

## QUARTERLY MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

**10 AM | July 19, 2023**

8th Floor, American College of Physicians Building | DVRPC Main Conference Room  
190 N Independence Mall West, Philadelphia, PA 19106-1520

### 1. Call to Order

Ariella Maron, Executive Director of DVRPC and Goods Movement Task Force Co-Chair, called the quarterly freight advisory committee meeting to order and welcomed all task force members and friends. Task force attendees were called on to introduce themselves.

### 2. Freight Futures - Scenario Planning Presentation and Workshop

DVRPC is currently undertaking a Freight Futures scenario planning study to explore impacts and recommendations for the future of freight in the region. Scenario planning is a collaborative planning process that seeks to project the uncertainty associated with anticipated trends and external conditions that are not under the control of the participating stakeholders. **Dan Farina, DVRPC**, provided an overview of the study's purpose and scope, the scenario planning process, and opportunities for the involvement of the Goods Movement Task Force. In addition, Dan explained the four categories of future forces that were developed by DVRPC's freight program staff: Demographic, Environmental, Economic, and Regulatory/Political. Each category contained at least four future forces, or trends and conditions outside of stakeholder's control. Examples of future forces that were provided are Climate Migration, The Rate of Unionization, Supply Chain Automation, and East Coast Imports.

Following the presentation, attendees participated in a workshop activity to brainstorm the impacts that these future forces will have on infrastructure, operations, demand, and our communities in general, as well as contemplate connections between them. The workshop's format was to divide the 18 provided future forces evenly among six discussion groups. Each group contained a facilitator and scribe to record the discussion. Following the exercise, facilitators were asked to report back on their table's discussions. Some themes that were most prevalent were the resilience of supply chains in the face of a changing climate; automation and the connection with union labor; and the specific conditions necessary for supply chain businesses to alter their operations. **Following the exercise, Dan also mentioned that the future forces [survey](#), which informs this future forces phase of the planning process, is open until July 31<sup>st</sup> and reminded attendees to submit a response if they are able.**

### 3. Mid Atlantic Clean Hydrogen Hub Presentation

**Manny Citron, Chief of Staff at the Philadelphia Labor Department, and Joe Colella, founder of Schuyler Energy Logistics and Marketing**, gave an overview of the Mid Atlantic Clean Hydrogen Hub (MACH2) group and their application for funding from the US Department of Energy's (DOE). The MACH2 group is a non-profit consortium of public and private partners in Delaware, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania, that has been working to create a network of proximate clean hydrogen producers, consumers, and connective infrastructure. Manny shared that the MACH2 application has advanced to the final application round for the DOE's Regional Clean Hydrogen Hubs grant program, which will award \$7 billion to approximately 10 hubs across the country to support research, production, and distribution of clean hydrogen gas. The group's application is bolstered by the Delaware Valley's regional strengths including a diversified hydrogen supply chain, port and pipeline infrastructure, and affordable electricity from nuclear and renewable sources.

Manny and Joe also discussed the announcement last week from the California Air Resources Board (CARB) and the Engine Manufacturers Association (EMA) on their agreement that will phase out the production and sale of new gas and diesel

trucks by 2036. They expect that this will have an influence on the transition to clean vehicles in our region if nearby states adopt similar standards.

**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:

**Paul Delp ..... Lansdale Warehouse Co.**

Paul shared that the annual Supply Chain Mega meeting will be held on October 11, 2023. More information can be found at [www.tcop.wildapricot.org/event-5034303](http://www.tcop.wildapricot.org/event-5034303).

**Genevieve Clifton ..... NJDOT**

Genevieve announced that the New Jersey 2023 State Freight Plan was approved by the FHWA. Congratulations to the team! NJDOT will be kicking off additional truck parking and rail work in the coming months and will be looking for input from their MPO regions.

She also shared that the New Jersey Rail Freight Assistance grant program would be opening soon and that the South Jersey Wind port would be putting out a bid for dredging soon.

**John McCreavy .....NJRR**

John shared that the New Jersey Railroad Association will be hosting planning programs and table top exercises around derailment response that utilize the AskRail app created by the American Railroad Association. The AskRail app is a hazardous materials safety tool for first responders who are first on scene or directly support the first on scene in the event of a rail incident. Event dates are not yet confirmed.

**Todd Wardell..... USCG**

Todd shared that Sector Delaware Bay will be running a tanker fire exercise in Paulsboro on July 25<sup>th</sup> that includes drones and booms. They are also getting ready for the first Department of Homeland Security training vessel that will store FEMA food, supplies, and energy, and act as a command center.

**Denise Soisson..... PennDOT**

Denise shared that PennDOT continues to invest in port infrastructure and electrification of on-dock vehicles.

**5. Old or New Business/Adjournment**

The upcoming 2023 meeting date of the Delaware Valley Goods Movement Task Force includes:

- Wednesday, October 18<sup>th</sup>

The meeting was adjourned.

*Any modifications or corrections to these highlights can be transmitted to DVRPC’s Kristen Scudder ([kscudder@dvrpc.org](mailto:kscudder@dvrpc.org)).*

**Meeting Participants**

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Clifton, Genevieve	New Jersey Department of Transportation
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