

QUARTERLY MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

10 AM | July 20, 2022

Zoom Meeting

1. Call to Order

Barry Seymour of DVRPC called the quarterly freight advisory committee meeting to order. Mr. Seymour welcomed all task force members and friends and encouraged everyone to unmute and introduce themselves. He also shared that he will be retiring as the Executive Director of DVRPC and will stay in the role until a new Executive Directory is selected.

Highlights from the previous freight advisory committee meeting on April 20, 2022 were shared. Any modifications or corrections can be transmitted to DVRPC's Kristen Scudder (kscudder@dvrpc.org).

2. NYMTC Clean Freight Corridors Study

Gerry Bogacz, New York Metropolitan Transportation Council (NYMTC), presented in collaboration with the CALSTART consulting team on the Clean Freight Corridor Study. This project came from a recommendation in NYMTC's 2045 Long Range Plan and it evaluated the entire MAP Forum region with the goal of advancing high-efficiency, low-emission alternative transportation technologies in the region's freight fleet.

Gerry discussed their approach for the study which included analyzing an inventory of existing infrastructure, reviewing clean technology use in the region's corridors, identifying gaps between needed and existing infrastructure, and using freight travel trends and forecasts as a benchmark to assess growth. The study analyzed corridor preparedness for four major clean fuel types (electric, hydrogen, compressed natural gas, and liquified natural gas) and their associated vehicles operating on the region's corridors. The final recommended corridor designations evaluated both readiness and need along major corridors, and seven corridors were recommended as top priority.

3. New Jersey Station Planning Commission Warehouse Siting Guidance

Matt Blake, AICP, PP, The Office of Planning Advocacy, shared an overview of the Commission's recently released Warehouse Siting Guidance. This guidance is directed at municipalities and aims to facilitate a proactive approach by providing municipal factors to consider when developing or updating a Master Plan. It also encourages a regional approach to planning, siting, and facilitating logistics facilities.

Matt briefly reviewed the main sections of the Warehouse Guidance. The guidance emphasizes the need for municipalities to be proactive when considering future warehouse development in the New Jersey region as well as the need to better understand the type of facilities based on their position in the supply chain and relative impacts on municipalities. An importance was also placed on social and environmental justice, and the guidance recommends barriers to curb noise and air pollution that protect residents, adopting community benefits agreements, fostering more community involvement in the siting process, and "good neighbor" policies.

This guidance is currently open for public comment until July 29, 2022 and can be found at www.nj.gov/state/planning/index.shtml.

4. Pennsylvania Low Bridge Information System

Ryan McNary, Pennsylvania Department of Transportation, shared an update on Pennsylvania’s Low Bridge Information using 511PA (www.511pa.com) and the new traveler information services available via mobile app. He highlighted new features of the product and the progress in the development of this tool. A new data layer now includes locations for all bridges under legal height (<13’6”) on state roads, and the mobile app’s ability to share this information as an alert that can be heard by motorists in the app’s drive mode.

PennDOT’s research showed that low bridge crashes are not exclusively a Pennsylvania occurrence and many have been attributed to rental trucks. As a result, rental drivers are a key group at which they are looking to target and share this new app and features. The advertising campaign for the low bridge feature on 511PA began earlier this year and they have seen an uptick in the number of 511PA users that turn on the low bridge notifications. PennDOT is continuing to look into ways to expand their bridge data and application function to include a bridge search along a specified route.

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:

Sean Greene DVRPC

Announced that the window to apply for the Railroad Crossing Elimination Grant Program, funded through the IJA, will be open until October 4th, 2022, and the DVRPC is available and willing to help any interested organizations with the application process. This particular funding pertains to projects involving railroad crossing elimination only; projects involving railway bridges are not included. For more information, you can visit <https://railroads.dot.gov/grants-loans/competitive-discretionary-grant-programs/railroad-crossing-elimination-grant-program>.

Glenn McNichol DVRPC

Shared a video resource (www.c-span.org/video/?521730-1/transportation-secretary-testifies-infrastructure-law) that shows the recent US Secretary of Transportation report on the state of transportation infrastructure and related topics. He mentioned that the video has timestamps to help viewers navigate to the topic of their choice.

Todd Evans Mount Laurel Fire Department

Raised a question to the committee about truck trips from the port to their first destination. He is looking for more information on any potential exemptions, weight limits, special hazards, shipping requirements, and or anything else pertinent to first responders who come upon overturned, crashed, on fire containers on the roadways. If you have more information, please reach out to him at tevans@mlfd.org.

Steve Chiamonte WSP

Announced that NJDOT is in the midst of creating their next statewide freight plan and that they expect to have their draft existing conditions content out for their stakeholders by next month.

Michael Rimer Pennsylvania Department of Transportation

Announced that the State’s final Long-Range Transportation Plan is now available online (www.penndot.pa.gov/ProjectAndPrograms/Planning/Pages/default.aspx). He also shared that because of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law and its requirements, the Statewide Freight Plan is gaining attention and that it should be completed in early November 2022.

Kristen Scudder DVRPC

Announced that a new employee, Dan Farina, would be joining her team in the Freight Program at DVRPC. She also shared that the PA 2022 Rail Freight grant programs will be accepting applications in early August 2022. The grant program has been recently transitioned to the new eGrants Public Portal Interface for the 2022 grant application process. A Teams web-based training will be available prior to the opening of the application window and PennDOT staff will be available to assist with any questions.

Amanda Rutherford..... MARAD/ USDOT

Announced that she is available for any questions about USDOT grants and shared that funding is available for bridges and advanced technologies at this time. Additionally, she shared that the ATTAIN grants are available and funds are earmarked for advanced communication systems to convey information about truck charging facility availability.

6. Old or New Business/Adjournment

The upcoming 2022 meeting dates of the Delaware Valley Goods Movement Task Force include:

- Wednesday, October 19th

The meeting was adjourned.

Meeting Participants

<u>Name</u>	<u>Affiliation</u>
Kristen Scudder	Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission
Daniel Blevins	WILMAPCO
Kevin Gallagher	Self Employed
Rick Crawford	Norfolk Southern Railway
Amanda Rutherford	Maritime Administration
Todd Wardwell	USCG
Sean Greene	DVRPC
Jim Miller	Michael Baker International
Jakub Rowinski	NJTPA
Adam DiSarro	NJ TRANSIT
James Costello	Kinder Morgan
Tim Evans	New Jersey Future
Jeffrey Wilkerson	
Brian Hare	PennDOT
Lucas Oshman	Partnership TMA of Montgomery County
Kelvin MacKavanagh	NJ Railroad Association
Paul Delp	Lansdale Warehouse Company
Barry Seymour	DVRPC
Michael Boyer	DVPRC
Gerard Coyle	Meridian Consulting
Alfred Sauer	East Penn Railroad
Lindsay Young	PhilaPort
JIM KATZENBERGER	Accelerx Group
Dave Luvara	Rhinehart Railroad Construction, Inc.
Christian Regosch	BCPC
Bill Schiavi	SJTPO
Matthew Popek	Montgomery County Planning Commission
Andrew Turner	Montgomery County Planning Commission
Debbie Thomas	MARAMA (Mid Atlantic Regional Air Management Association)
Stephen Chiaramonte	WSP
Edward Brickner	FMCSA
Ryan McNary	PennDOT

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Michael Rimer	PennDOT
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Benjamin Mandel	CALSTART
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Gina Myers	DVRPC
Kwan Hui	DVRPC
Tom Edinger	DVRPC
Michael Ruane	DVRPC
Justin Neff	DVRPC
Nicole Minutoli	New Jersey Department of Transportation
Matthew Zochowski	Mercer County
Alissa Burger	CALSTART
Capt. Jeffrey Flumignan	Maritime Administration
Kelvin MacKavanagh	DVRPC Goods Movement Task Force
Joshua Karl	Philadelphia International Airport
Devon Hain	Berks County Planning Commission
Dan Powers	
Cooper Bowers	DelDOT
Gerry Bogacz	www.nymtc.org
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Mathew Blake	NJ Office of Planning Advocacy
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