

# **QUARTERLY MEETING HIGHLIGHTS**

#### 10 AM | January 8, 2020

8th Floor, American College of Physicians Building | DVRPC Main Conference Room 190 N Independence Mall West, Philadelphia, PA 19106-1520

#### 1. Call to Order

Committee co-chairs Nicole Minutoli of NJDOT and Barry Seymour of DVRPC called the quarterly freight advisory committee meeting to order. Mr. Seymour welcomed all task force members and friends after which all attendees were invited to introduce themselves and their affiliations.

Highlights from the previous freight advisory committee meeting on October 9, 2019 were offered for approval. Any modifications or corrections can be transmitted to DVRPC's Kristen Scudder.

All permitted Power Point presentations will be made available on-line at: <a href="https://www.dvrpc.org/Committees/DVGMTF/">https://www.dvrpc.org/Committees/DVGMTF/</a>

## 2. Maryland Truck Parking Study

L'Kiesha Markley of the Maryland State Highway Administration presented an overview of Maryland Department of Transportation's (MDOT) efforts to better understand and address truck parking issues in Maryland. The Maryland Statewide Truck Parking Study was launched to provide MDOT with the data, context, and actionable solutions needed to advance priority projects and strategies that improve truck parking statewide. Using data acquired from INRIX and Trucker Path, the study evaluated truck parking utilization and found that many lots were already at or over capacity. MDOT is currently working to identify undesignated truck parking locations that can be turned into truck parking solutions. Ms. Markley shared some of the conditions, opportunities, and challenges of these undesignated truck parking clusters in the Central, Western, and Eastern Shore regions of Maryland.

### 3. Carrier Spotlight: CSX Transportation

**Kurt Miles, Industrial Development Manager with CSX Transportation** provided an update on the railroad's progress with precision railroading and highlighted major projects and service improvements that have a direct impact on the region. As one of the two Class I freight railroads operating in Greater Philadelphia, CSX plays a significant role in supporting the regional economy. CSX is investing in their rail infrastructure to provide more reliable service to their customers through increased train speeds and reduced dwell times. They have also set new customer service records by increasing their trip plan compliance.

Mr. Miles shared updates on the CSX-CN Interline Intermodal Service and the Howard Street Tunnel Project. The CSX-CN Intermodal service, which connects Philadelphia to Montreal and Toronto, was launched on October 7, 2019. This new service hopes to capture more truck share from the Port of Philadelphia and the Port of New York and New Jersey. The Howard Street Tunnel Project is a joint effort between CSX and the State of Maryland to upgrade the 1.4 mile tunnel, originally opened in 1890. This project will increase clearances, allowing double-stack rail cars to travel between Baltimore and Philadelphia.

#### 4. Citizens Bank Regional Maritime Training Center

Karen Kozachyn, Dean of Workforce Development and Community Education at Delaware County Community College presented an overview of the College Consortium for Workforce and Economic Development and their regional impact. Their model combines the resources of six colleges to provide 60 training sites that serve over 90,000 students. The apprenticeships and training resources that they offer are available to both business and industry clients.

The College Consortium's new initiative, the recently opened Citizens Bank Regional Maritime Training Center, will support the growing maritime industry by providing access to specialized training and credentials programs. The center is supported through a partnership between Citizens Bank, the Collegiate Consortium for Workforce and Economic Development, PhilaPort, and Philadelphia Works. Some of the resources that the center offers include a simulation room for trainings, a forklift operations course, Commercial Driver's License training, container lashing training, and yard horse training.

#### 5. Two-minute Reports

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

#### Nicole Minutoli......New Jersey Department of Transportation

Announced that the NJ DOT Rail Freight Assistance Program application process is wrapping up. They have also created a new public friendly marketing document "Freight Moves New Jersey" and are currently accepting feedback on the document which can be sent to Nicole Minutoli or Genevieve Clifton.

#### Stephen Chiaramanti......WSP

Announced that the next NJ DOT Freight Advisory Committee meeting will be held on March 19, 2020 at WSP in Lawrenceville. He also continued Nicole's comments about the new "Freight Moves New Jersey" pamphlet which is the first piece of their social media program and is designed for counties and municipalities to share.

#### Kelvin MacKavanagh ...... MacKavanagh Railroad Consulting

Announced that NJ Transaction will take place in Atlantic City on April 28-30, 2020. The Transaction Steering Committee meets next week to select topics.

### Paul Delp ......Lansdale Warehouse

Announced that the 2020 Logistics Mega Meeting will take place at the William Penn Inn in Gwynedd, PA on March 11, 2020. Dr. John Langley from Penn State will be there to discuss the Third Party Logistics Study.

### Gus Scheerbaum......City of Philadelphia

Announced that the City launched the Chestnut Street Loading Pilot in October 2019 in partnership with the PPA, SEPTA, and DVRPC. So far they have had positive feedback and are hoping to implement in other locations.

## Michael Rimer ......Pennsylvania Department of Transportation-CPDM

Announced that the update to the PA Comprehensive Goods Movement Plan is underway and will be incorporating input from the MPO as well as members of the PA Freight Working Group. The DOT also has a new Acting Secretary, Yassmin Gramian.

## Jim Katzenberger ...... Accelerx Group

Announced that Transportation Camp PHL will be held in Spring 2020 (date TBD). They are expecting over 200 participants and there will be a new scholarship contest for best student essay.

#### John McCreavy .....SMS Rail

Announced that the Traffic Club of Philadelphia will be holding their annual dinner on January 23, 2020. They will be honoring A. Duie Pyle as Company of the Year and Robey Estes, CEO of Estes Express Lines as Person of the Year. He also announced that the New Jersey Railroad Association will be working to include railroad safety in the New Jersey Driver's Manual and doing public outreach to bring attention to railroad safety and the economic competitiveness of businesses served by rail.

#### 6. Old or New Business/Adjournment

Barry Seymour shared the remaining 2020 meeting dates of the Delaware Valley Goods Movement Task Force:

Wednesday, April 8Wednesday, July 8Wednesday, October 7

The meeting was adjourned for lunch.

## **Meeting Participants**

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