



## **QUARTERLY MEETING HIGHLIGHTS**

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

**10:00 A.M., Wednesday, April 12, 2017**

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

190 North Independence Mall West, Philadelphia, PA 19106

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

Committee co-chair Barry Seymour of DVRPC called the quarterly freight advisory committee meeting to order. Mr. Seymour welcomed all committee members and friends. Mr. Seymour introduced Greg Iannarelli of the Philadelphia Regional Port Authority as the committee's new co-chair. Following this brief introduction, all attendees were invited to introduce themselves and their affiliations.

The minutes from the prior Task Force meeting on January 13, 2017 were circulated. It was noted that any modifications/corrections can be transmitted to DVRPC's Mike Ruane.

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

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

#### **2. Critical Urban and Rural Freight Corridors (CUFC/CRFC)**

Mike Ruane of DVRPC provided an update on the development of regional components of the National Highway Freight Network. Under the FAST Act and the National Highway Freight Program, PennDOT and New Jersey DOT have requested input and support in the identification of Critical Urban and Rural Freight Corridors. DVRPC has prioritized and submitted eight corridors to PennDOT for review after the DVRPC Board approved the recommendations in March.

New Jersey candidate CUFCs and CRFCs have been identified through a NJDOT led effort and were subsequently reviewed for completeness by DVRPC staff. This process resulted in a request to FHWA to include two additional corridors in the Primary Highway Freight System. In addition, a draft set of candidate CUFC/CRFCs were identified statewide. The next step of this process will be a workshop to identify projects and priorities in order to reduce the total identified mileage to 75 miles of CUFC and 150 miles of CRFC.

#### **3. DVRPC Travel Demand Model Improvement Program**

Matt Gates of the DVRPC's Office of Modeling and Analysis provided an overview of activities being undertaken by a steering committee on model improvement. Mr. Gates provided an overview

of recently conducted model improvement projects. These activities have helped to improve the agency and its partners' ability to conduct transportation studies that consider travel patterns and forecasts in the region. The current steering committee effort seeks to prioritize a long list of potential improvements.

The steering committee is considering many options for enhancement of the model, data, and supporting tools. Two of these enhancements are directly related to freight activity in the region. The Multi-Class Assignment enhancement would allow the model to run outputs for autos, light-truck, and heavy-truck separately, providing a more detailed understanding of freight volumes throughout the network. The Tour-Based Freight model would seek to understand the commodity flows through the region and provide a much more detailed understanding of activity on facilities, providing resources to better understand the value of goods movement for regional projects. Committee members were encouraged to contact Matt Gates with any questions about or support for these improvements.

#### **4. Port of Philadelphia Capital Investment Program**

Sean Mahoney, Director of Marketing at the Philadelphia Regional Port Authority provided an overview of the recent commitment by Pennsylvania to invest \$300 million in port infrastructure, equipment, and warehousing. The announcement of the grant by Governor Wolf was made in November 2016 and is a crucial step to advancing the growth of PRPA facilities as they compete for larger vessels and new carriers.

This Port Development Plan covers investments at the Packer Avenue Marine Terminal, Philadelphia Auto Port, and Tioga Marine Terminal. Through this investment and additional private investment by operators, Packer Avenue will increase its TEU capacity to 900,000 annually, increase berth depth to 45 foot, and add four electric Super Post-Panamax cranes while converting existing cranes to be fully electric. The plan includes dedicated investment in expanding the auto operations at PRPA facilities by creating a new Philadelphia Auto Port facility at the South Port property. This will include capacity to import/export 300,000 autos through additional acreage and an additional Ro/Ro berth and a retrofit of an existing building to support value-added activities at the facility. Finally, the plan includes additional warehouse capacity at Tioga Marine Terminal, as well as improvements in crane capacity.

Collectively, PRPA estimates that these improvements will create 7,000 additional direct and indirect jobs regionally and create an additional annual tax benefit of nearly \$39 million.

#### **5. Holtec Technology Campus**

Ed Mayer, Program Director at Holtec Technology presented the ongoing relocation of Holtec to a new facility in Camden, New Jersey. The relocation brings together several aspects of the company's operation to a single campus on the Delaware River in Camden, including two large manufacturing buildings, a seven story corporate engineering center, a test facility, and support facilities such as corporate apartments and a training center.

Mr. Mayer highlighted improvements that have been made to date including a relocation of Broadway (a major thoroughfare in Camden), which was completed with the assistance of SJPC, NJDOT, and the City and County of Camden. The development also includes an 8 MW substation and a planned 3 MW solar array. The groundbreaking for the project was in July of 2015 and heavy fabrication is expected to begin during the summer of 2017. Mr. Mayer highlighted some of the

specialty equipment constructed at the site including what will be the largest plate roll in the country, a PAMA VetriRam Gantry Mill, and a Vertical Turning and Milling Center. The investments come with a corporate commitment to invest in the people of Camden through new welding programs at local community colleges and outreach to local non-profits to find qualified workers.

## **6. Pennsylvania Motor Truck Association**

Kevin Stewart, President & CEO of the Pennsylvania Motor Truck Association (PMTA) introduced the PMTA and issues facing the trucking industry. Mr. Stewart highlighted the issue of truck parking as a major concern facing drivers nationally and regionally. The topic has been the subject of recent industry surveys that found a substantial share of drivers are forced to utilize unauthorized/undesignated parking throughout the day and night. The combination of limited capacity of spaces as well as strict hours of service laws contributes to the issues.

Mr. Stewart emphasized that this issue will get markedly worse in December when full Electronic Logging Device (ELD) compliance must be met. These ELDs will eliminate any remaining wiggle room for drivers to find parking when their hours of service expire. The result could be major cost shifts to the industry as fleets become less efficient and/or unauthorized parking throughout the region increases as drivers are forced to stop to avoid violations and costly fines.

## **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:

**Nicole Minutoli .....New Jersey Department of Transportation**

**Stephen Chiamonte.....WSP | Parsons Brinkerhoff**

Provided an update on the New Jersey Statewide Freight Plan which is well underway. The Department along with its consultants are coordinating with MPOs, economic development agencies, and private sector stakeholders to advance the effort.

**Dan Blevins .....WILMAPCO**

Announced that efforts are underway to update the Delmarva Freight Plan to be FAST Act compliance and that Delaware has submitted CUFC and CRFC corridors to FHWA for review.

**Michael Rimer .....Pennsylvania Department of Transportation**

Updated the committee on the CUFC/CRFC process. PennDOT received 100% participation from MPOs and RPOs statewide to collectively identify 429 candidate corridors representing over 1,000 miles. PennDOT is working on QA/QC at this point.

**Dan Walston .....FHWA PA Division**

Provided updates on a couple of freight related items. Regarding 2017 FASTLANE grants, there has been no update yet on selections. The current federal programs for funding that existed under the FAST Act are the National Highway Freight Program and FASTLANE. Mr. Walston also discussed the I-81 Corridor Coalition, which is holding an Annual Meeting on April 23-25.

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

Announced that the committee members could find a brochure “Why Goods Movement Matters” in their folders. Mr. Dahlburg also announced several upcoming events: May 15 – STB Railroad Shippers Council to be hosted in Philadelphia; July 12 – Downtown Delivery Symposium III; October 11 – 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the DVGMTF. Mr. Dahlburg announced the retirement of Brian Hontz, FRA and the promotion of Tim Teirney to President & COO of Conrail. Mr. Dahlburg also recognized Tom Jennings and his wife Kathy for being named Citizen Diplomats of the Year.

**Amber Reimnitz .....Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission**

Announced that the commission had conducted an evaluation of truck parking at plazas and was advancing expansion at the Lawn Service Plaza (westbound). The commission is also developing VMS signage beyond the turnpike system to alert drivers before they get on the system. Ms. Reimnitz also announced that the I-95 to Turnpike connection was progressing and expected to be completed at the end of 2018.

**William Halloran.....Tracks Unlimited, LLC**

Announced that the Traffic Club of Philadelphia will be holding its National Transportation Week lunch on May 16<sup>th</sup>, details are available online.

**Cpt. Scott Anderson.....United States Coast Guard**

Announced that the channel deepening project blasting is completed for this fiscal year and would resume in late fall. On the topic of LNG bunkering, the USCG has received inquiries from 10-12 companies.

**Kelvin MacKavanagh.....NJ Short Line RR Association**

Provided an update on the success of the annual NJ Transaction conference held in Atlantic City, NJ where over 1,000 individuals were in attendance.

**Paul Delp .....Lansdale Warehouse**

Provided an update to the committee on a recent budget proposal by Governor Wolf to extend sales tax of commercial storage, which the International Warehouse Logistics Association opposes.

**Justin Neff .....DVRPC**

Announced that there was a handout in the packets highlighting the closures surrounding the NFL Draft to be held the last week of April.

**Jim Katzenberger .....Accelerx**

Announced that Transportation Camp 2018 will be coming to Philadelphia and the local sponsor is the Young Professionals in Transportation.

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned for lunch. The remaining 2017 committee meeting dates are July 12 and October 11.

## Meeting Participants

<u>Name</u>	<u>Affiliation</u>
Alderfer, Dan	H + K Group
Anderson, Cpt. Scott	USCG
Badgley, James L.	Rowan College at Burlington County
Bill He	Student @ UPenn
Blevins, Dan	WILMAPCO
Breeman, Paul	Holt Logistics Corp
Broder, Jonathan	Conrail
Brophy, Jane	Amtrak
Brown, Tim	Penn Warehousing and Distribution
Carafides, Paul	DVRPC
Castagnola, Kevin	SJPC
Chiaromonte, Stephen	WSP   Parsons Brinkerhoff
Cipriani, Eugene N.	Engineers Club of Philadelphia
Coyle, Jerry	Evans Delivery Co.
Crawford, Rick	Norfolk Southern
Dahlburg, Ted	DVRPC
Delp, Paul	Lansdale Warehouse Co.
D'Orzaio, Ron	Matson Logistics
Dub, Avri	Self
Furman, Aliyah	PA DCED
Galasso, Rich	Galasso Trucking Service
Gallagher, Kevin	Pennoni
Gates, Matt	DVRPC
Gazzola, John	Hudson Analytix
Gittens, Keissan	DVRPC
Greenhaus, Daniel	Norfolk Southern
Griffith, Rachael	Chester County Planning Commission
Halloran, William	Tracks Unlimited LLC
Heinzelmann, Ray	Gahagan & Bryant Associates, Inc.
Iannarelli, Greg	Philadelphia Regional Port Authority
Jackson, Najah	DVRPC
Jan, Farooq	PennDOT District 6-0
Jennings, Tom	Curtin + Heefner LLP
Johnson, Anthony	Partnership TMA
Johnson, Sterling H.	Corps of Engineers, Phila.
Jones, Dennis	KIPC/US Steel
Kardon, Roy	NAI Mertz
Katzenberger, Jim	Accelerx Group
Kong, Kaley	Student @ UPenn
Luu, Thai	NJ DOT
MackKavanagh, Kelvin	NJ Shortline RR Assoc.
Mahoney, Sean	PRPA

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Mandly, Jacqueline	Philadelphia Regional Port Authority
Marano, Dominic	Marano Truck Lines
Mayer, Ed	Holtec International
McDonough, Bill	NJ Turnpike Authority
Mercado, Emilio	US Coast Guard, Sector Delaware Bay
Miller, Jonas	USCG
Minutoli, Nicole	NJ DOT
Mortin, June	City of Camden
Neff, Justin	DVRPC
Oglesby, Rodney	CSX Transportation
Painter, Mia	Schnabel Engineering
Paschall, Daniel	DVRPC
Popek, Matthew	Montgomery County Planning Commission
Reimnitz, Amber	PA Turnpike Commission
Riley, Alison	EPA Region 3
Rimer, Michael	PennDOT CPDM
Rogers, Debi	ICF- Environmental Planning
Ruane, Mike	DVRPC
Scheerbaum, Gus	City of Philadelphia (OTIS)
Schoonmaker, Elizabeth	DVRPC
Session, Denise	PennDOT Multimodal
Seymour, Barry	DVRPC
Sheppard, William	Atlantic Rail Services, Inc.
Stewart, Kevin	PMTA
Stoebenah, Hank	DVRPC Regional Aviation Committee
Strohecker, Alanna	AECOM
Sun, Yuting	DVRPC
Truban, Paul	NJ DOT
Turcich, Jim	PBLRR
Walston, Dan	FHWA-PA
Ward, John	XPO
Weiner, Harvey	Dependable Distribution
Whitaker, Karen	Delaware County Planning Department
White, Whitney	GISI
Zochowski, Matthew	Camden County Div. of Planning





## DELAWARE VALLEY GOODS MOVEMENT TASK FORCE

### QUARTERLY PROGRESS REPORT DVRPC Office of Freight Planning January 2017 – April 2017

Each quarter of the fiscal year provides a unique opportunity for DVRPC's Office of Freight Planning to perform essential and high priority freight planning activities and to provide support to the Delaware Valley's freight community. For the benefit of the members and friends of DVRPC's freight advisory committee, the Delaware Valley Goods Movement Task Force, the following "progress report" has been compiled to highlight the range of tasks successfully completed by DVRPC staff during the specified time period.

#### January 2017

- Conducted the quarterly meeting of the DVRPC freight advisory committee (01/13/17).
- Conducted Philadelphia truck parking work group meeting with representatives of the Pennsylvania Motor Truck Association (01/13/17).
- Participated in the New Jersey Freight Advisory Committee meeting (01/24/17).
- Participated in The Traffic Club of Philadelphia's Annual Dinner (01/26/17).

#### February 2017

- Participated in a meeting of the City of Philadelphia's Vision Zero Fleet Management Subcommittee (02/01/17).
- Presented an overview of the *PhillyFreightFinder* mapping and data tool to the San Diego MPO, SANDAG (02/16/17).
- Participated in the Philadelphia Regional Port Authority's rebranding workshop (02/17/17).
- Presented staff recommendations on Critical Urban Freight Corridors to the DVRPC Board (02/23/17).

#### March 2017

- Conducted a freight planning briefing for PennDOT District 6-0 staff (03/08/17).
- Conducted the quarterly meeting of the DVRPC Regional Aviation Committee (03/16/17).
- Participated in a meeting of a work group examining trucks routes in Camden City (03/20/17).
- Participated in a meeting of the PA On Track Implementation Plan Work Group (03/21/17).
- Conducted a conference call for the TRB Urban Freight Transportation Committee (03/24/17).
- Participated in a scoping meeting for the Main Street highway-railroad grade crossing project located in Darby, PA (03/27/17).

#### April 2017

- Delivered DVRPC freight planning presentations at the New Jersey transportation conference, Transaction (04/04-06/17).
- Participated in the Delaware Valley Corporate Sustainability Leadership Forum on Energy Development, Transportation, and Sustainability at Widener University. (04/06/17).