



Dover/Kent County Metropolitan Planning Organization

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DOVER/KENT MPO COUNCIL MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 6, 2006

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

Scott Koenig for Anthony DePrima, for Steven Speed, Mayor, City of Dover, Chair
Gary Smith, DE Economic Dev. Office for Ruth Ann Minner, Governor, State of Delaware
Richard Ennis, for David Burris, President, Kent County Levy Court
Stephen Kingsberry, Director, Delaware Transit Corporation
Ralph Reeb for Carolann Wicks, Secretary, DelDOT
Robert Mooney, Mayor, Town of Camden, for Kent County Municipalities
Paul Lang for John Dewar, Acting Division Administrator, Federal Hwy Admin. (FHWA)

Members not attending:

Susan E. Borinsky, Reg. III Administrator, Federal Transit Admin. (FTA)

Non-members attending:

Marc Cote, DelDOT

Annette Hubbard

Daniel McNulty, MPO Staff

Joshua Waltz, MPO Staff

Donald Tinari, Mayor, Town of Cheswold

Juanita Wieczoreck, MPO Staff

Catherine Samardza, MPO Staff

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

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

4. **ACTION ITEM: Approval of Minutes/July 3, 2006**

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

5. **ACTION ITEM:: Annual Meeting**

Mr. Koenig turned the meeting over to Ms. Wieczoreck for the elections.

5.1 Election of Officers

MOTION By Mr. Reeb nominating Mayor Speed as Council Chair. Seconded by Mayor Mooney. Motion carried.

MOTION By Mr. Smith to close nominations. Seconded by Mr. Koenig. Motion carried.

Mayor Speed was elected Chair by acclamation.

MOTION By Mr. Reeb to nominate Mr. Kingsberry as Vice-Chair. Seconded by Mr. Smith. Motion carried.

MOTION By Mr. Smith to close nominations. Seconded by Mr. Reeb. Motion carried.

Mr. Kingsberry was elected Vice-Chair by acclamation.



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5.2 UPWP Completion Report – J. Wiczoreck

5.3 Final Financial Report – J. Wiczoreck

MOTION By Mr. Smith to accept the reports as presented by staff. Seconded by Mr. Reeb. Motion carried.

6. ACTION ITEM: Recommended Comments on the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking for the Safe Accountable Flexible Efficient Transportation Equity Act – A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU) – J. Wiczoreck

Ms. Wiczoreck distributed copies of draft comments concerning SAFETEA-LU. Council reviewed the comments.

MOTION By Mr. Smith to approve and send the comments to the Federal docket as presented by staff. Seconded by Mr. Reeb. Motion carried.

7. ACTION ITEM: Proposed Amendment to the FY 2006-2009 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

M. Cote, DelDOT Transportation Solutions

Mr. Cote reviewed the new Barratts Chapel project.

MOTION By Mayor Mooney to approve the amendment to the TIP to include the Barratts Chapel project. Seconded by Mr. Kingsberry. Motion carried.

Council then discussed the projects being restored to the TIP due to additional funding in the Bond Bill. There was considerable discussion concerning air and rail facilities and services in Kent County. However, it was decided that those issues should be discussed at another meeting.

MOTION By Mr. Reeb to amend the FY06-08 TIP to include the FY07 projects adopted into the FY07 Bond Bill. Seconded by Mr. Kingsberry

8. ACTION ITEM: Review and confirmation of Project Priority List for FY 2008 – J. Wiczoreck, D/KC MPO

Ms. Wiczoreck reviewed the FY2008 project list and numerical rankings. Mr. Koenig asked if the project for the service road (Garrison connector) to the Garrison Tract could be revived. Ms. Wiczoreck explained that the project would have to be resubmitted. Mr. Reeb noted that DelDOT is working on obtaining Right-of-Way (ROW) for the project; however, the project depends on securing a tenant for the property. After some discussion, it was suggested that the project for Walnut Shade Road/US13 should also be submitted.

MOTION By Mr. Smith to accept the FY08 project priority list as submitted by staff. Seconded by Mayor Mooney. Motion carried with Mr. Reeb abstaining.

9. ACTION ITEM: Proposed Realignment of Federal Metropolitan Planning Funds – J. Wiczoreck

Ms. Wiczoreck reviewed the current apportionment of federal funds in Delaware – 80% to WILMAPCO, and 20% to the Dover/Kent County MPO. Based on the latest census figures, it is proposed that the new apportionment should be 78% to WILMAPCO and 22% to the D/KC MPO.



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MOTION By Mr. Smith to pursue the proposed new budget alignment. Seconded by Mr. Ennis.
Motion carried.

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

Mayor Mooney reported that the Town of Camden has no intention of closing East Street. The parcel where ROW is missing has been sold, and ROW will be acquired and the road will be improved by the developer. It will connect to Voshell Mill Road. DelDOT is concerned about East Street becoming a through-street. DelDOT and Camden had discussions about making it a cul de sac.

Mr. Koenig reported that the City of Dover has had a number of large development submittals. The boundary of houses between Dover and Camden will be narrowing. There are discussions concerning big (multi-story) projects, all of which have a transportation component. The City is pursuing opening bids for a recreation center on the west side, which will put pressure on Wyoming Mill Road.

Camden and Wyoming have also met with a developer concerning a development of 2800-3200 homes. Twenty or so acres are being set aside for a new school. Within the next five or six years they expect to see another 5500 homes within the growth zone.

Ms. Wieczoreck asked if Council wanted to take a position on Kent County's Adequate Public Facilities Ordinance. Council suggested it be brought up at the next meeting.

11. TAC Report – J. Wieczoreck

12. PAC Report – J. Wieczoreck

13. Executive Director's Report

13.1 UPWP Progress and Financial Reports

13.2 Correspondence & Publications/Reports

Next Meeting /November, 2006 – Dover/Kent County MPO Conference Room

Ms. Wieczoreck informed Council that she would like to attend the AMPO Conference on November 1, and asked if the November Council meeting could be moved to another day. Council members agreed to change the meeting, and asked staff to contact them with alternate dates.

MOTION By Mr. Smith to adjourn the meeting at approximately 5 PM. Seconded by Mr. Reeb.
Motion carried.