



QUARTERLY MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Delaware Valley Goods Movement Task Force

10:00 A.M., Friday, January 15, 2015

8th Floor—DVRPC Main Conference Room

190 North Independence Mall West, Philadelphia, PA 19106

1. Call to Order

Committee chair Barry Seymour of DVRPC called the quarterly freight advisory committee meeting to order. Mr. Seymour welcomed all committee members and friends and introduced Nicole Minutoli, the new Director of Multimodal Services at NJ DOT and member of the Task Force Executive Committee. Following this brief introduction, all attendees were invited to introduce themselves and their affiliations.

The minutes from the prior Task Force meeting on October 14, 2015 were circulated. It was noted that any modifications/corrections can be transmitted to DVRPC's Mike Ruane. DVRPC has applied for 1 AICP Certification Maintenance Credit for eligible meeting attendees. Eligible attendees should check the AICP website for availability.

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

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

2. CMAQ Funding Round

Sean Greene, DVRPC Senior Transportation Planner, provided an overview of the new round of Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) funding available for Pennsylvania. The presentation detailed the program eligibility requirements and timeline. This round will make available \$20 million for eligible projects between FY 2017-2020 and is open to public agencies and public-private partnerships.

Mr. Greene highlighted that freight related projects are often cost effective in reducing emissions. Some example project types highlighted were diesel retrofits and repowers, projects that result in modal shift, as well as extreme cold start programs. The application period opens January 21, 2016 and a mandatory pre-application meeting is scheduled for February 23. Completed application packages are due April 21, 2016 with final project selection expected in June/July 2016.

3. Making Freight Data More Accessible

Michael Ruane, Freight Transportation Planner at DVRPC, presented the outcomes of the SHRP2 C20 Freight Demand Modelling and Data Improvement Project. This project focused on the improvement of DVRPC's *PhillyFreightFinder* product and enhancing the data availability, visibility, and accessibility presented in this tool. The project was one of seven SHRP2 C20 products funded in the last phase. Through this effort the DVRPC implemented a new database that incorporated 13 new data sets and added several new visualization tools in the *PhillyFreightFinder* web application.

The improved product provides tools that highlight maritime activity, profile county networks and domestic trade patterns, illustrate truck highway performance, and includes data updates to the regional facility map. The improvements are targeted at county planners, economic development agencies, and those in the public that seek to better understand the role of freight in their communities and sets the foundation for future freight demand modeling and project evaluation.

Mr. Ruane also provided an overview of the Open Freight App, an open source version of the *PhillyFreightFinder* project that was created through this grant. Open Freight App was built for use by other agencies to replicate *PhillyFreightFinder* at a low cost. The product is fully documented and WILMAPCO has utilized the project to develop tools for use by their agency.

4. 2040 Freight Movement around NJ Turnpike Interchange 6A

David Anderson, Manager of the Office of Transportation and Corridor Studies at DVRPC, gave an update on the study of Year 2040 Freight Movement around New Jersey Turnpike Interchange 6A in Burlington County, NJ. This study is being conducted jointly with the offices of Modeling and Analysis, Freight and Aviation Planning, and Transportation and Corridor Studies. The study seeks to examine the capacity of existing transportation infrastructure to serve current demand and planned growth in an important manufacturing and warehousing hub, designated one of the region's 44 freight centers.

The study is in progress and is exploring the impacts from the future completion of the PA Turnpike and I-95 interchange as well as the planned growth of over 9.3 million square feet of warehouse space. Beyond profiling development in the study area, the project identifies O/D patterns from NJTP 6A, crash clusters, performance at key intersections, and truck movements as a percent of all traffic. Following the completion of intersection analyses and a survey of companies to determine distribution patterns, the project will forecast 2040 travel patterns. Based on these results the project team will identify appropriate improvement scenarios.

5. Monroe Energy's Trainer, Delaware County Facility

Adam Gattuso, Government Affairs and Communications Leader for Monroe Energy, talked about the purchase of the Trainer facility (Delaware County, PA) and how this strategic asset fulfills roughly 70-80% of its parent company's jet fuel needs. This unique acquisition is the only of its kind in the country, where an airline has the vertical integration of operations that include fuel manufacturing. The purchase that was negotiated with the help of public officials led to the preservation of thousands of jobs in the region and stabilized one of the region's critical economic drivers, petroleum refining.

The Monroe refinery produces a slate of refined products and through creative agreements with other refiners, is able to provide critical access to jet fuel for Delta Airlines, its parent company. The company's strategy has led to savings throughout the airline, even as pricing pressures have

adjusted the market. Mr. Gattuso also highlighted the company’s commitment to being a truly good neighbor to the community in which it operates.

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:

Nicole MinutoliNew Jersey Department of Transportation
Announced that the state is beginning its new statewide freight plan.

Kelvin MacKavanagh.....NJ Short Line Railroad Assoc.
Announced that the 2016 TransAction Conference will be held April 12-14.

Calvin Edghill.....FHWA
Gave brief remarks about the new FAST Act and emphasized the new emphasis on freight, including designated funding for freight specific programs.

Tony BandieroGreater Philadelphia Clean Cities Program
Announced that the Annual traffic Club dinner would be held January 21st and this year the Traffic Club is honoring Senator Robert Casey as Person of the Year and the DVRPC as Company of the Year.

Barry Seymour.....DVRPC
Announced that the DVRPC freight office’s quarterly progress report was included in the meeting folders.

Lindsay DonnellonFHWA/DVRPC
Discussed an ongoing study that is being undertaken this spring exploring truck routing and neighborhood conflicts in the City of Chester and identifying techniques to address some of these issues.

Ted DahlburgDVRPC
Discussed the recent TRB Annual Meeting and highlighted the events and sessions of the Urban Freight Committee. He also noted that the 2016 mid-year meeting would be held as a retreat in Philadelphia, to be timed with Task Force meeting in July.

7. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned for lunch. The remaining 2016 committee meeting dates are April 15, July 13 and October 14.

Meeting Participants

<u>Name</u>	<u>Affiliation</u>
Bandiero, Tony	Greater Philadelphia Clean Cities Program
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Coll, Edward	Emerson-Proconex
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Dahlburg, Ted	DVRPC
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Duross, Mike	DeIDOT
Edghill, Calvin	FHWA-NJ
Edinger, Tom	Tri-County Regional Planning
Elkis, Patty	DVRPC
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Furman, Aliyah	PA DCED
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Gattuso, Adam	Monroe Energy
Gessner, Paul	Gessner Transportation Consulting
Guidotti, Robin	Norfolk Southern
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Harper, Frank	The Tioga Group
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Huston, Jackie	Gloucester County Planning
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Jones, Dennis	KIPC/US Steel
Kardon, Roy	NAI Mertz
Katzenberger, Jim	Accelerx Group
Kearns, Alan	NJ Transit
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Ludasi, Andrew	NJ DOT
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