



QUARTERLY MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Delaware Valley Goods Movement Task Force

10:00 A.M., Wednesday, April 11, 2018

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. Following this brief introduction, all attendees were invited to introduce themselves and their affiliations.

The minutes from the prior Task Force meeting on January 12, 2018 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. Connecting Freight with PennDOT Connects

PennDOT Connects is a new initiative to proactively involve municipalities and community stakeholders in designing and undertaking more comprehensive and effective projects. Jesse Buerk of DVRPC provided an overview of the Transportation Improvement Program and how it relates to the new PennDOT Connects initiative. His presentation provided insights on the project development process and how freight needs are considered.

3. Preparing for Ultra Large Container Vessels

Captain Jonathan Kemmerley, President of The Pilots' Association for the Bay and River Delaware, presented an overview of the role of Pilots in the conduct of maritime activity in the region. He provided information on the operating procedures and limitations of Pilots as they navigate large vessels up the river. He also highlighted the delicate but important relationship these individuals have with crews on the vessels as well as the tug captains that assist with maneuvers.

In addition, Captain Kemmerley discussed the recent ULCV (Ultra Large Container Vessel) simulation training completed by local pilots to prepare for the arrival of container vessels which are capable of carrying 14,000 TEU (twenty-foot equivalent units) to the Ports of the Delaware River. These ships, though not the largest in the world, are the largest to make call on the river. Based on

the physical constraints of the river (not depth) it is likely that they may be the largest the river can safely handle.

4. Freight Partner Spotlight: Federal Railroad Administration

Chris Schulte, Supervisory Safety Specialist, Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) Region 2, located in Crum Lynne, PA, provided an introduction to the various duties and activities of the FRA. His presentation provided a detailed overview of the many duties of the FRA as they oversee certain aspect of railroading similar to their more well-known modal counter-part the FAA for aviation. Mr. Schulte highlighted highway-railroad grade crossing information for the region, including an inventory of the number of crossings across counties and operators. Mr. Schulte also provided key data points on railroad safety not only at crossings but including industry incidents. On the whole safety data results were mixed as grade crossing incidents continue to be a problem across the nation.

5. Truck Parking Capacity Initiatives

Truck parking demand is projected to increase due to truck traffic growth on the Nation’s highway system. Jeff Purdy discussed how the FHWA and the National Coalition on Truck Parking are identifying capacity solutions through the use of technology and data, innovative funding and finance, and state, regional, and local coordination. His presentation provided background on the issues and legislation surrounding truck operations. He highlighted some of the key factors that contribute to the challenges of providing truck parking capacity nationwide.

Mr. Purdy also introduced several case studies of successful local action that resulted in small capacity gains that assisted in addressing localized issues. Mr. Purdy provided several examples of ongoing efforts at the state and regional level across the country to address these issues. Technology, safe-haven parking options provided by shippers, and local solutions were among the highlights.

6. Greater Philadelphia Hispanic Chamber of Commerce

Jennifer Rodríguez, MCP, President & CEO, introduced the Greater Philadelphia Hispanic Chamber of Commerce’s (GPHCC) broad range of educational programs, member services, and special events. GPHCC is a not-for-profit organization devoted to promoting the advancement and economic growth of Hispanic businesses and professionals in the greater Philadelphia region. Ms. Rodriguez highlighted the number of Hispanic truck drivers that work in the United States and provided the committee with key insights on the challenges that Hispanic businesses owners face. Many of these challenges are the same as non-Hispanic business owners but Hispanic business still trend slightly lower from a profit perspective. The GPHCC helps to provide resources and opportunities to network for this critical community to thrive and succeed.

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:

Keith Skilton.....FHWA NJ Division

Announced that the Department is working on developing a guide for State Freight Plan amendments and is working to provide online access to approved plans. A new round of

TIGER will be issued through an NFO soon. It is expected that there will be a June announcement for INFRA awards. Mr. Skilton also announced that Calvin Edgehill will be leaving the division office for a position at FEMA.

Jeff Purdy, Keith Skilton, Dan Walston.....FHWA

Presented Ted Dahlburg a Certificate of Achievement for DVRPC and the GMTF, recognizing the 25th Anniversary of the GMTF and its successful engagement of public and private freight representatives.

Liz LankenauCity of Philadelphia

Announced that the City is working to address a variety of truck parking issues and will be issuing a Request for Information. Those interested in the matter were invited to attend a meeting following lunch on the topic.

Kevin Stewart.....PMTA

Highlighted the fact that April 1 marked the end of soft enforcement for the new ELD regulations. There has been anecdotal evidence to suggest an uptick in speeding violations and safety incidents at stops possibly related to urgency created for truckers working to stay in their hours of service.

Anne Strauss-WeiderNJTPA

Provided an overview of the many activities of the NJTPA Freight Office. Highlights include the April 16 Freight Initiatives committee meeting, the development of a new engagement tool, and inclusion of an update to the commodity profiles in the UPWP 19.

Bill ShiaviSJTPO

Announced that the Port of Salem Intermodal Study was nearing completion. This is the first of a more concerted effort to conduct a more extensive freight planning program in the SJTPO region.

Leslie McCarthyVillanova University

Announced that the current senior class, graduating in May, has a strong crop of transportation focused engineers seeking employment. These senior will present their final capstones on April 21 at the annual CEE Day.

John FullerMcMahon Associates

On behalf of PA Turnpike Authority, announced that the contract for the truck parking information system would be advertised in the end of summer.

8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned for lunch. The remaining 2018 committee meeting dates are July 11 and October 10.

Meeting Participants

<u>Name</u>	<u>Affiliation</u>
Blevins, Dan	WILMAPCO
Boyer, Michael	DVRPC
Breeman, Paul	Holt Logistics Corp
Buerk, Jesse	DVRPC
Caulfield, David	NJ DEP
Conover, Kevin	NJ DOT
Coyle, Jerry	Evans Delivery Co.
Crawford, Rick	Norfolk Southern
Dahlburg, Ted	DVRPC
Davis, Jackie	DVRPC
D'Orazio, Ron	Matson Logistics
Elam, Nile	OOIDA
Flood, Joe	DVRPC
Flynn, Lara	US Senator Bob Casey
Fuller, John	McMahon Associates Inc.
Galasso, Rich	Galasso Trucking Service
Gallagher, Kevin	Pennoni
Gannon, Tom	Canopy Prospecting Inc
Gates, Matt	DVRPC
Grenerty, Scott	TSPS
Grossi, John	Penn Jersey Parking
Gwinner, Horst	Bulkmatic
Haak, John	Philadelphia City Planning
Heinzelmann, Ray	Gahagan & Bryant Associates, Inc.
Hess, Jim	AECOM
Hill, Jocelyn	Conrail
Jan, Farooq	PennDOT District 6-0
Jennings, Tom	FisherBroyles LLP
Johnson, Anthony	Partnership TMA
Johnson, Sterling H.	Corps of Engineers, Phila.
Jones, Dennis	KIPC/US Steel
Kazmi, Maryiam	NJ DOT
Kemmerley, Jonathan	Pilots/MAC
Kessler, Bob	Judge
Kuhn, Dave	Greenman-Pedersen
Lankenau, Liz	City of Philadelphia / OTIS
Liu, Meijun	DVRPC
MacMartin, Reuben	DVRPC
Mannino, Tony	WCRE
Marano, Dominic	Marano Truck Lines

<u>Name</u>	<u>Affiliation</u>
McCarthy, Leslie	Villanova University
Miller, Jim	Michael Baker
Minutoli, Nicole	NJ DOT
Ofalt, Ed	USCG
Ogunfolajin, Toyin	Jacobs Engineering
Parker, Scott	Jacobs Engineering
Pento, Bob	PennDOT
Purdy, Jeff	FHWA
Ragozine, William	CCCTMA
Regosch, Christian	Bucks County Planning
Rodríguez, Jennifer	GPHCC
Ruane, Mike	DVRPC
Scheerbaum, Gus	City of Philadelphia (OTIS)
Schiavi, Bill	SJTPO
Schulte, Chris	FRA
Seymour, Barry	DVRPC
Sheppard, William	Atlantic Rail Services, Inc.
Skilton, Keith	FHWA - NJ
Sorbo, Mike	PennDOT Rail
Spera, David	Pennsylvania Motor Truck Assoc.
Stewart, Kevin	PMTA
Strauss-Wieder, Anne	NJTPA
Truban, Paul	Stantec
Vasell, Jay	PRC
Vogel, Janet	PennDOT
Walston, Dan	FHWA-PA
Ward, John	DVRPC
Weiner, Harvey	Dependable Distribution
Whitaker, Karen	DVRPC
Wilson, Harry	City of Philadelphia
Young, Lindsay	PhilaPort
Zabinski, Don	Penn Jersey Parking



QUARTERLY PROGRESS REPORT
DVRPC Office of Freight Planning
January 2018 – April 2018

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 accomplishments and tasks successfully completed by DVRPC staff during the specified time period.

January 2018

- Conducted the quarterly meeting of the DVRPC freight advisory committee, the Delaware Valley Goods Movement Task Force, and its Executive Committee (01/12/18).
- Made a presentation about DVRPC's freight planning work and *PhillyFreightFinder* to the Pennsylvania statewide freight work group (01/17/18).
- Submitted DVRPC's 2017 Freight Program Assessment to the New Jersey and Pennsylvania Division Offices of the Federal Highway Administration (01/18/18).
- Attended The Traffic Club of Philadelphia's Annual Dinner (01/25/18).

February 2018

- Presented an overview of DVRPC's freight planning program to graduate students in the Edward J. Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy at Rutgers University (02/05/18).
- Participated in a meeting with the U.S. Navy and other stakeholders to discuss possible additions to the region's Strategic Highway Network (STRAHNET) (02/07/18).
- Presented an overview of existing conditions to the Marcus Hook highway-railroad grade crossing study work group (02/14/18).

March 2018

- Participated in a meeting with the City of Philadelphia and PennDOT to discuss the I-95 Sector B project in South Philadelphia (03/05/18).
- Conducted a quarterly meeting of the DVRPC Regional Aviation Committee at the Trenton-Mercer Airport (03/15/18).
- Attended a Philadelphia freight parking and loading work group meeting (one of several) (03/15/18).
- Organized and conducted a session on urban and suburban freight deliveries for the *Breaking Ground* regional conference (03/22/18).

April 2018

- Participated in the Pennsylvania Truck Parking Stakeholder Group Meeting (04/02/18).
- Identified freight considerations for several candidate and programmed projects as part of the PennDOT Connects and New Jersey scoping processes (04/07/18).