

#### QUARTERLY MEETING HIGHLIGHTS Delaware Valley Goods Movement Task Force 10:00 A.M., Friday, October 14, 2016 8th Floor—DVRPC Main Conference Room 190 North Independence Mall West, Philadelphia, PA 19106

#### 1. Call to Order

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

The minutes from the prior Task Force meeting on July 13, 2016 were circulated. It was noted that any modifications/corrections can be transmitted to DVRPC's Mike Ruane or Ted Dahlburg.

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

## 2. Critical Urban Freight Corridors

Ted Dahlburg of the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission provided an overview of the FAST Act requirements for the designation of Critical Urban Freight Corridors (CUFCs) as an extension of the adopted National Highway Freight Network (NHFN). States and MPO's have been tasked with the designation of these corridors which are so designated based on their role in the transportation network with a focus on serving as connectors to freight facilities from the designated Primary Highway Freight System (PHFS).

The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania has been allocated 141.26 miles of CUFCs. DVRPC will be working with the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation to identify routes for inclusion in the CUFCs with a timeline toward completion in early spring of 2017.

#### 3. CSX Doublestacking Project

Rodney Oglesby of CSX presented on the planned double-stack access improvements in the Philadelphia region and beyond. CSX is working on a multi-year project to provide double-stack clearance on the Philadelphia Subdivision through Philadelphia and Delaware County to points south in Delaware and Maryland. The project will require improvements to bridges and tunnels on the Philadelphia Subdivision in Philadelphia and Delaware counties.

## 4. New Jersey Department of Transportation Freight Planning Updates

Thanh Le of the New Jersey Department of Transportation provided the committee with an overview of the department's Freight Management Tool which is intended to manage freight data and utilize this information for the development of the STIP and to better identify freight investment needs. The GIS web-based system currently utilizes factors such as Large Truck Crash and Severity Rates, Highway network designation, Truck Permits, Large Truck Volume share, and Buffer Time Index. Future efforts will seek to better integrate available data, track and display freight performance measures, and create more advanced scoring of projects.

Stephen Chiaramonte of WSP | Parsons Brinkerhoff provided an update on the New Jersey Freight Plan, touching on the goals and objectives of the Plan. The current effort is an update to the 2007 Freight Plan and will be FAST Act compliant. The analysis will include a review of previous work, an inventory of infrastructure and supply chains, network performance, and a summary of trends, policies and technologies that will influence state freight activity. The final product seeks to result in the development of improvements with a supporting Investment and Implementation Plan with a Final Report due to FHWA by December 4, 2017.

# 5. Freight Challenges and Intermodal Opportunities for Stronger Ports and Waterways

John Kennedy of the United States Maritime Administration provided an overview on the challenges and intermodal opportunities for the nation and our ports and waterways. Mr. Kennedy provided information about the Maritime Administration and the programs that it runs in support of several initiatives including the National Maritime Strategy, StrongPorts, Marine Highways, and other engagement efforts.

Mr. Kennedy highlighted the critical need to consider coastal and inland waterways that are operating under capacity for use as alternatives to a strained landside highway and rail system. The United States moves only 2% of domestic freight by water compared with 44% in Europe and 61% in China.

## 6. Amazon Campus Program

Eddie Perez, Site Manager for the Amazon@Penn facility, provided an overview of the Amazon Campus program. This program is creating a series of Amazon@ facilities at university campuses. Locally, the Amazon@Penn facility is the first in the region. These brick and mortar Amazon locations provide a variety of services including secure package delivery and pickup, and free return package drop-off. The convenient locations provide an alternative to unattended package deliveries and the consolidated delivery location is available to all Amazon users in the neighborhood.

# 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:

# Barry Seymour......Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission

Provided an announcement about the upcoming DVRPC Board Retreat on December 6 and 7 at the Sheraton Valley Forge King of Prussia. The focus will be on Mega Regions. For the PennDOT Connect effort, there will be an advisory group with a lot of MPOs and

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DVRPC will be doing a lot of outreach and coordination. DVRPC will be working with Leslie Richards on how to connect with communities and local governments.

#### Rick Crawford .....Norfolk Southern

Announced the first acquisition of Delaware and Hudson: the Buffalo line connection. There will be money spent on tunnels and eight new trains were added as well.

#### Dan Blevins ......WILMAPCO

Announced an upcoming freight meeting on December 13<sup>th</sup>; information will be available on the WILMPACO website.

#### Nicole Minutoli .....New Jersey DOT

Announced that NJ DOT is updating their freight plan and looking at a multimodal emphasis.

#### Barbara Holcomb.....DRPA

Announced that DRPA is doing work on the Walt Whitman Bridge and is looking for partnership opportunities.

## Dan Walston.....FHWA PA

Highlighted that freight plan guidance will be available in the next couple of weeks. There will be information on freight corridors and the National Highway Freight system. There will be Shapefiles available on the website.

#### Nick Walsh .....PRPA

PRPA completed a search for a new CEO and Jeffrey Theobold was selected.

#### Kelvin McKavanaugh.....NJ Short Line Railroad Assoc.

Reminded members that the NJ TransAction Conference will be at the Tropicana from April 4-6. They are looking for topics now and are especially interested in Uber, motor-carrier, Panama Canal expansion, railroad bridge inspections, and Downtown Delivery topics.

#### Anne Strauss-Wieder .....NJTPA

NJTPA is conducting outreach with its sub-regions. The 6th was just completed with Hudson County. The Bayonne Bridge work will end next year. NJTPA is a member of the core performance truck appointment system.

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

Announced that there is a truck replacement program underway. There is an upcoming Clean Vehicles Corridor meeting scheduled for November.

#### Jerry Conrad .....US Coast Guard

The USCG is interested in domestic oil and how it moves. They will look at the nexus where bridge and waterways meet should a vehicle roll off of a bridge. A geographic response plan is almost ready. There will be an area committee meeting on October 19.

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

Announced that Jim Runk of the Pennsylvania Motor Trucking Association retired and Michael Ruane is on paternity leave.

## 8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned for lunch. The 2017 committee meeting dates are January 13, April 12, July 12 and October 11.

#### **Meeting Participants**

#### <u>Name</u>

Anderson, David Badgley, James L. Baucom, Marlee Blevins, Dan Boyer, Michael Breeman, Paul Brown, Jeremy Chiaramonte, Stephen Cipriani, Eugene N. Conrad, Jerry Coyle, Jerry Crawford, Rick Dahlburg, Ted Delp, Paul Diallo, Abe Dorazio, Ron Dorbian, Bruce Douglas, Scott Dub, Avri Dunscomb, Mark Ewald, Jon Febbo, Carol Galasso, Rich Gallagher, Kevin Gates, Matt Giobbie, Tony Goetz, William Goodson, Brian Gorini, Marco Gray, Caroline Greene, Sean Greenhaus, Daniel Halloran, William Hare, Brian Harris, Joe Haynes, Nicholas Heinzelmann, Ray Hill, Jocelyn Holcomb, Barb Holland, Kristine Hui, Kwan Johnson, Anthony

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WSP | Parsons Brinkerhoff Engineers' Club of Philadelphia US Coast Guard, Sector Delaware Bay Evans Delivery Co. Norfolk Southern DVRPC Lansdale Warehouse Co. Wells Fargo Matson Logistics Marcus Hook Borough NJDOT - OMR Self Schnabel Engineering TMACC US EPA Galasso Trucking Service Pennoni DVRPC CSX (retired) Self FHWA - NJ DVRPC Cooper's Ferry Partnership DVRPC Norfolk Southern Tracks Unlimited LLC PennDOT TTI Environmental PRPA Gahagan & Bryant Associates, Inc. Conrail DRPA Kinder Morgan DVRPC Partnership TMA

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