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DOVER/KENT COUNTY MPO TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF OCTOBER 15, 2024

TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVES ATTENDING:

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| Rob Pierce, City of Milford, Chair | Pamela Keeney & Tina Merrill, DNREC AQ |
| Jason Lyon, City of Dover Public Work | Cathy Smith, Delaware Transit Corporation |
| Milton Melendez, DE Dept of Agriculture | Cooper Bowers, DelDOT Planning |
| Josh Thomas, Office of State Planning | Enos Han, Federal Highway Admin (N/V) |

MEMBERS NOT ATTENDING:

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| Jeremy Rothwell, Town of Smyrna, Vice Chair | Anastasia Jackson, DE Div. Small Business |
| Harold Scott Jr., Town of Camden | Jason Berry, Kent County Planning |
| Matt Jordan, Dover Air Force Base | Vacant, City of Dover, Planning |
| Tim Riley, Kent Conservation District | Vacant, Federal Transit Admin. (N/V) |
| Lee Derrickson, DE Motor Transport Assoc. (N/V) | |
| Cliff Grunstra, Delmarva Central Railroad(N/V) | |

NON-MEMBERS ATTENDING:

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| Marilyn J. Smith, MPO Staff | Michael Petit de Mange, MPO Staff |
| Mike Ward, MPO Staff | Helen Wiles, MPO Staff |
| Malcolm Jacob, MPO Staff | |

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

MOTION By Mr. Thomas to approve the agenda. Seconded by Ms. C Smith.
Motion carried.

4. *ACTION ITEM:* Approval of Minutes August 13, 2024 (enclosure)

MOTION By Ms. C Smith to approve the agenda. Seconded by Mr. Melendez.
Motion carried.

5. *PRESENTATION:* MTP Innovations 2050 / M. Petit de Mange

Ms. M. Smith introduced the MTP Virtual Workshop to the PAC, explaining that we were sharing it because the MTP would need a recommendation to approve at the next PAC meeting. The first three slides, the Vision Statement, themes and goals, and the MTP timeline, have been shared with the PAC before. Mr. Petit Mange. Mr. Petit de Mange shared the Kent County growth projections for population and employment for 2022, 2030, 2040, and 2050. He explained the Volume to Capacity Ratio and how it pertains to the future of



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roads and their AM Peak Hour Conditions in Kent County in 2022 and 2050. Mr. Petit de Mange also shared travel corridors and potential studies that are recommended for future study. Ms. Wiles talked about Public Outreach regarding the MTP and the Money Game, which was used to gather opinions. The MPO was at 30 events and venues to collect about 1000 responses. Ms. M. Smith introduced transportation investment areas, what they are, and the decision process on what should and should not be developed. She also introduced Transportation Systems Layer Analysis and an Enhancement Index, which will help the MPO prioritize projects and help us work without partners. Ms. M. Smith also shared the studies the MPO has completed in the last 10 years and was working with underserved communities. Mr. Jacob's portion included the three project lists in the MTP. They include projects already in DelDOT's CTP, additional roadway projects, and Bike and PED projects. Mr. Thomas asked about the readability of the legends on the maps, such as making them more prominent. The use of more graphics was appreciated. Mr. Pierce asked if there could be some thought about inside the growth zone versus outside the growth zone, as portions in Milford have approved annexation and are areas outside the growth zone with their comp plan. Ms. C Smith noted that there was a high interest in passenger rail. She also liked that they tied the capital projects to the MPO themes. This is excellent for grant writing.

6. *****MEMBER REPORTS*****

Ms. C. Smith shared that on November 17, 2024, the first phase of DART reimagined will begin in Kent County with a service change. DART listened and heard customers. The north-to-south route is longer but needs to be more frequent. Routes 105 and 108 will be kept on Saturday, but they will be tightened up. Route 120 will not be replaced with Route 302 and will go from Amazon in Middletown to Dover. •

Mr. Thomas shared Jason Vogel will be working on the technical GIS effort on the 2025 State Strategies Update. The Cabinet Committee Workgroup on State Planning issues has formed a data analysis workgroup. The output of this group will feed into the State Strategies Update. Affordable Housing Production Task Force will be operating and working with DelDOT and DNREC on Land Use Change Modeling. Mr. Thomas said they have an ArcGIS Hubsite if you want to keep up on the information.

7. Staff Reports –

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

a. monthly DelDOT invoice and financial reports (enclosure)

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

Mr. Jacob shared there is a workshop in Cheswold this evening. Ms. C. Smith spoke about the bus stop relocation in Cheswold.

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

Ms. Wiles shared that the MPO is still working on Virtual Reality. We have had some really good experiences locally and nationally at AMPO.

7.4 Correspondence, Publications, Reports, Activities

a. Administrative Modifications (enclosure)

11. ADJOURN:



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MOTION By Ms. C Smith to adjourn. Seconded by Mr. Thomas.
Motion carried.

NEXT MEETING: Joint PAC/TAC/Council - December 5, 2024 @ 5: 30 PM