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DOVER/KENT COUNTY MPO PUBLIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF JUNE 13, 2024

PUBLIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS ATTENDING:

Dana Shelton

Tracey Miller

Heather Pepper

MEMBERS NOT ATTENDING:

Dr. Phyllis B. Collins, Chair

Ian Peters, Vice-Chair

Darin Dell

Katie Macklin

Dr. Shanita Powell

Gary Dodge

Bruce Snow

Edwin Perez

Peter Brown Jr.

NON-MEMBERS ATTENDING:

Marilyn J. Smith, MPO Staff

Malcolm Jacob, MPO Staff

Michelle Vinson, MPO Staff

Jeff Reigner, Kittleson & Assoc.

1. INTRODUCTION OF MEMBERS & GUESTS
2. PUBLIC COMMENTS – None.
3. ***ACTION ITEM:*** Approval of Agenda (enclosure)
No quorum
4. ***ACTION ITEM:*** Approval of Minutes April 11, 2024 (enclosure)
No quorum – move to the August 8, 2023, meeting.
5. ***ACTION ITEM: PRESENTATION AND RECOMMENDATION:*** Downtown Dover Pathways, Expanded Modes/Amenities and Loockerman Streetscape / <https://doverkentmpo.delaware.gov/downtown-dover-pathways-loockerman-street-design/> / Kittleson & Assoc.

Mr. Reigner presented the study. He gave an overview of the study and its objective to connect key activity centers in Downtown Dover. He presented Kittleson's recommendations and spoke about the opportunity presented to the Downtown Dover Partnership when the City of Dover shared that they would be installing new utility and water lines along Loockerman St. He shared the Public Outreach that took place, including a three-day charrette at The Hive in Downtown Dover regarding the Loockerman street design. Ms. Miller asked if we had an excellent response to public outreach. Ms. Smith answered yes, we had 85-100 people at the Downtown Charette. Mr. Shelton expressed concern about Route 13 traffic south to N. State Street. He also asked about the funding for the project. Ms. Pepper expressed worries about possible bike lanes on Queen St., stating safety must be addressed first.

Consensus of members present By Ms. Miller to move forward to the MPO Council.



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6. ***ACTION ITEM: PRESENTATION AND RECOMMENDATION: Milford N. Rehoboth Blvd./N. Walnut Street Corridor*** / <https://doverkentmpo.delaware.gov/files/2024/05/North-Rehoboth-Boulevard-North-Walnut-Street-Corridor-Study-draft-5.2024.pdf> / **Malcolm Jacob**

Mr. Jacob presented the study. He spoke of the area studied and the recommendations being made to Milford City Council to improve the safety of pedestrians along the corridor, including crosswalks and better lighting. Ms. Miller asked if this was done in a previous MPO study, and it was shared that there is a piece of this area covered in a previous study and those recommendations did not change. Ms. Miller asked if a traffic study had been done since the opening of the new hospital in reference to increased traffic, and Ms. Smith replied that the MPO had not done one.

Consensus of members present By Ms. Miller to move forward to the MPO Council.

7. ***PRESENTATION: MTP Innovations 2050 update / Marilyn J. Smith***

Mr. Smith presented slides showing the progress of phase one of the MTP. The slides included the Vision statement, main themes, key features, and timeline for developing the MTP.

8. *******MEMBER REPORTS*******

Mr. Shelton shared that the Zeta Rho Lambda Chapter 5K Walk/Run will take place on the Capital City Trail on July 22, 2024. The proceeds from this event will directly contribute to supporting scholarships for deserving students, The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Prayer Breakfast, Project Alpha, Voter Registration, and Adopt-a-Family.

9. **Staff Reports –**
9.1 **Financial & Administration– M. Smith & M. Vinson**
 a. **monthly DeIDOT invoice and financial reports (enclosure)**
9.2 **Studies & Maps – M. Jacob, M. Petit de Mange, M. Ward**
9.3 **Outreach and Environmental Justice/Title VI – H. Wiles**
9.4 **Correspondence, Publications, Reports, Activities**

10. **ADJOURN:**
NEXT MEETING: August 8, 2024