



QUARTERLY MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Delaware Valley Goods Movement Task Force

10:00 A.M., Friday, January 12, 2018

8th Floor—DVRPC Main Conference Room

190 North Independence Mall West, Philadelphia, PA 19106

1. Call to Order

Committee co-chairs Barry Seymour of DVRPC and Greg Iannarelli of PhilaPort called the quarterly 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 October 11, 2017 were circulated. It was noted that any modifications/corrections can be transmitted to DVRPC's Mike Ruane.

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

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

2. FHWA Freight Program Assessment

Ted Dahlburg of DVRPC provided an overview of the DVRPC's responses to the Freight Program Assessment requested by the FHWA New Jersey and Pennsylvania Division Offices. The MPO assessment covers 7 emphasis areas and must be completed every 2 years. Mr. Dahlburg reviewed some of the highlights of the assessment that was completed by staff and shared with the DVGMTF Executive Committee for comment. Overall findings show that DVRPC is fulfilling the majority of FPA emphasis areas and the program has continued to evolve with the changing freight transportation needs. Data continues to play a larger role in the freight planning process especially as freight gains interest from the wider planning community.

3. Truck Wayfinding in the City of Chester - Balancing Community and Business Needs

Al Beatty of DVRPC's Office of Transportation and Corridor Studies highlighted recent work in the City of Chester. This study recommended strategies to facilitate the efficient movement of heavy trucks between local businesses and the regional roadway network, while minimizing potentially negative impacts on residents. The work Ms. Beatty presented sought to balance the needs of the business community, residents, and the infrastructure they share.

Ms. Beatty and the project team provided a series of recommendations including designation of preferred truck routes, installation of truck-specific wayfinding, improvements to communication with the local freight generators and drivers, and encouragement to participate in emissions-reduction programs. A core component of this work focused on ensuring that drivers are able to safely navigate the appropriate streets through Chester. This involved identifying those roads with appropriate geometry and clearances as well as appropriate adjacent land-uses. These routes were recommended to have signage improvements to increase the likelihood of utilization.

4. Planning for Growth at PhilaPort

Greg Iannarelli, PhilaPort Chief Counsel and Delaware Valley Goods Movement Task Force Co-Chair, presented on the impacts of the anticipated growth at the Port of Philadelphia and introduced strategies and initiatives to address congestion. Mr. Iannarelli highlighted existing conditions and growth at the port that shows strong signs of continuing. He provided a number of statistics on recent activity that included a 19% increase in containerized cargo and 22% increase in auto volumes. This was accomplished with a 4% decrease in vessels as the size and capacity of vessels at the pier are increasing.

Mr. Iannarelli discussed the importance of addressing the landside improvements to accommodate growth over the next 10 years as anticipated truck volumes will nearly double. To address these concerns PhilaPort has conducted a traffic study and identified a series of improvements that would improve port access by reducing congestion. Some of the improvements are more short-term, while others are linked to long-term projects such as the I-95 reconstruction. These efforts are being coordinated with the City of Philadelphia and Pennsylvania Department of Transportation.

5. Freight Center Spotlight: New Jersey Turnpike Interchange 6A

John Ward, Amazon Operations Manager for the local ABE8 facility, presented critical factors and public-private partnerships invigorating the New Jersey Interchange 6A freight center in Florence Township, Burlington County, NJ. Mr. Ward highlighted that this interchange and the related development is one of DVRPC's 67 designated Freight Centers. As a Freight Center, the area benefits from an abundance of freight activity, providing efficiency to carriers and shippers alike. This is all made possible by the access and connections afforded by the proximity to Interchange 6A.

Mr. Ward provided an engaging presentation on the benefits of freight centers and how the efficiency of these helps to benefit the private sector. He also highlighted other critical success factors including market access, availability of undeveloped land with appropriate zoning, and access to the work force. All these factors allow developments at 6A to be more environmentally friendly and efficient due to the scale of operations. The transportation assets available were essential in allowing Amazon to accommodate a 30% increase in activity during the holiday season.

6. Québec-Delaware Valley Trade Connections

Jean-Claude Lauzon, Delegate General, Québec Government Office in New York, provided an overview of bilateral trade between Québec and the Delaware Valley, with a brief update on NAFTA. Mr. Lauzon's responsibilities cover eight states in the Mid-Atlantic region and the newly opened trade office in Philadelphia. Mr. Lauzon highlighted some of the relationships between Philadelphia/Pennsylvania and Quebec that make our connection unique. The trade relationship

between Quebec and Pennsylvania is larger than that of Quebec and Germany, France and the United Kingdom combined. Mr. Lauzon also provided valuable information on the movement by Quebec towards alternative fuel sources including a huge dependence on hydroelectric power and initiatives to grow the use of electric vehicles. Mr. Lauzon welcomed a continued relationship with Pennsylvania. The committee thanked Mr. Lauzon and Ms. Andrea Townrow of the Quebec Trade Office in Philadelphia.

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:

Gus ScheerbaumCity of Philadelphia

Announced that the city is moving forward with a Philadelphia Truck Circulation and Delivery Management Plan. In addition, the city has applied to be a part of a Unmanned Aircraft System pilot program with the FAA that includes some level of commercial goods movement as a part of the application.

Gerry CoyleEvans Delivery Company

Announced that the Federal Maritime Commission will hold hearings on January 16 and 17, 2018. These hearings will focus on the Petition of the Coalition for Fair Port Practices for Rulemaking.

Amber ReimnitzPA Turnpike Commission

Updated the committee on the work to expand truck parking at the Lawn service plaza on which is entering 60% design review. In addition, the Turnpike is working on a plan for the development of a Truck Parking Management System.

Paul DelpLansdale Warehouse

Announced that the 2018 Logistics Mega Meeting will be held on March 14.

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

Announced that the 2018 TransAction Conference will be held April 17-19.

Dr. Michael BrowneUniversity of Gothenburg

Highlighted his appreciation of the opportunity to attend and expand connections with the region and committee. He also announced that this can continue with the upcoming VREF Conference on Urban Freight to be held October 17-19, 2018 in Gothenburg, Sweden.

Nicole MinutoliNew Jersey DOT

Announced that the New Jersey State Freight Plan has been approved by FHWA.

Mike DuRossDelaware DOT

Announced that the Delaware State Freight Plan has been approved by FHWA.

Rich GalassoGalasso Trucking Service

Announced the FMCA's ELD mandate is now online and carriers are required to be

complying with the requirement as of December 18, 2017. Beginning on April 1, 2018 carriers can be taken out of service for failure to comply.

Anne Strauss-WeiderNJTPA

Announced that NJTPA is currently undertaking several efforts including FRIO, a truck parking database, and a community goods movement tool and guide.

Ted DahlburgDVRPC

Announced that DVRPC's Mike Ruane presented on PhillyFreightFinder as a part of the December FHWA Talking Freight webinar on MPO Best Practices in Freight Planning.

Dan GreenhausNorfolk Southern

Announced that the Traffic Club of Philadelphia Annual Dinner will be held on January 25, 2018 and registration was available at TcPhila.org.

Mike RimerPennsylvania DOT

Announced that the Pennsylvania State Freight Plan has been approved by FHWA. The state also has started a Freight Work Group that will meet quarterly and includes representation of the region by DVRPC. The state will also hold an Eastern Pennsylvania Freight Summit in the Lehigh Valley in June, details to follow.

Michael BoyerDVRPC

Announced that the DVRPC Long Range Plan was approved in October.

8. ADJOURNMENT

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

Meeting Participants

<u>Name</u>	<u>Affiliation</u>
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Anderson, David	DVRPC
Attard, Nathan	Delaware DOT
Beatty, Al	DVRPC
Blevins, Dan	WILMAPCO
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Breeman, Paul	Holt Logistics Corp
Browne, Michael	University of Gothenburg
Burdge, Whitney	Lehigh Valley Planning Commission
Canuso, Julian	Oxford Engineering Co. / EP-ACT
Carafides, Paul	DVRPC
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Chiaromonte, Stephen	WSP
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Coyle, Jerry	Evans Delivery Co.
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Gallagher, Kevin	Pennoni
Galloway, Jack	Canopy Prospecting Inc./Eddystone Rail Co. LLC
Gannon, Tom	Kelly Consulting
Gardner, Tim	Conrail
Gradman, Gideon	Integrated Energy Advisors
Greene, Sean	DVRPC
Greenhaus, Daniel	Norfolk Southern
Gunner, Tim	AECOM
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Holcomb, Barbara	DRPA
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Jan, Farooq	PennDOT District 6-0

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Johnson, Sterling H.	Corps of Engineers, Phila.
Jones, Dennis	KIPC/US Steel
Jones, Jay	SJPC
Lankenau, Liz	City of Philadelphia / OTIS
Lauzon, Jean-Claude	Quebec
Levecchia, Andrew	Camden County
MacKavanagh, Kelvin	NJ Shortline RR Assoc.
Mannino, Tony	WCRE PRPA Board
Marano, Dominic	Marano Truck Lines
Miller, Jim	Michael Baker
Minutoli, Nicole	NJ DOT
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Ogg, Jameson W.	UPS
Oglesby, Rodney	CSX Transportation
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Popek, Matthew	Montgomery County Planning Commission
Reimnitz, Amber	PA Turnpike Commission
Riley, Alison	EPA Region 3
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Rook, Randy	AECOM
Roscoe, Michael	Schnabel Engineering
Ruane, Mike	DVRPC
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Scott, John	Covanta
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Seymour, Barry	DVRPC
Shaffer, Tom	Delaware County Planning
Singer, Michael	UPS
Stewart, Kevin	PMTA
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Sumner, Marian	US Navy
Thomas, Josh	Delaware DOT
Townrow, Andrea	Quebec
Truban, Paul	NJ DOT
Turcich, Jim	PBLRR
Vasell, Jay	PRC
Ward, John	Amazon
Wellford, Landon	US Navy
Whitaker, Karen	DVRPC
Young, Lindsay	PhilaPort
Zabinski, Don	Penn Jersey Parking