



QUARTERLY MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Delaware Valley Goods Movement Task Force

10:00 A.M., Wednesday, October 11, 2017

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 and 30th Anniversary meeting of freight advisory committee meeting to order. Mr. Seymour welcomed all 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 12, 2017 were circulated. It was noted that any modifications/corrections can be transmitted to DVRPC's Mike Ruane. DVRPC has applied for 1.5 AICP Certification Maintenance Credit for eligible meeting attendees. Eligible attendees should check the AICP website for availability.

All permitted Power Point presentations will be made available on-line at:

<http://www.dvrpc.org/asp/committee/committee.aspx?p=DVGMTF>

2.MPO Freight Advisory Committees: Catalysts of Vision, Accord, and Success

Panel 1:

David Heller of the South Jersey Transportation Planning Organization served as the moderator for the first panel of MPO speakers, focusing on local activities and achievements in Freight MPO Planning. Following a few introductory words on the growing importance of freight to SJTPO, Mr. Heller introduced the first speaker, Michael Ruane of the DVRPC.

Michael Ruane of DVRPC provided an overview of two select freight planning activities. The first highlighted activity involving the re-designation of DVRPC Freight Centers. This effort seeks to define new criteria for what is a Freight Center and establish a useful planning typology for the various centers in the region. Mr. Ruane explained the process for designation that utilized a variety of employment, real estate, and infrastructure data sets. He revealed the 67 new centers and the five typologies that were established in the study. Mr. Ruane also touched on the Urban Freight Planning activities that DVRPC has been involved in, including the Philadelphia Delivery Handbook and Downtown Delivery Symposium series.

Dan Blevins of Wilmington Area Planning Council presented on the freight planning activities of WILMAPCO. Mr Blevins provided an overview of the Delmarva Freight Plan, a unique statewide freight plan that focused on Delaware as well as eastern shore Maryland and part of Virginia to fully account for the freight activity and economy of the Delmarva Peninsula. WILMAPCO has continued to advance freight planning work in the region, conducting two freight summits annually, exploring commodity supply chains, and developing more advanced designations for highway freight routes including a special focus on final mile connectors.

Panel 2:

Jon Schermann of the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments, the MPO for Washington DC, served as the moderator for the second panel. Mr. Schermann began with brief remarks before introducing the first panelist, Ms. Anne Strauss-Wieder.

Anne Strauss-Wieder of the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority began by extending congratulations to DVRPC on 30 years of the DVGMTF on behalf of NJTPA and their freight advisory committee's chair Peter Palmer. Ms. Strauss-Wieder highlighted several key market characteristics and trends that have a great influence on North Jersey and freight planning activities and considerations for many MPOs. Ms. Strauss-Wieder provided insights on the changing markets for consumer products, new building technologies, and disruptive technology that is changing freight. She also highlighted some of the key activities of the freight program at NJTPA. These included, among others, their Freight Initiatives Committee, a new Freight Rail Industrial Opportunity Corridors Program, and what she pointed out as a fundamental activity for building awareness around freight: "Subregion" Field Visits. These activities revolve around the key need to understand an ever-evolving Supply Chain.

Gerry Bogacz, Planning Director of the New York Metropolitan Transportation Council, the MPO for New York City, presented next. Mr. Bogacz congratulated DVRPC on the 30-year anniversary of the advisory committee. Mr. Bogacz, speaking on freight planning in the context of NYMTCs work, began with an overview of the institutional context and planning process for NYMTC. He highlighted the key challenges facing his region including the expected growth in GDP and resulting growth in goods movement. NYC is also faced by significant modal constraints with almost 90% moving by truck. Mr. Bogacz presented on some of the initiatives being undertaken including rail freight improvements, exploration of marine highway opportunities, creation of Freight Villages, as well as future work, much of it engaging neighboring jurisdictions.

Chris Bauer of the Capital District Transportation Committee (CDTC), the MPO for Albany-Schenectady-Troy and Saratoga Springs presented on the CDTC's freight planning activities. After congratulating DVRPC on its achievement, Mr. Bauer introduced the CDTC and their New Visions 2040 plan. He highlighted 3 of the 12 core principles of the plan that directly address freight. Mr. Bauer spoke of the quarterly Freight Advisory Committee that CDTC holds, bringing together a diverse group of public and private sector representatives. Mr. Bauer highlighted the agency's work on a freight priority network that seeks to identify major, minor, and connector roads that are necessary to facilitate safe and efficient truck movements. He also emphasized how freight is incorporated into the CDTC's project evaluation approach for TIP projects.

Future Research Program

Ted Dahlburg of DVRPC asked the committee members and those in attendance to take a moment to review some the past freight planning initiatives of DVRPC, consider those heard from the

presenters and to offer up some suggestions for future work program ideas for DVRPC. Comment cards were collected from participating attendees.

3. Two-Minute Reports

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

Anne Strauss-WiederNJTPA

Announced that the next meeting of the NJTPA FIC would be held on Monday, October 16th at 1:00pm and would feature presentations on the status of the industrial market.

Andrew Ludasi.....New Jersey Dept. of Transportation

Announced that Draft State Freight Plan for New Jersey is being reviewed and will be submitted for review by FHWA in time for the December deadline.

Jim KatzenbergerAccelerx Group

Announced that TransportationCamp PHL will be held April 14.

Kel MacKavanagh.....NJ Shortline Railroad Association

Reminded the committee that the 2018 TransAction Conference would be held April 17-19 at the Tropicana in Atlantic City. Session ideas should be submitted as soon as possible.

John HummerUS DOT Maritime Administration

Congratulated Ted Dahlburg and DVRPC on their 30 years of the DVGMTF.

Keith Skilton.....FHWA NJ Division

Announced that FHWA would soon be releasing guidance on amending State Freight Plans as well as information on developing bottleneck analyses.

Bill DeguffroyChester County Planning Commission

Announced that Chester County is currently developing Landscape 3, the update to the County's Comprehensive Plan.

Tony BandieroEP-ACT

Announced that the VW mitigation money that has been announced is planned to be directed towards ports. He also reminded the committee of the 24th Annual Stakeholder Meeting of Eastern Pennsylvania Alliance for Clean Transportation to be held on November 21 in Philadelphia.

4. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned for lunch. The 2018 committee meeting dates are January 12, April 11, July 11, and October 10.

Meeting Participants

<u>Name</u>	<u>Affiliation</u>
Anderson, David	DVRPC
Bandiero, Tony	EP-ACT
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Blevins, Dan	WILMAPCO
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Crawford, Rick	Norfolk Southern
Dahlburg, Ted	DVRPC
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Goodson, Brian	FHWA - NJ
Heller, David	SJTPO
Hess, Jim	AECOM
Hill, Jocelyn	Conrail
Holcomb, Barbara	DRPA
Hummer, John	US Maritime Administration
Jennings, Tom	Curtin + Heefner LLP
Jones, Dennis	KIPC/US Steel
Jones, Gary	Lancaster County Planning
Katzenberger, Jim	Accelerx Group
Kessler, Bob	Judge
Kuhn, Lawrence	FRA Region 2
Ludasi, Andrew	NJ DOT
MacKavanagh, Kelvin	NJ Shortline RR Assoc.
Mannino, Anthony	WCRE PRPA Board
McCallum, Caroline	PGW
McCarthy, Leslie	Villanova University
McCreavy, John	SMS Rail
Mercado, Emilio	US Coast Guard, Sector Delaware Bay
Morano, Pete	South Jersey Gas
Nelson, Barbara	RRTPO

Ney, James	PPA
Oglesby, Rodney	CSX Transportation
Popek, Matthew	Montgomery County Planning Commission
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Robinson, Mila	GVF TMA
Ruane, Mike	DVRPC
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Scheerbaum, Gus	City of Philadelphia (OTIS)
Schermann, Jon	Metro Washington Council of Governments
Schoonmaker, Elizabeth	DVRPC
Seymour, Barry	DVRPC
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Soisson, Denise	PennDOT Ports
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