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DOVER/KENT COUNTY MPO PUBLIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF AUGUST 8, 2019

PUBLIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS ATTENDING:

Michael Gumrot, Chair	Jayce Lesniewski, Vice Chair	Jerry Mullen
Dr. Carolyn Cohee	Jonathan Contant	Karen McGloughlin
Bruce Snow	Jesse Spampinato	Bill Holmes (alternate)

PUBLIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS NOT ATTENDING:

Chris Asay	Dr. Phyllis B. Collins	Tracey Miller
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NON-MEMBERS ATTENDING:

Carmen Holmes, Dover	Nate Attard, DelDOT Planning
Reed Macmillan, MPO Ex. Dir.	James Galvin, MPO Staff
Helen Wiles, MPO Staff	Mike Ward, MPO Staff
Catherine Samardza, MPO Staff	

1. INTRODUCTION OF MEMBERS & GUESTS

Mr. Jeremy Mullen was introduced as Delaware Transit Corporation's new PAC member. Mr. Mullen replaces Shane Breakie. Mr. Breakie's term was expired, and he chose not to continue due to increased responsibilities with Chesapeake Utilities since he was promoted.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

3. ACTION ITEM: Approval of Agenda (enclosure)

Staff noted that the agenda had been amended from the original sent out. The Air Quality Conformity Update to the TIP was added.

MOTION By Dr. Cohee to adopt the amended agenda. Seconded by Mr. Spampinato.
Motion carried.

4. ACTION ITEM: Approval of Minutes, June 13, 2019 (enclosure)

MOTION By Mr. Snow to approve the June 2019 minutes. Seconded by Mr. Contant.
Motion carried.

5. ANNUAL ELECTIONS: Chair and Vice-Chair

At this time, Mr. Gumrot stepped down as Chair and Mr. Macmillan chaired the meeting for the



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elections.

MOTION By Ms. McGloughlin to nominate Mr. Gumrot as Chair. Seconded by Mr. Snow. Motion carried, and nominations were closed with no further nominations.

MOTION By Mr. Gumrot nominating Mr. Lesniewski as Vice-Chair. Seconded by Mr. Spampinato. Motion carried, and nominations were closed with no further nominations.

Mr. Gumrot and Mr. Lesniewski were re-elected by acclamation as Chair and Vice-Chair. Mr. Gumrot resumed the meeting as Chair.

6. ACTION ITEM: Public Participation Plan / H. Wiles (enclosure)

Ms. Wiles reported that the Plan was published for public comment and only two comments were received. However, neither was actually relative to the Public Participation Plan.

MOTION By Ms. McGloughlin recommending that Council adopt the Public Participation Plan. Seconded by Dr. Cohee. Motion carried.

7. ACTION ITEM: TIP Amendment / Air Quality Conformity update (enclosure)

Mr. Macmillan reviewed the history leading to the amendment. When the TIP was adopted, the information required for the Air Quality Conformity section was unavailable. Now that the analysis and report are complete, it must be incorporated into the TIP. There are no changes to the main section of the TIP, this is an addition to the Air Quality appendix. There was some discussion concerning the EPA court case, and the 1997 versus the 2008 standards, noting that the 2008 standards are actually more stringent. It was asked and noted that the suit against the EPA regarding the 1997 standards is the South Coast Air Quality Management Agency in California.

MOTION By Mr. Spampinato to recommend Council adopt the TIP amendment. Seconded by Mr. Snow. Motion carried.

8. * MEMBER REPORTS *****

Mr. Spampinato reported that Ms. Wiles' "MAPPITT" application is live and he encouraged everyone to use it. It was noted that 5 reports have been made to date, and the two that needed a response were answered within a week. Mr. Macmillan said that the main goal was to provide a tool for reporting issues. When the MPO begins the Metropolitan Transportation Plan update, MAPPIT will help build the MTP. Mr. Attard will facilitate, providing contact information for Ms. Wiles as needed. Ms. McGloughlin asked for a one-page outline with a link so that PAC members can share the information.

Mr. Gumrot reported that he attended the Delaware State Fair with Ms. Wiles to assist in survey



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distribution and response and that he thought it was the hottest day of the year. Ms. Wiles noted that the Snapchat filter created for the MPO visit to the Fair was used 13,500 times this year, compared to 2,500 in 2018.

9. Staff Reports –

9.1 Progress & Financial Reports – MPO Staff (enclosure)

9.2 Other Project Updates/Activities – MPO Staff

9.3 Correspondence, Publications/Reports/Outreach

Mr. Macmillan reported that there is about 5% of the FY19 budget remaining. He also noted that there are five transportation studies for FY20:

- East/West freight corridor study
- Magnolia intersection study
- Dover Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan Update
- Air Cargo Ramp Freight Study
- Harrington Intermodal Study

Mr. Gumrot said that WBOC had reported on the Camden Bypass project and asked if the alignment was finalized. Mr. Attard said that the environmental review was not completed yet, and DelDOT is still looking at the alignment. He also said that it would be 3 more years before any construction happened. There is money in the CTP for right-of-way acquisition, but the route is not yet finalized.

There was some discussion concerning how long projects can take.

Mr. Galvin reported that “kick’off” meetings have taken place or are scheduled for the transportation studies with the consultants and the municipalities. Dover’s Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan update is expected to take 6-9 months; the other studies will be longer, with the East-West corridor study taking 18 months.

Ms. Wiles reported that Magnolia’s Mayor Frazier is excited about the Intersection Study for Main Street and Irish Hill. When Magnolia’s Comprehensive Plan was updated, 72% of its residents had concerns about traffic speed.

Ms. Wiles also reported that the MPO is preparing for the Metropolitan Transportation Plan update, working on creating public awareness with advertisements, webinars, and workshops. She asked PAC members to share the information on social media.

There was some general discussion concerning Kent County’s sewer pipeline repair, repairs and improvements connected to development on Brentford Road. Dr. Cohee had a question concerning Freight Planning and coordination with WILMAPCO, Sussex County and the Salisbury/Wicomico



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MPO. Mr. Galvin reported that Mr. Hall of S/W MPO was always invited to the MPO meetings, but does not attend. Mr. Attard noted that the S/W Planning Department is very small. This lead to discussion concerning bicycles in Sussex County, particularly in the resort areas at night.

10. ADJOURN

MOTION By Mr. Spampinato to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Mr. Snow. Motion carried.

NEXT MEETING: October 10, 2019