



## **MEETING HIGHLIGHTS**

**10AM, Wednesday, January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2008**

*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**

Task Force Co-Chair Don Shanis of DVRPC called the quarterly freight advisory committee meeting to order. All Task Force members were recognized, new attendees were welcomed, and the October 17<sup>th</sup>, 2007 meeting notes (which were emailed to the committee members prior to the meeting) were approved by the committee.

Eric Madden, PennDOT's newly named Deputy Secretary of Rail Freight and Aviation, attended his first committee meeting and was introduced. Mr. Madden will serve as the new Goods Movement Task Force Co-Chair.

Bob Miller, also attending his first meeting, represented New Jersey DOT and was recognized. Mr. Miller is the newly named Director, Division of Multimodal Services, for New Jersey DOT.

### **2. Regional Congestion Management Process (CMP)**

Zoe Neaderland provided an overview of the regional Congestion Management Process (CMP). The CMP defines congested travel corridors in the nine-county Delaware Valley region and recommends multimodal strategies by subcorridor.

This effort specifically incorporates the National Highway System with connectors, rail freight facilities, goods movement strategies, and major industrial subcorridors. DVRPC places significant emphasis on transportation corridors, and the CMP is an important tool in this regard, especially for freight.

Ms. Neaderland walked the committee through the process of developing the CMP. The current CMP update is focusing on refining the criteria and the weights put upon each criterion. Kelvin MacCavanaugh represents the Goods Movement Task Force in the CMP effort.

**3. Planning At The Edge**

Natalia Olson discussed DVRPC's Planning at the Edge forum which identifies cross-boundary issues and projects that impact DVRPC and the eight adjacent Metropolitan Planning Organizations, with the goal of achieving cooperative solutions.

The Planning at the Edge region is one with significant national importance as it accounts for 20% of the nation's Gross Domestic Product yet only 2% of the nation's land area. Some of the cross-cutting issues being addressed through the Planning at the Edge effort are: climate change, population growth, aviation congestion, and freight movement. These issues do not conform to traditional geographic borders and, thus, must be discussed in forums like this.

**4. DVRPC Public Participation Plan: A Strategy for Citizen Involvement**

DVRPC has a long history of proactive public involvement. In order to meet SAFETEA-LU requirements, the Public Participation Plan has been revised and needs to be re-adopted. Jane Meconi discussed the draft plan that is to be presented to the DVRPC Board for adoption in January, 2008. The plan is split up to cover Title VI, Environmental Justice, and Public Participation mandates.

**5. Pennsylvania Truck Parking Study**

Dennis Lebo of Gannett Fleming, Inc. presented the results of a truck parking study prepared for the Pennsylvania State Transportation Advisory Committee. The Commonwealth has extensive trucking activity, which is expected to grow substantially. Space for truck parking, however, is not expected to increase. This issue has potential policy and safety implications. The new hours of service regulations that drivers must follow have increased the need for long-term truck parking, as drivers are now required by law to take a 10 hour consecutive break (Previously, the 10 hour break could be broken up throughout the day.).

The inventory conducted for the study identified 11,500 existing spaces in public and private facilities. The study found a shortage of 4,400 truck parking spots across the state. The study ranked highway corridors by degree of deficiency and need, and 5 of the top 7 corridors with unmet parking demand pass through or terminate in the DVRPC region. The inventory also found that many trucks often park on the shoulders of the highways, particularly the Pennsylvania Turnpike.

Truck parking has emerged as a very significant issue. In addition to PennDOT, regions such as North Jersey and states like Maryland have also looked at this issue. Next fiscal year, DVRPC will also be examining this problem in greater depth.

**6. Center City Philadelphia Congestion Study**

Paul Levy is the founding executive director of Philadelphia's Center City District (CCD). Mr. Levy directs the \$18-million downtown management district, which provides security, hospitality, cleaning, promotion, and planning services for the central business district of Philadelphia. Mr. Levy highlighted the findings of a recent study creating solutions to congestion management.

Mr. Levy emphasized that congestion is a good thing for business as long as the congestion is well managed. The CCD has shown significant growth across the board in recent years.

As part of the congestion study, volunteers and members of the CCD performed walking surveys and ranked the prime causes of congestion. In order by ranking, they were: delivery vehicles double parked in driving lanes, maintenance and construction vehicles, illegally parked cars, cars blocking the box at intersections, and cars being slowed from making right hand turns by pedestrians crossing the intersection. To help address congestion issues, one of the strategies under consideration is creating dedicated truck parking spaces on Sansom Street.

**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:

- Eric Madden . . . . . PennDOT**
- Bob Miller . . . . . NJ DOT**
- Michael Kirkpatrick. . . . . Delaware DOT**
- Don Shanis. . . . . DVRPC**
- Walker Allen . . . . . Data Subcommittee**
- Kelvin MacKavanagh. . . . . Planning Subcommittee**
- Ted Matthews. . . . . NJTPA**
- Ted Dahlburg. . . . . Traffic Club of Philadelphia**
- Matthew Anderson. . . . . Chester County Planning Dept.**

**8. Old/New Business**

The remaining Goods Movement Task Force meeting dates for 2008 are:

- 1. Wednesday, April 16
- 2. Wednesday, July 16
- 3. Wednesday, October 15

**Meeting Participants**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Affiliation</b>
Allen, Walker	DVRPC
Anderson, Matthew	Chester Co. Planning Commission
Badgley, James	NJDOT
Blevins, Dan	WILMAPCO
Brady, Jim	GAI Consultants, Inc.
Brahler, Richard	Bucks County Planning Co.
Camp, Frank	Philadelphia Regional Port Authority
Clemons, Tashia	FHWA - Dover, DE
Cohen, Ernest	RCC
Cooper, Tom	Conrail - retired
Coyle, Gerry	Evans Delivery Co.
Crawford, Rick	Norfolk Southern
Crescenzo, Len	Kinder Morgan
Dahlburg, Ted	DVRPC
Delp, Paul	Lansdale Warehouse Co.
Douglas, Scott	NJDOT
Dub, Avri	Traffic Club of Philadelphia
Erickson, Tom	East Penn RR
Fiscina, Carmine	FHWA - Philadelphia
Gemma, Tony	Roadway Express
Goetz, William	CSX
Heinzelmann, Ray	GBA
Kain, Edward	Orbital Engineering
Kenny, Tom	DADC
King, Edward	Sunoco
Kirkpatrick, Michael	Delaware DOT
Levy, Paul	Center City District
Lomax, Kenneth	City of Philadelphia OSP
Ludasi, Andrew	NJDOT
MacKavanagh, Kelvin	MacKavanagh Railroad Consulting
Madden, Eric	PennDOT
Meconi, Jane	DVRPC
Miller, Bob	NJDOT
Morris, Karin	DVRPC
Neaderland, Zoe	DVRPC
Nisula, Dave	CHZM Hill
Olson, Natalia	DVRPC
Rowan, Jane	Schnabel Engineering
Ratko, Wesley	Montgomery County Planning Comm.
Robertson, Zoe	GVFTMA
Ross, Len	Penna. Transportation Advisory Comm.
Runk, Jim	PMTA
Shanis, Donald	DVRPC
Shoaf, Bill	Shoaf Group
Siebeneicher, Bob	Camden Iron & Metal, Inc.

Smith, Anna-Lynn	PB
Spera, Dave	PMTA
Sutch, Jeff	SMS Rail Lines
Toaso, Les	PennDOT District 6
Truban, Paul	NJDOT
Turcich, Jim	Philadelphia Belt Line RR
van Auken, Kate	PennPorts
Ward, John	DVRPC
Winkler, Fred	Winchester & Western RR