



Task Force Attendees: Claudia Bitran, Kenneth Boyle, David Cohen, Michael DiVietro, Marguerite Dube, Bradley Flamm, Sadie Francis, Kelly Ganczarz, Paul Glover, James Hopkins, Straso Jovanovski, Patrick Miner, Jean Mitchell, Shoshana Akins (Staff), Alison Hastings (Staff), John Ward (Staff)

Additional Attendees: Bill Comer, Dennis Winters

Welcome and Meeting Overview

Shoshana Akins opened the meeting with a brief overview of the agenda and welcomed all the new members. Bradley Flamm, Vice Chair of the PPTF, facilitated introductions and one-minute reports. All members and attendees reported out about their county of residence, backgrounds, and interests.

Presentations

“I am from...” Activity... *Alison Hastings, Manager of the Office of Communications and Engagement*

Alison Hastings led an icebreaker activity to give members, new and returning, the opportunity to share information on their community, background, values, and goals.

Introduction to DVRPC... *John Ward, Assistant Director*

John Ward gave an introductory presentation on DVRPC, covering the organization of the metropolitan planning organization (MPO), relevant and important demographics of the region, structure of the Executive Board, the role and responsibilities of an MPO to the region, and major projects and goals.

The attendees had many questions about the long-range plan. Alison Hastings added that the next PPTF meeting would focus on this topic exclusively. Other questions included DVRPC’s relationship with the state Departments of Transportation, TIP project evaluation, and how transportation dollars are allocated.

Public Participation Task Force – Overview and Opportunities ... *Shoshana Akins, Public Participation Planner*

Shoshana Akins presented on the structure of the PPTF and the potential opportunities membership provides. The presentation covered the importance of public participation, PPTF goals, membership details, and opportunities for further involvement.

Akins announced that there would be a new chair, Peter Meyer, and vice-chair, Sadie Francis. Both were welcomed to their new leadership roles.

Member Discussion... *all attendees*

The attendees discussed the future meetings of the Task Force and what other information they would like to learn. Many stayed after the meeting to network.

Flamm closed the meeting with a few summary comments.

Committee Business and Upcoming Outreach, Events, and News

Akins announced that the next Task Force meeting will be March 22, 2016 and that members were welcome to attend the Healthy Communities Task Force meeting on March 10th.

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