



## **QUARTERLY MEETING HIGHLIGHTS**

### **Delaware Valley Goods Movement Task Force**

**10:00 A.M., Wednesday, October 14, 2015**

**8th Floor—DVRPC Main Conference Room**

190 North Independence Mall West, Philadelphia, PA 19106

#### **1. Call to Order**

Meeting chair John Ward of DVRPC called the quarterly freight advisory committee meeting to order. Mr. Ward welcomed all new and returning committee members. Following this brief introduction, all attendees were invited to introduce themselves and their affiliations.

The minutes from the prior Task Force meeting, which was the Downtown Delivery Symposium on July 15, 2015 were circulated. It was noted that any modifications/corrections can be transmitted to DVRPC's Mike Ruane. DVRPC has applied for 1.5 AICP Certification Maintenance Credits for eligible meeting attendees. Eligible attendees should check the AICP website for availability.

All Power Point presentations will be made available on-line at:

<http://www.dvrpc.org/asp/committee/committee.aspx?p=DVGMTF>

#### **2. The Role of the Shortline Freight Railroad in Economic Development**

Jeffrey Sutch, President of SMS Rail Lines, discussed his company's role in attracting and growing industry within Gloucester County and the Delaware Valley. Mr. Sutch highlighted how rail freight service provides a cost effective transport mode to help industry stay competitive and affords stability to the regional job base. SMS Rail is a shortline that works closely with industry customers to understand their needs and priorities and acts as an extension of their company. SMS's mission is to continue assisting its customers to grow their business in Gloucester County and beyond.

Mr. Sutch highlighted the successes in the Pureland Industrial Complex and how working closely with industry and communities can create good jobs and a stronger local economy. He also highlighted the excellent support from NJ DOT and state and local officials through streamlined approvals and financing programs. Mr. Sutch highlighted shortline railroad concerns about the timeline for adoption of Positive Train Control (PTC), an unfunded mandate for railroads that is, by law, scheduled to be fully implemented by all carriers by December 31, 2015.

### **3. South Jersey Port Corporation – Port/Rail Infrastructure Enhancements**

Jay Jones, Deputy Executive Director at South Jersey Port Corporation provided an overview of the South Jersey Port Corporation's marine terminal facilities, the development of the new Paulsboro Marine Terminal, the TIGER III Rail Grant Program with Conrail, Salem County and SJPC, and the NJDOT Rail Freight Assistance Grant for SJPC's Broadway Terminal and the Paulsboro Marine Terminal.

Mr. Jones highlighted the progress at the Paulsboro Marine Terminal, a project that has evolved through market changes and continues to leverage public and private investment. The port terminal, when it opens, is expected to draw steel import service with an expected 6 unit trains of steel outbound each week when fully operational. The terminal will be operated and marketed by Holt Logistics. In addition, another strong project for growth is SJPC's partnership with Holtec at Broadway terminal. This technology manufacturing company is expanding the footprint at Broadway with the assistance of the port and county in order to create a manufacturing footprint that will help grow jobs in Camden, NJ.

### **4. gc2040: People, Place, Prosperity**

Emily Costello of DVRPC discussed an ongoing project working with Gloucester County, NJ to update its master plan. The project team recently completed an extensive public outreach campaign called "gc2040: Let's Talk!" Input received through the survey and over 50 stakeholder meetings were the basis for the community's new vision document *gc2040: People, Place, Prosperity*. With this first phase complete, the project will advance to the Master Plan Update.

Ms. Costello highlighted the diversity and amount of outreach conducted as a part of the vision process. From these interactions with over 2,000 people the team was able to compile the county's strengths, weaknesses, desired future development priorities, concerns about the transportation network, and overall perceived quality of life. Committee members were encouraged to reach out to Ms. Costello and the project team to continue to provide input related to the freight transportation network and freight related development in the county.

### **5. Crude Oil in the Delaware Valley**

Michael Ruane of DVRPC presented an overview of the recently completed *Commodity Profile: Crude Oil in the Delaware Valley*. This profile provides an overview of crude oil shipments in the region and provides insights to the trends and facilities for planners and the public. Mr. Ruane highlighted the history of crude oil in the region and explored the role of this important commodity in economic development and employment.

The presentation documented the shifting trends in crude oil sourcing and refinery capacity over the past decade and identified the key facilities in the region. As this profile is meant as a resource to planners and decision makers, the presentation also highlighted some of the transportation implications for a shift in modal distribution and explored what those impacts look like for maritime and rail infrastructure.

### **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:

**John Ward ..... DVRPC**

Announced that PennDOT has released information for the new round of Multimodal Funds and information was provided in the packet. Mr. Ward also highlighted the celebration of the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of DVRPC and encouraged attendees to consider sponsorship or attendance at the 50<sup>th</sup> year dinner in December.

**Kelvin MacKavanagh.....NJ Short Line Railroad Assoc.**

Announced that New Jersey Transaction will be held on April 12, 13, and 14, 2016. Topics such as PTC and Crude Oil will be presented and interest in other topic sessions should be recommended as soon as possible.

**Bill Halloran..... Traffic Club of Philadelphia**

Announced TC Philadelphia will be hosting an Industry Night at Fox Business School with Monroe Energy on November 10, 2015. Additionally, the TC Philadelphia 108<sup>th</sup> Annual Dinner will be held January 21, 2016 at the Westin and will honor Person of the Year: Senator Bob Casey Jr and Company of the Year: DVRPC. More information is available online at TCPhila.org.

**Michael Ruane ..... DVRPC**

Highlighted the quarterly progress report for DVRPC freight staff, which was included in the packet. Announced that SHRP2 C20 project work was nearing completion and an improved version of PhillyFreightFinder would launch soon with new tools.

**Sean Greene..... DVRPC**

Announced that the PA TIP subcommittee has met to consider a new round of CMAQ funding with a set aside for freight projects that could target diesel replacements.

**Paul Truban..... NJ Department of Transportation**

Announced that a new director has been hired to replace Talvin Davis following his retirement. Nicole Minutoli joins NJ DOT from NJ Attorney General's office and hopes to be a participant of the committee. Mr. Truban also announced that 2015 awards have been announced for the Rail Freight Assistance Program and 2016 solicitation is expected to go out in the next few months.

**Ted Dahlburg ..... DVRPC**

Highlighted the ongoing work for this fiscal year including a freight access study in Burlington County, New Jersey at interchange 6A of the NJ Turnpike and a Downtown Delivery Guidebook for the City of Philadelphia. Mr. Dahlburg also pointed out the dates for the 2016 meetings of the DVGMTF which included a change in April to a Friday meeting.

**Rian Nemeroff .....Housatonic Transportation Co.**

Announced an upcoming meeting of the Philadelphia Area Network of APICS that will include a featured presentation from Erik Johnson of Canopy Prospecting which operates at Eddystone's crude-by-rail terminal.

**7. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned for lunch. The 2016 committee meeting dates are Friday, January 15; Friday, April 15; Wednesday, July 13; and Wednesday, October 12.

## Meeting Participants

### Name

Aviciolli, Rich  
 Bamford, Steve  
 Blevins, Dan  
 Brown, Tim  
 Costello, Emily  
 Coyle, Jerry  
 Crawford, Rick  
 Dahlburg, Ted  
 Darby, Valincia  
 Dub, Avri  
 Duffy, Ed  
 DuRoss, Mike  
 Gallagher, Kevin  
 Geier, Bobbie  
 Greenhaus, Daniel  
 Guidotti, Robin  
 Halloran, William  
 Jones, Jasper  
 Haynes, Nicholas  
 Heinzelmann, Ray  
 Heller, David  
 Henwood, Joe  
 Hess, Jim  
 Hill, Jocelyn  
 Hollis, David  
 Houseal, Alex  
 Imhof, Kurt  
 Jones, Dennis  
 Jones, Jasper  
 Jones, Jay  
 Kanthor, David  
 Kardon, Roy  
 Kearns, Alan  
 Kerr, Steve  
 Kirlin, Ed  
 Krakauer, Miki  
 Lawson, Bill  
 Linderman, Dick  
 Ludasi, Andrew  
 Luu, Thai  
 MacKavanagh, Kelvin  
 Mannino, Tony

### Affiliation

Gilmore & Associates  
 Pottstown Area Industrial Development  
 WILMAPCO  
 Penn Warehousing and Distribution  
 DVRPC  
 Evans Delivery Co.  
 Norfolk Southern  
 DVRPC  
 Dept. of the Interior  
 Self  
 Duffy Associates  
 DeIDOT  
 Pennoni  
 DeIDOT Planning  
 Norfolk Southern  
 Norfolk Southern  
 The Traffic Club of Philadelphia  
 Self  
 PRPA  
 Gahagan & Bryant Associates, Inc.  
 SJTPO  
 Chester Business Association  
 AECOM  
 Conrail  
 HNTB  
 AECOM  
 Senator Bob Casey  
 KIPC/US Steel  
 Self  
 SJPC  
 Philadelphia City Planning Commission  
 NAI Mertz  
 NJ Transit  
 Southern Railroad of New Jersey  
 ILMC  
 Self  
 NJ Transit  
 Chester Business Association  
 NJ DOT  
 NJ DOT  
 NJ Shortline RR Assoc.  
 PA Senator Larry Farnese

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McCarthy, Leslie	Villanova University
Miller, Alan	NJ Business Action Center/OPA
Nemeroff, Rian	Housatonic Transportation Co.
Oglesby, Rodney	CSX Transportation
Philpott, Bob	BDP International
Popek, Matt	Montgomery County Planning Commission
Ragozine, William	CCCTMA
Ricci, David	Flynn Company
Riley, Mike	Logan Township, NJ
Rook, Randy	AECOM
Roscoe, Michael	Schnabel Engineering
Ruane, Mike	DVRPC
Scott, Dave	CSX Transportation
Scott, Michael	Parsons Brinkerhoff
Shanis, Donald	Pennoni Associates
Sheppard, William	Atlantic Rail Services, Inc.
Smith, Anna Lynn	Parsons Brinkerhoff
Snow, Tim	Delaware DOT
Sutch, Jeff	SMS Rail
Svekla, Andrew	DVRPC
Teka, Maryam	GPA
Truban, Paul	NJ DOT
Turcich, Jim	PBLRR
Vasell, Jay	PRC/CBA/VPS
Velazquez, Christina	Gloucester County Planning
Ward, John	DVRPC
Ward, John	YRC Freight
Zochowski, Matthew	Camden County Div. of Planning