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DOWNTOWN DELIVERY

Symposium IV

Summary of Event

Held in the DVRPC conference room on July 11th, 2018 at 10:00am, the Downtown Delivery Symposium IV brought together a diverse group of stakeholders from the Greater Philadelphia region to consider issues surrounding fleet safety in urban environments. The Symposium was a collaboration between the Delaware Valley Goods Movement Task Force, City of Philadelphia, and the Pennsylvania Motor Truck Association.

Speakers at the event delved into fleet safety considerations and the safety practices advanced by the trucking industry. The event was preceded by a truck safety demonstration featuring a newly upgraded City of Philadelphia Sanitation fleet trash compactor on July 10th. The July 11th presentation represented perspectives from the City, trucking industry, and a public transit fleet operator.

AICP credits are available for those in attendance. All presentations given at the symposium are available on the Freight and Aviation page of the DVRPC website.

Introduction

Barry Seymour, co-chair of the DVGMTF and Executive Director of DVRPC kicked off the symposium with welcoming statements and all attendees were invited to introduce themselves and their affiliation.

Vision Zero – City of Philadelphia

Kelley Yemen, Director of Complete Streets for the City of Philadelphia, Office of Transportation and Infrastructure Systems (oTIS) set the stage for the day by providing an overview of the City's Vision Zero Initiative. Ms. Yemen provided a summary of the analysis and goals of the Vision Zero program. Her presentation highlighted actions that the city is undertaking, progress to date, and featured discussion about what various stakeholders have contributed. Ms. Yemen also discussed the City's fleet focused actions that have included upgrades in safety equipment to large vehicles equipping them with sideguards, crossover mirrors, and 360-degree cameras.

Trucking Industry and Driver Safety

Kevin Stewart, President and CEO of the Pennsylvania Motor Truck Association provided a presentation focused on the industry's perspective on safety. Mr. Stewart highlighted the role that safety takes in the trucking industry as a core consideration for both drivers and firms. Mr. Stewart provided key statistics related to driver and trucking industry safety and how various federal regulations have changed over the years to address the safety of the industry.

Mr. Stewart provided insights on how the industry is also making headway into improving driver safety, including new technologies such as cameras to monitor and correct driver behavior. Mr. Stewart also emphasized the challenge of distracted driving and the potential conflict that exists as technology continues to expand in the cab of vehicles. The trucking industry also emphasizes education of other road users to help them better understand the limits of trucks and how to better interact with these large vehicles.

Public Transit Perspective: SEPTA

Jim Fox, Assistant General Manager System Safety for SEPTA provided a presentation on the efforts of the regional transit authority to improve the safety of their fleet. Mr. Fox provided safety related statistics for the operations at SEPTA to help contextualize the conversation and the investments the agency has made. His presentation highlighted various technologies the authority has implemented or is exploring as a part of their safety efforts.

SEPTA has made efforts to improve the turning operations of buses through the deployment of audible warning systems to notify riders and pedestrians/cyclists. Additional technology is being deployed on trolley vehicles to improve collision detection. The authority is also exploring onboard technology and warning systems to provide alerts to potential conflicts in the path of the vehicle. This exploration involves testing by drivers with feedback to understand if the technology is feasible for deployment. Some of the early factors that may affect adoption are the ability of the device to weed out noise in the environment and concerns that the devices may add additional distractions for drivers if they are not trusted and effective. Finally, to improve driver safety the SEPTA is exploring separation barriers that will help to provide additional safety to drivers operating on higher risk routes or periods of the day.

Private Sector Perspective: Marano Truck Lines and Warehouse

Dominic Marano, Owner of Marano Truck Lines and Warehouse gave a presentation on the history of the trucking industry in Philadelphia and the efforts of his company to evolve and improve through the years. Mr. Marano, the current President of the Philadelphia/Delaware Valley Chapter of the Pennsylvania Motor Truck Association, has long been involved with public officials to improve trucking operations in the Philadelphia region. Mr. Marano provided valuable insights from the perspective of drivers and a small business owner on how they work in order to provide great customer service with safety as core tenet.

Open Discussion on Fleet Safety

Following the presentations, the speakers participated in a moderated question and answer session that provided valuable discussion on other ongoing efforts. This discussion covered a variety of topics including what fleets can do, how technology will be a factor in the future, and how/if at all the public should play a role in addressing these issues.

Following some closing remarks, the panelists were thanked for the contribution to the symposium and attendees were invited to stay for lunch and additional discussion on freight issues.

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