



## ***QUARTERLY MEETING HIGHLIGHTS***

### **Delaware Valley Goods Movement Task Force**

**10:00 A.M., Wednesday, January 18, 2012**

**8th Floor—DVRPC Main Conference Room**

**190 North Independence Mall West, Philadelphia, PA 19106**

### **1. CALL TO ORDER**

Task Force Co-Chairs Don Shanis of DVRPC and Jim Ritzman of PennDOT called the quarterly freight advisory committee meeting to order. A special welcome was extended to participants in an FHWA sponsored Peer Exchange who were guests at the meeting. In addition to existing committee members, Peer Exchange guests included representatives from PennDOT, Maryland DOT, Minnesota DOT, FHWA, and SAIC.

Sympathy was expressed to the family and friends of Sam Sorbello who passed away recently.

All attendees were asked to introduce themselves. Minutes from the prior Task Force meeting on October 12, 2011 were adopted as presented.

DVRPC has applied for 1.25 AICP Certification Maintenance Credits for eligible meeting attendees. Eligible attendees should check the AICP website for availability.

All guest presentations will be made available on-line at:  
<http://www.dvrpc.org/asp/committee/committee.aspx?p=DVGMTF>

### **2. ACTION ITEM**

#### **DVRPC Office of Freight Planning Primary Activities for FY 2013**

In concert with developing the FY 2013 DVRPC Planning Work Program, the proposed primary activities of the DVRPC Office of Freight Planning have been identified. Ted Dahlburg reviewed some of the highlights and products from the current fiscal year and outlined the proposed activities for the upcoming fiscal year.

Major anticipated tasks and products to be completed by DVRPC staff are closely tied to the Task Force's 3 subcommittees. Examples of these linkages are: complete an on-line mapping application (Data Subcommittee); update the freight elements of the Long Range Plan (Planning Subcommittee); and assure active shipper representation (Shippers Subcommittee).

Co-Chair Don Shanis called on the committee to support the identified work tasks and the action was approved unanimously.

### **3. PRESENTATIONS**

#### **FY 2013 Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) Competitive Funding Program**

DVRPC Senior Transportation Planner Sean Greene provided an overview of the CMAQ funding program and project and applicant eligibility requirements. The competitive program will provide up to \$10.6 million (\$8 million for the Pennsylvania portion of the region and \$2.6 million for the New Jersey portion of the region) to fund projects that improve air quality or reduce traffic congestion. Non-profits and private firms (e.g., freight shippers and carriers) are encouraged to apply, but must partner with a public agency.

Mr. Greene distributed a list of examples of projects eligible for CMAQ funding. Complete details about the program and application forms are available on the DVRPC website. Applications will be accepted from March 5-May 14, 2012. A broad-based DVRPC selection committee is overseeing the project evaluation and selection process.

#### **Fairless Hills Marine Terminal Update**

Tom Jennings of Saul Ewing, Robert Dusek of Direction Associates, and Jim Schine of Kinder Morgan presented an update on operations at the Fairless Hills Terminal located in Falls Township, Bucks County. Once a single user ore port in the 1950s, the terminal is now a major driver in the regional economy and an integral component of the Kinder Morgan network of facilities and services.

Improvements and investments in the terminal have been significant and entail virtually every transportation mode. Some of the enhancements completed to date are: the Delaware River turning basin, dock repairs, covered storage, rail connections, and mobile cranes. In 2012, Kinder Morgan projects the handling of 65 vessels and 1.5 million tons of bulk and break-bulk cargoes.

Shippers Subcommittee Chairman Edward King presented the speakers with a small gift on behalf of the entire committee.

#### **SEPTA, Amtrak & Freight: Co-Existence and Co-Dependence in Southeastern Pennsylvania**

Byron Comati, SEPTA's Director of Strategic Planning and Analysis, shared an overview of the current passenger rail service in Southeastern Pennsylvania. Mr. Comati is responsible for SEPTA's five year strategic business plan and all long range planning efforts.

SEPTA is the nation's 6<sup>th</sup> largest transit agency and serves one million riders daily. SEPTA's extensive multimodal service network affords a coverage of 2,200 miles. The SEPTA strategic business and sustainability plans are shaped and guided by seven strategic objective areas. The elements of the relationships among the region's passenger and freight rail service providers are complex and involve considerations such as trackage ownership, types of operations, trackage rights, and dispatching and control of train movement.

Data Subcommittee Chairman Rick Crawford presented Mr. Comati with a token of appreciation from the committee.

#### **Connecting the Dots: Philadelphia's Past, Present, and Future**

Sam Katz is leading the effort to promote and plan for the celebration of America's 250th anniversary in 2026. Mr. Katz discussed this initiative and outlined ideas that his new organization, USA250, has for making Philadelphia the centerpiece of the celebration.

USA250 will work in collaboration with government, industry, community organizations, and individuals to envision and execute a celebration that inspires and engages all Americans. Although the 250th anniversary will take place in 2026, USA250 is initiating planning for this semiquincentennial now in order to maximize the prospects for success and to assure the most creative and promising results.

Over the past three years, Mr. Katz and his son, Philip, have been producing an epic series on the history of Philadelphia entitled, "Philadelphia: The Great Experiment." They have also produced films on the life of Richard Allen, the life of Stephen Girard, and the founding of the Union League.

John McCreavy expressed the committee's gratitude to Mr. Katz for his presentation and for his lifelong service to the region.

**4. TWO-MINUTE REPORTS**

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

- Jim Ritzman ..... PennDOT**
- Kate Quinn ..... FHWA**
- Talvin Davis..... NJDOT**
- Bobbie Geier ..... Delaware DOT**
- Don Shanis..... DVRPC**
- Dan Blevins ..... WILMAPCO**
- Rick Crawford ..... Data Subcommittee**
- Kelvin MacKavanagh..... Planning Subcommittee**
- Edward King..... Shippers Subcommittee**
- Roy Kardon ..... Traffic Club of Philadelphia**
- Reiner Pelzer ..... DVRPC**
- Kevin Murphy ..... DVRPC**
- Tony Bandiero ..... Greater Philadelphia Clean Cities**
- Paul Delp ..... Lansdale Warehouse**

**5. ADJOURNMENT**

The committee was adjourned for lunch. The remaining meeting dates of the committee for 2012 are: April 18, July 18, and October 17.

## Meeting Participants

<u>Name</u>	<u>Affiliation</u>
Armstrong, April	SAIC
Bandiero, Tony	Greater Philadelphia Clean Cities
Blevins, Dan	WILMAPCO
Bowdon, Debbie	Maryland DOT
Boyer, Michael	DVRPC
Brahler, Rich	Bucks County Planning Commission
Bryan, Joe	Parsons Brinckerhoff
Castro, Marina	US EPA
Cipriani, Gene	
Comati, Byron	SEPTA
Conrey, Joseph	NJ OHSP
Cooper, J. Thomas	Tredyffrin Township Planning Commission
Coyle, Gerry	Evans Delivery Company
Crawford, Rick	Norfolk Southern
Dahlburg, Ted	DVRPC
Davis, Talvin	NJDOT Multimodal Services
Delp, Paul	Lansdale Warehouse
DeSando, Bob	NJDOT
Dixon, Mark	
Dougherty, Terry	NTAP
Duffy, Ed	Duffy Associates
Dusek, Robert	Direction Associates
Elkis, Patty	DVRPC
Fletcher, Scott	PennDOT
Flumignan, Jeff	MARAD
Fusco, Brett	DVRPC
Gabor, Liz	PIDC
Geier, Bobbie	Delaware DOT
Gessner, Paul	GTC
Greene, Sean	DVRPC
Goetz, WGM	CSX Transportation
Haplea, Gene	NJ OHSP
Hare, Brian	PennDOT
Harvey, David	PRPA
Heltebridle, Laine	PennDOT
Heinzelmann, Ray	GBA
Herriman, Diana	URS Corporation
Hontz, Brian	FRA
Houseal, Alex	URS Corporation
Jennings, Tom	Saul Ewing
Jones, Dennis	USS Real Estate
Kardon, Roy	NAI Mertz
Katz, Sam	USA250
Kearns, Alan	NJ Transit
Kevgas, George	Bergmann Associates
King, Edward	Sunoco
Lang, Mary Ann	PennDOT

Lebo, Dennis	Gannett Fleming
Lord, Teresa	DVRPC
Ludasi, Andrew	NJ DOT
Ludlow, Donald	Cambridge Systematics
MacKavanagh, Kelvin	MacKavanagh Railroad Consulting
McCarthy, Leslie	Villanova University
McCreavy, John	SMS Rail Lines
McGowan, Hugh	PennDOT
Mullins, Carey	PennDOT
Murphy, Kevin	DVRPC
Norris, Matthew	TSTC
Oliver, Greg	DeIDOT
Pascale, Guin	DVRPC
Peterson, Marlin	GCIA/SJPC
Pelzer, Reiner	DVRPC
Phillips, Bill	PA Northeastern Railroad
Poses, Abby	Clean Air Council
Quinn, Kate	FHWA
Ratko, Wesley	Montgomery County Planning Commission
Rigdon, Heather	SAIC
Ritzman, Jim	PennDOT
Rook, Randall	AECOM
Roscoe, Mike	Schnabel
Sauer, Al	Regional Rail
Schine, Jim	Kinder Morgan
Schoonmaker, Elizabeth	DVRPC
Seymour, Barry	DVRPC
Shanis, Donald	DVRPC
Sheppard, Bill	
Siebeneicher, Bob	Camden Iron and Metal
Smith, Anna Lynn	Parsons Brinckerhoff
Smyser, J	PennDOT
Stoner, Tyler	PennDOT
Strauss-Wieder, Anne	A Strauss-Wieder, Inc.
Thomas, Carol	Burlington County
Tompkins, John	Minnesota DOT
Torres Cruz, Coral	FHWA
Truban, Paul	NJ DOT
Wall, Brian	PennDOT
Walston, Dan	FHWA
Ward, John	DVRPC
Ward, John	YRC
Weening, Ron	A. Strauss-Wieder, Inc.
Weiner, Harvey	Dependable Distribution
Westergaard, Rick	Gloucester County Planning Division
Winkler, Fred	Winchester & Western Railroad