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DOVER/KENT COUNTY MPO PUBLIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES OF APRIL 24, 2007

Public Advisory Committee Members & Alternates attending:

Nicholas DiPasquale, Chair	Horace Cook, Vice Chair
William Saunders	Richard Ornauer
Arley Cooper, Jr.	Dr. Daniel Houghtaling

Members not attending:

Charles Gray	Prameela Kaza	James Webster
James Maloy (alternate)*	Dwight Meyer	

Non-members attending:

Kathy English, DeDOT Finance	Juanita Wieczozreck, MPO Staff
Dan McNulty, MPO Staff	Catherine Samardza, MPO Staff

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM in Room 414 in the Corp. Training Center at Delaware Technical & Community College, Terry Campus.

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

Ms. Wieczoreck reported that the Elderly Mobility Final Report was delayed and asked that Item 9 be removed from the agenda.

MOTION By Mr. Cook to approve the agenda as amended. Seconded by Mr. Cooper. Motion carried.

4. ***ACTION ITEM: Approval of Minutes / February 27, 2007***

MOTION By Mr. Ornauer to approve the minutes of February 27 as submitted. Seconded by Mr. Cook. Motion carried.

4.1 Proposed amendment to minutes of December 19, 2006 meeting

MOTION By Mr. Ornauer to approve the amendment to the minutes as submitted by staff. Seconded by Mr. Cook. Motion carried.

5. ***ACTION ITEM: Proposed Amendment to the FY 2006 Transportation Improvement Program - Lookerman St/Forest St. Transportation Enhancement - DeDOT***

MOTION By Mr. Ornauer to recommend Council adopt the proposed amendment as presented. Seconded by Dr. Houghtaling. Motion carried.



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6. ACTION ITEM: Draft FY 2008-2013 Capital Transportation Program/Draft FY 2008-2011 Transportation Improvement Program - DelDOT Finance/J. Wiczoreck

6.1 Financial Plan/Discussion - DelDOT Finance/Revenue Proposals/ Kathy English, DelDOT

Staff distributed copies of Ms. English's PowerPoint presentation. There was discussion concerning contacting the Kent County legislators and endorsing Representative Stone's comments for moving DelDOT's operating expenses out of the General Fund. Mr. Ornauer believed that the MPO should do this; Mr. Cook was not sure that the MPO should be involved in legislative issues. There was also discussion concerning DelDOT's new procedures to get developers to pay more of the costs of improvements. Mr. Cook felt that this would raise the price of new homes and impact the economy. Mr. Cooper felt that it was more fair than asking those who already live here to fund the requirements of out-of-state developers. Mr. DiPasquale felt that the additional cost, amortized over the cost of a mortgage, would not be significant. Mr. Cook commented that there were too many impact fees at "one shot" and that asking the developers to pay was not the way to go. Ms. Wiczoreck noted that home buyers could purchase existing homes rather than build, and that Kent County should be developing jobs in other areas than the housing industry. Mr. DiPasquale commented that slowing down the development in Kent County might not be a bad thing. It was suggested that Council be asked to look at all options. Mr. Ornauer pointed out that this was April already, and that the recommendation needs to be made before July 1st.

MOTION By Mr. Ornauer to recommend to Council that the MPO encourage General Assembly members to move DelDOT's operating costs into the General Fund over time, understanding that it will take some time. Seconded by Mr. Cooper. Motion carried with one opposed.

MOTION By Mr. Cook to recommend that Council adopt the draft TIP as the FY 2008-2011 TIP. Seconded By Dr. Houghtaling. Motion carried.

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

TABLED DUE TO TIME CONSTRAINTS AT THE SUGGESTIONS OF STAFF

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

MOTION By Mr. Cook to recommend Council adopt the UPWP as presented by staff. Seconded by Dr. Houghtaling. Motion carried.

9. ACTION ITEM: Draft Elderly Mobility Report - J. Wiczoreck - REMOVED

10. Staff Report – J. Wiczoreck, D. McNulty

10.1 UPWP Progress & Financial Reports

10.2 Project Updates – North Dover Study, Human Services Coordinated Sub-Committee

10.3 Correspondence & Publications/Reports

10.4 Progress update on Public Participation Process recommendations suggested at the June Workshop



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**11. *DISCUSSION ITEMS* - Next Meeting: June 2007 Workshop – Date & Theme to be Determined
- May 10, 2007 55 Plus Expo, Rail to Fair participation**

Discussion concerning the Workshop theme identified two issues: outreach for public participation as required by SAFETEA-LU and meeting the new Federal Highway representative. The consensus was to meet the new FHWA representative. Members also agreed to holding an evening workshop on their regularly scheduled meeting day, June 26, 2007.

MOTION By Mr. Ornauer to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 PM. Seconded by Mr. Cook. Motion carried.