

QUARTERLY MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

10 AM | January 14, 2022

Zoom Meeting

1. Call to Order

Barry Seymour of DVRPC called the quarterly freight advisory committee meeting to order. Mr. Seymour 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 October 13, 2021 were shared. Any modifications or corrections can be transmitted to DVRPC's Kristen Scudder (kscudder@dvrpc.org).

2. Greater Philadelphia Freight Update

Kristen Scudder, DVRPC provided an overview of freight projects in the DVRPC region that were awarded funding in 2021. These projects received grant awards from Pennsylvania and New Jersey state freight funds or federal discretionary programs. Some of the highlighted projects included:

- Pennsylvania Rail Freight Assistance Program (RFAP) and Rail Transportation Assistance Program (RTAP) awards to Bucks County Railroad Preservation and Restoration Corporation, East Penn Railroad, International Paper Co., and CSX;
- Pennsylvania Multimodal Transportation Fund awards to Morris Iron & Steel Company;
- Seven New Jersey Local Freight Impact Fund awards for pavement preservation;
- Diesel Emission Reduction Act (DERA) awards to PhilaPort and MARAMA;
- Airport Infrastructure Grant Program funds to PHL; and
- Infrastructure for Rebuilding America (INFRA) grants to PhilaPort.

3. Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act

Barry Seymour and Mike Ruane, DVRPC presented an overview of freight provisions of the new bipartisan Federal Infrastructure Bill, The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act. Some of the funding opportunities for freight infrastructure that were discussed include expanded formula and discretionary programs such as INFRA, Port Infrastructure Development Program, RAISE, and the National Highway Freight Program. New Discretionary Grant Programs include:

- The National Infrastructure Project Assistance Program to support freight-related projects, including roads and bridges, intermodal facilities, grade separation or elimination, intercity passenger rail, public transportation, or a combination of these;
- The Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative, Efficient, and Cost-saving Transportation (PROTECT) program for enhancing the resiliency of infrastructure assets, including projects to improve the resiliency of surface transportation assets and evacuation routes;
- The Reduction of Truck Emissions at Port Facilities Program to reduce truck idling and emissions at ports, including through the advancement of port electrification;
- A Railroad Crossing Elimination program;
- A new Office of Multimodal Freight Infrastructure and Policy will be established under the Office of the Secretary of Transportation; and

- New elements related to impacts of freight movement on environment and rural, underserved and historically disadvantaged communities, resilience, decarbonization, and economic growth added to the National Freight Strategic Plan.

4. Warehouse Sprawl: Regional Significance Calls for Regional Perspective

Tim Evans, Director of Research with New Jersey Future presented research on warehouse sprawl in New Jersey. While most of New Jersey’s warehouse growth has previously been in redevelopment areas, new construction is becoming more decentralized and further away from the ports. Tim emphasized the need for a smart growth approach to planning for these types of developments, such as high density warehouse construction in industrial redevelopment areas and encouraging warehouse development near the port and existing transportation infrastructure. He also identified goals for state and regional planning commissions such as the creation of a state warehouse plan, working with municipal governments on zoning, and balancing the needs of the logistics industry with local communities.

Following the presentation, members were invited to participate in a conversation on challenges and opportunities to address warehouse development in the region. Attendees discussed different types of warehouses and the benefits and negative impacts of their development. The group also brainstormed ideas for how appropriate sites for development can be identified and mechanisms that can be used to control where development occurs. Some of the most common responses during the discussion for appropriate site locations included infrastructure access and proximity to workforce. For controlling development location, the most common responses from attendees were municipal zoning updates, regional comprehensive planning, and tax incentives.

5. PHL Cargo Expansion

Jim Tyrrell, Chief Revenue Officer with PHL provided an update on the airport’s Cargo Expansion Strategy. A study commissioned in 2017 by PHL revealed that the airport captures only 9% of a potential \$53 billion air cargo opportunity passing through its catchment area. PHL’s multi-year cargo expansion program plans to expand that capture and will include an estimated \$2 billion in capital investment and generate thousands of high-paying permanent jobs, in addition to many other direct and indirect benefits to the region.

Jim shared that the cargo expansion will add 1 million square feet of cargo building space, and 5 million square feet of taxiway and apron expansion to accommodate increased cargo operations. To support this expansion, two preparation projects need to be completed- the relocation of Tinicum Island Road and a surrounding wetlands mitigation. The road relocation is currently out to bid with construction planned for the second quarter of 2022 and completion scheduled for 2023.

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:

Genevieve CliftonNew Jersey Department of Transportation

Announced that the Rail Freight Assistance Program (RFAP) applicants are currently under review but folks should start thinking about the 2023 program. The 2022 state freight plan is underway and they expect to have a briefing ready in the coming months. They have a new employee in their office of freight planning who will be introduced at the next Goods Movement Task Force meeting.

Todd WardwellU.S. Coast Guard

Todd introduced himself as the new Port Recovery Specialist and the lead contact with the Coast Guard for disaster preparedness. He is looking to integrate more with FEMA entities and can be contacted at todd.m.wardwell@uscg.mil.

Jakub Rowinski North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority

Shared that the next NJTPA Freight Advisory Committee meeting will be on Tuesday, February 22nd. They will be providing an annual freight update. They have also kicked off a freight rail grade crossing assessment for the NJTPA region that will provide an update to their 2008 study.

Anne Nygard..... DVRPC

Shared an update on the Chester County Freight Plan that DVRPC is currently working on with the Chester County Planning Commission. An issue collection and comment period is currently open for the public to provide input on locations in the county where they have concerns or comments about congestion, safety, intersection design, signage, and impacts of freight activity. The web map can be found here: www.dvrpc.org/webmaps/chester-county-freight/.

Erica Breiterman..... New Jersey Economic Development Authority

Announced that if anyone needs assistance with development opportunities to please reach out to her at ebreiterman@njeda.com.

Chris King..... DVRPC

Shared information about NJDOT’s new real time traffic alerting system, Drivewyze, which provides in cab traffic congestion updates. (<https://bit.ly/3nwQ4zJ>) Genevieve Clifton offered to share more information on this for anyone who is interested.

Rick Crawford Norfolk Southern

Shared that Jim Squires, Norfolk Southern CEO, is retiring this spring. Alan Shaw, former Chief Marketing Officer, has been selected as President and will become CEO after Jim’s retirement. Some highlights of Jim’s tenure at NS include a successful merger with Canadian Pacific, implementation of Precision Scheduled Railroading, implementation of Positive Train Control, investment in new technologies, and a relocation of the NS headquarters from Norfolk to Atlanta.

Amanda Rutherford.....Maritime Administration of USDOT

Shared an additional project in the DVRPC region that was awarded funding in 2021. Mid-Atlantic Barge Service, sponsored by South Jersey Port Corporation, was awarded \$1.0M to acquire two low-emissions reach stackers for the Balzano Marine Terminal at the Port of Camden. Amanda also shared two other opportunities for funding through USDOT:

- The Maritime Administration (MARAD), Maritime Environmental and Technical Assistance (META) Program (<https://www.maritime.dot.gov/innovation/meta/maritime-environmental-and-technical-assistance-meta-program>)
- The Regional Infrastructure Accelerator Demonstration Program (<https://www.transportation.gov/buildamerica/financing/tifia/regional-infrastructure-accelerators-program>)

Rickie Clark..... Federal Highway Administration

Shared that FHWA/NJDOT Office of Freight Planning are hosting a workshop regarding the integration of Freight Elements into Complete Streets Planning and Policy. Those who are interested should reach out for more information.

7. Old or New Business/Adjournment

The upcoming 2022 meeting dates of the Delaware Valley Goods Movement Task Force include:

- Wednesday, April 20th
- Wednesday, July 20th
- Wednesday, October 19th

The meeting was adjourned.

Meeting Participants

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