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DOVER/KENT COUNTY MPO PUBLIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE
JUNE 11, 2026, MINUTES

PUBLIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS ATTENDING:

Doug Atkin, Chair	Tracey Miller, Vice Chair	Bruce Snow
Darin Dell	Bill Webb	Richard Wieland
Dana Shelton		

MEMBERS NOT ATTENDING

Dr. Phyllis B. Collins	Gary Dodge	Katie Macklin
Edwin Perez	Peter Brown Sr.	
Heather Pepper	Albert Holmes, Jr.	

NON-MEMBERS ATTENDING

Marilyn Smith	Malcolm Jacob	Helen Wiles
Mike Ward	Michelle Vinson	Ted Foglietta, Montgomery Wallace
Drew Boyce, Century Engineering		Jeshua Gonzalez-Hernandez, Student

1. INTRODUCTION OF MEMBERS & GUESTS

Mr. Gonzalez-Hernandez is shadowing the MPO today. He is from Polytech High School.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS - NONE

3. ACTION ITEM: Approval of Agenda (enclosure)

MOTION By Ms. Miller to approve the agenda as amended. Item 6 changed from Action Item to Discussion.
Seconded by Mr. Wieland
Motion carried.

4. ACTION ITEM: Approval of Minutes April 9, 2026 (enclosure)

MOTION By Mr. Wieland to approve the minutes. Seconded by Mr. Webb. Ms. Miller abstaining.
Motion carried

5. ACTION ITEM: Wheatley's Pond Road/Underwoods Corner Safety Study /
<https://publicinput.com/Customer/File/Full/9c554401-b22a-420b-a9c1-8c5bbffe0bb5> / Drew
Boyce, Century Engineering, and Ted Foglietta, Wallace Montgomery

Mr. Jacob introduced the study and presented some background information. Mr. Snow asked how far the corridor extended. The area includes Underwoods Corner Road from Clayton Intermediate School to the Wheatley's Pond Road Intersection. Mr. Foglietta noted Wheatley's Pond Road functions as a minor arterial with approximately 13,000 vehicles per day. Underwoods Corner Road functions as a minor collector with approximately 2,000 vehicles per day. Existing conditions include limited shoulders, limited pedestrian/bicycle facilities, poor sight distance, and peak-hour congestion, posing safety concerns. Existing conditions operate at failing levels during peak periods. Three options were shared, and a fourth added after



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the first Public Outreach meeting. Public Outreach included direct mailings, outreach to homeowners' associations, social media announcements, and postings on the MPO and the Town of Clayton. The use of the public input page was very successful. 3 options were presented for widening the corridor, with option 2 favored. 4 options were presented for the intersection. The option for a roundabout was favored for further evaluation. Mr. Snow questioned if all the Wheatley's Pond projects would be combined. Mr. Foglietta stated that they could be combined or done separately. Ms. Miller asked how land would be acquired. Mr. Boyce stated that eminent domain is never the goal; it would be acquired.

MOTION By Mr. Snow to recommend to Council. Seconded by Ms. Miller.
Motion carried.

6. DISCUSSION: Expanded Rail Corridor Land Use /
<https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/603133f517314b909b5c2ae6c2c3029c>
/ Mike Ward

Mr. Ward shared his web map of the Expanded Rail Study and explained how to navigate and search for information about the rail tiles. Mr. Dell stated that everyone has bought cars and trains have become less visible. Mr. Snow noted that trains are primarily used to transport bulk commodities (grain, stone, sand). Mr. Dell asked how much rail has been converted to rail-to-trails. Ms. Miller asked whether USGS has any information on rail overlay zones and whether there are any incentives for establishing industry along the rail. Mr. Snow stated the poultry industry is well established but elected officials are not always aware. Mr. Dell shared that he heard Norfolk Southern is selling small, unwanted parcels in the Harrington area. Mr. Atkins shared that it is our job to give the best information, but others are tasked with making the decisions.

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

NONE

- 8. Staff Reports –**
- 8.1 Financial & Administration– M. Vinson**
 - a. monthly DelDOT invoice and financial reports (enclosure)**
 - 8.2 Studies & Maps – M. Jacob, M. Ward**
 - 8.3 Outreach and Environmental Justice/Title VI – H. Wiles**
 - 8.4 Executive Director – M. Smith**
 - 8.5 Correspondence, Publications, Reports, Activities**
 - a. Administrative Modifications**
 - b. Trapshooters Road/SR 1 letter from Senator Buckson**

9. ADJOURN:

NEXT MEETING: August 13, 2026 @ 6 PM