



MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

10AM, Friday, January 17th, 2007

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-Chair Don Shanis of DVRPC called the meeting to order (with co-chair Sharon Daboin arriving subsequently). All Task Force members were recognized, new attendees were welcomed, and the October 27th, 2006 meeting notes (which were emailed to the committee members) were approved by the committee.

As a reminder, the remaining Goods Movement Task Force meeting dates for 2007 are as follows:

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

2. DVRPC Freight Studies

Ted Dahlburg presented an introduction to the Highway Railroad Grade Crossing Management System study being undertaken by DVRPC. This project will lead to a complete inventory of grade crossings in Southeast Pennsylvania, and a highly improved GIS layer for freight and passenger rail lines. Activities are being closely coordinated with PennDOT District 6-0, SEPTA, and others.

Wall-sized maps of the region's rail lines were displayed at the front of the room. Task Force members were asked to review the maps at the conclusion of the meeting and to note and mark changes.

Walker Allen presented the draft recommendations to the NHS Connector Evaluation Study. Draft recommendations were also circulated and Task Force members were asked to review and comment by January 26, 2007.

The recommendations are divided up into 3 sections: Administrative, Suggested Projects, and Implementation/Next Steps. Many of the recommendations result from field views held in conjunction with Freight For A Day, and they will form an important part of the final NHS Connector report.

3. Revisions to the Destination 2030 Long Range Plan

Mike Boyer of the DVRPC staff presented necessary revisions of the 2030 Long Range Plan. The Financial aspect of the Long Range Plan must comply with SAFETEA-LU requirements by July, 2007. Mr. Boyer discussed draft revenues and expenditures and the implications for the set of major transportation projects included in the Plan. Mr. Boyer indicated the Goods Movement Task Force will be integrally involved in the development of the 2035 long range plan.

4. Navy Yard Access Road Project

Mike Noonan presented a progress report of this project in South Philadelphia. Mr. Noonan, a civil engineer, has been with DMJM Harris for 9 years.

Mr. Noonan displayed the two temporary roads which are scheduled to be finished in time for the anticipated opening of the Seafood Terminal in January 2009. He also presented the alignment for the permanent access road which they currently believe will cost \$60-70 million and for which funding has yet to be identified.

Staff will continue to keep the Task Force up-to-date on this project and a presentation about the design of the new Food Distribution Center is scheduled for the April 18 meeting.

5. Keystone Corridor Clearance Evaluation and Potential Truck Diversion Study

Matt Hurley presented an overview of the Keystone Corridor Clearance Evaluation Study. Mr. Hurley is in DMJM Harris' Transit Rail Department.

The study identifies the feasibility and cost-benefit for obtaining double stack vertical clearance along the Keystone Corridor from Philadelphia to Harrisburg. The major problem areas for clearances in the DVRPC region are in West Philadelphia around the intersection of Belmont and Girard Avenue, and in Montgomery County where the transit stations and historic buildings present a lot of problems. The cost benefit analysis showed less than 2 dollars of benefit for every one dollar spent. Further studies were recommended to look at alternate routes that avoid some of the major problem areas.

6. Coalition for America's Gateways and Trade Corridors

Adrienne Gregory, Associate, provided an overview of the Coalition for America's Gateways and Trade Corridors. Ms. Gregory discussed the Coalition's leadership on freight issues, key policy positions, major ongoing and upcoming initiatives, and membership opportunities. The Coalition is doing a lot of important work in Washington to inform members of Congress, especially new ones, about the importance of freight and freight transportation corridors.

(Note: Ms. Gregory's presentation will be posted on the freight page of the DVRPC website.)

7. Two-minute Reports

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

Sharon Daboin	PennDOT
Jim Badgley	NJ DOT
Michael Kirkpatrick	Delaware DOT
Dan Blevins	WILMAPCO
Don Shanis	DVRPC
Rick Crawford	Data Subcommittee
Kelvin MacKavanagh	Planning Subcommittee
Ted Dahlburg	Shippers Subcommittees
Tom Carolan	Traffic Club of Philadelphia
William Goetz	CSX
Carol Thomas	Burlington County Planning
Matt Anderson	Chester County Planning
Bob Siebeneicher	Camden Iron & Metal Inc.
Keith Mullins	Edwards and Kelcey

7. Old/New Business

The next scheduled meeting of the Delaware Valley Goods Movement Task Force is April 17th, 2007. Tony Furst, Director of the FHWA's Office of Freight Management and Operations, is the scheduled guest speaker.

Meeting Participants

<u>Name</u>	<u>Affiliation</u>
Adams, Peggy	Port of Bucks
Allen, Walker	DVRPC
Anastasiadis, Manny	PennDOT - Traffic
Anderson, Matthew	Chester Co. Planning Commission
Badgley, Jim	NJDOT
Belke, Carl	Patrick Engineering
Bickel, Richard	DVRPC
Blevins, Dan	WILMAPCO
Boyer, Mike	DVRPC
Boylan, James	Tyburn Railroad
Brinkley, Lawrence	School District of Philadelphia
Carolan, Tom	East Coast Logistics
Crawford, Rick	Norfolk Southern
Cuccia, Brian	NJDOT
Daboin, Sharon	PennDOT
Dahlburg, Ted	DVRPC
Delp, Paul	Lansdale Warehouse
Dub, Avri	Traffic Club of Philadelphia
Famili, Aminah	Select Greater Philadelphia
Finch, Spencer	PA Environmental Council
Fisher, Kevin	PMTA
Forrester, Linda	NJ DOT
Gessner, Kristin	PennDOT
Goetz, William	CSX
Giobbie, Tony	CSX Transportation
Gregory, Adrienne	Coalition for America's Gateways & Trade Corridors
Hall, Octavia	PCPC
Heinzelmann, Ray	Gahagan & Bryant Assoc.
Herman, Sue	Residents for Regional Traffic Solutions, Inc.
Hurley, Matt	DMJM Harris
Johanson, Erik	Pennsylvania Economy League
Johnson, Sterling	U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Kirkpatrick, Michael	Delaware DOT
Kenny, Tom	DADC
Krom, Adam	WRT
Lachus, Ted	Patrick Engineering
Learned, Pam	RIC
Ludasi, Andrew	NJDOT
MacKavanagh, Kelvin	MacKavanagh Railroad Consulting
McCreavy, John	SMS Rail Lines
McGowan, Hugh	PennDOT
McTamney, Michael	Klein and Hoffman
Miller, Nathan	SEPTA
Moore, Bruce	FedEx Custom Critical
Mullins, Keith	Edwards and Kelcey

Nixon, Joe	DVRPC
Noonan, Mike	DMJM Harris
Pawson, John	DVRPC RCC
Powers, John	NJ DOT
Robertson, Zoe	GVFTMA
Rowan, Jane	Schnabel Engineering
Saggiomo, Angelo	Brooks Provision, LLC
Schoonmaker, Elizabeth	DVRPC
Shanis, Donald	DVRPC
Siebeneicher, Bob	Camdon Iron & Metal Inc.
Spera, Dave	PMTA
Sweeney, Dennis	CSX Intermodal
Thomas, Carol	Burlington County
Tiley, Dennis	Edwards and Kelcey
Van Auken, Kate	PennPorts
Vieira, Alba	University of Vicosa, Brazil
Walsh, Nick	PRPA
Ward, John	DVRPC
Warren, Shelley	DRMEC
Weight, Lance	NJDOT
Weiner, Harvey	Dependable Distribution
Wells, Tim	LTK Engineering Services
Wilk, Gene	NJ Turnpike Authority
Winkler, Fred	Winchester & Western Railroad Co.
Young, Lindsay	DRMEC
Zito, Joseph	DRPA