



## **MEETING HIGHLIGHTS**

**10AM, Friday, October 27th, 2006**

*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

190 North Independence Mall West, Philadelphia, PA 19106

### **1. Call to order**

Co-Chairs Don Shanis of DVRPC and Sharon Daboin of PennDOT called the meeting to order. All Task Force members were recognized, new attendees were welcomed, and the July 19<sup>th</sup>, 2006 meeting notes (which were emailed to the committee members) were approved by the committee.

The proposed Goods Movement Task Force meeting dates for 2007 were distributed and adopted as follows:

- Wednesday, January 17
- Wednesday, April 18
- Wednesday, July 18
- Wednesday, October 17

### **2. Freight For A Day Regional Scan**

In conjunction with its Delaware Valley Freight Corridors initiative, DVRPC performed a comprehensive scan of regional freight operations on September 20, 2006 (*Freight For A Day*). Many committee members and friends provided key information and data for this effort. Ted Dahlburg of DVRPC presented the preliminary results from this snapshot.

The regional scan revealed an extensive amount of freight and freight-related activity on what may be considered a typical day. While there are still some portions of the scan to complete, the final product will be a useful, comprehensive snapshot of freight activity. One of the topics addressed in the scan regarded the adequacy of truck parking, and this was of significant interest to several committee members.

### **3. NHS Connector Evaluations**

National Highway System (NHS) connectors are the last-mile of the nation's highway system, and provide important connections to intermodal freight facilities. Using teams of planning partners, DVRPC has inventoried and evaluated the region's 10 NHS connectors. Walker Allen of DVRPC made this presentation of the highlights of this research.

Committee members were asked to review evaluations of the following connectors and to submit any comments to Mr. Allen by November 10, 2006: Norfolk Southern Morrisville Intermodal Facility, Port of Bucks, Tioga Marine Terminal, Petty’s Island, Beckett Street Terminal, Broadway and Gloucester Marine Terminals, South Philadelphia Rail and Port Complex, Philadelphia International Airport, Penn Terminals, and CSX Twin Oaks Auto Terminal.

**4. Impacts of Gaming in Greater Philadelphia**

DVRPC’s forthcoming study, Impacts of Gaming in Greater Philadelphia, focuses on the potential land use, transportation, and visual quality impacts proposed casinos may have on adjacent communities. Eric Grugel of DVRPC presented the highlights of this report, which treats additional topics such as the Delaware Waterfront moratorium and future transportation projects.

Mr. Grugel described the 3 categories of facility licenses created by the Pennsylvania legislature, and 7 proposed gaming facilities in the Delaware Valley. Final site selection is expected to be made by the end of 2006.

**5. Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia**

James Gillard, Economic Analyst and District Liaison in the Office of the Corporate Secretary of the Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia, works closely with the business and banking community to understand emerging trends and business concerns in eastern Pennsylvania, southern New Jersey, and Delaware.

Mr. Gillard discussed the Tri-State economy, and highlighted many useful products made available by the Federal Reserve Bank. (Note: this presentation is available on the Goods Movement Task Force’s web page).

**6. Two-minute Reports**

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

- John Powers . . . . . NJ DOT**
- Sharon Daboin . . . . . PennDOT**
- Michael Kirkpatrick . . . . . Delaware DOT**
- Dan Blevins . . . . . WILMAPCO**
- Don Shanis . . . . . DVRPC**
- Ted Dahlburg . . . . . Data and Shippers Subcommittees**
- Kelvin MacKavanagh . . . . . Planning Subcommittee**
- Bill Shoaf . . . . . Traffic Club of Philadelphia**
- Jeff Sutch . . . . . SMS Rail Lines**
- Peggy Adams . . . . . Port Of Bucks**
- Carl Belke . . . . . Patrick Engineering**

**7. Old/New Business**

The next scheduled meeting of the Delaware Valley Goods Movement Task Force is January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2007.

**Meeting Participants**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Affiliation</b>
Adams, Peggy	Port of Bucks
Alexander, Simon	City of Chester
Allen, Walker	DVRPC
Anastasiadis, Manny	PennDOT - Traffic
Anderson, Matthew	Chester Co.
Baselice, Charlie	CAB/Landstar
Belke, Carl	Patrick Engineering
Blevins, Dan	WILMAPCO
Cuccia, Brian	NJDOT
Daboin, Sharon	PennDOT
Dahlburg, Ted	DVRPC
Delp, Paul	Lansdale Warehouse Co.
DelSignore, Paul	TranSystems
Dietz, Edward	NJ Commerce Commission
Fisher, Kevin	PMTA
Forrester, Linda	NJ DOT
Gillard, James	Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia
Giobbie, Tony	CSX
Grugel, Eric	DVRPC
Harvey, David	PRPA
Hayes, Linda	DRPA
Herman, Sue	Residents for Regional Traffic Solutions, Inc.
Howland, Jessica	DRMEC
Johanson, Erik	Pennsylvania Economy League
Johnson, Sterling	U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Kirkpatrick, Michael	Delaware DOT
Kenny, Tom	DADC
Krakauer, Miki	NJDOT
Learned, Pam	RIC
MacKavanagh, Kelvin	MacKavanagh Railroad Consulting
Narayanan, Janani	Philadelphia City Planning Commission
Olson, Ken	Penske Truck Leasing
Olszewski, Anthony	Penske Truck Leasing
Pawson, John	DVRPC RCC
Powers, John	NJ DOT
Price, Cliff	NJ Turnpike
Robertson, Zoe	GVFTMA
Samuelson, Burt	WILMAPCO
Schoonmaker, Elizabeth	DVRPC
Shanis, Donald	DVRPC
Shoaf, Bill	Shoaf Group
Smith, Paul	DVRPC
Sutch, Jeff	SMS Rail Lines
Sweeney, Tom	Cumberland Co. Planning

Turcich, Jim	Philadelphia Belt Line Railroad
Ward, John	DVRPC
Weiner, Harvey	Dependable Distribution
Wells, Tim	LTK Engineering Services
Wilk, Gene	NJ Turnpike Authority
Winkler, Fred	Winchester & Western Railroad Co.
Young, Lindsay	DRMEC