



Dover/Kent County Metropolitan Planning Organization

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DOVER/KENT MPO COUNCIL MINUTES OF JANUARY 7, 2009

Dover/Kent MPO Council Members and /or Representatives thereof:

Brad Eaby, for Brooks Banta, President, Kent County Levy Court, Chairman
Robert Mooney, Mayor, Town of Camden, for Kent County Municipalities, Vice-Chairman
Carleton E. Carey, Sr., Mayor, City of Dover,
Stephen Kingsberry, Director, Delaware Transit Corporation,
Elizabeth Olsen, DE Dept. of Safety & Homeland Security, for Governor Minner, State of Delaware
Ralph Reeb for Carolann Wicks, Secretary, DelDOT

Members not attending:

Letitia A. Thompson, Regional Administrator, Region III, Federal Transit Admin. (FTA)
Hassan Raza, Division Administrator, Federal Highway Admin. (FHWA)

Non-members attending:

Carolann Wicks, Secretary, DelDOT	Gene Ruane, City of Dover
Juanita Wieczoreck, MPO Staff	Kate Layton, MPO Staff
James Merriweather, News Journal	Jim Galvin, MPO Staff
Mark Glaze, DelDOT Planning	Doug Denison, Dover Post
Richard Ornauer, PAC	

1. Introduction of Members and Guests
2. Public Comments
3. **ACTION ITEM: Approval of Agenda**

MOTION By Ms. Olsen to approve the agenda. Seconded by Mayor Mooney. Motion carried.

4. **ACTION ITEM: Approval of Minutes/November 5, 2008**

MOTION By Mr. Reeb to approve the minutes. Seconded by Mayor Carey. Motion carried.

Due to technical problems, the Council moved to Item #7.

7. **ACTION ITEM: Smyrna Request for Permanent TAC Membership**

Ms. Wieczoreck reviewed the history of the TAC and its voting members. No one from Smyrna was able to attend the Council meeting. Council asked for the TAC's recommendation. Ms. Olsen suggested that the TAC establish attendance and proxy rules.

MOTION By Mr. Reeb to table this request until Smyrna could be present. Seconded by Mr. Kingsberry. Motion carried.

5. **PRESENTATION: Draft Regional Transportation Plan Update – J. Galvin**
 - 5.1 Overview of Final Draft
 - 5.2 Public Outreach Plan
 - 5.3 Public Comments Received to Date

Ms. Wieczoreck reported that staff hoped to have final federal approval of the Plan by the beginning of May. She reported on changes that were being made to the Plan, and announced that there would be a new draft version for the



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January 28th RTP meeting. The presentation reviewed the Plan chapters, with discussion and questions at each section.

6. DISCUSSION ITEM: Transportation Funding and Project Development at DelDOT – C. Wicks, DelDOT

Secretary Wicks distributed material concerning project funding. Secretary Wicks began by stating that the financial shortfall was serious, and the Transportation Trust Fund was also having problems. A review of revenue projections predicted a decrease in all income categories, and all investments are losing money. Seventy percent of DelDOT's funding is made up of revenues. There was discussion concerning economic stimulus funding, but Secretary Wicks noted that not much is known about the requirements at this time, making it impossible to predict which projects would be eligible. Mr. Reeb noted that if and when more funding is available, it will be added to the Capital Transportation Program. Council thanked Secretary Wicks for attending and sharing this financial information.

8. Municipalities Report – R. Mooney, Others – NO REPORTS

9. TAC Report – J. Wieczoreck

Ms. Wieczoreck reported that the TAC would hold a special meeting to take action on the Regional Transportation Plan on January 14th, 2009.

10. PAC Report – K. Layton

Ms. Layton reported that the PAC held the December meeting at Eden Hill Medical Center. She also reported that the PAC would be inviting State legislators to the February meeting.

11. Project Update:

11.1 North Dover Study

Ms. Wieczoreck reported that staff would be meeting with the consultant and DelDOT to discuss the final recommendations for this study.

11.2 Transportation Studies

Ms. Wieczoreck reported that the MPO received a letter from DTC concerning an origin/destination study for Kent County to identify potential riders.

11.3 MPO Website

Staff reported that Lucky Dog Digital has been contracted to redesign and host the MPO website.

13. Executive Director's Report

12.1 UPWP and Financial Reports

12.2 Correspondence

Next Meeting: January 28, 2009 – Special meeting to take action on the Regional Transportation Plan - Dover/Kent County MPO Conference Room

The meeting was adjourned without a formal vote.