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DOVER/KENT COUNTY MPO COUNCIL
MAY 6, 2026 MINUTES

DOVER/KENT MPO COUNCIL MEMBERS ATTENDING:

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

Stephanie Johnson, Dir. of Planning, for Secretary of the DE Dept. of Transportation, Vice-Chair

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

John Sisson, Chief Executive Officer, Delaware Transit Corporation

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

Santo Faronea, Mayor, Town of Cheswold

Ryan O'Donoghue/Camille Otto, for 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

Michelle Vinson, MPO Staff,

Mike Ward, MPO Staff

Anne Marie Townshend, Rossi Group

Tina Merrill, DNREC

Helen Wiles, MPO Staff,

Malcolm Jacob, MPO Staff,

Marc Cote, Rossi Group

Pamela Keeney, DNREC

Austin Gray, DeIDOT Planning

1. INTRODUCTION OF MEMBERS & GUESTS

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mayor Christansen acknowledged and appreciated Mr. Sisson in his retirement. He offered his condolences on the loss of his mother

3. ACTION ITEM: Approval of Agenda (enclosure)

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

4. ACTION ITEM: Approval of Minutes January 7, 2026 (enclosure)

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

5. ACTION ITEM: Approval of Minutes March 4, 2026 (enclosure)



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

6. ***ACTION ITEM: Airport Road Corridor Improvement Study (Milford) / Rossi Group, M. Jacob, <https://doverkentmpo.delaware.gov/files/2026/03/Airport-Road-Corridor-Study.pdf>***
PAC and TAC recommend to approve

Mr. Jacob introduced the study and Mr. Cote from the Rossi Group. Mr. Cote gave an overview of the study, types of Public Outreach, and then presented the recommendations. There are five recommendations. They include a roundabout at DE Veterans Blvd. It would be easy to implement due to the existing conditions in that area. A roundabout at Bowman Rd., which could be implemented again with ease, given existing conditions. Another option for Bowman Rd. could be a four-way stop. There is an area with doctors' offices on both sides of Airport Road (People's Place across from Simon Eye), and the recommendation for this area is to add additional lanes. A Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon (RRFB) to be installed across from Walmart/My Eye Dr. entrance with crosswalks across Airport Rd. and Walmart Drive. The preferred recommendation for the Airpark Plaza Entrance is to move and align it with Milford Bowling. If this is not feasible, the additional recommendation is to make the entrance Right In/Right Out, Left in Only. Mr. Hertz asked if the corridor will be a major access point for the new business park. Would the roundabout be designed to accommodate tractor-trailers? Mr. Cote responded he believes the plans were to be accommodated. Mr. Hertz also asked if, during public feedback, the question was asked if people would walk if the facilities were available.

MOTION By Mr. Hertz to approve. Seconded by Mr. Faronea.
Motion carried.

7. ***ACTION ITEM: FY27 UPWP / M. Smith***
<https://doverkentmpo.delaware.gov/files/2026/03/FY27-UPWP-v.6-draft.pdf>
PAC and TAC recommend to approve

Ms. Smith shared the UPWP for FY27. Shae shared the budgeted amount, the breakdown of staff effort for each task, and which projects the MPO will be working on and continuing in FT27. She shared that the most significant increase this year is in health insurance.

MOTION By Mr. Faronea to approve. Seconded by Mr. Hertz.
Motion carried.

8. ***ACTION ITEM: PL#1 for FY2027 / M. Smith (enclosure)***

MOTION By Mr. Faronea to approve. Seconded by Mr. Hertz.
Motion carried.

9. *******MEMBER REPORTS*******

10. **Staff Reports –**
10.1 Financial & Administration– M. Smith & M. Vinson
a. monthly DelDOT invoice and financial reports (enclosure)



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Ms. Vinson shared financials. She also shared the MPO is on target to utilize all the FY26 prepay from DelDOT and will leave a small amount unspent from the FY26 UPWP budget.

10.2 Studies & Maps – M. Jacob, M. Ward

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

Ms. Wiles shared the MPO is working on website accessibility. The MPO is fortunate that the majority is compatible, and there is an accessibility concierge on the website in case anyone finds something inaccessible, so she can remedy the situation.

10.4 Executive Director – M. Smith

Ms. Smith shared an update on the status of the building repairs at the MPO. There is progress, and the MPO has been assured the conference room will be available in June. Ms. Smith also shared that Mr. Petit de Mange retired effective April 30, 2026.

10.5 Correspondence, Publications, Reports, Activities

a. Administrative Modifications

11. ADJOURN:

MOTION By Mr. Faronea to adjourn. Second by Mr. Hertz.
Motion carried.

NEXT MEETING: July 1, 2026 @ 3 PM