



Dover/Kent County Metropolitan Planning Organization

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DOVER/KENT MPO COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF MAY 2, 2007

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

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

Members not attending:

Elizabeth Olsen, DE Dept. of Safety & Homeland Security, for Governor Minner, State of Delaware
Herman C. Shipman, Acting Reg. III Administrator, Federal Transit Admin. (FTA)
Hassan Raza, Division Administrator, Federal Highway Admin. (FHWA)

Non-members attending:

Laura McNichol, GO 21	Brad Grosnik, Dover Post
Bill Savidge, Logisticare, Inc.	Kathy English, DelDOT Finance
Mayor Don Tinari, Town of Cheswold	Juanita Wieczoreck, MPO Staff
Daniel McNulty, MPO Staff	Catherine Samardza, MPO Staff

1. Introduction of Members and Guests

2. Public Comments

3. ACTION ITEM: Approval of Agenda

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

4. ACTION ITEM: Approval of Minutes/March 7, 2007

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

5. ACTION ITEM: Proposed Amendment to the FY 2006 Transportation Improvement Program - Loockerman St/Forest St. Transportation Enhancement - DelDOT

MOTION By Mr. Reeb to approve and adopt the proposed amendment. Seconded by Mr. Eaby. Motion carried.

6. ACTION ITEM: Proposed List of Projects to be included in the FY 2008-2011 Transportation Improvement Program - DelDOT Finance/J. Wieczoreck

6.1 Financial Plan/Discussion - K. English, DelDOT Finance

Ms. English reviewed DelDOT's responsibilities and financial needs in a Powerpoint presentation; copies of the presentation were distributed. There was discussion concerning the Governor's proposed funding package and possible alternatives if the package was not approved by the General Assembly. Council also discussed making comments to the Bond Bill Committee in support of the Governor's proposal.

MOTION By Mr. Eaby that the MPO Council support the Governor's proposal with a statement to the Bond Bill Committee. The comments will be drafted by staff and reviewed by Mr. Reeb. Seconded by Mayor Mooney. Motion carried with two abstentions.



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Ms. Wiczoreck noted that the PAC recommended that Council encourage the General Assembly to move DelDOT's operation costs out of the Transportation Trust Fund and into the General Fund over time. Mr. DePrima suggested that this be added to the comments to be made to the Bond Bill Committee.

MOTION By Mr. Eaby to include language recommended by the PAC in the comments to the Bond Bill Committee.

Seconded by Mayor Mooney. Motion carried with two abstentions.

Mr. DePrima noted that the words "over time" were key to the recommendation.

Council then discussed the list of projects for the FY 08 TIP.

MOTION By Mr. Reeb to table this agenda item and to hold a special meeting in June to take action. Seconded by Ms. Smith. Motion carried.

Council then asked staff to arrange the June meeting for the first Wednesday (June 6).

7. ACTION ITEM: Rating of New/Resubmitted Projects for Inclusion in the Transportation Improvement Program - B. Allen, DelDOT/J. Wiczoreck

MOTION By Ms. Smith to adopt the ratings as presented. Seconded by Mr. Eaby. Motion carried.

8. ACTION ITEM: Draft FY 2008 Unified Planning Work Program - J. Wiczoreck

MOTION By Mayor Mooney to adopt the FY 2008 UPWP as presented. Seconded by Mr. Reeb. Motion carried.

9. PRESENTATION: GO21 – Rail freight – Laura McNichol

Ms. McNichol gave a slide presentation promoting rail freight as an alternative to highway congestion. The organization she represents, GO21, has been active in Delaware since January 2007. Council members found the presentation interesting, but noted that there are problems in Delaware with the major carrier, Norfolk Southern, and the location of rail lines within town and city limits. Ms. McNichol reported that Senator Still has written a letter of support for the initiative.

10. DISCUSSION: Air and rail service to Kent County

Ms. Wiczoreck reported on air and rail service to Kent County. She noted the national security concerns at the Civil Air Terminal due to its proximity with Dover Air Force Base. The State of Delaware is investing in the Delaware Air Park; they have purchased development rights and right-of-way and will be lengthening one of the runways. At this time, the State is not willing or able to invest heavily in both the Civil Air Terminal and Delaware Air Park. She also reminded Council members that air service is not actually within the MPO purview, which is surface transportation. However, if Council wanted to make a statement supporting one or the other airport, it could be done. Mr. Reeb noted that the airports served different types of aircraft: The Civil Air Terminal/DAFB serves jet air craft for the race weekends; DE Air Park serves propeller craft. Mayor Mooney felt that Kent County Levy Court needed to look at air service to Dover more aggressively. He strongly advocates for air service to and from Dover, as Delaware's capitol city. Mr. Eaby noted that he doesn't think that Baltimore or Philadelphia are out of reach for most people. Mr. DePrima added that if the airlines felt there was money to be made, there would be service. Mayor Mooney said that he doesn't feel the market has been explored adequately.



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Ms. Smith reported that, concerning passenger rail service, it would require a subsidy of \$100 per passenger per trip. In addition, there are freight/rail passenger train differences that cause problems on the rail lines.

11. Municipalities Report – R. Mooney, A. DePrima

Mayor Mooney had no report. Mr. DePrima noted that construction of the traffic light upgrades in Dover are causing traffic problems at the affected intersections, and will do so for quite awhile.

12. TAC Report – J. Wieczoreck – NO REPORT

13. PAC Report – D. McNulty

Mr. McNulty reported that the PAC would like to review the Priority Process criteria for ranking projects. Suggested additional criteria include NEPA issues and cost.

The PAC was also considering inviting Kwame Aron, the new FHWA representative, to their next workshop. Mr. Reeb reported that Mr. Aron was only an interim representative, that in July the permanent representative would be arriving in Delaware.

14. Project Update:

14.1 Coordinated Human Services Inter-agency Consultation Subcommittee - D. McNulty

14.2 DE 8 Concept Plan and Operations Study - J. Wieczoreck

14.3 North Dover Study - D. McNulty

14.4 Elderly Mobility Final Report

15. Executive Director's Report

Next Meeting /July 2007 To Be Determined– Dover/Kent County MPO Conference Room

MOTION By Mr. Reeb to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Mr. Eaby. Motion carried.