



## **QUARTERLY MEETING HIGHLIGHTS**

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

**10:00 A.M., Friday, April 15, 2016**

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

190 North Independence Mall West, Philadelphia, PA 19106

#### **1. Call to Order**

John Ward of DVRPC called the quarterly freight advisory committee meeting to order. Mr. Ward welcomed all new and returning committee members. Following this brief introduction, all attendees were invited to introduce themselves and their affiliations.

The minutes from the prior Task Force meeting on January 15, 2016 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. FAST Act: Key Highway, Freight, and Planning Provisions**

Dan Walston and Calvin Edghill of the Federal Highway Administration provided an overview of the new federal transportation legislation, the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act. Mr. Walston provided details on the new mechanisms being leveraged to fund the expanded transportation bill, program funding levels, and key new program areas.

Mr. Walston spent time highlighting the new freight provisions of the bill that provide a new competitive funding program (FASTLANE) and the freight formula funding. These annual programs are the first to provide dedicated freight funding at the federal level. Mr. Walston also emphasized the significance of freight advisory committees and state freight plans as components of expanded freight programs for state departments of transportation.

#### **3. National Highway System Connector Evaluation**

Michael Ruane along with Jake Holman and Matt McAnally of Villanova University's College of Engineering, presented an overview of a study exploring improvements at two critical intermodal highway connectors in the region. This study is the product of an ongoing collaboration between DVRPC and Villanova University, providing students with an opportunity to work in groups,

conducting real world studies as a component of their senior capstone coursework. Mr. Holman and Mr. McAnally were presenting on behalf of their respective project teams.

The student work examined operations, safety, and infrastructure capacity on the connectors. Mr. Holman highlighted key findings for the Petty's Island connector in Pennsauken Township, New Jersey, which included a new route designation along Cove Road, improvements to signal phasing, improved geometrical alignment at Cove and River roads, as well as a signage plan to provide better wayfinding for trucks. Mr. McAnally described the key findings of the Port of Bucks connector study in Falls Township, Pennsylvania. These findings included the recommendation of diversion to Tyburn Road due to better geometry and adjacent land uses, as well as a new acceleration lane at Tyburn and US-13. Pavement analysis and geometric standards supported these findings. Final reports are expected to be delivered to DVRPC in early May 2016, and any recommendations will be coordinated with member governments, host communities, and facility operators.

#### **4. Development of the Southport Marine Terminal Complex**

Nicholas Walsh and Gregory Iannarelli of the Philadelphia Regional Port Authority (PRPA) provided an update on the development of the Southport Marine Terminal Complex in South Philadelphia. Highlighting the recent growth at PRPA terminals, Mr. Walsh gave an overview of the authority and a background on the Southport development process and emphasized the key aspect of inland access as a component of the future development.

Mr. Iannarelli provided a comprehensive overview of the RFQ process that included conceptual plans and proposals for the three distinct developments at the terminal complex. Several developers have demonstrated interest in the project, with proposals for a range of terminal activities including containers, autos, break bulk, and energy products. While PRPA is still determining the best use and working towards the selection of a developer (expected 4<sup>th</sup> quarter 2016), the requirements of any future development includes the construction of a facility that would support 2 berths for container activity, regardless of current proposed use. The PRPA along with support of the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation is conducting additional studies to improve the landside connectivity for the port complex.

#### **5. Celebrating 40 Years of Conrail**

Tim Tierney, Chief Engineer at Conrail provided a comprehensive overview of the railroad. Mr. Tierney highlighted the background of Conrail, founded under federal legislation as a consolidation of other failing railroads and tasked with turning a business that was losing \$1 million a day into a profitable venture. Through a rationalization of assets, grew its business and profitability and was eventually purchased by CSX and Norfolk Southern. Today the Conrail Shared Assets as a subsidiary of the parent railroads serve as a terminal operator in the Philadelphia and southern New Jersey region, and also in Detroit and northern New Jersey.

Mr. Tierney provided insights on the innovation and commitment to performance and safety that Conrail strives to achieve. As a critical link to the national rail network for many regional customers, Conrail is heavily committed to customer service moving approximately 130,000 carloads annually. Mr. Tierney also highlighted ongoing issues for the railroad in the region including PTC, track capacity and upgrades, and remaining visible in key discussion about future freight and passenger rail initiatives.

## **6. Two-Minute Reports**

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

**Paul Truban.....New Jersey Department of Transportation**

Announced that the state is gearing up for its new statewide freight plan.

**Rick Crawford .....Norfolk Southern**

Announced that Canadian Pacific has officially withdrawn its proposal for acquisition of NS.

**Roy Kardon .....NAI Mertz / Traffic Club of Philadelphia**

Reminded the committee of the upcoming activities for the Traffic Club including the National Transportation Week luncheon on May 17 and the Summer Social on June 2. More information is available at [www.TCPhila.org](http://www.TCPhila.org).

**Brian Hontz .....Federal Railroad Administration**

Announced that Amtrak was granted a waiver to increase speeds on select track to 160 mph. Additionally, Amtrak is seeking the use of Tier 3 passenger equipment (Euro style) which does not meet FRA safety standards.

**Joe Fazekas .....Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission**

Highlighted the recent upgrades to the DVRPC website and invited all members to check it out and provide comments.

**Lee Fulton .....Starcrest LLC**

Discussed an ongoing inventory of Port Emissions and encouraged stakeholders to provide data that will be consolidated for use in the study and also be refined and returned to the provider for use in grant applications and demonstrating actual impacts of port activity which are often over estimated.

**Sean Greene.....Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission**

Reminded the committee that the current CMAQ round of applications closes on April 21.

**Brett Fusco.....Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission**

Announced that the commission is advancing its Future Forces activities that the committee participated in 2015 and moving toward the development of Connections 2045, a long range plan for the region. Information on upcoming workshops are available on the DVRPC website.

**Ted Dahlburg .....Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission**

Reminded members of several items in the meeting packet including a quarterly progress report for the Office of Freight and Aviation, and event announcements for PMTA, Mid-Atlantic Diesel Collaborative, and an event jointly sponsored by Drexel University's LeBow College of Business and the Global Interdependence Center.

## **7. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned for lunch. The remaining 2016 committee meeting dates are July 13 and October 14.

## Meeting Participants

### Name

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 NJ DOT - Maritime  
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 Norfolk Southern  
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