



## ***QUARTERLY MEETING HIGHLIGHTS***

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

**10:00 A.M., Wednesday, October 10, 2018**

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

190 North Independence Mall West, Philadelphia, PA 19106

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

Committee co-chairs Greg Iannarelli of PhilaPort and 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 July 11, 2018 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:

<https://www.dvrpc.org/Committees/DVGMTF/>

#### **2. Marcus Hook Grade Crossing Study**

Mike Ruane of DVRPC presented the Marcus Hook Grade Crossing Study that was undertaken to examine existing transportation operations and conditions at three inter-connected highway-railroad grade crossings on an industrial track of the Conrail Chester Secondary. Mr. Ruane presented overview information on the study approach, the community of Marcus Hook that is over 75% industrial land-use, and the unique character of the three grade-crossings.

The study found that the corridor handled approximately six trains per day performing switching operations from the Stoney Creek Yard in and out of Marcus Hook Industrial Complex. The study evaluated the existing safety measures along the corridor and recommended a set of short- and medium-term improvements that would elevate the visibility and safety of the crossings.

#### **3. The Economic Impact of Delaware River Ports**

Jeff Sweeney of Martin Associates presented the results of a study commissioned by the Maritime Exchange for the Delaware River and Bay. This study explored the local and regional economic impacts generated by maritime activity at the public and private marine terminals located along the Delaware River in Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Delaware and discussed trends in U.S. containerized shipping, with a focus on East Coast ports.

Mr. Sweeney's presentation highlighted the growth in activity across the river's ports and demonstrated the impacts to jobs for each of the various commodities handled. The study showed that the split of direct jobs between public and private terminals was 10,040 and 10,758, respectively. The highest impact commodities from a total job generation perspective were petroleum, containerized cargo, and other liquid bulk. However, the most jobs per 1000 tons of cargo were from commodities such as fruits, automobiles, and cocoa beans. The analysis found that in 2017 the 90 million tons of cargo moved through the ports of the Delaware River accounted for \$85.6 billion in business revenue and personal income.

#### **4. I-95 Reconstruction Project Update**

Elaine Elbich, Design Project Management Portfolio Manager for the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation, along with Jim Miller, Director of Engineering with Michael Baker International, presented PennDOT's multi-staged reconstruction of I-95. Addressing one of the region's busiest highways and most important to freight and commerce, the I-95 project seeks to improve travel time reliability and deliver transformative, long-term improvements. Ms. Elbich provided an overview and update on the status of the Sector A projects and outlined what would be considered in the Sector B improvements. Sector B includes the section of I-95 from the interchange with I-676 south to the Broad Street interchange. The work on Sector B is expected to begin with the development of an extension of the cap over I-95 from Center City to Penn's Landing. Construction on the cap could begin in 2021 and construction on Sector B is expected in 2030. Mr. Miller gave the committee an overview of traffic management measures and mitigation strategies that have allowed for more streamlined operations during construction.

#### **5. Philadelphia International Airport Air Cargo Initiative**

Jim Tyrrell of Philadelphia International Airport presented an overview of a recently acquired 135-acre tract located to the immediate west of the PHL airport. The airport is pursuing expedited development of approximately 1 million square feet of cargo handling facilities that will generate significant value to the regional economy. The airport currently employs over 19k badged employees and had an estimated \$15 billion in economic output in 2017. The new development plans seek to catch cargo opportunities currently leaving the airports catchment area for other airports outside the region. This development would double the land area of the existing cargo facilities at the airport. The airport to make the investment effective is exploring opportunities to improve the highway connections to I-95 to decrease the distance and time for trucks moving to and from the proposed facility. The new facility is expected to create 6 thousand new jobs after construction and over \$870 million in economic output.

#### **6. Freight Shipper Spotlight: Manfredi Companies, Chester County, PA**

Frank Manfredi, President of the Manfredi Companies presented an overview of the history and operations of a thriving local company. Manfredi Companies operate a full-service temperature-controlled warehouse in Kennett Square, Pennsylvania, the acknowledged Mushroom Capital of North America. The companies' various services include the storage, ripening, handling, packing and distribution of product from over 22 countries around the world. The family business started in 1932 and has evolved into a 27,500 pallet warehouse in PA and new warehouse soon to be built in New Jersey. Mr. Manfredi provided details on the operation including information on the internal infrastructure and the inventory control systems deployed at the facility. The companies' ripening rooms and custom logistic solutions have helped make them a leader in the industry.

## **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:

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

Mr. Dahlburg offered a heartfelt thank you to the committee and its members for their support and partnership over the past 26 years. Mr. Dahlburg, who plans to retire in December, gave thanks to the members and recognized that it is their willingness to participate and to respond to requests for favors that have and will continue to make the committee the success that it is today.

In recognition of his tremendous 30 years of service to the DVRPC and the freight community, Ted Dahlburg was met with a standing ovation following his kind thank you to the task force.

## **8. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned for lunch.

## **Meeting Participants**

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Regosch, Christian	Bucks County Planning Commission
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Roedel, Glenn	Temple University
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