



Highlights | October 15, 2021

Welcome and Meeting Overview

led by Maridarlyn Gonzalez (DVRPC) and Alison Giles (PPTF)

The Impacts on Work-Life

Stacy Bartels, Manager, Office of TDM Strategy and Marketing, DVRPC

Stacy gave an overview of the impacts Covid-19 had on commuting. She also discussed how employers' attitude towards telework has changed since the pandemic. She gave a program overview of Assisting Commuters During Covid and the different efforts DVRPC has made to promote transit, telework, and biking/ walking.

The Impacts on Travel

Tom Edinger, Manager, Congestion Management Programs, DVRPC

Tom shared data from SEPTA, NJ Transit, and DVRPC's trail counters. Tom highlighted the changes in ridership as well as, travel times on roads in the region during peak times. He shared how he hopes the region will find a balance between the different commuting options and the short term prediction that there may be an increase in congestion in the near future.

The Impacts on Civic Engagement

Donna Carney, Citizens Planning Institute (CPI)

Donna explained what is the Citizens Planning Institute and how why it was created. She covered CPI's role in the city of Philadelphia's 2035 plan and gave a program overview. She discussed a few of the changes CPI took on with going virtual and how that has had both positive and negative impacts on overall engagement.

Meeting close

Attendees were informed that the links were going to be shared as a follow up email. It was also noted that the PPTF will be taking on new members in January.

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