

QUARTERLY MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

10 AM | October 13, 2021

Zoom Meeting

1. Call to Order

Michael Ruane of DVRPC called the quarterly freight advisory committee meeting to order. Mr. Ruane welcomed all task force members and friends and encouraged everyone to introduce themselves in the chat box.

Highlights from the previous freight advisory committee meeting on July 14, 2021 were shared. Any modifications or corrections can be transmitted to DVRPC's Michael Ruane (mruane@dvrpc.org).

2. Delaware Statewide Truck Parking Study and First/Final Mile Freight Network Development

Dan Blevins, Principal Transportation Planner, WILMPACO, provided an overview of two recent Delaware freight projects conducted in partnership with DelDOT. The Delaware Statewide Truck Parking Study addressed overnight parking hotspots as well as more localized, shorter-term truck parking and staging needs across the state. The new analysis conducted by the project team utilized probe data and online trucker resources to pinpoint locations where truck parking activity was occurring and measured the utilization of existing facilities.

The study culminated in recommendations across three categories: capacity expansion, information and technology, and policies and programs. The resulting toolkit provided a range of potential solutions under each category with location-specific opportunities noted to assist with advancing the effort. Some opportunities existed for inclusion of truck parking in existing capital project planning. Mr. Blevins also discussed the opportunities, but community challenges associated with using existing paved facilities such as Dover Downs or Park & Ride locations.

Mr. Blevins also provided a brief overview of the First/Final Mile Freight Network Development effort that helped to create a greater understanding of Delaware's first/final mile connections, focusing on roads that link businesses to state and national highway networks.

3. NorthPoint Redevelopment of former US Steel Site

Dennis Jones, Site Director, NorthPoint Development, introduced NorthPoint Development a leading development firm with a broad portfolio across the United States. Mr. Jones highlighted the company's local efforts to redevelop the former US Steel facility in Falls Township, Pennsylvania. The company targeted the facility for redevelopment based on internal analysis that supported the market opportunity for distribution and logistics development. The facility master plan calls for the redevelopment of the over 1,500 acres of land for up to 15 million square feet of distribution and logistics warehouse. Successful development of this site would make it the largest single Class A Industrial development on the East Coast.

Work is well underway to advance the first 3 buildings at a combined 3 million square feet. An additional 3-4 million square feet is also entering the land development pipeline. Mr. Jones acknowledged that the site would provide tremendous economic/employment opportunities, but more must be done to identify access to the jobs that will be created. Additionally, Mr. Jones expressed interest in additional study about the larger truck and freight impacts to the region because of the new development.

4. DVRPC Updates

Mike Ruane, Manager of the Office of Freight and Aviation Planning, shared a brief update on current planning projects, including the ongoing work on the Chester County Freight Plan Phase 2 and the Impacts of eCommerce in Greater Philadelphia study. Task force members were advised that 2022 GMTF meeting dates would be distributed when dates are finalized in the coming weeks.

5. Two-minute Reports

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

Michael RimerPennsylvania Department of Transportation

Reminded members that the Pennsylvania CFMP is still open for comment until October 19, the Department looks forward to feedback from industry representatives especially as it relates to the high-level policies that are being promoted by the plan.

6. Old or New Business/Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned.

Meeting Participants

| <u>Name</u> | <u>Affiliation</u> |
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| Atwood, Jonathan | South Jersey Port Corporation |
| Baucom, Marlee | Norfolk Southern |
| Bey, Amani | Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission |
| Blevins, Dan | WILMAPCO |
| Bucklew, Keith | HDR Inc. |
| Chiaramonte, Stephen | WSP |
| Clark, Jessica | PennDOT Program Center |
| Clark, Rickie | Federal Highway Administration |
| Coyle, Gerry | Evans Delivery Company |
| Crawford, Rick | Norfolk Southern |
| Cuddy, Michael | TranSystems |
| Davis, Keith | Philadelphia City Planning Commission |
| Disarro, Adam | NJ Transit |
| Galasso, Rich | Galasso Trucking Services |
| Gallagher, Kevin | Kevin Gallagher Consulting |
| Gameiro, Nicole | Tracks Unlimited LLC |
| Gates, Matt | Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission |
| Gruswitz, Ben | Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission |
| Haak, John | Philadelphia City Planning |
| Heinzelmann, Raymond | Gahagan & Bryant Associates |
| Hess, Jim | AECOM |
| Holland, Kristine | Kinder Morgan |
| Jones, Dennis | NorthPoint Development |
| Katzenberger, Jim | Accelerx Group |
| Kearns, Alan | NJ Transit |
| King, Chris | Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission |
| Lawson, Matthew | Mercer Co. Planning Division |
| Luvara, Dave | Rhinehart Railroad Construction, Inc. |
| Malik, Akshay | City of Philadelphia |
| Mandy, Troy | Philadelphia Industrial Development Corporation |
| Marano, Dominic | Marano Truck Lines |
| McCreavy, John | SMS Rail |
| Miles, Kurt | CSX Transportation |
| Miller, Jim | Michael Baker |
| Morris, Doug | OOIDA |
| Mortin, June | City of Camden |
| Myhre, Paul | Maritime Exchange |
| Neff, Justin | Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission |
| Nygard, Anne | Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission |
| Oshman, Lucas | Partnership TMA of Montgomery County |
| Pento, Bob | PennDOT |
| Popek, Matthew | Montgomery County Planning Commission |
| Regosch, Christian | Bucks County Planning Commission |
| Riley, Alison | EPA Region 3 |
| Rimer, Michael | Pennsylvania Department of Transportation - CPDM |

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| Schiavi, Bill | SJTPO |
| Seymour, Barry | Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission |
| Sherman, Samuel | Delaware Department of Transportation |
| Stanuikynas, Tom | Burlington County Bridge Commission |
| Young, Lindsay | PhilaPort |
| Zochowski, Matthew | Mercer County Planning |

