



MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

10AM, Wednesday, April 14, 2004

Coffee was available at 9:30AM, and a light lunch was served following the meeting.

Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission

8th Floor, Main Conference Room

The Bourse Building, 111 South Independence Mall East, Philadelphia, PA 19106

1. Call to order

Co-chair John Coscia of DVRPC called the meeting to order. All Task Force members and guests were recognized and the January 21, 2004 meeting notes were approved by the committee. (Note: PowerPoint presentations made by guests during the meeting are posted on the freight page of the DVRPC website.)

2. DVRPC on the World Wide Web

Joseph Fazekas, DVRPC webmaster, provided an overview of the agency's recently updated website (www.dvrpc.org). The redesigned site went live on April 3, 2004. The website is a principal means of DVRPC's effort to promote the Delaware Valley and educate the public.

The agency website has evolved markedly over time. The updated site contains expanded and new, user-friendly features (e.g., DVRPC marketing video, drop down menus, and on-line public polls). The freight page has also been re-formatted. Tips on search engines and hit counters were also presented.

3. SmartWay Transport Partnership

Catherine Magliocchetti of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) described the SmartWay Transport Partnership. Ms. Magliocchetti is a Chemical Engineer in the Air Protection Division of EPA Region III, which covers Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia, and Washington, D.C.

The SmartWay Transport Partnership is a collaborative program between the EPA and the freight industry. It promotes increasing energy efficiency and security while significantly reducing air pollution. The program is an effective way to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and promote the attainment of national air quality standards.

Program partners can participate (and achieve fuel efficiency) in a variety of ways, including employing automatic tire-inflation systems, using low-viscosity lubricants, reducing truck idling time, and improving routing and scheduling. The program already numbers more than 50 partners from the freight community, many of whom laid the groundwork and developed the goals for the partnership.

4. Delaware Valley Roundtable, Council of Logistics Management

Anna Hummel, President of the CLM's Delaware Valley Roundtable, and Bernie Boucher, Executive Committee member, discussed the organization's mission, the upcoming Annual Logistics Symposium, and the 2004 National Annual Conference.

The Council of Logistics Management is a not-for-profit organization of business personnel who are interested in improving their logistics management skills. The Council works in cooperation with private industry and various organizations to further the understanding and development of the logistics concept. The mission of the Delaware Valley Roundtable is to expand and promote the knowledge of logistics and provide a logistics resource by offering quality seminars, programs, and presentations.

The Council of Logistics Management's 2004 Annual Conference is being held at the Pennsylvania Convention Center in Philadelphia from October 3-6. This is the profession's premier educational and networking event. Attendees can choose from 300 sessions and 29 education tracks.

5. Trucking and Freight...2004 and Beyond

Dan Murray, Director of Research for the American Trucking Research Institute, discussed the trucking industry's effort to work with its partners to ensure that freight continues to support local and global economies. Mr. Murray directs research, analysis, and evaluation on a broad range of transportation issues including technology, safety and human factors, security, environmental factors, and economic analyses.

Trucks carry 67.9% of total U.S. domestic tonnage. Trucking revenue represents 86.5% of all freight revenue. At present, there are 610,000 interstate for-hire carriers, and 3.2 million truck drivers (CDL). Diesel prices, insurance costs, and driver turnover are adversely impacting the industry.

Among various strategic issues, highway congestion is viewed as problematic, but some solutions may be worse (e.g., tolls, truck bans). One MPO planning opportunity is the development of policy plans which are freight friendly and economically rational.

6. Two-minute Reports

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

Lugene Bastian	PENNDOT, 2004 Rail Freight Assistance Program; Annual Rail Freight Seminar: May 5-7; Operation Lifesaver
Ted Matthews	New Jersey DOT; New Jersey Rail Freight Assistance Program; STB Public Hearing; Revival of truck task force
Carol Thomas	New Jersey Transit's River LINE
John Coscia	DVRPC Annual Dinner: May 19
Don Shanis	STB Public Hearing on the Conrail Shared Asset Areas
Ted Dahlburg	Data Subcommittee; Shippers Subcommittee
Kelvin MacKavanagh	Planning Subcommittee; Transportation Improvement Program updates

Bill Shoaf	Traffic Club of Phila.; National Transportation Week luncheon: May 18
John Pawson	DVRPC Regional Citizens Committee; Bucks County quarry issue and Quakertown Branch connection
Eulois Cleckley	FHWA Freight Professional Development Program

Special mention was also made of the retirements of the following Task Force members: Ted Matthews, Dennis Tiley, Ray Heinzelmann, and Dick Ryan. Their many years of dedicated and fruitful service to the freight community and the Delaware Valley Goods Movement Task force was gratefully acknowledged.

7. Old and New Business

The next meeting date for the Goods Movement Task Force is July 21, 2004. The meeting was adjourned.

Attendees

Adams, Peggy
Badgley, James
Bastian, Lugene
Belmonte, Kathy
Boucher, Bernie
Brown, Greg
Carolan, Tom
Cassel, Mark
Clark, Charles
Cleckley, Eulois
Coscia, John
Coyle, Gerard
Cuccia, Brain
Dahlburg, Ted
D'Alfonso, Gina
DelSignore, Paul
DeYoung, Larry
Duffy, Ed
Erickson, Tom
Fisher, Kevin
Forrester, Linda
Gemma, Tony
Golden, Doug
Hanssens, John
Hayes, Linda
Heinzelmann, Raymond
Herman, Sue

Affiliation

Port of Bucks
New Jersey DOT
PENNDOT
DVRPC
St. Onge Co.
PENNDOT, District 6-0
Metropolitan Trucking
TMA of Chester County
Federal Railroad Administration
FHWA
DVRPC
Evans Delivery Co.
New Jersey DOT
DVRPC
PENNDOT
Bergmann Assoc.
L.A. DeYoung, Inc.
PIDC, Food Distribution Center
Rail Cents Enterprises
Nexus Distribution Corp.
New Jersey DOT
Roadway Express
Main Line Management
Philadelphia International Airport
DRPA
Gahagan & Bryant Assoc.
Residents for Regional Traffic Solutions

Attendees (cont.)

Affiliation

Hummel, Anna	A. Duie Pyle
Hunt, David	Cambridge Systematics
Johnson, Sterling	Army Corps of Engineers
Kessler, Bob	Hub Group
Kirkpatrick, Michael	Delaware DOT
MacKavanagh, Kelvin	Railroad Consultant
Magliocchetti, Catherine	US EPA
Matthews, Ted	New Jersey DOT
McCreavy, John	SMS Rail Lines
Murray, Dan	ATRI/ATA
Nardone, Len	PENNDOT, District 6-0
Pawson, John	DVRPC Regional Citizens Committee
Renner, Robert	Haines & Kibblehouse
Runk, Jim	PA Motor Truck Association
Shanis, Donald	DVRPC
Shoaf, Bill	Shoaf Group
Silverman, David	Walt Whitman Truck Stop
Smith, Bruce	US EPA
Sutch, Jeff	SMS Rail Lines
Taggart, Glenn	Lancaster County
Thomas, Carol	Burlington County
Tiley, Dennis	PENNDOT, District 6-0
Truban, Paul	New Jersey DOT
Turcich, Jim	The Philadelphia Belt Line Railroad
Winkler, Fred	Winchester and Western Railroad
Yarusavage, George	Fortress Consulting