



DOVER/KENT COUNTY MPO PUBLIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF APRIL 22, 2014

PUBLIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS attending:

Dwight Meyer, Chair	Michael Gumrot, Vice Chair	Phyllis B. Collins
Jonathan Street	Jeremy Tucker	Jayce Lesniewski

MEMBERS/ALTERNATES not attending:

Kevin Yingling(alternate)	Dr. Daniel Houghtaling	Prameela Kaza
Edmund Maron	James Webster	Dr. Carlton Cannon
Earle Dempsey		

NON-MEMBERS attending:

Bill Brockenbrough, DeDOT	Kate Layton, MPO Staff	James Galvin, MPO Staff
Catherine Samardza, MPO Staff		

1. INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS & GUESTS
2. PUBLIC COMMENTS
3. ***ACTION ITEM:*** Approval of Agenda

MOTION By Mr. Gumrot to approve the agenda. Seconded by Mr. Tucker. Motion carried.

4. ***ACTION ITEM:*** Approval of Minutes, Feb. 25 meeting

MOTION By Ms. Collins to approve the minutes. Seconded by Mr. Street. Motion carried.

5. ***ACTION ITEM:*** FY 2015 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) – Kate Layton

Ms. Layton reviewed the UPWP projects, noting that money from previous years was added to the budget.

MOTION By Mr. Gumrot recommending that Council approve the FY2015 UPWP. Seconded by Mr. Tucker. Motion carried.

6. ***ACTION ITEM:*** Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) Amendment - U.S. 13 Widening - Jim Galvin

Mr. Galvin noted that this amendment has been discussed by the PAC previously, including an in-depth presentation from DeDOT. Although the PAC voted to recommend approval of this project at a previous meeting, the priority ranking has changed. He presented the new priority ranking for this project as determined by MPO staff, including the rationale for the changes. He also noted that this project is considered part of DeDOT's Hazard Elimination Program (HEP) due to the number of accidents in the corridor.



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MOTION By Mr. Gumrot recommending Council adopt the US 13 Widening project amendment into the MTP with the new ranking as presented by MPO staff. Seconded by Mr. Tucker. Motion carried with one abstention.

Mr. Gumrot made the comment that it was difficult when political pressure is brought to bear to move a project ahead of a lot of other projects that have been waiting for many years.

7. ACTION ITEM: FY 2015-2018 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) – Jim Galvin

Mr. Galvin reviewed the TIP, which was changed to reflect DelDOT's draft CTP. The draft CTP includes many more projects than before, due to the projected revenue from the Governor's proposed gas tax. If the gas tax is passed by the General Assembly, \$228M is projected to be available for transportation projects; if the gas tax is not passed, there will only be \$128M available. There was discussion concerning the gas tax and the question of whether or not that money would be available. Other possible revenue streams were discussed. Mr. Meyer asked about the switch between the Thompsonville grade-separated interchange and the South Frederica grade-separated interchange at the proposed Sports Complex; Mr. Galvin reported that DelDOT made the decision to use DecisionLens to reprioritize the projects and South Frederica fell lower than many other projects. He noted that DelDOT is trying to bring a rationale to the priority process, including safety, which is the criteria with the highest weight.

MOTION By Mr. Gumrot to recommend Council approve the FY2015-2018 TIP as presented. Seconded by Ms. Collins. Motion carried.

8. ACTION ITEM: DelDOT/City of Dover Transportation Improvement District (TID) Agreement – T. William Brockenbrough, DelDOT

The TID process is an attempt to make it clearer and easier for developers to know what improvements are/will be needed for projects. It replaces the individual Traffic Impact Study that was required previously. The MPO's role in this process is to assist the City of Dover in preparing the land use forecast. There was discussion concerning the process and other areas where a TID might be utilized.

MOTION By Mr. Gumrot to recommend that Council approve the TID Agreement. Seconded by Mr. Lesniewski. Motion carried.

9. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEM: Location of June PAC workshop. - Kate Layton

PAC members discussed the location of the June workshop and the possibility of a tour of the DE Emergency Management Agency Building in conjunction with the August meeting. It was suggested that the August meeting could be held at Delaware State University's Smyrna farm and research center if meeting space and a tour cannot be scheduled at DEMA.

Suggested topics for the June workshop included a presentation from Redner's Markets regarding their future plans in Delaware and a presentation from the Delaware Transit Corporation on transit issues. Ms. Layton would make inquiries and see which organization would be available.



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MOTION By Mr. Gumrot to hold the June Workshop at the Dover Downs Buffet.
Seconded by Mr. Tucker. Motion carried.

10. * MEMBER REPORTS *****

11. Staff Reports –

11.1 Progress & Financial Reports – Kate Layton

11.2 Other Project Updates/Activities – MPO Staff

11.3 Correspondence, Publications/Reports/Outreach – K. Layton

11.4 Further discussion of June workshop, prospective topics/speakers –K. Layton

12. ADJOURN

MOTION By Mr. Gumrot to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Mr. Street.

Next meeting: **June 24, 2014** for the annual PAC workshop