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DOVER/KENT MPO COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MARCH 7, 2007

Dover/Kent MPO Council Members and /or Representatives thereof attending:

Scott Koenig for Anthony DePrima, for Steven Speed, Mayor, City of Dover, Chairman
Wayne Henderson for Stephen Kingsberry, Director, Delaware Transit Corporation, Vice-Chairman
Elizabeth Olsen, DE Dept. of Safety & Homeland Security, for Governor Minner, State of Delaware
Robert Mooney, Mayor, Town of Camden, for Kent County Municipalities
Ralph Reeb for Carolann Wicks, Secretary, DelDOT
Bob Kleinburd for Hassan Raza, Division Administrator, Federal Highway Admin. (FHWA)

Members not attending:

Brad Eaby, for Brooks Banta, President, Kent County Levy Court
Herman C. Shipman, Acting Reg. III Administrator, Federal Transit Admin. (FTA)

Non-members attending:

Juanita Wiczoreck, MPO Staff
Catherine Samardza, MPO Staff
Joshua Waltz, MPO Staff

The meeting was called to order at 3:10 PM with a quorum present.

1. Introduction of Members and Guests
2. Public Comments
3. **ACTION ITEM: Approval of Agenda**

MOTION By Mayor Mooney to approve the agenda. Seconded by Mr. Henderson. Motion carried.

4. **ACTION ITEM: Approval of Minutes/January 3, 2007**

MOTION By Mayor Mooney to approve the minutes. Seconded by Mr. Henderson. Motion carried.

5. **ACTION ITEM: Review of STP, CMAQ, FTA Urbanized Area, FTA 5310, and TE Program Proposals, FY 2007 - J. Wiczoreck**

Ms. Wiczoreck reviewed the list of projects proposed by DelDOT for the above funding categories.

MOTION By Mayor Mooney to concur with DelDOT's proposed use of federal funds. Seconded by Mr. Reeb. Motion carried.

6. **ACTION ITEM: Draft FY 2008-2013 Capital Transportation Program (CTP) - J. Wiczoreck**

Ms. Wiczoreck noted that this item does not have to be an action item if Council has questions or concerns about the draft CTP. There were concerns as to where or how prior funding was shown in the document.



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Mr. Kleinburd noted that Council should send FHWA a letter if the document format needs to be made more clear. There was some discussion regarding funding; although the MPO Council agrees with the list of priority projects in the CTP, Mr. Reeb noted that funding depends on the Governor's financial package that will be presented to the legislature in May. Mr. Reeb also suggested that Council endorse the draft CTP so that DelDOT could use that endorsement when requesting funding from the legislature.

MOTION By Mayor Mooney to endorse the 2008-2013 Capital Transportation Program. Seconded by Mr. Reeb. Motion carried.

Ms. Wieczoreck then asked Mr. Reeb if the MPO could ask that more projects be funded if the money becomes available. He responded yes, and recommended a letter to Secretary Wicks. Ms. Wieczoreck noted that it would be for Mr. DePrima's signature as council chair. It was also suggested that copies be sent to the committee chairs of the Bond Bill Committee.

7. ACTION ITEM: Draft Elderly Mobility Report - J. Wieczoreck

Ms. Wieczoreck reported that the written report was prepared by a consultant. In addition to some methodology issues, maps and graphs are being added. Any notable outcomes will be recommended to DTC or DelDOT.

There was some discussion concerning the information the data presents. Mayor Mooney brought up communication issues – he noted that many of the senior housing centers have web pages, and that transit links on those pages could be helpful. Mr. Henderson said that he would mention that to DTC's marketing manager.

Mr. Reeb was concerned that someone could take information from the draft report out of context and make a headline out of it. He asked that a précis or summary report be prepared before the draft is made public.

MOTION By Mr. Reeb to endorse the draft report with the recommendation that it be amended and noted above and a summary created to reduce it to its basic findings. Seconded by Mr. Henderson. Motion carried.

8. Municipalities Report – R. Mooney, A. DePrima

Mayor Mooney expressed concern that Dover does not have regular rail or air passenger service. He felt that these services need to be explored seriously and aggressively. He noted that there is a Memorandum of Agreement between federal and state agencies allowing for four flights daily from the Civil Air Terminal at Dover Air Force Base. He believed that the new air service in New Castle is very successful, and with the future Civic Center in place, air service would work here as well.

The cost of rail passenger service was mentioned; Mayor Mooney felt that federal money could be obtained for this service. Mr. Reeb pointed out that getting that federal money was more difficult than it appeared. He agreed that staff could resurrect this issue if the Council wanted. He believed that the MPO does not know enough about the issues, possible carriers or the associated costs of air passenger service. He then reported that DelDOT is currently working with a consultant for air service.



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Mayor Mooney suggested a subcommittee to study these issues and volunteered to be on it.

9. TAC Report – NO REPORT

10. PAC Report

Ms. Wieczorek reported that a PAC member was concerned that we continue the “roadshow.” Although the MPO continues to have its PAC meetings at different municipalities, it is becoming more difficult to find free meeting places. She felt that a budget for these meetings may need to be established.

11. Project Update:

11.1 Coordinated Human Services Inter-agency Consultation Subcommittee

11.2 DE 8 Concept Plan and Operations Study

11.3 North Dover Study

12. Executive Director’s Report

12.1 UPWP Progress and Financial Reports

12.2 Correspondence & Publications/Reports

Ms. Wieczorek reported that, although she sent correspondence to state legislators asking for support to allow the MPO access to the State insurance programs, no one has responded. The City of Dover sent a letter supporting the initiative. There was some discussion to bring new Council members up to date on this issue. Ms. Olsen asked that staff explore all options, including joining in with WILMAPCO on their insurance plans. Ms. Wieczorek also reported that she has applied for a County grant to help with insurance costs.

Ms. Wieczorek noted material sent to the MPO from GO21, an organization promoting rail. Mr. Reeb noted that the MPO could not join the organization, but that Ms. Wieczorek should invite someone from GO21 to speak to the Council.

Ms. Wieczorek also reported on the Greyhound bus stop being moved again; the call for applications for Walkable Community Workshops; the DE 8 public meeting; working with Kent County on population distribution for their Comprehensive Plan; and drafting the next TIP and UPWP.

Next Meeting /May 2, 2007 – Dover/Kent County MPO Conference Room

MOTION By Mayor Mooney to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Ms. Olsen. Motion carried.