



QUARTERLY MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Delaware Valley Goods Movement Task Force
10:00 A.M., Wednesday, July 14th, 2010

8th Floor—DVRPC 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, and new attendees were welcomed.

A moment of silence was held for the two victims of the recent Duck Boat crash on the Delaware River.

2. South Jersey Freight Transportation Plan

NJDOT presented its recommendations for improving the South Jersey Freight Transportation system. This is the culmination of a year of effort and includes considerable input from stakeholders in the DVRPC region. Stage one of the plan focuses on maintaining the system, including highway projects on I-295 and NJ 55, rail projects led by maintaining the Delair Bridge, and port projects at the Port of Camden. Stage one of the Plan is valued at \$453 million. Stage two improves the infrastructure with 3 highway projects valued at \$3.86 billion, and 16 smaller projects valued at \$305 million. Stage 3 expands the system into new market and has 4 identified projects, highlighted by a new marine terminal in Paulsboro. The price tag on Stage three is \$715 million. The presentation was made by Scott Douglas, Office of Maritime Resources.

Mr. Douglas's presentation will be posted to the Delaware Valley Goods Movement Task Force Webpage.

3. PennDOT Construction Project Overview

Lester Toaso, District Executive for PennDOT Transportation Engineering District 6-0, spoke about major transportation projects and needs in southeastern Pennsylvania. These infrastructure projects are critical to modernizing transportation facilities and sustaining freight activity and economic growth in the region.

Mr. Toaso provided updates on the major construction projects for calendar years 2010, 2011, and 2012. He also spoke to the annual budget shortfall for the district, currently the estimated regional need for bridge's and pavement is \$829 million and the available funding is \$474 million, a shortfall of \$355 million. Mr. Toaso wrapped up his presentation by explaining the urgency of

the budget shortfall by showing the region's 596 structurally deficient bridges and 770 miles of poor pavement.

Mr. Toaso's presentation will be posted to the Delaware Valley Goods Movement Task Force Webpage.

4. Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst: Today and Tomorrow

Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst is a tri-service, 42,000 acre military installation located in Burlington County, New Jersey. Lt. Col. Andrew Stark spoke to the task force about the Base's rich history, its current role, and its infrastructure needs. Lakehurst was purchased during WWI as an ammunition testing facility for the US Army. In 1957 the base was converted into a Naval Air Test Facility. Today Lakehurst is home to Naval research and development operations, such as pursuit of electro-magnetic technologies. Fort Dix has been used for training and staging since WWI. Today Dix is still used for this purpose as well as to mobilize and de-mobilize units. McGuire was spun off of DIX during WWII and is home to both the Air National Guard and active duty Air Force operations.

In 2009, as a result of BRAC, the three bases were merged to operate together. All told the bases form the largest employer in both Ocean and Burlington Counties. The bases have added jobs during the economic recession. Like our public infrastructure the Joint base has 1940's and 1950's era facilities that need to be upgraded, but face a funding shortfall. Mr. Stark spoke to the importance of Deep Water Ports, Heavy Rail, and good highway connections for the Base. He concluded that from the base point of view access to heavy rail, and maintenance of the pipeline system were the two most important infrastructure issues facing the Base.

5. Passenger and Freight Rail: Together We Stand!

This presentation will discuss how freight and passenger railroads are working together – in the Delaware Valley and across the nation – to expand infrastructure, improve operational efficiency, and increase rail transport. Jim Blair, Senior Director, Host Railroads, for the National Railroad Passenger Corporation (Amtrak) will present.

6. Innovative Approaches to Enhancing Urban Goods Movement

Eulois Cleckley of the District Department of Transportation presented information on Washington D.C.'s new Motor Carrier Division. The discussion provided an overview of freight policies in the District of Columbia. Mr. Cleckley discussed the city's new commercial curbside management program which is working to determine of much loading zone space is needed, developing a new payment process, and creating an enforcement plan. Working with the carriers the District has determined that the lack of loading zones is the number one identified problem carriers face and that they tend to support a parking permit system over other payment processes such as multi-space meters or a telephone payment system. The recommendations that have come out of the management program include increasing the size of the existing loading zones, identifying under utilized loading zones, establishing a time frame loading zones are most used, establishing a preferred payment process.

Mr. Cleckley also discussed the District's Truck Safety Program. Recent field work has determined that roughly 10% of sample axles were overweight and the district has embarked on a new automated ticket system to try to curb overweight vehicles.

Mr. Cleckley's presentation will be posted to the Delaware Valley Goods Movement Task Force Webpage.

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:

- Dan Blevins WILMAPCO**
- Talvin Davis..... NJDOT**
- Rick Crawford Data Subcommittee**
- Kelvin MacKavanagh..... Planning Subcommittee**
- Ed King Shipping Subcommittee**
- Mitch Mitchell..... Union Pacific**
- Ted Dahlburg DVRPC**
- Walker Allen DVRPC**
- Chris Muhs DVRPC**

8. Old/New Business

The next meeting of the Goods Movement Task Force will be held on October 13th, 2010.

Meeting Participants

<u>Name</u>	<u>Affiliation</u>
Allen, Walker	DVRPC
Anastasiadis, Manny	PennDOT-Traffic
Anderson, David	DVRPC
Anderson, Matt	Chester County Planning
Barth, Suzanne	XTL
Bell, Mary	DVRPC
Blair, Jim	Amtrak
Blevins, Dan	WILMAPCO
Boyer, Michael	DVRPC
Brown, Ed	Bergey's Truck Center
Brundage, Richard	NJ Turnpike Authority
Chiarella, Rosario	TravelCenters of America
Cleckley, Eulois	District Department of Transportation
Crawford, Rick	Norfolk Southern
Dahlburg, Ted	DVRPC
Dean, Richard	Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst
Davis, Talvin	NJDOT
DeBerry, Gary	PennDOT
DeJohn, Tony	Parsons Brinkerhoff
Delp, Paul	Lansdale Warehouse
Douglas, Scott	NJDOT
Dub, Avri	Avru Dub, CPA
Evans, Bryan	Select Greater Philadelphia
Farooq, Jan	PennDOT Dist. 6
Ferry, Liz	Select Greater Philadelphia
Finch, Spencer	PA Environment Council
Fisher, Kevin	Aramark
Flemming, Alex	SEPTA
Foster, Karin	MWCOG
Gabor, Liz	PIDC
Gessner, Paul	GTC LLC
Giobbe, Tony	CSX Transportation
Goetz, William	CSX
Gunning, George	MCEDC
Haak, John	Philadelphia City Planning Commission
Haas, Jerri	Advanced Drainage Systems
Harvey, David	PRPA
Hayes, Linda	DRPA
Heinzelmann, Ray	Gahagan & Bryant
Hughes, William	Travels Center of America
Jennings, Tom	Saul Ewing, LLC
Jeroski, Ryan	GVF
Kardon, Roy	NAI Mertz
Kenny, Tom	Gerace Enterprise

King, Edward	Sunoco, Inc
Kirby, Michael	NFI Industries
Klein, Lee	T&M Associates
Krakauer, Miki	NJDOT
Kramer, Peter	Parsons Brinckerhoff
Kutyu, Paul	BDP Int'l
Levecchia, Andrew	Camden County Improvement Authority
Lipkin, Boris	DVRPC
Loveless, Shirley	Coleshill Associates LLC
MacKavanagh, Kelvin	MacKavanagh Railroad Consulting
Madden, Eric	PennDOT
Matthews, Ted	NJTPA
McCarthy, Leslie	Villanova University
McCreavy, John	SMS Railroad
Meyers, Alan	Cambridge Systematics
Mitchell, John	Union Pacific RR
Muhs, Christopher	DVRPC
Palmer, Pater	NJTPA Freight Committee
Parker, Bob	East Penn Railroad
Pawson, John	DVRPC RCC
Peterson, Marlin	GCIA / SJPC
Philpott, Bob	BDP
Rodgers, Nick	Clean Air Council
Roscoe, Mike	Schnabel
Schera, Wolfgang	DVRPC
Schoonmaker, Elizabeth	DVRPC
Shanis, Donald	DVRPC
Sheppard, Bill	Atlantic Rail Services
Smith, Annalynn	Parsons Brinckerhoff
Smith, Herbert	Norfolk Southern
Smyser, John	PennDOT
Stark, Andrew	Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst
Stokes, Derrick	TMACC
Thomas, Carol	Burlington County
Toaso, Les	PennDOT
Townrow, Andrea	World Trade Center-Greater Philadelphia
Van Oosten, Matthew	DVRPC
Wahler, Brian	NJ Turnpike Authority
Wagner, Amanda	DVRPC
Walston, Dan	FHWA
Ward, John	DVRPC
Weening, Ronald	Anne Strauss-Wieder Inc
Weiner, Harvey	Dependable Distribution
Westergaard, Rick	Gloucester County Planning Division
Winkler, Fred	Winchester & Western RR
Yarlott, Robert	CSXT
Zaidan, Kate	Clean Air Council