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DOVER/KENT COUNTY MPO COUNCIL COMMITTEE

PURPOSE: BI-MONTHLY MEETING

LOCATION: King Meeting Room, Camden Town Hall / Camden, DE

Virtual Option:

<https://www.gotomeet.me/doverkentmpo>

or dial-in (872) 240-3311 /Access Code: 156-943-261

DATE: ***January 3, 2024***

TIME: 3:00 – 4:30 pm

DOVER/KENT MPO COUNCIL MEMBERS ATTENDING:

Robin R. Christiansen, Mayor, City of Dover, Chair

Cathy Smith for John Sisson, Chief Executive Officer, Delaware Transit Corporation, Vice Chair

Jody Sweeney, Commissioner, for Terry Pepper, President, Kent County Levy Court

Sharon Bryson, Dir. DE Office of Hwy Safety DSHS, for Governor John Carney, State of DE

Enos Han for Doug Atkin, Division Administrator, Federal Highway Admin. (FHWA)(NV)

MEMBERS NOT ATTENDING:

Pamela Steinebach, Dir. of Planning, DE Dept. of Transportation, for Secretary Nicole Majeski

Vacant, Municipal Representative

Terry Garcia Crewes, Regional Administrator, Region III, Federal Transit Admin. (FTA)(NV)

Doug Atkin, Division Administrator, Federal Highway Admin. (FHWA)(NV)

NON-MEMBERS ATTENDING:

Marilyn J. Smith, MPO Staff

Helen Wiles, MPO Staff

Mike Ward, MPO Staff

Bruce Allen, DelDOT

Dan Blevins, Wilmapco

Anne Marie Townsend, Rossi

Michael Petit de Mange, MPO Staff

Michelle Vinson, MPO Staff

Malcolm Jacob, MPO Staff

Colton Phillips, DelDOT

Marc Cote, Rossi

Kate Oehmke – City of Dover

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

MOTION By Mr. Sweeney to approve the agenda. Seconded by Ms. Bryson
Motion carried.



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4. ACTION ITEM: Approval of Minutes November 1, 2023 (enclosure)

MOTION By Mr. Sweeney to approve the minutes. Seconded by Ms. Bryson
Motion carried.

5. ACTION ITEM: PRESENTATION AND RECOMMENDATION: Amendment: Dover Bus Canopy Solar Panels / Marilyn J. Smith (enclosure)

TAC recommended to approve.

Ms. M. Smith shared with Council the amendment moving money in the budget to support solar panels at the transit center in Dover.

MOTION By Ms. Bryson to approve. Seconded by Mr. Sweeney.
Motion carried.

**6. ACTION ITEM: PRESENTATION AND RECOMMENDATION: Draft 2020 Census Urban Area adjustments / Bruce Allen, DelDOT Colton Phillips DelDOT
<https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/a3ee8860bb5a46bd98cde3539b356b32/> (enclosure)**

TAC recommended to approve the adoption of DelDOT's methodology and concur with DelDOT on the adjusted urbanized area boundaries on the basis of their planning for HPMS and functional classification purposes on the condition it doesn't affect the MPO boundaries.

Mr. Allen initiated the presentation, clarifying that it does not impact PL funding but is instead utilized for roadway system functional classification purposes and HPMS reporting. Mr. Phillips spoke on the criteria for adjusting the Urban Area Boundaries. Mr. Sweeney asked about subdivisions and when the census excludes the outer rim, will it impact the responsibility of the developer? Mr. Allen stated it only affects the functional class. Mr. Han stated the functional class can effect what types of funding is available for certain roads.

MOTION By Ms. Bryson to approve. Seconded by Mr. Sweeney.
Motion carried.

7. PRESENTATION: 2023 Population Projections / Daniel Blevins, WILMAPCO (enclosure)

Mr. Blevins shared the 2020 census data and how differences in the criteria changed the urban areas in Delaware. Following that, Mr. Blevins presented the migration trends and population forecast in Delaware across the three counties. Mr. Sweeney asked why migration is happening across the nation. Mr. Blevins responded that the impact of COVID-19 equals the freedom to work from home, people are aging into the 65+ generation. Mr. Sweeney stated that SR1 allows people to live in Smyrna and work in metro areas. Mr. Blevins responded that the Appoquinimink school district is desirable to families Mr. Sweeney asked if the county should approve more high-density housing. Mr. Blevins answered yes,



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2028 will begin the downstate movement. Mr. Phillips asked about comparing aerial imagery. Mr. Blevins will when doing traffic zoning.

8. PRESENTATION: MTP Innovation 2050 overview / Mike Petit de Mange

Mr. Petit de Mange shared a slide presentation outlining the timing of updating the MTP this year. He spoke on the research that will be done and the thought process in completing it.

9. * MEMBER REPORTS *** NONE**

10. Staff Reports –

10.1 Financial & Administration– M. Smith & M. Vinson

a. monthly DeIDOT invoice and financial reports (enclosure)

Ms. Vinson shared financials. Ms. M. Smith shared that we are working on our audit and the MPO did hit the \$750,000 federal threshold and are required to have a federal single audit.

10.2 Studies & Maps – M. Jacob, M. Petit de Mange, M. Ward

Mr. Ward spoke on the Expanded Rail Study. Mr. Jacob spoke about the Cheswold project and ped count, the Milford study scheduling an additional workshop, and the DDP study and having a bus tour with stakeholders. Mr. Petit de Mange spoke about the work he is doing to update the MPO's MTP. This will be a year-long process.

10.3 Outreach and Environmental Justice/Title VI – H. Wiles

Ms. Wiles spoke on the public outreach for the MTP. The outreach will be conducted from January through April. She also hinted about the new MPO STIC grant and called it MPO A Virtual Experience. Ms. M. Smith spoke about the State of Delaware being awarded \$500,000 for a Passenger Rail Corridor Identification project and the MPO was a partner and will be involved. The MPO also received a Safe Streets for All (SS4A) federal grant, which will be happening at the beginning of next year.

10.4 Correspondence, Publications, Reports, Activities - None

11. ADJOURN

MOTION By Mr. Sweeney to adjourn. Seconded by Ms. Bryson
Motion carried.

NEXT MEETING: March 6, 2024, at 3:00 pm