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DOVER/KENT COUNTY MPO PUBLIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF OCTOBER 12, 2023

PUBLIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS ATTENDING:

Ian Peters, Vice-Chair

Dr. Shanita Powell

Dana Shelton

Darin Dell

Katie Macklin

Tracey Miller

Peter Brown Jr.

MEMBERS NOT ATTENDING:

Dr. Phyllis B. Collins, Chair

Bruce Snow

Edwin Perez

Gary Dodge

NON-MEMBERS ATTENDING:

Marilyn J. Smith, MPO Staff

James Galvin, MPO Staff

Helen Wiles, MPO Staff

Malcolm Jacob, MPO Staff

Mike Ward, MPO Staff

Cathy Smith, DART

1. **INTRODUCTION OF MEMBERS & GUESTS - NONE**
2. **PUBLIC COMMENTS - NONE**
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 August 10, 2023 (enclosure)***

MOTION By Mr. Brown to approve the minutes. Seconded by Ms. Miller
Motion carried.

5. ***PRESENTATION: DART Reimagined / Cathy Smith***

Ms. C. Smith spoke on why DART Reimagined happened. The Pandemic changed the market demands and needs. This had them look at who is the market and where it is performing. Fixed route is back at 80%, and Paratransit is back to 90%. Please look at www.dartreimagined.com for the report. Ms. C. Smith spoke on the Executive and Technical Advisory Committees (four) engaged for the report, and public engagement through surveys and Public Workshops in all Delaware counties. Ms. Powell asked if there was BOT detection for the surveys. Ms. C. Smith presented the results of the engagement and spoke on the future of DART transit. Scenarios were presented on how Micro Transit would work. She spoke about DART using three different apps and how it is not convenient, they are working on integrating them. There is a need to work with commuters to design micro-transit zones. Ms. Miller asked if the service would still go to DAFB. Answered the service goes to the visitor center. Ms. C. Smith stated this plan is three to five years out and there will be a lot of public input involved before



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implemented. PAC members raised numerous questions. Ms. C. Smith responded to the inquiries and again stated the plan is conceptual.

6. PRESENTATION: Overview of DKMPO FY24 projects / Marilyn Smith

Ms. M. Smith reviewed the projects for FY24 what will have a significant public outreach and what are more inventory types of projects. The projects are in DKMPO's UPWP for FY24.

<https://doverkentmpo.delaware.gov/files/2023/05/FY24-UPWP-FINAL-050323.pdf>.

7. ACTION ITEM: PRESENTATION: Equity Report 2023 / Helen Wiles

Ms. Wiles presented the Equity report. She did have hard copies, but also stated it is on the website. <https://doverkentmpo.delaware.gov/files/2023/11/EJ-Report-2023-final-version.pdf>. Ms. Wiles shared that the report is completed every two years and there are some new things in this year's report. The report is very focused on transportation equity. Ms. Wiles is the equity officer for DKMPO. Ms. Wiles encourages the committee to reach out if they have any questions. Mr. Dell stated don't forget about Amish Buggies. Ms. Powell asked if the MPO was considering on-demand interpretation services, she has links she can forward.

8. ACTION ITEM: PRESENTATION AND RECOMMENDATION: DE 2024 Safety Performance Measure Targets / Jim Galvin

Mr. Galvin shared the Performance Measures the state adopted. He is asking for the PAC to recommend to the Council to adopt the state's measures. Mr. Galvin stated there is a new director at the Office of Highway Safety. As of October 12, 2023, CY2022 had 116 fatalities and CY2023 had 109. Kent County is 21% of the Delaware population, with 21% of the fatalities. Mr. Peters stated Sussex County has the highest number of fatalities due to elderly vehicle occupants, rural intersections, and high-speed crossing traffic.

CONSENSUS of members present to recommend to Council.

9. * MEMBER REPORTS *** - NONE**

10. Staff Reports –

10.1 Progress & Financial Reports – M. Smith & M. Vinson

a. monthly DelDOT invoice and financial reports (enclosure)

Ms. M. Smith presented the financials.

10.2 Project Updates, Outreach

a. Outreach Update – H. Wiles

Ms. Wiles discussed the AMPO conference, highlighting information pertaining to municipalities that have successfully implemented Vision Zero.



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c. Current mapping projects - M. Ward

Mr. Ward mentioned that he is presently engaged in developing maps for Cheswold, Milford, and an Expanded Rail project.

11.3 Correspondence, Publications, Reports, Activities

a. Travis Frey and Brittany Wagner have resigned from PAC

b. Mr. Galvin's retirement happy hour will be Tuesday evening at Maple Dale/

12. ADJOURN

NEXT MEETING: December 14, 2023 (if needed)

Joint PAC/TAC/COUNCIL Dinner – December 6, 2023, 5:30 PM at Maple Dale