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**DOVER/KENT COUNTY MPO COUNCIL MEETING**  
**MINUTES OF July 6, 2023**

**DOVER/KENT MPO COUNCIL MEMBERS ATTENDING:**

**Robin R. Christiansen, Mayor, City of Dover, Chair**  
**Ernst Arndt, President, Board of Commissioners of Viola**  
**John Sisson, Chief Executive Officer, Delaware Transit Corporation**  
**Pamela Steinebach, Dir. of Planning, DE Dept. of Transportation, for Secretary Nicole Majeski**  
**Doug Atkin, Division Administrator, Federal Highway Admin. (FHWA)(N/V)**  
**Ken Decker, County Admin. for Terry Pepper, President, Kent County Levy Court**

**MEMBERS NOT ATTENDING:**

**Terry Garcia Crewes, Reg. Administrator, Region III, Federal Transit Admin. (N/V)**  
**Vacant, for Governor John Carney, State of DE**

**NON-MEMBERS ATTENDING:**

<b>Marilyn Smith, MPO Executive Director</b>	<b>James Galvin, MPO Staff</b>
<b>Helen Wiles, MPO Staff</b>	<b>Mike Ward, MPO Staff</b>
<b>Michelle Vinson, MPO Staff</b>	<b>Malcolm Jacob, MPO Staff</b>
<b>Sonia Marichic-Goudy, Century Engineering</b>	<b>Ted Foglietta, Century Engineering</b>
<b>Humaira Nabeela, DelDOT Planning</b>	<b>Jeremy Rothwell, Planning, Town of Smyrna</b>
<b>James Wilson, Bike DE</b>	

- 1. INTRODUCTION OF MEMBERS & GUESTS**
- 2. PUBLIC COMMENTS - None**
- 3. ACTION ITEM: Approval of Agenda (enclosure)**

MOTION By Mr. Sisson to approve the agenda. Seconded by Ms. Steinebach  
Motion carried.

- 4. ACTION ITEM: Approval of Minutes May 3, 2023 (enclosure)**

MOTION By Ms. Steinebach to approve the agenda. Seconded by Mr. Arndt  
Motion carried.

- 5. ACTION ITEM: PRESENTATION AND RECOMMENDATION: Intersection of DE6 and DE 300 between Smyrna and Clayton**  
**<https://doverkentmpo.delaware.gov/files/2023/05/Smyrna-Clayton-Final-Recommendations-Report-compressed-1.pdf>** / Ted Foglietta, Century Engineering



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Mr. Foglietta gave a brief presentation outlining the study's location, purpose, and need. He spoke about how data was collected, what types of data were collected, and the community workshops held. Two options were presented. Concept Option 1 extends Carter Road through the existing intersection with Wheatleys Pond Rd. to form a four-way, signalized intersection with Smyrna Clayton Blvd. at the American Legion Ambulance Services driveway. This configuration would eliminate the right-turn from Smyrna Clayton Blvd. onto Wheatleys Pond Rd. The Wheatleys Pond Rd and Carter Rd intersection would also be four-way. The left turn movement from Wheatleys Pond Rd. to Smyrna Clayton Blvd. would also be eliminated. • Concept Option 2 also extends Carter Rd. through the existing intersection with Wheatleys Pond Rd., but ties into a new sweep section of Smyrna Clayton Blvd. This option would eliminate a section of Smyrna Clayton Blvd. between the new sweep to the spur road connecting Smyrna Clayton Blvd and W. Glenwood Ave., including the existing Smyrna Clayton Blvd./Wheatleys Pond Rd. intersection. Mr. Arndt asked if lights would be at both intersections. Mr. Rothwell replied there already are. It was asked if the fire companies had seen the study. Mr. Foglietta stated they had and option 2 was preferred but that they will continue to work with the fire companies while in development. Police do favor option 2. Mayor Christiansen asked about American Legion Ambulance and paramedics, as well as Bayhealth. Mr. Rothwell replied the captain was fine with option 2 and the study will not affect Bayhealth. Ms. Steinebach asked if we have any entrances on a curve. Mr. Decker answered on Rt. 8. Ms. Steinebach suggested the entrance on the curve would likely need modified.

MOTION By Mr. Arndt to recommend Option 2. Seconded by Ms. Steinebach.  
Motion carried.

**6. ACTION ITEM: PRESENTATION AND RECOMMENDATION: N. Walnut Street/Tenth Street/N. Walnut Street/N. Washington Street Intersection Study**  
**<https://doverkentmpo.delaware.gov/files/2023/05/Milford-10th-Church-Rehoboth-Draft-Report-compressedHigh.pdf> / Sonia Marichic-Goudy, Century Engineering**

Ms. Marichic-Goudy gave a brief presentation outlining the study's location, purpose, and need. She spoke about how data was collected, what types of data were collected, and the community workshops held. She noted that they were asked to review the intersection from the City of Milford's comp plan and the Milford Bicycle Master Plan, and the intersection's safety was failing. There was a lot of research done with what the alternatives could be. The factors were that the existing Dairy Queen did not want to lose any space, a new business was in progress on one corner, and another was looking for a safer way to enter and exit their business. This alternative is comprised of a protected intersection, with prohibited northbound left turns along N. Rehoboth Blvd. onto NW 10th St. NW 10th St. and Buccaneer St. would be converted into one-way pairs; NW 10th St. converted to an eastbound approach, and Buccaneer St. converted to a westbound approach. 2037 is the design year when the conversion of NW 10th St. and Buccaneer St. needs to occur. This will enable traffic improvements with anticipated growth, while phasing the amount of overall funding needed for the ultimate 2050 design. It is suggested that the traffic numbers be revisited ahead of 2037 to determine if actual growth matches anticipated growth, or if the design year for the one way conversion of NW 10th St. and Buccaneer St. can be postponed to a later year. In addition, the preferred alternative closes N Church St. 600' south of the intersection to 1600' south of the intersection. This enables N. Church St. to act as a driveway to the southeast corner



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property, Fisher Auto Parts. Eliminating the large extent of traffic coming to the N. Walnut leg of the intersection from N. Church St. will help improve safety and reduce delays. The two residential properties along N. Church St. would utilize a new connection from N. Church St. to Salevan Place to reach NE 10th St. and N. Rehoboth Blvd. The 10' of removed N. Church St. would be reconfigured to a 10' side shared use path. A new connection between N. Church St. and N. Rehoboth Avenue continues to Allen Way. It connects to N. Rehoboth Blvd. from Brightway Commons and points south. In addition, an interim improvement was developed to improve pedestrian connectivity to the school campus northeast of the intersection. A 10' wide shared-use path will connect the intersection to the school entrance path along N. Walnut St./N. Rehoboth Blvd. Modifications will also be made to N. Church St. and N. Walnut St. to improve the turning movements and intersection skew. It was noted that all recommendations can be made within the existing right of way. Mayor Arndt asked about the stop sign close to traffic light. Ms. Marichic-Goudy stated it is access for five houses. Mr. Decker asked if there were any thoughts to prohibit the right turn during certain times of the day. Mr. Sisson asked how residents feel about the turn. Ms. Marichic-Goudy said they heard no negative comments.

MOTION By Mr. Sisson to approve. Seconded by Ms. Steinebach.  
Motion carried.

- ACTION ITEM: PRESENTATION AND RECOMMENDATION: SR 1/Trap Shooter Road Interchange (<https://doverkentmpo.delaware.gov/files/2023/05/001-SR1-Trap-Shooters-Draft-Final-Report-1.pdf>) & (<https://doverkentmpo.delaware.gov/files/2023/05/002-SR1-Trap-Shooters-Draft-Final-Report-1.pdf>) / Ted Foglietta, Century Engineering**

Mr. Foglietta gave a brief presentation outlining the study's location, purpose, and need. He spoke about how data was collected, what types were collected, and the community workshops held. Alternates 1 & 2 are the same concept and would relocate ramps to the south, extending Trap Shooters Road. Alternate 1 would require filling some wetlands, or Alternate 2 would instead build a bridge over the wetlands. Alternate 3 is a spur from Barkers Landing Road with a diamond interchange. Alternate 4 is a spur from Barkers Landing Road with a trumpet interchange. Due to cost comparison and impact on Agricultural and Wetland Impacts, Century recommends Alternate 1 (or 2 if DNREC says to build the bridge) for further development. Alternate 1 provides the greatest cost benefit. Mr. Rothwell asked about the status of the farmer. Mr. Boyce, from Century Engineering, spoke with the farmer, he is very active and what lands he doesn't own, he leases. The farmer has two tracts up for ag land preservation. Ms. Steinebach asked if this would bring down the number of crashes. Mr. Foglietta said yes. Mr. Steinebach asked if it considered future widening. Ms. Marichic-Goudy stated yes. Mr. Atkin stated keep option 1 as well due to wetland preservation and consult Army Core of Engineering on bridge over wetlands.

MOTION By Mr. Sisson for Options 1 and 2 to move forward. Seconded by Ms. Steinebach.  
Motion carried.

- ACTION ITEM: PRESENTATION AND RECOMMENDATION: Dover High School Pedestrian Safety Study (<https://doverkentmpo.delaware.gov/files/2023/05/DHS-Pedestrian-Safety-Study-Draft-June.pdf>) / Malcolm Jacob, James Galvin**



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Mr. Jacob spoke about the safety of the walk zone around Dover High School and the MPO's recommended improvements. Mr. Galvin discussed an incident map Mr. Ward created within the DHS walk-zone area. The incident map reflects crashes from 2009. DHS was opened in 2017. Mr. Galvin also spoke about what DelDOT has already begun or will be beginning soon. Mr. Jacob noted that the recommendations are prioritized to be implemented in stages. Mr. Sisson asked if there were bike paths from the high school to Mifflin Rd. Mr. Galvin answered the Senator Bike Path part three is planned late this year. Ms. Steinebach asked if the MPO had reached out to Mr. Mosher of DelDOT planning. Mr. Jacob replied the MPO has been in contact with him.

MOTION By Mr. Arndt to approve. Seconded by Mr. Sisson. Mayor Christansen abstained.  
Motion carried.

*Please note, enclosed with the agenda are the staff reports. We will not be presenting them as the studies presented will utilize time allotted. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out to MPO staff.*

## **9. \*\*\* MEMBER REPORTS \*\*\***

Mr. Decker spoke that he has worked with MPOs before in Montana. Roads are different in Montana. He has been a county manager for over 20 years. His wife is from the East Coast. He applied for Kent County Levy Court when the position came open.

Mr. Sisson spoke about DART still working on DART Reimagined. They are hoping for late summer for initial concept to be released . Kent County will have significant changes.

Ms. Steinebach spoke about DelDOT and the CTP prioritization process. August 31, 2023 will be public meetings for Kent County.

## **10. Staff Reports –**

### **10.1 Progress & Financial Reports (enclosure)**

### **10.2 Outreach Update (<https://sway.office.com/IJANCu243CNit0I?ref=Link>)**

Ms. Wiles noted the recent Equity Roundtable, thanked everyone for participation and support.

### **10.3 Correspondence, Publications, Reports, Activities**

## **11. ADJOURN**

MOTION By Mr. Sisson to adjourn. Seconded by Mr. Arndt. Motion carried.

**NEXT MEETING: September 6, 2023**