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## QUARTERLY MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

**10 AM | July 8, 2020**  
Zoom Webinar

### 1. Call to Order

Committee co-chair Barry Seymour of DVRPC called the quarterly freight advisory committee meeting to order. Mr. Seymour welcomed all task force members and friends, and attendees were invited to introduce themselves and their affiliations in the chat box of the webinar.

Highlights from the previous freight advisory committee meeting on January 8, 2020 were shared in the chat box. Any modifications or corrections can be transmitted to DVRPC’s Kristen Scudder (kscudder@dvrpc.org).

### 2. Navigating Disruption: An Industry Conversation on the Regional Impacts of COVID-19

Industry representatives from Evans Network of Delivery Companies and JLL joined the committee for a panel discussion on the implications and challenges that have faced truckers and industry in the region since the beginning of the Covid-19 pandemic. Gerry Coyle of Evans Network of Companies and Larry Maister of JLL, representing the Northeast Industrial market region, provided the committee with valuable insights and a lively discussion. Highlights included the impacts to port activity and the booming industrial market. The discussion also covered forward looking implications of COVID-19, some of which remain promising as the industrial market continues to grow in the Greater Philadelphia region. The panel provided committee members with additional insights into how markets have shifted and emphasized the critical role that goods movement and distribution facilities have had, especially during the disruption over the second quarter of 2020.

### 3. Connections 2050 Visioning Exercise

DVRPC is embarking on the next long-range plan, Connections 2050. As a component of the outreach to craft a vision for the Greater Philadelphia region, the committee participated in a facilitated visioning exercise. Mike Boyer of DVRPC introduced the current long-range plan and shared a summary of the Direction 2020 plan, DVRPC’s long-range plan created in the early 1990’s for 2020. Mr. Boyer with support from Kristen Scudder, led the committee through questions on what members value most and what concerns them most about the region with a focus on business and goods movement perspectives. Mr. Boyer introduce the Future Forces being considered as part of the 2050 plan which include: Rising Inequality, Digital Revolution, and Climate Change. Members were then asked to share their vision for the region and an aspirational tweet or headline they would like to see in 2050.

The session closed out with a request for input on what members want to see more of at future committee meetings and were reminded of other ways to provide input to the Connections 2050 plan. More information is available at: [www.dvrpc.org/2050](http://www.dvrpc.org/2050).

### 4. Two-minute Reports

The following Task Force and Subcommittee chairs and Task Force members provided updates on the activities of their companies and agencies:

**Kelvin MacKavanaugh.....MacKavanaugh Railroad Consulting**

Announced that the New Jersey Transaction Conference will take place virtually on October 20, 2020. Events will be live and presentations recorded for online viewing up to 30 days after the conference.

## 5. Old or New Business/Adjournment

Barry Seymour shared the remaining 2020 meeting date of the Delaware Valley Goods Movement Task Force:

- Wednesday, **October 7**

The meeting was adjourned.

### Meeting Participants

<u>Name</u>	<u>Affiliation</u>
Aland, Rachel	CPCS
Badgley, James L.	Eastman-Linnett Associates LLC
Blevins, Dan	WILMAPCO
Boyer, Michael	Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission
Chiaromonte, Stephen	WSP
Cipriani, Eugene N.	Engineers Club of Philadelphia
Clifton, Genevieve	New Jersey Department of Transportation
Conrad, Jerry	U.S. Coast Guard, Sector Delaware Bay
Coyle, Gerry	Evans Delivery Company
Delp, Paul	Lansdale Warehouse Co.
Doyle, Charles	Lehigh Valley Planning Commission
Dugan, Brendan	South Jersey Port Corporation
Flood, Joe	Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission
Fox, Joe	PhilaPort
Fusco, Brett	Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission
Galasso, Rich	Galasso Trucking Services
Gallagher, Kevin	K Gallagher Consulting
Gober, Spencer	Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission
Gonzalez, Maridarlyn	Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission
Haak, John	Philadelphia City Planning
Harder, Frank	The Tioga Group
Heinzelmann, Ray	Gahagan & Bryant Associates, Inc.
Hite, Brian	Lehigh Valley Planning Commission
Hui, Kwan	Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission
Jones, Jocelyn	FHWA
Kardon, Roy	NAI Mertz
Kearns, Alan	NJ Transit
Kinney, George	South Whitehall
Korejko, Kim	Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission
Krakauer, Miki	Self
Luvana, Dave	Rhinehart Railroad Construction, Inc.
MacKavanagh, Kelvin	MacKavanagh Rail Consulting
Maister, Larry	JLL
Marano, Dominic	Marano Truck Lines
McCreavy, John	SMS Rail
Mensch, Erica	US Navy

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Mitchell, Adam	PHL
Morris, Doug	OOIDA
Nygaard, Anne	Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission
Popek, Matthew	Montgomery County Planning Commission
Regosch, Christian	Bucks County Planning Commission
Reimnitz, Amber	Michael Baker International
Rimer, Michael	Pennsylvania Department of Transportation - CPDM
Rogers, Debi	ICF- Environmental Planning
Ruane, Mike	Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission
Sauer, Al	East Penn Railroad, LLC
Scheerbaum, Gus	City of Philadelphia
Schiavi, Bill	SJTPO
Scudder, Kristen	Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission
Seymour, Barry	Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission
Singer, Mike	UPS
Smith, Anna Lynn	HDR
Stanuikynas, Tom	Burlington County Bridge Commission
Sullivan, Kate	PHL
Thomas, Debbie	MARAMA
Van Nostrand, George	Self
Walicki, Matt	AECOM
Ward, John	Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission
Wear, Stephanie	PHL
Wessner, Mike	Railroad Construction Co. of S. Jersey, Inc.

## QUARTERLY PROGRESS REPORT

January 2020 – July 2020

Each quarter of the fiscal year provides a unique opportunity for DVRPC's Freight and Aviation Programs to perform essential and high priority freight planning activities and to provide support to Greater Philadelphia'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 2020

- Conducted the quarterly meeting of DVRPC's freight advisory committee, the Delaware Valley Goods Movement Task Force (1/8/20).
- Attended the Annual Transportation Research Board Conference and participated in freight sessions, workshops, and committee meetings for the Urban Freight Transportation committee (1/12/20 – 1/14/20).
- Attended the quarterly meeting of the Pennsylvania Freight Work Group (1/15/20).
- Presented preliminary report on the Chestnut Street Loading Pilot to the City of Philadelphia that evaluated the impacts of new curb regulations (1/30/20).

### February 2020

- Conducted outreach to local industrial establishments for the Hunting Park East Freight Study (2/10/20 – 2/15/20).
- Attended a meeting for the Industrial Park Access Improvements Study in Delaware County to discuss access, safety, and congestion issues between I-95 and the business parks on Concord Road (2/26/20).

### March 2020

- Conducted the quarterly meeting of DVRPC's Regional Aviation Committee (3/12/20).
- Attended a "Talking Freight" webinar on the Operational Characteristics and Impacts of Precision Scheduled Railroading (3/18/20).

### April 2020

- Participated in the mid-year meeting for the TRB Urban Freight Transportation Committee (4/1/20). Participated in the NJTPA Freight Initiatives Committee meeting (4/20/20).
- Attended the quarterly meeting of the Pennsylvania Freight Work Group where PennDOT's Long Range Transportation Plan and Comprehensive Freight Movement Plan were discussed (4/21/20).
- Supported the City of Philadelphia's Office of Emergency Management Covid-19 response as a supply chain liaison

### May 2020

- Prepared a report for the City of Philadelphia's Office of Emergency Management Covid-19 response on the effects of a staged reopening of the Philadelphia economy and policy considerations (5/1/20).
- Met with freight transportation planners from the Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC) to discuss freight planning and freight data. (5/20/20).
- Presented in all-staff DVRPC meeting on the impacts of Covid-19 on the local economy and critical supply chains (05/29/20).

## June 2020

- Conducted an update meeting for the Hunting Park East Freight Study with steering committee members to discuss preliminary recommendations (6/4/20).
- Presented at the general meeting of the New Jersey Railroad Association (6/11/20).
- Co-hosted a Long-Range Plan: Connection 2050 visioning meeting with other DVRPC committees to gather input from committee members about their vision for the region (6/22/20).
- Presented in the Delmarva “#FreightFriday- Market Trends and Planning Priorities” webinar series on the Kennett Area Freight Transportation Study (6/26/20).