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DOVER/KENT COUNTY MPO PUBLIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF OCTOBER 10, 2024

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: ***October 10, 2024***

TIME: 6:00 – 8:00 PM

PUBLIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS ATTENDING:

Dr. Phyllis B. Collins, Chair
Darin Dell

Bruce Snow
Edwin Perez

Dana Shelton
Peter Brown Jr.

MEMBERS NOT ATTENDING:

Ian Peters, Vice-Chair
Katie Macklin

Dr. Shanita Powell
Heather Pepper

Tracey Miller
Gary Dodge

NON-MEMBERS ATTENDING:

Marilyn J. Smith, MPO Staff
Malcolm Jacob, MPO Staff
Michelle Vinson, MPO Staff

Mike Petit de Mange, MPO Staff
Helen Wiles, MPO Staff
Mike Ward, MPO Staff

There was no quorum for meeting on October 10, 2024.

- 1. INTRODUCTION OF MEMBERS & GUESTS**
- 2. PUBLIC COMMENTS - None**
- 3. ACTION ITEM: Approval of Agenda (enclosure)**
- 4. ACTION ITEM: Approval of Minutes August 8, 2024 (enclosure)**
- 5. PRESENTATION: MTP Innovations 2050 / M. Petit de Mange**

Ms. 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 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 roads and their AM Peak Hour Conditions in Kent County in 2022 and 2050. Mr. Petit de Mange also shared travel corridors and



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potential studies that are recommended for future study. Ms. Collins asked where heavy population growth is being seen and if the Volume to Capacity ratio is a starting point to look at future studies. Mr. Dell asked if consideration was given to weekend beach traffic. Mr. Shelton wondered whether the growth models consider people who live in one county and travel to another for employment. Mr. Brown inquired how air quality is affected by the modeling and the maintenance and design of new roads. Mr. Petit deMange explained we would be discussing air quality later in the presentation. Ms. Smith said that the MPO is not involved in paving and rehabbing roads. All new roads must follow Complete Streets modeling, which means they are required to be multimodal. 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. 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. Smith also shared the studies the MPO has completed in the last 10 years and was working with underserved communities. Mr. Snow asked her to define Underserved. Ms. Smith explained many items, including underserved communities, and shared examples. 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. Snow pointed out that Brenford Road is worse than Rabbit Run. Ms. Smith noted that December 12 will be the final presentation and an action item for the PAC.

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

None

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**
- 7.3 Outreach and Environmental Justice/Title VI – H. Wiles**
- 7.4 Correspondence, Publications, Reports, Activities**
 - a. Administrative Modifications (enclosure)**

11. ADJOURN:

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