



QUARTERLY MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Delaware Valley Goods Movement Task Force
10:15 A.M., Wednesday, January 13th, 2010

8th Floor—DVRPC Main Conference Room

190 North Independence Mall West, Philadelphia, PA 19106

1. Call to order

Task Force Co-Chairs Don Shanis of DVRPC and Eric Madden of PennDOT called the quarterly freight advisory committee meeting to order. All Task Force members were recognized, and new attendees were welcomed.

2. Pennsylvania Passenger and Freight Rail Plan

Sarah Gulick, Director of the PennDOT Bureau of Rail Freight, Ports, and Waterways, provided an overview of the Pennsylvania Passenger and Freight Rail Plan. This integrated rail plan provides a framework for federal and state rail investments and identifies a series of core principles, priority corridors, and next steps.

Many of the priority corridors for freight and passenger service overlap, so the plan promotes the need for a cohesive planning approach. In terms of freight, the plan emphasizes the importance of bringing lines up to 286k compliance and increasing the amount of doublestack clearance in the state. The plan does not include a list of specific projects. It is meant to be a vision for the future, upon which project will be assessed. As projects are selected they will be included in the plan as amendments.

The Plan has been widely released in draft form and the public comment period is open until January 15, 2010.

3. Construction Project Status Report

A number of significant construction projects on transportation facilities in the Delaware Valley are slated for 2010. While construction may cause temporary travel delays or even detours, these projects will ultimately provide modernized transportation facilities and prospects for increased freight and economic activity in the region. A presentation was made by Paul Truban, Section Chief of the Trucking Services Unit, highlighting 10 major projects to be advanced by New Jersey DOT in 2010. They were:

- a. Route 1 Southbound Nassau Park Boulevard to I-95
- b. Millstone River Bridge Replacement
- c. Route 31 Pennington Circle Safety Improvements
- d. Scudders Falls bridge Replacement
- e. Route 73 Fox Meadow Road and Fellowship Road
- f. Rout 73 / Route 70 Marlton Circle Elimination

- g. I-295 from Rancocas – Mount Holly to Route 130 complete resurfacing
- h. Route 42 / I-76 / I-295 Missing Moves
- i. Route 42 / I-76 / I-295 Direct Connection
- j. I-295 from Route 45 to Berlin Haddonfield Road pavement rehabilitation

Brian Wahler of the NJ Turnpike followed Mr. Truban with a brief update on NJ Turnpike construction schedules. The NJ Turnpike widening from exit 6 to exit 8A will add 170 new roadway miles and is using multiple contractors in an effort to be completed by 2014.

4. Modeling Vessel Traffic in the Delaware River and its Use in Risk, Dredge and Freight Planning

Dr. Tayfur Altioik of Rutgers University presented a computer model of vessel traffic in the Delaware River. The model, which mainly uses data provided by the Maritime Exchange, includes inputs such as: vessel arrivals, vessel movement, anchorage locations, terminal locations, and vessel itinerary. It simulates all vessel classes, current vessel handling practices and performance metrics including vessel anchorage delays and port times, and all the cargo terminals. The model can be used to explore the impact of expansion, the impact of dredging, risk analysis, and issues of resiliency and recovery policies.

Dr. Altioik ran a simulation of the model to determine the impacts of dredging the river to 45 feet, and found substantial benefits of dredging the river, as long as the terminals were dredged as well. In running the model for the impact of dredging it was assumed that no new tonnage was brought to the river. The model accuracy on anchorage delays and vessel port time between 2004 and 2006 was found to be less than 1% off.

Dr. Altioik's presentation will be posted to the Delaware Valley Goods Movement Task Force Webpage.

5. National Programs and Perspectives on Freight

Adrienne Gildea, Manager of the Coalition for America's Gateways and Trade Corridors, provided an update on several federal initiatives that will impact the freight community. The "Jobs Bill" that passed the House of Representative pre-Christmas includes a key SAFETY-LU Extension (which must be extended by 2/28/10). However the "Jobs Bill" is not on the Senate Calendar for January, and could be threatened by a bill that would force the leftover Troubled Asset Relief Program (TARP) funds to be returned to the Treasury Department. The Coalition continues to push for a National Freight Plan and a corresponding Freight Trust Fund. Mrs. Gildea pointed out that there is currently no freight office within the US DOT.

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:

- Eric Madden PennDOT**
- Talvin Davis..... NJ DOT**
- Bobbie Geier Delaware DOT**
- Dan Blevins WILMAPCO**
- Don Shanis..... DVRPC**
- Rick Crawford Data Subcommittee**
- Kelvin MacKavanagh..... Planning Subcommittee**
- Roy Kardon Traffic Club of Philadelphia**
- Matt Anderson Chester County Planning**
- Curt Ferry Greenwich Terminals**
- Fred Winkler..... Winchester and Western Railroad**

7. Old/New Business

The next meeting of the Goods Movement Task Force will be held on April 14th, 2010 and The scheduled 2010 meeting dates for next year are below:

- April 14**
- July 14**
- October 13**

Meeting Participants

<u>Name</u>	<u>Affiliation</u>
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Anderson, Matt	Chester County Planning
Badgley, James	Savantage Solutions
Barth, Suzanne	Gerace Enterprise
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Ben Amos, Ariel	City of Philadelphia Office of Transportation
Blevins, Dan	WILMAPCO
Brooks, Carol	City of Philadelphia, Commerce
Cipriani, Eugene	DVRPC RCC
Coyle, Gerry	Evans Delivery Co.
Crawford, Rick	Norfolk Southern
Crawford-Major, Toni	Pennsylvania Department of Community and Econ. Development
Dahlburg, Ted	DVRPC
Davis, Talvin	NJDOT
DeBerry, Gary	PennDOT
D'Orazio, Ron	Pacer
Dub, Avri	CPA
Duffy, Ed	Duffy Associates
Ferry, Kurt	Greenwich Terminals
Fisher, Ed	OnTrack America
Frontino, Nick	Economy League
Geier, Bobbie	Delaware DOT
Gessner, Paul	Gessner Transportation Consulting
Giobbie, Tony	CSX Transportation
Goetz, William	CSX
Greenly, Scott	GVF
Gulick, Sarah	PennDOT
Haas, Jerri	Advanced Drainage Systems
Hassane, Fatima Balkis	Princeton University
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Heinzelmann, Ray	GBA
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Kardon, Roy	NAI Mertz
Kenny, Tom	DADC
Krakauer, Miki	NJDOT
Kugel, Jon	DVRPC
Ludasi, Andrew	NJDOT
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Madden, Eric	PennDOT
Markham, Jim	Pennoni
Maus, Will	OnTrack America
McAuliffe, Daniel	Unique Industries
McCreavy, John	SMS Rail Lines

Nawn, John	Patrick Engineering
Neil, Harold	Homeland Defense Solutions, Inc
Oliver, Gregory	Delaware DOT
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Renner, Robert	Haines + Kibblehouse
Roscoe, Michael	Schnabel Engineering
Rothe, Tanya	SEPTA
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Sheppard, William	Atlantic Rail Services
Smith, Anna Lynn	Parsons Brinkerhoff
Sweeney, Dennis	CSX Intermodal
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Townrow, Andrea	WTC Philadelphia
Truban, Paul	NJDOT
Turcich, Jim	Philadelphia Belt Line Railroad
Wahler, Brian	NJ Turnpike Authority
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Winkler, Fred	Winchester & Western RR
Van Auken, Kate	PennPorts
Young, Lindsay	Howland Group / DRMEC