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DOVER/KENT COUNTY MPO PUBLIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES OF DECEMBER 17, 2013

PUBLIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS ATTENDING:

Dwight Meyer, Chair	Michael Gumrot, Vice Chair	Phyllis B. Collins
Dr. Daniel Houghtaling	Prameela Kaza	James Webster
Jonathan Street	Jeremy Tucker	Jayce Lesniewski

MEMBERS NOT ATTENDING:

Dr. Carlton Cannon	Edmund Maron	Earle Dempsey
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NON-MEMBERS ATTENDING:

Mary Ridgeway, FHWA	Rich Vetter, MPO	Kate Layton, MPO staff
James Galvin, MPO Staff	Catherine Samardza, MPO Staff	

The meeting was called to order at 6:15 PM.

1. INTRODUCTION OF MEMBERS & GUESTS

Mary Ridgeway, FHWA Regional Director, introduced herself to the committee members, saying that she was glad to be able to attend the meeting.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

3. ACTION ITEM: Approval of Agenda (enclosure)

MOTION By Mr. Webster to approve the agenda. Seconded by Ms. Collins. Motion carried.

4. ACTION ITEM: Approval of Minutes, Oct. 22 meeting (enclosure)

MOTION By Ms. Kaza to approve the October minutes. Seconded by Mr. Gumrot. Motion carried.

5. ACTION ITEM: Metropolitan Transportation Plan Amendments (MTP) – J. Galvin (enclosure)

Mr. Galvin reviewed the materials sent to the committee members and provided an updated spreadsheet. The projects being proposed must be incorporated into the MTP in order for DelDOT to include them in the Capital Transportation Program (CTP). Two large projects in the MTP are being broken down into smaller components: Route 8 and North Dover/Route 13. Other projects are the Camden Bypass, at the request of the Town of Camden, and widening of Route 13 from Puncheon Run to Walnut Shade Road in Woodside, at the request of DelDOT. He noted that this project has been around for a long time, and that it needs to be included as part of Camden's Comprehensive Plan and the MPO's Metropolitan Transportation Plan. A committee member asked if the Town of Wyoming had any comments on this. The response was that the town had not been part of the bypass discussions.



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Mr. Galvin reported that he went through the scoring process with these projects, then presented his suggestions to the Prioritization Working Group, which concurred with the scores. The projects are now being presented to the TAC, PAC and Council for review and recommendations. He noted that some projects have dropped lower on the funding list, some moving entirely to the “aspirations” list.

Mr. Galvin told the PAC members that the TAC was concerned because there were no details concerning the US 13 widening project, except to note that it is considered a safety project due to the number of accidents reported along that corridor. Mr. Galvin noted that the project falls far down on the funding list, yet DelDOT has included it in the draft CTP, with money proposed for design and construction. The TAC chose to recommend Council approve the amended list with the exception of this project; it has asked for a presentation from DelDOT for their February meeting.

There were questions and discussion concerning other projects and where they fall on the list, and how moving the US13 Widening project higher up would affect those projects.

MOTION By Mr. Gumrot to recommend Council approve the amended scoring and new project list.
Seconded by Ms. Kaza. Motion carried.

Dr. Houghtaling asked that the PAC also have a presentation on the US13 project in February.

6. Discussion Item: Bicycle/Pedestrian Project Updates (current and proposed) – R. Vetter (enclosure)

Mr. Vetter reviewed the status of projects that have been discussed at prior meetings. Of particular note: the route planned for the Capital Bike Trail Project along Silver Lake/Park Drive is in a flood plain and a permit is needed for this project. It was noted that bike/ped trail over the St. Jones River on Route 10 would be defined with a Jersey barrier, not a decorative boardwalk or fencing.

7. Discussion Item: Federal Lands Access Program (FLAP) – R. Vetter (enclosure)

Mr. Vetter reported that he is on the committee for this new federal program. Available funding will be \$30,000 each year for two years, with a 20% match required. It is specifically for transportation projects adjacent to federal lands and national monuments. He asked that the PAC help get the word out that the program is accepting applications for project ideas through February.

Ms. Collins asked about a bike path at Dover Air Force Base. Mr. Galvin said that the only interest was in a bike path in the Route 1 right-of-way, not the old access through base and civilian housing areas.

8. * MEMBER REPORTS *****

Mr. Lesniewski reported that the City of Dover received an honorable mention as a bike-friendly community from the League of American Bicyclists. The organization supplied a list of things Dover could do to improve.



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Mr. Meyer reported that the light sequencing at South State Street and Route 10 near the Royal Farms needs to be adjusted. The left turn signals are not activated by strip sensors in the road, they are on a cycle that keeps people waiting a long time at 4:00 AM when there is no traffic. He said there were sensors in the roadway until it was resurfaced. He noted that there is also a problem at the Route 8 and Kenton Road light; traffic backs up from WaWa, and vehicles cannot get to the left turn lane. Again, this is because the signals are on a cycle, rather than sensors. This road was also resurfaced.

Dr. Houghtaling reported that there are backups at the Route 10 and US13 signal. Going west on Route 10 to make a left onto US13 north, there is no acceleration lane. There is also no acceleration lane making right turns onto US13 South from Redner's.

9. Staff Reports –

9.1 Progress & Financial Reports – Rich Vetter (enclosure)

9.2 Other Project Updates/Activities – MPO Staff

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

Staff was asked to e-mail the final bylaws to PAC members.

Next meeting: Feb. 25, 2014, Kent County Levy Court Building

10. ADJOURN

MOTION By Ms. Kaza to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Mr. Gumrot. Motion carried.