

QUARTERLY MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

10:00 AM | Wednesday, October 9, 2019

8th Floor, American College of Physicians Building | DVRPC Main Conference Room
190 N Independence Mall West, Philadelphia, PA 19106-1520

1. Welcome and Introductions

John Ward, Deputy Director of DVRPC, welcomed attendees and provided opening remarks. Mr. Ward along with co-chair Nicole Minutoli of New Jersey Department of Transportation welcomed all task force members and friends after which all attendees were invited to introduce themselves and their affiliations.

Highlights from the previous freight advisory committee meeting on July 10, 2019 were offered for approval. Any modifications or corrections can be transmitted to DVRPC's Kristen Scudder.

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

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

2. Implementing New Jersey's Statewide Freight Plan

New Jersey's Statewide Freight Plan, completed in 2017, documents the importance of the goods movement industry in the Garden State and its reliance on the state's transportation infrastructure. Over the last 18 months, NJDOT has been working on several initiatives to implement many of the findings and outcomes of the plan. Stephen Chiamonte, WSP USA, provided an update of the initiatives included in New Jersey's Statewide Freight Plan, highlighting those that are most relevant to the Delaware Valley.

The department's initiatives include an infographic update of a previously data-centric document about how freight moves in New Jersey for community education purposes. The potential for rail service was also evaluated on the Blue Comet Route, a North/ South rail connection in the state, with preliminary findings showing limited demand for additional freight rail service. In the DVRPC region, five locations along I-295 corridor were identified for a problem statement analysis, of which three were chosen for advancement to conceptual design. These three intersections include I-295 interchanges 10, 40, and 57.

3. Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

Timothy Cotter, Pennsylvania Division Administrator for the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA), presented an overview of the agency, its approach to improving safety, and an update on regulatory changes. The FMCSA regulates the trucking industry in the United States and works to reduce crashes, injuries and fatalities involving commercial carriers.

Mr. Cotter highlighted recent trends showing an increase in truck crashes and fatalities, with Pennsylvania ranking as one of the Top 10 States for Large Truck Fatalities from 2015-2017. He shared some of the strategies and programs that the FMCSA implements to improve safety for commercial drivers and all road users. Some of these programs include roadside vehicle inspections, proposed electronic logging device (ELD) regulations regarding increase hours of service flexibility for drivers, and the creation of a new drug and alcohol clearinghouse scheduled to begin implementation in early 2020.

4. Rail Freight and the Commonwealth’s Economy

Steve Panko of the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation's Bureau of Rail Freight, Ports, and Waterways provided an overview of the Rail Freight and the Commonwealth's Economy study. This study explored the effectiveness of rail assistance programs, the economic competitiveness of Pennsylvania rail freight, and explored opportunities to strengthen the system. Mr. Panko explained the process for identifying rail freight projects across the state for the Rail Transportation Assistance Program (RTAP) and the Rail Freight Assistance Program (RFAP). Project selection considers stakeholder outreach, a demand and economic impact assessment to evaluate the impact on local industries, and the effect of the project on nearby multi-modal transportation its potential to increase or decrease trucks on the road. There are 122 statewide rail freight projects and project concepts of which 46% are “shovel ready” projects.

5. PES: A City of Philadelphia Perspective

The closure of the Girard Point/Point Breeze refinery complex, owned by Philadelphia Energy Solutions (PES), is a critical development for the City of Philadelphia and region. Chris Rupe, Chief of Staff in the Managing Director's Office at the City of Philadelphia, presented an overview of the refinery’s history, details of the June 2019 incident that led to the facility closure, steps the City is taking in response to the PES refinery facility shutdown, and highlighted the role and limits of the City in the process and the work of the Refinery Advisory Committee.

The PES refinery was built in the 1860’s and has since been grandfathered into The City’s modern day zoning regulation. As a privately owned site, The City’s authority and control over the future of the site is very limited beyond enforcing building and property maintenance, fire code requirements, and certain federal and state pollution requirements. The City is dedicated to understanding the possible scenarios for the future of the site and which outcomes matter the most to stakeholders. The Refinery Advisory Committee has convened six public meetings and is planning to issue a report summarizing what was learned in Fall 2019.

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 Minutoli.....New Jersey Department of Transportation

Provided a brief recap on the NJ DOT and FHWA hosted Truck Parking Roundtable and highlighted some of the actions that will be developed as result of the event.

Debbie Thomas.....Mid-Atlantic Regional Air Management Association, Inc.

Announced that MARAMA is currently accepting applications for the PA-DE Diesel Truck Replacement Program and any interested parties should view the program application at efc.umd.edu/de-patruckreplacement.

Kelvin MacKavanagh.....MacKavanagh Rail Consulting

Planning is underway for the 2020 New Jersey Transaction conference.

Steve Panko.....Pennsylvania Department of Transportation

Announced that the next statewide rail freight plan is underway. Outreach will be conducted in Spring 2020.

Paul Delp.....Lansdale Warehouse Co., Inc.

Surface Transportation Board has opened new rulemakings related to freight rail demurrage, released October 7, 2019 as EP 757, EP 759, and EP760. Comments are due by November 6, 2019.

Michael RimerPennsylvania Department of Transportation - CPDM

Announced that the update to the statewide Comprehensive Goods Movement Plan is about to be undertaken and will be incorporating input from the MPO as well as members of the PA Freight Working Group, more to come. The PA Regional Freight Planning Guidance is nearing completion.

Andrew BesoldMontgomery County Planning Commission

Announced that Montgomery County has published their Complete Streets Policy and that it can be found at montcopa.org.

7. Old or New Business/ Adjournment

John Ward shared the remaining 2019 meeting dates of the Delaware Valley Goods Movement Task Force:

- Wednesday, **January 8**
- Wednesday, **April 8**
- Wednesday, **July 8**
- Wednesday, **October 7**

The meeting was adjourned for lunch.

Meeting Participants

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