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DOVER/KENT COUNTY MPO COUNCIL COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF JULY 10, 2024

DOVER/KENT MPO COUNCIL MEMBERS ATTENDING:

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

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

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

Santo Faronea, Mayor, Town Of Cheswold

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

MEMBERS NOT ATTENDING:

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

NON-MEMBERS ATTENDING:

Marilyn J. Smith, MPO Staff

Helen Wiles, MPO Staff

Malcolm Jacob, MPO Staff

Jeff Reigner, Kittleson & Assoc.

Michael Petit de Mange, MPO Staff

Michelle Vinson, MPO Staff

Harold Scott, Town of Camden

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. Steinebach.
Motion carried.

4. *ACTION ITEM: Approval of Minutes March 6, 2024 (enclosure)*

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

5. *ACTION ITEM: Approval of Minutes May 1, 2024 (enclosure)*

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

6. *ACTION ITEM: Approval of Minutes May 29, 2024 (enclosure)*



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

7. ***ACTION ITEM: PRESENTATION AND RECOMMENDATION: Downtown Dover Pathways, Expanded Modes/Amenities and Lookerman Streetscape / <https://doverkentmpo.delaware.gov/downtown-dover-pathways-lookerman-street-design> / Jeff Riegner, 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. Ms. Steinebach asked if people were allowed to enter the DAFB on foot. Mr. Reigner was unsure. Mr. Sweeney asked if this would take advantage of the St. Jones Greenway. Mr. Sweeney stated there has been an effort to get a crossing over St Jones. Ms. Steinebach asked if this was an opportunity for DelDOT Bike Path team. Mr. Reigner presented Kittleson's recommendations for Downtown Dover and Lookerman St. He spoke about the opportunity given to the Downtown Dover Partnership when the City of Dover shared that they would be installing new utility and water lines along Lookerman St. He shared the Public Outreach that took place, including a three-day charette at The Hive in Downtown Dover regarding the Lookerman street design. Mayor Christiansen shared that Lookerman St. will be closed when the work takes place, and parking will be directed to Bradford St.

MOTION By Mr. Sisson to approve the study. Seconded by Mr. Faronea.

8. ***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. One recommendation noted was that KSI requests a turn lane. Mayor Christiansen noted that Paratransit buses go in and out of KSI. Mr. Sisson noted that KSI does use DART paratransit but also has a fleet of its own buses on site. Ms. Steinebach asked about future studies and whether items that can be completed quickly and easily be noted. She also thanked Mr. Jacob for a great job.

MOTION By Mr. Sweeney to approve the study. Seconded by Ms. Bryson.

9. ***PRESENTATION: MTP Innovations 2050 update / Michael Petit de Mange***

Mr. Petit de Mange 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. The MPO is working on setting up a second workshop. Mr. Sisson asked if the workshop would be available online, and Mr. Petit de Mage hopes to have an online workshop as well.

10. *******MEMBER REPORTS*******



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• Mr. Sisson noted that DART will have a public workshop to discuss a fall service change. A workshop is scheduled for the service change on August 6, 2024. DART will also receive five million dollars for solar panels for Dover electric buses. • Ms. Steinebach shared DelDOT received a grant for the MLK Bike ped path for over 5 million dollars. The Joint Use Agreement for DAFB is being circulated for final signatures. DelDOT is working to revamp and update criteria for the next CTP. They have received a grant for transportation investment. • Mr. Sweeney noted that Kent County passed budget and the adjusting of property taxes. Kent County Levy Court will be on hiatus until July 30. There is a workshop on July 30, 2024 when they return. He may be asking the MPO to present at workshop.

11. Staff Reports –

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

a. monthly DelDOT invoice and financial reports (enclosure)

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

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

11.4 Correspondence, Publications, Reports, Activities

12. ADJOURN:

MOTION By Mr. Sweeney to adjourn. Seconded by Ms. Steinebach.

NEXT MEETING: September 4, 2024