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DOVER/KENT COUNTY MPO PUBLIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF JUNE 8, 2023

PUBLIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS ATTENDING:

Dr. Phyllis B. Collins, Chair	Ian Peters, Vice-Chair	Karen McGloughlin
Dana Shelton	Darin Dell	Tracey Miller
Edwin Perez		

MEMBERS NOT ATTENDING:

Bruce Snow	Dr. Shanita Powell	Gary Dodge
Brittany Wagner	Katie Macklin	Travis Frey

NON-MEMBERS ATTENDING:

Marilyn J. Smith, MPO Exec. Dir	James Galvin, MPO Staff
Mike Ward, MPO Staff	Helen Wiles, MPO Staff
Malcolm Jacob, MPO Staff	Michelle Vinson, MPO Staff
Ted Foglietta, Century Engineering	Drew Boyce, Century Engineering
Sonia Marichic-Goudy, Century Engineering	

- 1. INTRODUCTION OF MEMBERS & GUESTS**
- 2. PUBLIC COMMENTS – No Comments**
- 3. ACTION ITEM: Approval of Agenda (enclosure)**

MOTION By Ms. Miller to approve the agenda. Seconded by Mr. Dell
Motion carried.

- 4. ACTION ITEM: Approval of Minutes April 13, 2023 (enclosure)**

MOTION By Mr. Dell to approve the minutes. Seconded by Ms. Miller
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

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



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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. Dell asked if there were any fatalities. Ms. Miller asked about accidents involving work trucks. Ms. Miller also asked if they had received feedback from Ambulance and fire companies. Mr. Foglietta answered yes, with even a separate meeting with first responders. Ms. Miller asked was concept 2 more expensive, and the response was yes. Mr. Perez asked what the cost would be, and Ms. McGloughlin wondered whether the public was presented with the costs. Dr. Collins asked if they had met with Smyrna, and the response was Smyrna was the lead in the study. It was asked where the funding would come from, and Ms. Marichic-Goudy stated it would get in line for federal/state funding once adopted. Ms. McGloughlin asked if the road was a city road, and the response was a DelDOT road.

MOTION By Ms. McGloughlin to accept option 2 to Council for approval. Seconded by Mr. Dell. 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 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



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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.

MOTION By Ms. Miller to accept in phases as presented to Council for approval. Seconded by Ms. McGloughlin.

Motion carried.

7. **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>) / Drew Boyce, Century Engineering

Mr. Boyce 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.

CONSENSUS of the members present for Alternate 1 to be presented to Council for approval.

8. **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

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.

CONSENSUS of the members present for the study to be presented to Council for approval.

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.



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***** MEMBER REPORTS *****

Ms. Miller complimented Century Engineering on their presentations and how well prepared they were.

- 9. Staff Reports –**
 - 9.1 Progress & Financial Reports (enclosure)**
 - 9.2 Outreach Update ()**
 - 9.3 Correspondence, Publications, Reports, Activities**

10. ADJOURN
NEXT MEETING: August 10, 2023

No adjournment as we had no quorum after 7:00 PM