



MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

10AM, Wednesday, January 14th, 2009

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-Chairs Don Shanis of DVRPC and Eric Madden of PennDOT called the quarterly freight advisory committee meeting to order. All Task Force members were recognized, and new attendees were welcomed.

2. Freight Element: 2035 Long Range Plan

In conjunction with the 2035 long range plan update, DVRPC is preparing a freight element which identifies policies and projects that support the safe and efficient movement of freight. This presentation was made in three parts:

A) Mike Boyer, Long Range Plan project manager, provided an overview of the 2035 plan entitled *Connections 2035: A Regional Plan for a Sustainable Future*. The presentation included the time line for the plan and went over the public outreach effort that DVRPC has undertaken in conjunction with the plan. The Long Range Plan Unit also distributed a paper on a regional “what if” analysis looking at current land-use trends, a recentralization theory, and a sprawl theory. These different scenarios were modeled for total regional congestion and air quality issues.

B) Ted Dahlburg reviewed the efforts and highlights from the *Freight Plan Showcase*. The October 15, 2008 Showcase attracted over 100 members of the planning community who participated in a simulated Supply Chain exercise. Thirty members of the Delaware Valley Goods Movement Task Force served as station hosts and presenters, and the event was largely considered to be a great success by all who attended.

C) Walker Allen presented the paper, *Connections 2035: Freight Needs*. This paper was formulated by the DVRPC freight office for inclusion in the Long Range Plan. It contains lists of policies, projects, and studies needed for the increased movement of goods through the year 2035. The meat of the paper is a Highway program, a rail program, and a facilities program that recap all the short and long range projects that have been identified for the DVRPC region. The lists are not finically constrained and serve merely as a list of freight related aspirations. A draft copy of the report was distributed at the meeting for review. To receive a copy please contact Walker Allen at (215-238-2947; wallen@dvrpc.org)

3. Freight Partnership III Meeting

The third in a national series of freight meetings jointly conducted by AASHTO and FHWA will take place in Philadelphia from March 10-13, 2009. Ted Dahlburg described DVRPC's support of the meeting and opportunities for involvement by committee members. Due to the committee's long involvement with PennDOT, NJ DOT, and DVRPC, many Committee members will be invited to the meeting, with the option to attend one or more days. There will also be four mobile tours of regional freight facilities on the afternoon of March 12 that DVRPC will be reaching out to committee members to host.

4. America's Marine Highway Program

The U.S. DOT's Maritime Administration is soliciting recommendations for short sea shipping routes to be designated as Marine Highway Corridors. The Delaware River Maritime Enterprise Council briefed the Task Force on a proposed marine corridor serving the Delaware Valley. Tom Tighe and Shelly Warren presented on this opportunity.

The concept is to alleviate traffic on I-95 by establishing short sea shipping operations. With expansion of the Panama Canal forecasted for completion by 2014, the East Coast is preparing for larger ships coming from Asia. This is an excellent opportunity for the Philadelphia region to take advantage of this increased traffic. The proposal includes the possibility of a large facility in the Caribbean for unloading the Asian ships and for smaller crafts produced by Aker Ship Building to transport that cargo to East Coast ports.

5. Greater Philadelphia Food System Study

Alison Hastings of DVRPC provided an update on the Greater Philadelphia Food System Study. Part One of the study covered a massive surveying effort with the goal of learning as much about the food industry in as quick a time as possible. It was found that the DVRPC region holds a strong advantage in that it is able to serve many markets. Over 100 million people live within approximately one day's drive from Philadelphia.

Part Two of the study examines the role food plays in the regional economy and freight logistics and how food travels from a producer to a consumer in Greater Philadelphia. It was discovered the trends show an increasing reliance on imports to meet regional demand. All information on the Food Plan can be found at <http://www.dvrpc.org/planning/food.htm>.

6. Federal Stimulus Package

The Obama administration has proposed a federal economic stimulus package that could make billions of dollars available for "shovel-ready" infrastructure improvements such as road, bridge, and public transit projects. Don Shanis, Eric Madden, and Talvin Davis offered their insights and views on the package and described the efforts of their respective agencies to prepare for the proposed package.

The stimulus package offers a great opportunity for the region to direct large amounts of money to build much needed projects. It also is a large challenge because projects must be started within 180 days. At this time, it is unknown exactly what the stimulus plan will look like and how it will affect the reauthorization of the federal transportation bill and future transportation funding.

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**
- Talvin Davis NJ DOT**
- Bobbie Geier. Delaware DOT**
- Kelvin MacKavanagh. Planning Subcommittee**
- Edward King. Shippers Subcommittee**
- Tom Carolan. The Traffic Club of Philadelphia**
- Karen Green. Harrisburg Area Transportation Study**
- Ted Matthews. NJTPA**
- Fee Sepahi. CETRA**
- Angelica Haines. Philadelphia Workforce Investment Board**
- Bob McKeon. MARAD**

8. Old/New Business

The next meeting of the Goods Movement Task Force will be held on April 15, 2009. The meeting was adjourned.

Meeting Participants

Name	Affiliation
Allen, Walker	DVRPC
Anderson, Matthew	Chester Co. Planning Commission
Binck, Chris	Bergmann Associates
Blevins, Dan	WILMAPCO
Breeman, Paul	Holt Logistics
Boyer, Michael	DVRPC
Carolan, Tom	East Coast Logistics
Cohen, Ernest	RCC
Coyle, Gerard	Evans Delivery Company
Dahlburg, Ted	DVRPC
Davis, Talvin	NJDOT
Deberry, Gary	PennDOT
Douglas, Scott	NJDOT - Maritime
Duffy, Ed	Duffy Associates
Fusco, Brett	DVRPC
Gabor, Liz	PIDC
Geier, Bobbie	Delaware DOT
Gessner, Paul	USDOT MARAD
Giobbie, Tony	CSX Transportation
Goetz, William	CSX
Green, Karen	HATS
Green, Ray	PennDOT
Gunner, Tim	AECOM
Haak, John	Philadelphia City Planning Commission
Hastings, Alison	DVRPC
Haines, Angelica	Philadelphia Workforce Investment Board
Heinzelmann, Ray	GBA
Iris, Ariel	Self
Jennings, Tom	Saul Ewing
Jeroski, Ryan	GVFTransportation
Johanson, Erik	Economy League
Kardon, Roy	NAI Mertz
King, Edward	Sunoco
Kenny, Tom	DADC
Krakauer, Miki	NJDOT
Leanos, Jim	Jackson Cross Partners
Ludasi, Andrew	NJDOT
MacKavanagh, Kelvin	MacKavanagh Railroad Consulting
Madden, Eric	PennDOT
Magliocchetti, Catherine	US EPA
Matthews, Ted	NJTPA
Maus, Will	OnTrackAmerica
McCreavy, John	SMS Rail Lines
McKeon, Robert	USDOT MARAD
Moore, Bruce	FedEx

Morelli, Marie	Henderson Group
Nohi-Becker, Vered	Port of Wilmington
Palmer, Peter	NJTPA Freight Committee
Parker, Bob	East Penn Railroad
Peterson, Marlin	GCIA / SJPC
Pyers, Denise	PennDOT
Renner, Robert	Haines and Kibblehouse
Roscoe, Michael	Schnabel Eng.
Rothe, Tanya	SEPTA
Sauer, Alfred	East Penn Railroad
Sepahi, Fee	CETRA Language Solution
Shanis, Donald	DVRPC
Smith, Elizabeth	Select Greater Philadelphia
Sweeney, Dennis	CSX Intermodal
Sweeney, Tom	Cumberland County
Sweet, Matthias	University of Pennsylvania
Trimble, George	Lansdale Warehouse Co
Tigue, Tom	DRMEC
Thomas, Carol	Burlington County
Wahler, Brian	NJ Turnpike Authority
Walsh, Nicholas	PRPA
Walston, Dan	FHWA
Warren, Shelley	The Howland Group / DRMEC
Winkler, Fred	Winchester & Western RR
Young, Lindsay	The Howland Group / DRMEC
Zaiden, Kate	Clean Air Council
Ziccardi, David	Conrail