



# Dover/Kent County Metropolitan Planning Organization

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## DOVER/KENT MPO COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

### MINUTES OF JANUARY 3, 2007

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

Anthony DePrima, for Steven Speed, Mayor, City of Dover, Chairman  
Stephen Kingsberry, Director, Delaware Transit Corporation, Vice-Chairman  
Brad Eaby for, Allen Angel, President, Kent County Levy Court  
Ralph Reeb for Carolann Wicks, Secretary, DelDOT  
Robert Mooney, Mayor, Town of Camden, for Kent County Municipalities

#### Members not attending:

Gary Smith, DE Economic Dev. Office, for Ruth Ann Minner, Governor, State of Delaware  
Susan Borinsky Reg. III Administrator, Federal Transit Admin. (FTA)  
Hasan Raza, Division Administrator, Federal Highway Admin. (FHWA)

#### Non-members attending:

Joseph Cantalupo, DelDOT Planning	Mark Glaze, DelDOT Planning
Donna Hardy, DelDOT	Brent Groznik, DE State News
Mayor Donald Tinari, Town of Cheswold	Juanita Wiczoreck, MPO Staff
Daniel McNulty, MPO Staff	Joshua Waltz, MPO Staff
Catherine Samardza, MPO Staff	

The meeting was called to order at 3:15 PM without a quorum. Item #6, Strategic Highway Safety Plan Presentation, was moved to Item #3.

1. Introduction of Members and Guests
2. Public Comments
3. **PRESENTATION: Strategic Highway Safety Plan - D. Hardy, DelDOT**

Ms. Hardy began her presentation by noting that AASHTO asked all states to develop a comprehensive safety plan to reduce accidents. She reported that 2006 was one of Delaware's worst years for highway fatalities. Ms. Hardy then reviewed the process by which Delaware developed the plan. Out of 22 federal safety points, nine in Delaware were at or above the national average. There was a power point presentation to illustrate the safety issues that Delaware

is pursuing in its safety plan. The plan is structured around "4 Big E's" – Engineering; Education; Enforcement; and Emergency Medical Services. There was discussion concerning safety issues that relate to engineering problems and solutions and whether or not they are projects in the Transportation Improvement Program or the Capital Transportation

Program. Further discussion touched on whether or not some of the solutions were too much "Big Brother is Watching."

At 3:40 PM there was a quorum for action items.

4. **ACTION ITEM: Approval of Agenda**

MOTION By Mr. Reeb to approve the agenda as amended. Seconded by Mayor Mooney. Motion carried.

5. **ACTION ITEM: Approval of Minutes/November, 8, 2006**



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

### 6. ***ACTION ITEM: Position on Statewide vs. County Ozone Emission Budgets – J. Cantalupo, DelDOT***

Mr. Cantalupo explained that currently Delaware's Ozone Emission Budgets are calculated and managed county by county. If the State considers the budget as a whole for Delaware, it will have the ability to transfer credits between counties when necessary. This could allow Delaware to stay in conformity if one county is over-budget and another is under-budget. There would be a mechanism for the counties to consider such transfers and to agree or disagree with the transfer of credits. This would be done with a Memorandum of Understanding or a Memorandum of Agreement. Mr. Cantalupo noted that this type of management was allowed in the federal regulations. There was some discussion concerning public perception, that DelDOT would use this process as they saw fit, or if any of the environmental groups would have a problem with the process. Ms. Weiczorek noted that very little in the D/KC MPO's Long Range Transportation Plan or the Transportation Improvement Program would be affected by this change.

MOTION By Mr. Reeb to support DelDOT's proposal to implement a Statewide management process that uses a Statewide Budget and based on the creation of a Memorandum of Understanding or a Memorandum of Agreement between all parties that includes a mechanism of deliberation. Seconded by Mr. Potts.

There was discussion concerning who would draft the MOU or MOA. Mr. Cantalupo thought that DNREC and DelDOT could work on a draft. Mr. DePrima asked that Ms. Weiczorek work with him on the language for an MOU or MOA and distribute it to the Council members as well.

Motion carried.

### 7. ***DISCUSSION ITEM: Dover/Kent County MPO Strategic Plan***

Ms. Weiczorek distributed information re-worked from the December Council Workshop. She reviewed the changes briefly. She added information to the goals to reflect the Council's direction to include education and a list of committees and meetings in which the MPO staff participate. She also expanded on the changes to the Public Participation process. In addition, the website is being improved to make it easier to navigate and manage the website.

Ms. Weiczorek also reported that she would be attending the Pay for Performance training at the City of Dover on January 24<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Reeb asked that the strategic plan include a description of the MPO at the beginning, and requested that the plan focus on products and results. Mr. DePrima asked for a description of the function of each committee in which the MPO participates, and noted that this was a work-in-progress.

### 8. ***Municipalities Report – Mayor R. Mooney, A. DePrima***

Mayor Mooney reported that Camden is waiting for DelDOT to finalize plans for LochmeathWay and US13 as well as shoulder projects at Voshell Mill Road and Upper King Road.

Mayor Tinari reported that there are two roads in Cheswold that have become more important because of local development. However, there is no history on who owns these roads. DelDOT is working with Cheswold to sort this out.

Mr. DePrima reported that the conversion of Dover traffic lights to ITS and DelDOT management has been started.



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On January 11<sup>th</sup> there will be a Public Hearing on the Reichold chemical spill and emergency response, as well as discussion on the tank cars on the railroad tracks at New Burton Road.

### **9. TAC Report – J. Wieczoreck**

Ms. Wieczoreck reported that staff and TAC members are working on updating the Population and Employment Projections. The latest projections represent a 10% increase.

She also reported that the TAC recommended the following 4 projects as priorities for the 08 UPWP if additional funding was found:

- 1) Corridor Management Plans
- 2) Local municipal assistance program for small projects
- 3) East/West corridor plans

### **10. PAC Report – D. McNulty**

Mr. McNulty reported that as part of a report to the PAC, he found that only 4 states do not have transportation funding problems. He also reported that the PAC had invited the newly elected State legislators to their February meeting, and that Mr. Reeb had presented an overview of transportation funding. He gave a review of the discussion that ensued between PAC members and legislators, and noted that it is believed that Kent County is “short-changed” in transportation funding.

Mr. McNulty also displayed the information binder that PAC members asked be developed for members. Mr. DePrima asked that a binder be developed for Council members as well.

### **11. Project Update:**

#### **11.1 Coordinated Human Services Inter-agency Consultation Subcommittee - D. McNulty**

Mr. McNulty reported on the above committee, noting that 11 of 17 members have participated in a survey of 5310 funding recipients. The coordinated plan that the committee is working on must be in place by July 2007 to be eligible for federal monies.

Mr. Potts added that DTC is about to announce the availability of FY06 money in the amount of \$31,712 for Kent County. Sussex County will receive almost \$48,000. Interested parties are invited to prepare a demonstration. The Plan must be a comprehensive plan involving social services, elderly services, all transportation providers eligible for funding under 5310, JARC (5316) and the new program, 5317. To be eligible in FY07 you must have a plan but prior to the plan DTC can award these monies.

Mr. DePrima asked what the money could be used for; Mr. Potts stated that it would be used for vans. The deadline for the application will be about 30 days after the announcement.

#### **11.2 DE 8 Concept Plan and Operations Study - J. Wieczoreck**

Ms. Wieczoreck reported that there will be a Public Workshop on the DE 8 Concept Plan and Operations study in late January or February. She noted that the MPO has received the historic survey and only 2 buildings are potentially eligible for inclusion on the historic register; Booker T. Washington School and William Henry Middle School. These buildings are noted because of their connection to African-American history.

Mr. DePrima then asked that she review the DE 8 project for Commissioner Eaby, Mayor Mooney and Mayor Tinari.



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### 12. Executive Director's Report

Ms. Wieczorek reported that, after discussion with Mr. Koenig at the City of Dover, the Division Street improvement projects are being delayed until after the signalization project is finished. Mr. DePrima expects that this project will be controversial, as it proposes to eliminate some street parking.

Kent County Tourism has formed a new committee for transportation. They are concerned about the lack of seamless transit from Dover to airports in Philadelphia and Baltimore. There was also discussion about the need for another airport in Kent County to handle commercial traffic. The committee would also like to know if there is any DART service to New Castle County Airport to connect with the new Delta service. The next meeting is January 19<sup>th</sup>. The committee is called the Kent County Tourism Transportation Committee. Dan Wolfensberger is the chair, and Ned Blair at Kent County Tourism is the staff person. Ms. Wieczorek is the MPO representative on the committee. Ms. Wieczorek also reported that the Elderly Mobility Survey report is in draft form, but not yet ready for distribution.

She then noted that Mr. DiPasquale, chair of the PAC committee, wanted the PAC to send a letter of support to Delaware Greenways to designate Route 9 as a scenic byway. Council has already sent a letter to Secretary Hayward in support of this project. The issue is whether or not the PAC can send out a letter of support for a project. Council had decided several years ago that the PAC could not send such letters after a situation with the Smyrna Wal-Mart Distribution Center. Mr. DePrima did not see the necessity if Council is already on record supporting the project. Mr. DePrima did not have a problem with the PAC supporting the project, as long as it was understood that the letter came from the PAC and not Council. Mr. Reeb felt that the role of the PAC was to advise, and their voice was only to Council, not to the public. He did not feel that a letter from the PAC added any value, it would be redundant.

Mr. DePrima then polled Council members:

Mr. DePrima – YES, the PAC could send a letter  
Commissioner Eaby – NO  
Mr. Reeb – NO  
Mayor Mooney – NO  
Mr. Potts - NO

#### 12.1 UPWP Progress and Financial Reports

#### 12.2 Correspondence & Publications/Reports

**Next Meeting /May 2, 2007 – Dover/Kent County MPO Conference Room**

**MOTION** By Mayor Mooney to adjourn the meeting at 5:00 PM. Seconded by Mr. Potts.  
Motion carried.