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DOVER/KENT COUNTY MPO COUNCIL
JANUARY 7, 2026 MINUTES

DOVER/KENT MPO COUNCIL MEMBERS ATTENDING:

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

Paul Hertz, Commissioner, for JoAnn Masten, President, Kent County Levy Court, Vice-Chair

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

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

Austin Gray for Stephanie Johnson, Dir. of Planning, for the Secretary of the DE Dept. of Transportation

MEMBERS NOT ATTENDING:

Santo Faronea, Mayor, Town of Cheswold

Camille Otto, for Division Administrator, Federal Highway Admin. (FHWA)(NV)

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,

Lt. Farnsworth, DAFB

Michael Petit de Mange, MPO Staff

Michelle Vinson, MPO Staff,

Mike Ward, MPO Staff

1. INTRODUCTION OF MEMBERS & GUESTS

Mayor Christiansen welcomed new member Paul Hertz to the Council.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

3. ACTION ITEM: Approval of Agenda (enclosure)

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

4. ACTION ITEM: Approval of Minutes November 5, 2025 (enclosure)

MOTION By Ms. C Smith to approve the minutes. Seconded by Mr. Gray.
Motion carried.

5. ACTION ITEM: Election of Council Vice Chair

Floor opened for nomination. Ms. C Smith nominated Ms. Johnson. Mr. Christiansen seconded. All in favor. Ms. Johnson elected Vice Chair.



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6. ACTION ITEM: Approval STIP AMENDMENT T202650304 (enclosure)

TAC recommend to approve

MOTION By Mr. Hertz to approve the STIP amendment. Seconded by Mr. Gray.

Motion carried.

7. ACTION ITEM: Approval STIP AMENDMENT T202650306 (enclosure)

TAC recommend to approve

MOTION By Mr. Gray to approve the STIP amendment. Seconded by Ms. Bryson.

Motion carried.

8. ACTION ITEM: Approval STIP AMENDMENT T202650305 (enclosure)

TAC recommend to approve

MOTION By Mr. Gray to approve the STIP amendment. Seconded by Mr. Hertz.

Motion carried.

9. ACTION ITEM: Approval STIP AMENDMENT T202650601 (enclosure)

TAC recommend to approve

MOTION By Mr. Gray to approve the STIP amendment. Seconded by Ms. C Smith.

Motion carried.

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

P Hertz shared that paramedics in Kent County have increased from 60 to 66. • M Christiansen shared that the City of Dover is working on their budget. • A Gray shared S Johnson was attending a legislative session. DelDOT Prioritization was paused but is now back in motion. C Smith shared J Sisson is retiring in June/July. The interviewing process has begun. • S Bryson shared that traffic fatalities are down 10 percent in 2025. 54 percent usage of the sober ride program, with no fatalities on New Years Eve.

11. Staff Reports –

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

a. monthly DelDOT invoice and financial reports (enclosure)

M. Vinson presented the monthly financial reports. She also shared the FY25 audit is completed and will be presented at the next Council meeting.

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

•M. Jacob updated everyone on the progress of the Airport Road in Milford to be completed by the



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Rossi Group. He shared that on February 19, 2026, there will be a workshop at the Food Bank in Milford. He also shared that he is working on the Clayton – Marydel Rails to Trails. He is currently working with the Town of Clayton. •M Petit de Mange shared he is working with Century Engineering on Wheatley’s Pond Rd/Underwoods Corner Rd Intersection. The road is 1.75 miles long and 20 feet wide local road. There are thirteen new subdivisions with over 2600 houses. It is a country road that has evolved into a suburban connector. The study should be completed by the end of the summer. C Smith stated that she lives on Brenford Road, and a new school is coming to the area. She shared that there is backup at the light, and it is difficult to turn. • M Ward shared he is working on the web application for the Expanded Rail Corridor Use Study. He is having some difficulties with the application but is endeavoring to persevere.

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

H Wiles shared that we are once again bringing a PAC/TAC or Council member with us to AMPO in September. You can earn entries into the drawing by attending meetings in person and participating in Public Outreach.

M Smith shared that we are working on the UPWP for FY27. The MPO also received another SS4A grant from the Federal government to study US13 in the City of Dover area, as it is a high-injury area.

11.4 Correspondence, Publications, Reports, Activities

a. Come with us to AMPO (enclosure)

12. ADJOURN:

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

NEXT MEETING: March 4, 2026 @ 3 PM