



Dover/Kent County Metropolitan Planning Organization

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DOVER/KENT COUNTY MPO PUBLIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF AUGUST 22, 2006

Public Advisory Committee Members & Alternates attending:

Charles Gray, Vice Chair	William Saunders
Horace Cook	Elizabeth Thompson
Nicholas DiPasquale	

Members not attending:

Dr. Daniel Houghtaling, Chair	Joanne Masten
Donald Erhart	Prameela Kaza
Dwight Meyer	Arley Cooper, Jr.
James Maloy (alternate)	Richard Ornauer

Non-members attending:

Marc Cote, DeIDOT	Earl Timpson, DeIDOT Finance
James Winchell, Wyoming resident	Terry Winchell, Wyoming Resident
Juanita Wiczoreck, MPO Staff	Dan McNulty, MPO Staff
Catherine Samardza, MPO Staff	

The meeting was called to order at approximately 8:15 PM in the Wyoming Town Hall Annex (10 S. Railroad Avenue).

1. **Introduction of Members & Guests**
2. **Public Comments**

James and Terry Winchell expressed concern over the Wyoming truck bypass. There was some discussion concerning this project. Ms. Wiczoreck explained that in the past both towns rejected recommendations for the bypass because they did not like the one-way pair alternative developed by DeIDOT, who had determined that traffic did not justify a new roadway. Ms. Wiczoreck also explained briefly how the MPO Council works. She also explained that the PAC was not the committee making decisions concerning this project.

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

MOTION By Mr. Cook to approve the agenda. Seconded by Mr. DiPasquale. Motion carried

4. ***ACTION ITEM:* Approval of Minutes / April 25, 2006 / June 10, 2006**

MOTION By Mr. Cook to approve the minutes of April 25 and June 10, 2006. Seconded by Ms. Thompson. Motion carried.



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5. ***ACTION ITEM: Annual Meeting***
5.1 **Election of Officers – Nominations from the floor**
5.2 **UPWP Completion Report – J. Wieczoreck**

Ms. Wieczoreck took over as Chair for the meeting for the election of officers.

MOTION By Mr. Gray nominating Dr. Houghtaling as chair. Seconded by Mr. Saunders.
Motion carried.

MOTION By Mr. Cook nominating Mr. DiPasquale as chair. Seconded by Ms. Thompson.
Motion carried.

MOTION By Mr. Gray to close nominations. Seconded by Mr. Cook. Motion carried.

MOTION By Mr. Gray withdrawing his nomination of Dr. Houghtaling. Seconded by Mr. Saunders.
Motion carried.

Mr. DiPasquale was elected by acclamation.

MOTION By Mr. DiPasquale nominating Mr. Cook as vice-chair. Seconded by Ms. Thompson
Motion carried.

MOTION By Mr. Gray to close nominations. Seconded by Ms. Thompson. Motion carried.
Mr. Cook was elected by acclamation.

6. ***ACTION ITEM: Proposed Amendment to the FY 2006-2008 Transportation Improvement Program – DelDOT***

Mr. Cote distributed materials detailing the new Barratts Chapel Road project and reviewed the project in detail. The project contains multiple, simultaneous developments and DelDOT is approaching the area in a new way, coordinating the work that the developers are required to do. Rather than each developer building the necessary improvements separately, they are contributing a financial share to DelDOT, who in turn, will direct the construction. There was considerable discussion as to how this coordination will work, and what changes would be made if developers choose not to participate. Mr. Cote pointed out that this project actually saves the developers money, as federal funds will be available to the State that are not available to private development.

The additional amendments are projects that were already in the TIP and have had financing restored. There was discussion concerning the West Dover Connector and whether or not it is a regionally significant project and would require an Air Quality Conformity analysis. The next meeting to discuss Air Quality is scheduled for August 31. The other projects are either exempt or not regionally significant.

MOTION By Mr. DiPasquale to recommend Council approve the amendment. Seconded by Mr. Cook. Motion carried

7. ***ACTION ITEM: Review and confirmation of Project Priority List for FY 2008 –***



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Ms. Wieczoreck informed the PAC that each year DelDOT requests a priority listing for Kent County Projects. There were questions and discussion regarding projects currently on hold, which will be funded before new projects of the same type. Ms. Wieczoreck also explained that if a project has been in the Capital Transportation Program before the current year, it will move up. Ms. Wieczoreck was asked to reformat the list in priority order.

MOTION By Mr. Cook to recommend Council approve the FY2008 priority list with the correction requested for priority order. Seconded by Ms. Thompson. Motion carried.

8. Staff Report – J. Wieczoreck

8.1 UPWP Progress & Financial Reports

8.2 Project Updates – DE 8 Concept Plan and Operations Study, Elderly Mobility Survey

8.3 Correspondence & Publications/Reports

Mr. DiPasquale announced that the Kent County Conservancy has received approval as a 501C3 non-profit agency. The Conservancy will deal with land trust, conservation easements and historic preservation and environmental protection. The organization is all-volunteer, and Mr. DiPasquale is president.

9. NEXT MEETING: October 24, 2006

MOTION By Mr. Cook to adjourn the meeting at approximately 9:00 PM. Seconded by Mr. DiPasquale. Motion carried.