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DOVER/KENT COUNTY MPO PUBLIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES OF OCTOBER 21, 2008

PUBLIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS & ALTERNATES attending:

Horace Cook, Chair	Dwight Meyer, Vice Chair	Prameela Kaza
James Webster	Peter K. Schaefer	William Saunders
Richard Ornauer	Michael Gumrot	Arley Cooper, Jr.
Guy Veach	James Brown	

MEMBERS NOT ATTENDING:

Dr. Carlton Cannon Dr. Daniel Houghtaling

NON-MEMBERS ATTENDING:

Juanita Wiczoreck, MPO Staff	Kate Layton, MPO Staff
Jim Galvin, MPO Staff	Catherine Samardza, MPO Staff

1. INTRODUCTION OF MEMBERS & GUESTS; WELCOME NEW MEMBERS, NEW STAFF

1.1— Official welcome to PAC member Dr. Carlton Cannon (absent) and Guy Veach

Dr. Cannon did not attend the meeting. However, Mr. Guy Veach, the Governor's new appointee, was in attendance. He introduced himself and was welcomed to the PAC.

1.2 – Welcome Jim Galvin, planner, GIS specialist

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

3. ACTION ITEM: Approval of Agenda

4. ACTION ITEM: Approval of Minutes

4.1 February, 2008 (enclosure)

4.2 August, 2008 (enclosure)

5. PRESENTATION: Bicycle initiatives, issues – Kate Layton

Mr. Aglio of DeIDOT was unable to come to the meeting. Ms. Layton distributed bicycle materials to the PAC. There was some discussion concerning bicycle laws, education and registration for bicycles. PAC members were asked to contact staff with their questions and they would be sent to Mr. Aglio to be addressed at a future meeting.

6. PRESENTATION: Overview of governor, lieutenant governor and Delaware House and Senate candidate questionnaire answers on transportation issues – K. Layton

Ms. Layton reported that none of the legislators or candidates responded to the survey. One legislator called to say that he didn't know what the MPO was and didn't think we should doing any political surveys and would not participate.

It was suggested that staff invite those elected to office for a future meeting – possibly in February. Mr. Cook suggested that the PAC could use that time to educate the politicians about the MPO as well as ask them questions on transportation issues.



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7. ACTION ITEM: Draft Regional Transportation Plan Update: Proposed Project List – J. Wieczorek

7.1 Cost and Revenue Estimate Review

7.2 Final Project List Recommendation

Ms. Wieczorek reviewed the list with the committee and answered questions concerning projects. There was some discussion concerning the fact that cost estimates were not complete.

MOTION By Mr. Ornauer to recommend Council adopt the project list subject to the final figures being added.
Seconded by Mr. Meyer. Motion carried.

8. PROJECT UPDATES

8.1 North Dover Study – J. Wieczorek

Ms. Wieczorek reported that DelDOT has some concerns with the North Dover Study recommendations. Mr. Cook reported that he had attended the North Dover Study meeting at DelTech and found it very interesting. Ms. Kaza asked if budget cuts would affect the study area. Ms. Wieczorek informed the committee that as parcels are developed and/or redeveloped, the developers would be required to contribute to road improvements.

8.2 Transportation Studies – J. Galvin

Mr. Galvin reviewed the Transportation Study Proposal Nomination process for submitting and ranking projects for MPO funds. It is anticipated that these proposals will be reviewed by an Ad Hoc committee once a year.

8.3 Public Outreach – K. Layton

Ms. Layton reported that the next newsletter could be out in November. She also noted events that the MPO participated in: the Amish Bike Tour, Smyrna Safe Routes to School, The Big Boys Toys event, AQ partnership meetings and the Harriet Tubman Byway Workshop. Ms. Layton also noted that the MPO plans a 30 second spot on Comcast for public outreach on the Regional Transportation Plan. She is also working on updating the MPO website.

9. STAFF REPORT – J. Wieczorek

9.1 UPWP Progress & Financial Reports

9.2 Correspondence & Publications/Reports

Mr. Ornauer informed staff that he has problems accessing material sent via e-mail and asked that hard copies be sent to him.

10. ACTION ITEM: December meeting

MOTION By Mr. Ornauer that the December PAC meeting take place on December 16th. Seconded by Ms. Kaza.
Motion carried.

Staff was asked to try to arrange the meeting at the new Eden Hill Medical Center.

MOTION By Mr. Gumrot to adjourn the meeting at approximately 9 PM. Seconded by Mr. Brown. Motion carried.