 Aerial Photography**

Glenn McNichol of DVRPC gave a presentation covering the 2005 aerial photography for the Delaware Valley. These high-resolution aerials, in color for the first time and among the most popular products for DVRPC's private and public sector planning partners, are now available for purchase. Mr. McNichol's presentation graphically showed the evolution of DVRPC's aerials over the years, and the dramatic changes in land use patterns which have taken place.

## 5. Transportation for IKEA Wholesale, Inc.

Tom DeMarino, International Transport Manager, candidly discussed distribution and social goals and practices for IKEA Wholesale, Inc. – North America. In 2004, the Swedish home retailer had 202 stores worldwide. By 2010, it projects to have more than 350 stores.

IKEA's distribution structure differentiates between high flow and low flow items. One of its major supply facilities is located in Westhampton, New Jersey.

#### 6. 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 Penr Bob McNary Penr	
Jim Badgley NJ D	
Michael Kirkpatrick Dela	ware DOT
Don Shanis DVR	PC
Rick Crawford Data	Subcommittee
Kelvin MacKavanagh Plan	ning Subcommittee
Ed King Ship	pers Subcommittee
Herb Packer Penr	Ports
Tom Kenny Dela	ware Avenue Distribution Center, Inc.
Jim Boylan Tybu	rn Railroad
Bill Shoaf Traff	ic Club of Philadelphia

#### 7. Old/New Business

The next scheduled meeting of the Delaware Valley Goods Movement Task Force is October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2006.

Meeting Participants	
Name	Affiliation
Allen, Walker	DVRPC
Badgley, James	NJ DOT
Boylan, James	Tyburn Railroad
Carolan, Tom	East Coast Transportation & Logistics
Crawford, Rick	Norfolk Southern
Daboin, Sharon	PennDOT
Dahlburg, Ted	DVRPC
Delp, Paul	Lansdale Warehouse Co.
DeMarino, Tom	IKEA
DeYoung, Larry	L.A. DeYoung, Inc.
Dietz, Edward	NJ Commerce Commission
Duffy, Ed	Duffy Associates
Fisher, Kevin	PMTA
Forrester, Linda	NJ DOT
Giobbie, Tony	CSX
Goetz, Bill	CSX
Grugel, Eric	DVRPC
Grunfeld, Ken	Keenan, Cohen, and Howard
Gurmankin, Karin	Rep. Allyson Schwartz
Haak, John	Philadelphia City Planning Commission
Harvey, David	PRPA
Hayes, Linda	DRPA
Hicks, Charnelle	CHPlanning
Johanson, Erik	Pennsylvania Economy League
Johnson, Sterling	U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
King, Ed	Sunoco
Kirkpatrick, Michael	Delaware DOT
Kinkpatrick, Michael Kenny, Tom	DADC
Lawrence, Sean	DVRPC
-	RIC
Learned, Pam	
Lee, Joung	FHWA – NJ
Ludasi Andrew Maakayanagh, Kalvin	NJ DOT Maakayanaah Bailraad Canaulting
MacKavanagh, Kelvin	MacKavanagh Railroad Consulting
McNary, Bob	PennDOT
McQuilkin, Jim	DRPA
Moore, Bruce	FedEx Custom Critical
Murphy, Rick	DVRPC
Narayanan, Janani	Philadelphia City Planning Commission
Nemeroff, Rian	Housatonic Railroad
Noonan, Steve	Michael Baker Engineering
Packer, Herb	PennPorts
Pascale, Guinevere	DVRPC
Pollard, Chris	DVRPC
Powers, John	NJ DOT
Pundt, Len	PennDOT

#### **Meeting Participants**

Renner, Robert Robertson, Zoe Shanis, Donald Shoaf, Bill Siebeneicher, Bob Spera, Dave Stevens, Will Sutch, Jeff Thomas, Carol Wall, Brian Ward, John Wells, Tim Haines & Kibblehouse GVFTMA DVRPC Shoaf Group Camden Iron & Metal, Inc. PMTA DVRPC SMS Rail Lines Burlington County PennDOT DVRPC LTK Engineering Services