



QUARTERLY MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Delaware Valley Goods Movement Task Force & Transportation Operations Task Force

10:00 A.M., Friday, January 17, 2014

8th Floor—DVRPC Main Conference Room

190 North Independence Mall West, Philadelphia, PA 19106

1. Call to Order

Delaware Valley Goods Movement Task Force (DVGMTF) Co-chairs Barry Seymour of DVRPC and Sarah Gulick of PennDOT along with Transportation Operations Task Force (TOTF) chair Lou Belmonte called the quarterly advisory committee meeting to order. Mr. Seymour welcomed all new and returning committee members. Following this brief recognition, all attendees were invited to introduce themselves and their affiliations.

The minutes from the prior DVGMTF meeting on October 16, 2013 and TOTF meeting on September 16, 2013 were circulated. It was noted that any modifications/corrections can be transmitted to DVRPC staff.

DVRPC has applied for 1 AICP Certification Maintenance Credit for eligible meeting attendees. Eligible attendees should check the AICP website for availability.

All PowerPoint presentations will be made available on-line at:
<http://www.dvrpc.org/asp/committee/committee.aspx?p=DVGMTF>

2. DVRPC Transportation Operations and Freight Advisory Committees

Ted Dahlburg, Manager of the Office of Freight and Aviation and Laurie Matkowski, Manager of the Office of Transportation Operations Management, provided an overview of the roles of each of the respective offices and advisory committees as a part of the planning done at DVRPC. Each provided brief descriptions of these highly regarded advisory committees, their memberships, and their goals and current activities. By fully engaging the local transportation operations and freight communities, the Transportation Operations Task Force and Delaware Valley Goods Movement Task Force represent critical aspects of DVRPC's transportation planning process.

3. 511 Traveler Information

This presentation provided an overview of the current 511 Traveler Information Systems in both Pennsylvania and New Jersey. Kelly McVeigh of NJ DOT provided information on the New Jersey system along with statistics of use and plans for future integrations that will make the system safer

and efficient to use for drivers. The current system provides live downstream updates for any applications utilizing New Jersey's XML feed of traffic data that is entered through their Open Reach data system.

On the Pennsylvania side, Bob Pento of PennDOT highlighted the Pennsylvania 511 system and provided updates on the future application which is expected to be updated early in 2014. The Pennsylvania system utilizes data from the PennDOT Road Condition Reporting System (RCRS). The updated system will provide various improvements including a hands free app, streaming of cameras, more coverage of state roads and more. Pennsylvania is also testing real-time winter road condition data collection which could greatly improve cycle times for updated information.

Both speakers expressed interest in expanding data and learning how to better provide information that fleets and drivers can utilize to improve travel conditions for commercial vehicles.

4. Traffic Incident Management and Goods Movement

Chris King of DVRPC's Office of Transportation Operations Management provided an overview of DVRPC's Incident Management Task Force (IMTF) program. Created in 1998, the program promotes the National Unified Goal (NUG), improves coordinated response and fosters interaction among stakeholders. The IMTF has successfully built relationships among first responders, provided training to first responders and improved coordination amongst first responders. There are currently 8 Task Forces across the Delaware Valley.

The introduction by Chris King was followed by a panel discussion on Traffic Incident Management as it relates to goods movement with Bill Jenaway of the King of Prussia Volunteer Fire Department and Michael Gallagher of the New Jersey Division of Fire Safety. The first discussion item focused on how the IMTF assisted the individual agencies in the region. Mr. Jenaway emphasized the training it provides, as well as access to CCTV resources and a venue to prepare before and debrief after incidents to help improve the responses in the future. Mr. Gallagher described how the introduction to Highway Incident Management was provided through the IMTF which helped NJ to create a Highway Incident Management training program which has trained over 3,000 first responders to date. The training provides first responders with the tools to understand Incident Management and how to respond to an incident scene properly.

The second focus area was on how agencies could coordinate with the Freight and Rail Community and what issues they should be aware of from the vantage point of a first responder. Mr. Jenaway highlighted some of the issues that can occur with cargo spills and rollovers. He emphasized the time issue that can wreak havoc on local responders as well as the transportation network when freight carriers and their contacted clean-up crews are unable to respond as rapidly as would be preferred to secure and clear a scene. Mr. Gallagher echoed similar sentiments on the issue and suggested to combat this before it happens; it is paramount for truck drivers to heed warnings when they are issued. This includes road closures or incidents which can be avoided by following proper detour routes. By doing so, the truck drivers lessen the chance of being involved in a secondary incident.

5. Superstorm Sandy – Lessons Learned for Port and Supply Chain Resiliency

Anne Strauss-Wieder of A. Strauss-Wieder Inc. provided an overview of an in-depth case study of Sandy which considered three sets of activities involved in freight movement in terms of preparation for, immediate response to and longer term changes as a result of the Superstorm. In the aftermath of Superstorm Sandy, the Port of New York and New Jersey was closed for nearly a week during the peak shipping season.

Ms. Strauss-Wieder's presentation provided some key lessons for the port and goods movement industry. The major lessons learned are broken down into three categories:

- Physical flow
 - Electrical power is crucial
 - “Modal Flexing” was essential to handling diverted containers
 - Alternate ports were not prepared for the surges in vessels and containers when they were diverted by the storm
- Communication and Info flows
 - Communication integral to ports and supply chain systems
- Regulatory Considerations
 - Jones act exemption during emergencies would allow US port-US port movement of diverted containers
 - Improve Customs & Border Patrol protocols and inspection at port facilities to streamline movement of diverted cargo and drivers

In the end, the preparations and recovery at the Port of NY/NJ were incredible with zero on site fatalities and zero stolen merchandise. In addition the port was operational with all truck gates open for the terminals on November 5th only seven days after closing to prepare for the storm.

6. Transportation Operations and Freight Advisory Committee Coordination–ACTION ITEM

The committee members of both the DVGMTF and TOTF were asked to support the following action item: *That the members of the Transportation Operations Task Force and the Delaware Valley Goods Movement Task Force commit to undertake greater coordination and to pursue collaborative efforts that facilitate safe and efficient freight transportation operations in the Delaware Valley. The action item was put to motion and passed unanimously.*

7. Two-Minute Reports

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

Sarah Gulick..... Pennsylvania Dept. of Transportation

Provided an update on the recent funding at PennDOT including the announcement that rail freight project funding in the amount of \$38 million is soon to be allocated and a new round will be available for application in May 2014.

Kelvin MacKavanagh..... MacKavanagh Rail Consulting

Announced the upcoming TransAction Conference in Atlantic City, to be held April 8th, 9th, & 10th, 2014 at the Tropicana Hotel, Casino and Conference Center

Paul Delp Lansdale Warehouse Company

Announced upcoming International Warehouse Logistics Association events including a IWLA Warehouse Legal Webinar on January 30, 2014 and 2014 Convention and Expo in Phoenix, Arizona March 23-25, 2014.

Roy Kardon Traffic Club of Philadelphia

Announced the upcoming Traffic Club dinner on January 21, 2014 at the Hyatt Regency in Philadelphia.

Leslie McCoy..... PennDOT

Announced that ITS PA will hold an Integrated Corridor Management conference on January 30th.

7. ADJOURNMENT

The committee was adjourned for lunch. The DVGMTF meeting dates for 2014 are January 17, April 16, July 16, and October 15. The TOTF meeting dates for 2014 are March 17, June 16, September 15, and December 8.

Meeting Participants

Name

Affiliation

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Ruane, Michael	DVRPC
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Sample, Dennis	New Jersey Office of Homeland Security and Preparedness
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