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DOVER/KENT COUNTY MPO PUBLIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE (PAC) MEETING MINUTES OF APRIL 25, 2006

Public Advisory Committee Members & Alternates attending:

Horace Cook	Prameela Kaza
William Saunders	Richard Ornauer
Elizabeth Thompson	James Maloy (alternate)
Nicholas DiPasquale	
Dwight Meyer	

Members not attending:

Dr. Daniel Houghtaling, Chair	Joanne Masten
Lloyd Wheatly	Charles Gray, Vice Chair
Donald Erhart	Arley Cooper, Jr.

Non-members attending:

Juanita Wiczoreck, MPO Staff	Catherine Samardza, MPO Staff
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In the absence of Dr. Houghtaling and Mr. Gray, Mr. Cook chaired the meeting.

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

MOTION By Mr. Ornauer to approve the agenda. Seconded by Mr. Saunders.
Motion carried.

4. ***ACTION ITEM:*** Approval of Minutes / February 21, 2006

MOTION By Mr. Meyers to approve the minutes. Seconded by Mr. Saunders.
Motion carried.

5. ***PRESENTATION:*** 2006 Congestion Management System – M. Eastburn, DelDOT

Mr. Eastburn reviewed the CMS and the methodology that is used to evaluate intersections. Four (4) Kent County intersections are demonstrating Level of Service E or F during peak hours. All four are on US 13. There were questions concerning how signals, Traffic Impact Statements (TIS), real-time cameras and global positioning technology are used in solving intersection problems. The Committee thanked Mr. Eastburn for his presentation.



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6. ***ACTION ITEM:*** Proposed FY 2007 Unified Planning Work Program – J. Wieczoreck

MOTION By Mr. Ornauer to recommend to Council that the MPO charge a fee for Materials requested under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).
Seconded by Ms. Kaza. Motion carried.

MOTION By Mr. DiPasquale to recommend to Council that a letter go out to the agencies involved in the North Dover Study asking them to inform the MPO whether or not they wish to proceed with the project. Seconded by Ms. Thompson. Motion carried.

MOTION By Mr. Saunders to recommend that the Council approve the UPWP as amended by the TAC. Seconded by Mr. DiPasquale.

Before a vote was taken there was further discussion concerning the elimination of the Freight Study. PAC members were not comfortable with the idea of losing this project. Ms. Wieczoreck suggested that they recommend that the Freight Study project be the first item funded as finances become available. Mr. Saunders amended his motion.

MOTION By Mr. Saunders to recommend that the Council adopt the UPWP as recommended by the TAC with the additional language that the Freight Study project be funded if money becomes available. Seconded by Mr. DiPasquale. Motion carried with one, Mr. Ornauer, opposed.

MOTION By Mr. Ornauer to recommend to Council that rather than reduce the funds in the DE 8 project, operating expenses be reduced as recommended by MPO Staff. Seconded by Mr. Meyer. Motion carried.

7. ***DISCUSSION ITEM:*** Future Planning Project Priority – J. Wieczoreck (enclosure)

MOTION By Mr. Ornauer that the PAC adopt the Transportation Improvement Project (TIP) priority process for use in prioritizing UPWP projects.
Seconded by Mr. Meyer.

Discussion followed concerning additional weight factors, such as energy savings/efficiency. However, additional concerns about which factors to change to accommodate the new one were discussed. Ms. Wieczoreck recommended that this be discussed at a future meeting to work out the details in adapting this process for the UPWP. She added that there were changes in the SAFETEA-LU Planning factors to consider.

Mr. Ornauer withdrew his motion.



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8. *DISCUSSION ITEM:* Elderly Mobility Committee Survey – J. Wieczoreck

Ms. Wieczoreck reported that the EMC met on April 6. The draft survey distributed to the PAC members would be tested at various sites before a final survey is printed. The survey will be used to identify problems and concerns for senior citizens, and then to develop a list of things that need to be done or provided.

Ms. Wieczoreck also reported that the survey would be available at the Senior Expo and that the MPO would be sharing a table with other agencies – TMA DE, DNREC and WILMAPCO. She addressed Mr. Ornauer’s concerns about from the last Senior Expo, noting that the MPO table would not be near the entrance. Ms. Wieczoreck also asked for some help in staffing the booth.

There was some discussion concerning “who is elderly?” Consensus was that the survey should break down ages as follows: 50-60 years; 60-70 years; and 70-80 years. Mr. DiPasquale also suggested a line for retired or not.

9. Staff Report – J. Wieczoreck

9.1 UPWP Progress & Financial Reports (enclosure)

9.2 Correspondence & Publications/Reports

10. NEXT MEETING: June Workshop – Date and Location TBA

Mr. Ornauer suggested that the theme of the workshop be Livable Delaware. He asked that Secretary Wicks and Connie Holland from the Office of State Planning and Coordination be invited to discuss how transportation and land use fit together.

Members suggested that the Workshop be held at Maple Dale Country Club.

**MOTION By Mr. Ornauer to adjourn the meeting at approximately 9:00 PM.
Seconded by Ms. Kaza. Motion carried.**