



QUARTERLY MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Delaware Valley Goods Movement Task Force

10:00 A.M., Wednesday, April 15, 2015

8th Floor—DVRPC Main Conference Room

190 North Independence Mall West, Philadelphia, PA 19106

1. Call to Order

Co-chairs Barry Seymour of DVRPC and Angela Watson of PennDOT called the quarterly freight advisory committee meeting to order. Mr. Seymour acknowledged the dedicated service of Talvin Davis and Bill Goetz to the committee over the years and wished them luck in their retirement. Mr. Seymour welcomed all new and returning committee members and introduced Angela Watson as the new committee co-chair. Following this brief introduction, all attendees were invited to introduce themselves and their affiliations.

The minutes from the prior Task Force meeting on January 16, 2015 were circulated. It was noted that any modifications/corrections can be transmitted to DVRPC's Mike Ruane. DVRPC has applied for 1 AICP Certification Maintenance Credit for eligible meeting attendees. Eligible attendees should check the AICP website for availability.

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

2. Goods Movement Initiatives to Improve Air Quality

Sean Greene, DVRPC Senior Transportation Planner, provided an overview of air quality initiatives related to goods movement facilities on the East Coast. Diesel equipment remains a significant source of fine particle pollution and emissions that lead to ground-level ozone. In addition, many communities located directly adjacent to goods movement facilities, such as ports, can be designated environmental justice communities.

Mr. Greene provided an overview of actions being taken in other regions to reduce emissions. With current funding streams including EPA funds and regional CMAQ, there are opportunities to invest locally. DVRPC seeks to assist any local entities interested in accessing funding in identifying sources and encourages these individuals to continue to prioritize these efforts.

3. National Highway System Connector Evaluations

Dr. Leslie McCarthy, Professor of Engineering at Villanova University was joined by students Adam Macker, Patrick McTish, Lia Fabian, Kimberly Musey, and Robert Bove. This group discussed their research methodology and recommendations for operational, safety, and infrastructure capacity improvements for three National Highway System (NHS) Connectors in the Delaware Valley region.

These efforts focused on the Tioga Marine Terminal, Philadelphia, PA; Penn Terminals, Eddystone, PA; and Balzano Marine Terminal, Camden, NJ. The work highlighted pavement improvement priorities and offered recommendations for improved geometries, safety devices at rail grade-crossings, and better signage along with other improvements. The student work provides a framework for future efforts to evaluate and establish standards for regional connector infrastructure. Caitlin Rayman of FHWA offered words of encouragement to the students and encouraged everyone in the room to be reminded that beyond engineering solutions, transportation planners must continue to identify the source of issues, especially bridge strikes, and move to facilitate a resolution.

4. Pennsylvania Statewide Rail Plan

Angela Watson of PennDOT briefly introduced the project before turning over the presentation to David Hollis of HNTB, the consultant leading the Plan. Mr. Hollis provided an overview of the Plan's goals and objectives while also outlining the process and schedule. The presentation highlighted key characteristics of the state rail system and presented some of the opportunities and challenges that the network will face as growth in rail transportation continues through 2040. The project team distributed a list of project for the Delaware Valley region. An outreach meeting will be held in the summer for Southeastern Pennsylvania.

5. Lehigh Valley Comprehensive Freight Movement Plan

Becky Bradley, Executive Director of the Lehigh Valley Planning Commission presented the commission's freight plan that was created to address the region's recent growth in e-commerce, intermodal, and manufacturing businesses. Located at the intersection of major markets in Philadelphia and New York-New Jersey, and on key transportation corridors, the Lehigh Valley has a strategic advantage in goods movement. This plan was created in concert with statewide freight planning efforts and seeks to expand on that at a regional level. The region is leveraging Public Private Partnerships to rapidly deploy interchange projects to the benefit of regional manufacturing and distribution centers.

6. Federal Highway Administration's Office of Freight Management and Operations

Caitlin Hughes Rayman, the Director of the FHWA's Office of Freight Management and Operations provided the committee with an update on national efforts to complete MAP-21 provisions and institute national freight initiatives. Ms. Rayman highlighted the themes of a need for money and the ability to secure future funding and expressed that US DOT recognizes this as documented in the \$18 billion outlay identified in the Administration's six year GROW AMERICA bill proposal. While no reauthorization has yet been proposed, there continues to be activity around transportation legislation by congressional representatives.

MAP-21 deliverables are in the process of being released to the public. Most are complete and going through final technical evaluation before being released for comment. The Truck Size and Weight Study will not provide policy recommendations but will provide a technical document to begin to explain the impacts of various changes in standards. Ms. Rayman also reminded everyone that TIGER is open for new project applications and it is expected that the Off-hours delivery

program will have funding available for one to two projects as soon as the week of April 20, 2015. She also requested input from stakeholders on the permitting process and how it can be improved.

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:

Rick Crawford Norfolk Southern

Announced that the STB would be providing a ruling on the NS acquisition of the rights for the D&H Line from CP.

Bobbie Geier Delaware Department of Transportation

Announced that DeIDOT, MDOT and VDOT have completed the Delmarva freight plan and are awaiting final approval by the Secretary.

Talvin Davis.....New Jersey Department of Transportation

Announced that the Department of Transportation has issued \$15 million in rail freight projects funding, with \$5 million to SJPC. He also asked members to contact the DOT about possibility to partner on TIGER applications.

Angela Watson.....Pennsylvania Department of Transportation

Announced that PennDOT is currently reviewing RFAP and RTAP applications and expects to release project awards by mid-June.

Kelvin MacKavanagh.....NJ Short Line Railroad Assoc.

Announced that the 2015 TransAction Conference will be held April 21-23.

Bill Halloran.....Traffic Club of Philadelphia

Noted that the Traffic Club of Philadelphia will be holding its National Transportation Week lunch on May 13, 2015, details are available at tcphila.org.

Jakub RowinskiNJTPA

Announced that the Freight Initiatives Committee for the NJTPA will meet on April 20 at 1:00pm and will have presentations on the NJ Turnpike 14a project and an update on the Council on Port Performance.

Gerry Coyle.....Evans Delivery Company

Announced that the Federal Maritime Administration released its Port Congestion Study which is now available online.

Keith LynchFHWA

Noted that FHWA is available for technical assistance on many of the issues discussed during the meeting and announced that Dan Walston of FHWA PA Office received the FHWA Freight Planner of the Year award.

William GoetzCSX

Announced that CSX has a new effort to restore the 25th Street Viaduct in Philadelphia, to be completed over the next 5 years. Details are available at CSX25thStreetVIP.com.

Barry SeymourDVRPC

Announced that the DVRPC freight office’s quarterly progress report was included in the meeting folders.

Ted DahlburgDVRPC

Announced that the DVRPC will be hosting a Downtown Delivery Symposium on July 15 in place of the scheduled GMTF meeting.

Michael RuaneDVRPC

Updated the committee on progress related to the SHRP2 C20 local freight data project.

Xiang LiuRutgers CAIT

Announced that she is currently working on research around truck parking and seeks comment and input on facility opportunities and data.

Yun BaiRutgers CAIT

Announced that he is conducting research related to risk analysis for oil train shipments. He also requested input for class and education topics to help prepare students for modern transportation planning careers.

Luis BarraganSISD

Announced that the State of New Jersey is currently undergoing the evaluation for the report card for the state.

Gene CiprianiKeystone Acquisitions

Announced that ASHE Delaware Valley Section Student Chapter is hosting a presentation on the I-495 emergency bridge repairs at Villanova University on April 16th.

7. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned for lunch. The remaining 2015 committee meeting dates are July 15 and October 14.

Meeting Participants

<u>Name</u>	<u>Affiliation</u>
Anderson, David	DVRPC
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Barragan, Luis	SISD, Inc
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Coyle, Jerry	Evans Delivery Co.
Crawford, Rick	Norfolk Southern
Cullen, Kathy	Cooper's Ferry Partnership
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Donovan, Mike	Pennsylvania Northeastern RR
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Farooq, Jan	PennDOT
Fox, Joe	Philadelphia Regional Port Authority
Fusco, Brett	DVRPC
Gallagher, Kevin	US Steel
Geier, Bobbie	DeIDOT Planning
Goetz, William	CSX
Granger, Jennie	PennDOT
Greene, Sean	DVRPC
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Halloran, William	The Traffic Club of Philadelphia
Heinzelmann, Ray	Gahagan & Bryant Associates, Inc.
Hollis, David	HNTB
Hoogstraten, Craig	Anderson Construction
Husband, Rudy	Norfolk Southern
Imhof, Kurt	Senator Bob Casey
Jedinak, Brian	DVRPC/Villanova University
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Katzenberger, Jim	Accelerx Group
Katzenberger, Ken	Accelerx Group
Kearns, Alan	NJ Transit
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MacKavanagh, Kelvin	NJ Shortline RR Assoc.
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Magliochetti, Catherine	US EPA
Mandly, Jacqueline	Philadelphia Regional Port Authority
Mannino, Tony	PA Senator Larry Farnese
McCarthy, Leslie	Villanova University
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McFadden, Brian	Delaware River Port Authority
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Peterson, Bill	Schnabel Engineering
Philpott, Bob	BDP International
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