

## QUARTERLY MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

10 AM | January 13, 2021

Zoom Webinar

### 1. Call to Order

Committee co-chair Barry Seymour of DVRPC called the quarterly freight advisory committee meeting to order. Mr. Seymour welcomed all task force members and friends.

Highlights from the previous freight advisory committee meeting on October 7, 2020 were shared in the chat box. Any modifications or corrections can be transmitted to DVRPC's Kristen Scudder ([kscudder@dvrpc.org](mailto:kscudder@dvrpc.org)).

### 2. Greater Philadelphia Freight Activity in 2020

**Mike Ruane, Manager of the Office of Freight and Aviation at DVRPC**, provided a highlight of key projects and initiatives from the year as well as a review of key freight and industrial real estate trends from 2020. DVRPC's ongoing freight planning efforts include the Chester County Freight Plan, a municipal planning guidebook, the Philadelphia Truck Route Planning Guidebook, freight rail data visualization, and updates to the Philly Freight Finder web application.

Mike shared that in 2020, the greater Philadelphia region saw decreased maritime imports and increased maritime exports, with PhilaPort reporting an increase in total containerized cargo through October. While commercial flight operations were significantly decreased as a result of COVID, PHL reported a two percent growth in air cargo and an 86 percent increase in air mail. Norfolk Southern also began service to the South Philadelphia Navy Yard this year, linking the Southport Glovis America facilities to the North American market via rail. Market trends continue to show an acceleration of growth in distribution center development across the region with five million square feet of new industrial development completed in 2020 and even more expected in 2021.

### 3. Pennsylvania Freight Movement Plan

Pennsylvania DOT is preparing a statewide Freight Movement Plan, as required by the Federal Highway Administration, and stakeholder engagement is essential and a high priority for plan development and implementation.

**The Pennsylvania DOT primary consulting team** presented an overview of the plan process and updates for the ongoing 2045 Pennsylvania Comprehensive Freight Movement Plan. Four priority goals have been identified and include aligning freight mobility with economic development and land use; improving multimodal freight transportation operations and safety; advancing project investments that enhance freight mobility; and providing planning, data, and analytical tools for improved decision making. This presentation was followed by an interactive conversation about the goals and initial findings of the plan using the interactive polling tool, Mentimeter.

The task force identified "Aligning freight mobility with economic development and land use" as the top priority goal for task force engagement and "Amending the Municipal Planning Code" as the top option for improving the freight-land use and economic development connection. Discussion was had around the relative impact of truck parking approaches, and in a poll "Requiring new freight-generating developments to provide parking/ staging facilities" was selected as the most impactful approach. Open input was also collected on strategies that the Comprehensive Freight Movement Plan could use to advance each of the four priority goals. These perspectives from the task force on freight movement, in both the DVRPC region and the state, will help to inform the plan development.

#### 4. Two-minute Reports

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

**Mike Rimer ..... Pennsylvania Department of Transportation**

Announced that PennDOT is currently working to create a repository of data around freight and goods movement that could be available to planning partners. For any questions, contact Mike Rimer (mrimer@pa.gov).

**Dan Blevins ..... Wilmington Area Planning Council**

Announced that Wilmapco is currently working on three freight studies: An impact analysis of truck freight around the Port of Wilmington, a statewide truck parking survey with DelDOT ([www.wilmapco.org/truckparking](http://www.wilmapco.org/truckparking)), and a first/final mile network development project to identify localized freight connections off the NHS network. To learn more about the First/Final Mile study, visit the project page ([www.wilmapco.org/finalmile](http://www.wilmapco.org/finalmile)) or provide input on the interactive project map ([wikimapping.com/Delaware-Final-Mile.html](http://wikimapping.com/Delaware-Final-Mile.html)).

**Genevieve Clifton ..... New Jersey Department of Transportation**

Announced that NJDOT is beginning their 2022 Statewide Freight Plan. They are looking at how this plan can advance multimodal operations and investment throughout the state.

**Carl Belke ..... Strategic Rail Finance**

Announced that the Pennsylvania Governor’s office released \$31M in rail infrastructure grants this week through the Rail Transportation Assistance Program (RTAP) and the Rail Freight Assistance Program (RFAP). In the DVRPC region, project funds have been awarded to CSX for clearance improvements into the Port of Philadelphia, to Pennsylvania Northern Railroad for track improvements, and to East Penn Railroad, LLC for track improvements.

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

Michael Ruane shared the upcoming 2021 meeting dates of the Delaware Valley Goods Movement Task Force:

- Wednesday, **April 14**
- Wednesday, **July 14**
- Wednesday, **October 13**

The meeting was adjourned.

**Meeting Participants**

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Wessner, Mike	Railroad Construction Co. of S. Jersey, Inc.
Young, Lindsay	PhilaPort

## QUARTERLY PROGRESS REPORT

October 2020 – January 2021

Each quarter of the fiscal year provides a unique opportunity for DVRPC's Freight and Aviation Programs to perform essential and high priority freight planning activities and to provide support to Greater Philadelphia's freight community. For the benefit of the members and friends of DVRPC's freight advisory committee, the Delaware Valley Goods Movement Task Force, the following "progress report" has been compiled to highlight the range of accomplishments and tasks successfully completed by DVRPC staff during the specified time period.

### October 2020

- Hosted the quarterly meeting of DVRPC's freight advisory committee, the Delaware Valley Goods Movement Task Force (10/7/20).
- Participated in modal focus groups for the Pennsylvania Freight Movement Plan (10/8/20 – 10/21/20).
- Conducted a steering committee kick-off meeting for the Chester County Freight Plan introducing the project and building consensus on the goals of the two-phase study (10/28/20).

### November 2020

- Participated in PennDOT's Statewide Freight Forum to learn about and provide input on the State Freight Movement Plan (11/5/20).
- Conducted the quarterly meeting of DVRPC's Regional Aviation Committee (11/5/20).
- Attended the quarterly meeting of the New Jersey Freight Advisory Committee (11/19/20).
- Performed truck freight origin-destination analysis for the Bristol Freight Study (11/20/20).

### December 2020

- Presented an overview of the DVRPC freight data program and urban freight initiatives to a graduate level Transportation Methods class at the University of Pennsylvania (12/2/20).
- Attended the annual Metropolitan Area Planning (MAP) Forum meeting on the future of work and emerging freight trends in the MAP region (12/4/20).
- Attended the annual DVRPC Board Retreat presentation and discussion with Richard Rothstein, author of the book Color of Law (12/9/20).
- Finalized publication of the Hunting Park East Freight Access Study (12/11/20).
- Participated in the NJTPA Freight Initiatives Committee meeting (12/14/20).
- Presented an overview of freight in the greater Philadelphia region at DVRPC's Public Participation Task Force followed by a discussion on freight and the environment (12/17/20).

### January 2021

- Participated in a focus group for Delaware's First/final Mile Network Development project (1/7/21).
- Attended the annual meeting of the TRB Urban Freight Transportation Committee (1/11/21).