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DOVER/KENT COUNTY MPO PUBLIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE
December 11, 2025, MINUTES

PUBLIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS ATTENDING:

Dr. Phyllis B. Collins, Chair	Doug Atkin	Dana Shelton
Richard Wieland	Albert Holmes, Jr.	Bill Webb

MEMBERS NOT ATTENDING:

Tracey Miller, Vice Chair	Bruce Snow	Gary Dodge
Darin Dell	Katie Macklin	Edwin Perez
Peter Brown Sr.	Heather Pepper	

NON-MEMBERS ATTENDING:

Marilyn J. Smith, MPO Staff	Helen Wiles, MPO Staff
Michelle Vinson, MPO Staff	Dave Edgell, Office of State Planning

1. INTRODUCTION OF MEMBERS & GUESTS

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

3. ACTION ITEM: Approval of Agenda (enclosure)

Consent of members present

4. ACTION ITEM: Approval of Minutes October 9, 2025 (enclosure)

Consent of members present

5. 2025 Strategies for State Policies and Spending / Office of State Planning Coordination, Dave Edgell

Mr. Edgell from the Office of State Planning (OSP) presented. He and Mr. Shelton discussed CADSR (Center for Applied Demography & Survey Research). He shared that there is some unspent money from Wilmapco and OSP that they can pull together and work through the next year while CADSR develops a plan and a cost. He shared it is too late to submit a line item to the January 2026 draft budget. OSP is supportive of engaging Senator Hansen and would be happy to be the coordinating agency, as they want to continue with CADSR. Mr. Edgell shared his experience with the Dover Kent MPO. He began on the PAC for 7 years, while with the City of Dover, and when he moved to Kent County Planning, he served 15 years on the TAC. He shared that the Delaware State strategies are the state's comp plan. He shared that the purpose of State Strategies is to coordinate the provision of infrastructure and services with local land-use decisions. There are four maps, one for the whole state and one for each county. The maps show 4 investment levels and out-of-play. Level 1 are urban centers; Level 2 are high-growth areas; Level 3 are areas that transition from urban to rural; Level 4 are rural areas. Out of play means permanently protected or heavily restricted lands. They use the information gathered to promote smart growth. You can view the maps at strategies.stateplanning.delaware.gov. Ms. Collins asked how this alleviates congestion. Mr. Edgell shared that the public doesn't understand how long it takes to implement change. As an example, he shared that the East/West Camden bypass began in 2013. Mr. Atkin talked about I-15 in Utah and the light rail. He asked if developers in Sussex County have a vision for public transit. He shared that Scotland uses public



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transit via light rail.

6. Route to Reality – Can you avoid delays and get it done?

DKMPO recently purchased a board game, Route to Reality. The PAC members present had the chance to play the game, which is a fun way to navigate the challenges of transportation planning from concept to construction.

7. ***MEMBER REPORTS*******

None

8. Staff Reports –

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

a. monthly DelDOT invoice and financial reports (enclosure)

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

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

8.4 Correspondence, Publications, Reports, Activities

a. Come with us to AMPO (enclosure)

Ms. Wiles spoke to the PAC that DKMPO will be taking a member of the PAC/TAC/Council to the next AMPO conference in Sacramento, CA, September 14 – 17, 2026. She shared how you could earn tickets for a drawing to select a lucky member to attend.

9. ADJOURN:

NEXT MEETING: February 12, 2025 @ 6 PM