



QUARTERLY MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Delaware Valley Goods Movement Task Force

10:00 A.M., Wednesday, July 14th, 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. Minutes from the prior Task Force meeting on April 14, 2010 were adopted as presented.

A moment of silence was observed for the two young Hungarian victims of the recent boating accident in the Delaware River.

Note: all PowerPoint presentations made during the meeting will be posted on the freight page of the DVRPC website.

2. South Jersey Freight Transportation Plan

Scott Douglas of NJDOT presented the draft recommendations from a study examining ways to improve and fully tap into the South Jersey Freight Transportation system. This is the culmination of a year of effort and includes considerable input from stakeholders in the DVRPC region. Task Force members are urged to submit comments on the preliminary recommendations.

Stage One of the draft Plan focuses on maintaining the system through improvements to existing facilities such as I-295 and NJ 55, the Delair Bridge, and the Port of Camden. Stage One of the Plan is valued at \$453 million. Stage Two seeks to improve the infrastructure with 3 highway projects valued at \$3.86 billion, and 16 smaller projects valued at \$305 million. Stage Three expands the system into new markets, highlighted by a new marine terminal in Paulsboro and double stack rail capabilities. The price tag for Stage Three is \$715 million.

3. PennDOT Construction Project Overview

Les Toaso, District Executive for PennDOT Transportation Engineering District 6-0, spoke about major transportation projects and needs in southeastern Pennsylvania. These infrastructure projects are critical to modernizing transportation facilities and sustaining freight activity and economic growth in the region.

Mr. Toaso provided updates on the major construction projects for calendar years 2010, 2011, and 2012. He also spoke to the annual budget shortfall for the District. Currently, the estimated need for bridges and pavement is \$829 million and the available funding is \$474 million, creating a shortfall of \$355 million. Mr. Toaso concluded his

presentation by explaining the urgency of the budget shortfall by showing the region's 596 structurally deficient bridges and 770 miles of poor pavement.

Following the presentation, Mr. Toaso was thanked for his leadership and efforts at PennDOT by Kevin Fisher on behalf of the Delaware Valley Goods Movement Task Force and the Pennsylvania Motor Truck Association.

4. Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst: Today and Tomorrow

Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst is a tri-service, 42,000 acre military installation located in Burlington County, New Jersey. Lt. Col. Andrew Stark spoke to the Task Force about the Base's rich history, its current role, and its infrastructure needs. Lakehurst was purchased during WWI as an ammunition testing facility for the US Army. In 1957, it was converted into a Naval Air Test Facility. Today, Lakehurst is home to Naval research and development operations, such as pursuit of electro-magnetic technologies. Fort Dix has been used for training and staging since WWI. Today Dix is still used for this purpose as well as to mobilize and de-mobilize units. McGuire was spun off of Dix during WWII and is home to both the Air National Guard and active duty Air Force operations.

In 2009, the three bases were merged to operate together. The bases form the largest employer in both Ocean and Burlington Counties. The bases have added jobs even during the economic recession. Like other public infrastructure, the Joint Base has 1940's and 1950's era facilities that need to be upgraded, but there is a funding shortfall. Lt. Col. Stark spoke to the importance of deep water ports, heavy rail, and good highway connections for the Base. He concluded that access to heavy rail and maintenance of the pipeline system were the two most important infrastructure issues facing the Base.

5. Passenger and Freight Rail: Together We Stand!

Jim Blair, Senior Director, Host Railroads, for the National Railroad Passenger Corporation (Amtrak) and a long-time friend of the committee, discussed how freight and passenger railroads are working together in the Delaware Valley and across the nation. While in the DVRPC region Amtrak runs on its own rail, across the country 70% of Amtrak route miles are on freight owned lines. The 1970 Rail Passenger Service Act created Amtrak and gave it statutory right of access to all US rail lines. This creates a unique relationship between Amtrak and its Host Railroads as they work together to improve infrastructure and reliability.

On-time reliability in the Amtrak system hit its lowest point in 2006, with some lines slipping below 10%. The 2008 Passenger Rail Investment and Improvement Act challenged both Amtrak and the Host railroads to achieve better on-time performance, and significant improvements have since been seen throughout the system. Mr. Blair also spoke about the vision for High Speed Rail in the Country and how small increments in train speed over time have helped Amtrak increase its market share, especially in the Northeast Corridor.

6. Innovative Approaches to Enhancing Urban Goods Movement

Eulois Cleckley of the District Department of Transportation presented information on Washington D.C.'s new Motor Carrier Division. Mr. Cleckley had previously performed a Professional Development Program assignment at DVRPC when he worked for FHWA.

The discussion provided an overview of freight policies in the District of Columbia. Mr. Cleckley discussed the city's new commercial curbside management program which is helping determine how much loading zone space is needed, develop a new payment process, and create an enforcement plan. Working with carriers, the District has determined that the lack of loading zones is the top problem carriers face and that they tend to support a parking permit system over other payment processes. The recommendations that have come out of the management program include increasing the size of existing loading zones, identifying under-utilized loading zones, establishing a time frame loading zones are most used, and establishing a preferred payment process.

Mr. Cleckley also discussed the District's Truck Safety Program. Recent field work has determined that roughly 10% of sample axles were overweight and the District has embarked on a new automated ticket system to try to curb overweight vehicles.

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:

- Eric MaddenPennDOT
- Dan BlevinsWILMAPCO
- Talvin DavisNJDOT
- Rick CrawfordData Subcommittee
- Kelvin MacKavanaghPlanning Subcommittee
- Ed KingShipping Subcommittee
- Mitch MitchellUnion Pacific
- Ted DahlburgDVRPC
- Walker AllenDVRPC
- Chris MuhsDVRPC

8. Old/New Business

The next meeting of the Goods Movement Task Force will be held on October 13th, 2010. The preliminary program includes speakers from Rhodia, the Pennsylvania Turnpike, and the Federal Railroad Administration. Also, DVRPC is working with TRB and MIT to conduct a freight scenario planning workshop at DVRPC on November 4.

Meeting Participants

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Cleckley, Eulois	District Department of Transportation
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Crawford, Rick	Norfolk Southern
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Dean, Richard	Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst
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