



## **MEETING HIGHLIGHTS**

**10AM, Wednesday, July 18<sup>th</sup>, 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-Chairs Don Shanis of DVRPC and Sharon Duboin of PennDOT called the quarterly meeting to order. All Task Force members were recognized, new attendees were welcomed, and the April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2007 meeting notes (which were emailed to the committee members) were approved by the committee.

It was noted that John Hummer has left NJTPA to take the position of Deputy Secretary of Goods Movement for the California Business, Housing, and Transportation Agency. In a related development, Ted Matthews (formerly of NJDOT) will join the staff at NJTPA. Finally, John Powers of NJDOT recently retired after many years of service to the Goods Movement Task Force.

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

- Wednesday, October 17

### **2. Gloucester County Ferry Service Study**

Walker Allen of the DVRPC Office of Freight Planning discussed opportunities for instituting new ferry services in Gloucester County. Ferries once transported workers from the shores of Gloucester County to the bustling shipyards at the former Philadelphia Navy Yard.

Mr. Allen discussed demographic and transportation trends in Gloucester County, as well as important TIP and Long Range Plan projects that could impact the study and study area. He finished by discussing vessel options as well as possible sites for a ferry dock in Gloucester County and at the Navy Yard. The next step for this project is to establish a range of capital and operating costs for different types of service.

**3. Projects to Support Economic Development in the Delaware Valley**

DVRPC has been working with others to develop and prioritize a list of key transportation investments deemed critical to the region's future economic growth. Michael Boyer, DVRPC's Manager of the Office of Long Range Planning, led a discussion of the set of 30 identified projects.

After a brief explanation of the voting process and of each project, committee members were asked to rate each project as either *not important*, *minor*, *important*, *critical*, or *no opinion*. The results of the voting exercise will be tabulated and presented at the next Task Force meeting.

**4. Trenton Line Clearance Project**

The CSX Trenton rail line traversing the Delaware Valley in a north-south fashion is not cleared for double stack container trains, resulting in routing inefficiencies and diminished capacity. Bill Goetz of CSX discussed the need to clear this line and the benefits for the DVRPC region.

Clearing this line would allow CSX to handle longer trains, develop more business at the Philadelphia ports, and take trucks off the highways. Mr. Goetz told the Task Force of efforts to create a public-private partnership to fund the project. The current cost estimate to modify the 16 overhead bridges in Philadelphia and Bucks County is \$31.4 million, with completion targeted for 2009.

**5. Route 295/42/I-76, Direct Connection Project**

Jody Barankin of the New Jersey Department of Transportation provided an update of the Route 295/42/I-76 Direct Connection project in Camden County. This project will provide redesigned highways and ramps for I-295 and NJ-42/I-76. The project will relieve congestion at one of the region's busiest interchanges. The potential cost range for the project is \$600-\$900 million, depending on the alternative selected.

Mr. Barakin discussed various design alternatives such as double-decking the north and south travel lanes of I-295, as well as tunneling the road under NJ-42/I-76. NJDOT has made a major effort to engage the public throughout the long course of this project and it hopes to have an alternative chosen early next year.

**6. I-95 Corridor Coalition**

The I-95 Corridor Coalition is an alliance of transportation agencies and related organizations, extending from Maine to Florida. The Coalition promotes multi-state and interagency cooperation and provides a forum to address transportation management and operations issues of common interest. George Schoener, Executive Director, discussed freight and other current Coalition initiatives.

Mr. Schoener discussed the future anticipated growth in freight movement in the I-95 corridor. He proceeded to touch on some of the Coalition’s major freight initiatives, such as the Mid-Atlantic Truck Operations Study and the Mid-Atlantic Rail Operations Study, which, respectively, focus on truck and rail bottlenecks in the Mid-Atlantic region. Mr. Schoener also discussed Short Sea Shipping routes being studied, and the development of a Freight Academy.

(Note: Mr. Schoener’s presentation will be posted on the guest presentation section of the freight planning 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**
- Don Shanis . . . . . DVRPC**
- Rick Crawford . . . . . Data Subcommittee**
- Tony Giobbie . . . . . CSX**
- Kelvin MacKavanagh . . . . . Planning Subcommittee**
- Ted Dahlburg . . . . . Shippers Subcommittee**
- Nick Walsh . . . . . PRPA**
- Marrisa Waxman . . . . . Economy League of Greater Philadelphia**
- Jay Costello . . . . . Kinder Morgan**
- Zoe Robertson . . . . . GVFTMA**
- Tom Carolan . . . . . Traffic Club of Philadelphia**

**7. Old/New Business**

The next scheduled meeting of the Delaware Valley Goods Movement Task Force is October 17<sup>th</sup>, 2007. The guest speaker will be a representative of the Nation’s Port initiative in North Jersey. The 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Task Force will also be observed.

**Meeting Participants**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Affiliation</b>
Adams, Peggy	Port of Bucks
Allen, Walker	DVRPC
Anderson, Matthew	Chester Co. Planning Commission
Badgley, Jim	NJDOT
Barankin, Jody	NJDOT
Bastian, Lugene	PennDOT
Becker, Michael	DVRPC
Bickel, Richard	DVRPC
Boyer, Mike	DVRPC
Brahler, Richard	Chester County Planning Co.
Breeman, Paul	Holt Logistics
Carolan, Tom	East Coast Logistics
Crawford, Rick	Norfolk Southern
Crescenzo, Len	Kinder Morgan
Costello, Jay	Kinder Morgan
Cotter, Brendan	TMACC
Cuccia, Brian	NJDOT
Daboin, Sharon	PennDOT
Dahlburg, Ted	DVRPC
Davis, Talvin	NJDOT
Delp, Paul	Lansdale Warehouse
DeYoung, Larry	L. A. DeYoung, Inc.
Dougherty, Charles	DVRPC
Forrester, Linda	NJ DOT
Gibbs, Les	Trans Audit Inc
Gillard, Jim	Federal Reserve Bank
Giobbie, Tony	CSX Transportation
Goetz, William	CSX
Hall, Octavia	Philadelphia City Planning Commission
Hillis, Jack	LTK Engineering
Hovemeyer, Georgeana	NJDOT
Jennings, Tom	Port of Bucks
Johanson, Erik	Pennsylvania Economy League
Kenny, Tom	DADC
Kirkpatrick, Michael	Delaware DOT
Krakauer, Miki	NJDOT
Levecchia, Andrew	Camden County Improvement Authority
Long, Ryan	PB
Lorenzon, Phil	Congressman Patrick Murphy
Louch, Hugh	Cambridge Systematics
Ludasi, Andrew	NJDOT
MacKavanagh, Kelvin	MacKavanagh Railroad Consulting
McAuliffe, Dan	Unique Industries
McCreavy, John	SMS Rail Lines
Meehan, Tom	Anderson Construction

Miller, Amy	DVRPC
Miller, Nathan	SEPTA
Mosca, Jim	PennDOT Program Center
Noonan, Steve	Michael Baker
Pawson, John	DVRPC RCC
Pundt, Len	PennDOT
Raffo, Rich	Riverside Materials
Ratko, Wesley	MCPC
Ream, William	USS Real Estate
Reibman, Glenn F.	Delaware River Joint Toll Bridge Commission
Renner, Robert	Haines & Kibblehouse
Richardson, James	DVRPC
Ritzman, Jim	PennDOT
Robertson, Zoe	GVFTMA
Schoener, George	I-95 Corridor Coalition
Seymour, Barry	DVRPC
Shanis, Donald	DVRPC
Siebeneicher, Bob	Camdon Iron & Metal Inc.
Smedley, Jim	PennDOT Program Center
Spera, Dave	PMTA
Thomas, Carol	Burlington County
Tiley, Dennis	Jacobs Edwards & Kelcey
Tyler, Sgt. Robert D.	PA State Police
Van Auken, Kate	PennPorts
Walsh, Nick	PRPA
Ward, John	DVRPC
Waxman, Marisa	Economy League of Greater Philadelphia
Webber, Mark	NJDOT
Weiner, Harvey	Dependable Distribution
Wells, Tim	LTK Engineering Services
Wille, Madeleine	Congressman Patrick Murphy
Young, Lindsay	DRMEC
Zywan, Douglas	US Steel Real Estate