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### MPO COUNCIL DISCUSSES 2004 TRANSPORTATION FUNDING

Dover (DE)--- Projects proposed for funding in the fiscal year 2004 Transportation Improvement Program of the Dover/Kent County Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) will be discussed Wednesday, January 8, 2003. The meeting is scheduled from 3:00 to 5:00 PM at the MPO's offices, Suite 210, of the Blue Hen Corporate Center—Route 113 Dover. All MPO meetings are open to the public. Call (302) 760-2712 for more information.

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### MPO PAC PRIORITIZES 2004 TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS

Dover (DE)--- The Public Advisory Committee (PAC) of the Dover/Kent County MPO (Metropolitan Planning Organization) will meet to prioritize fiscal year 2004 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) projects in Kent County. The meeting is set for Tuesday, December 17, 2002 from 7:00 to 9:00 PM, at the MPO's offices, Suite 210 of the Blue Hen Corporate Center on Route 113, Dover. The PAC will also review the draft TIP project prioritization process document and hear a presentation regarding the results of a study of potential "Night Owl" bus service in Kent County. The meeting is open to the public. Call the MPO at (302) 760-2712 for more information.

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### **MPO Committees Elect Officers in Fall 2002**

Dover (DE)— David R. Burris and Raymond C. Miller, were voted chair and vice-chair, respectively, of the MPO Council. Mr. Burris is a Commissioner of the Kent County Levy Court, representing the 6th District. Mr. Miller is Executive Director of the Delaware Transit Corporation. He has been in the transit business for 25 years, is a graduate of Penn State University and received his Masters of Science degree from the University of Utah.

The Council is the MPO's policy-making body. Membership includes the highest elected officials (or their designees) from member governments: the Governor; President of the Kent County Levy Court; the Mayor of Dover; a mayor elected by Kent County municipalities; the Secretary of the Delaware Department of Transportation; and the Director of the Delaware Transit Corporation. The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration serve as non-voting members of the Council.

Roberta G. "Bobbie" Geier, and Scott D. Koenig were voted chair and vice-chair, respectively, of the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC). Ms. Geier is a Dover resident and works as Planning Supervisor with the Delaware Department of Transportation, where she is responsible for project implementation in the transportation research and policy section. She holds bachelors and master's degrees in Business Administration from Wilmington College.

Mr. Koenig, also of Dover, is Director of Public Works with the City of Dover, where his responsibilities include the water/sewer utility, sanitation, streets, facilities management, construction, engineering, and administration. He holds degrees in Civil Engineering and Public Administration from Virginia Tech and the University of Delaware. The TAC comprises employees of member governments or related agencies, as designated by the MPO agreement. Based upon their individual areas of professional expertise, TAC members provide skilled analyses and comments regarding proposed transportation plans and programs.

PAC: Leonard W. Coryell, and Dr. Daniel A. Houghtaling were voted chair and vice-chair, respectively, of the PAC. Mr. Coryell is a retired City Manager of the Town of Harrington, and currently works as a consultant to the Town of Farmington. Dr. Houghtaling holds the position of Assistant to the Campus Director, at Delaware Technical & Community College-Terry Campus.

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### **MPO PAC MEETS IN BOWERS BEACH**

Dover (DE)--- The Public Advisory Committee (PAC) of the Dover/Kent County MPO (Metropolitan Planning Organization) will meet on Tuesday, October 22, 2002, from 7:00 to 9:00 PM at the (North) Bowers Beach Fire Hall. Agenda items include a presentation of projects proposed for inclusion in the fiscal year 2004 MPO Transportation Improvement Program, proposed changes in traffic analysis zone boundaries, and a presentation

regarding the results of a study of potential "Night Owl" bus service in Kent County. The meeting is open to the public. Call the MPO at (302) 760-2712 for more information.-30-

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### **MPO TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETS**

Dover (DE)--- The Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) of the Dover/Kent County MPO (Metropolitan Planning Organization) plans to meet on Wednesday, October 9, 2002, from 9:15 to 11:30 AM. The meeting will be held at the MPO's offices, Suite 210 of the Blue Hen Corporate Center on Route 113, Dover. Agenda items include a presentation of projects proposed for inclusion in the fiscal year 2004 MPO Transportation Improvement Program, and proposed changes in traffic analysis zone boundaries. Open to the public. Call the MPO at (302) 760-2712 for more information.

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### **MPO COUNCIL DISCUSSES A PROPOSED US 13 CONCEPT PLAN FOR SMYRNA**

Dover (DE)--- The Council of the Dover/Kent County MPO (Metropolitan Planning Organization) will meet on Wednesday, September 4, 2002, from 3:00 to 5:00 PM. The meeting will be held at the MPO's offices, Suite 210, of the Blue Hen Corporate Center—Route 113 Dover. Agenda items include a proposed amendment to the MPO's fiscal year 2003 Unified Planning Work Program regarding creating a US 13 Concept Plan for Smyrna; a draft report of the completion of the South State Street Area and Access Study; and adoption of the fiscal year 2003-2005 Transportation Improvement Program. All MPO meetings are open to the public. Call the MPO at (302) 760-2712 for more information.

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### **OZONE PLACEMATS ARE A HIT IN RESTAURANTS STATEWIDE**

Dover (DE)— Nearly 128,000 free Ozone Action placemats are being used in 47 restaurants and cafeterias throughout Delaware as part of a public education campaign to help publicize what ground-level ozone is and how everyone can help reduce it. Currently, Delaware does not meet the Environmental Protection Agency's standards for ground-level ozone, an invisible, odorless gas. Stratospheric or "good" ozone in the upper atmosphere protects us from the sun's harmful rays.

When ozone is near the earth's surface, however, it combines with human-made pollutants, heat and sunlight to create "bad" or ground-level ozone, which is damaging to people and plants. Ozone season is May through September. This summer's extreme hot, hazy weather has resulted in several "code red" or unhealthy ozone days. The Ozone Action Partnership of Delaware, a coalition of public and private organizations created fun, colorful placemats outlining "10 Simple Steps" for how the public can do its share to reduce ground-level ozone. The following is a list of participating establishments:

### **New Castle County**

ChesDel Restaurant (Rt 13 and Port Penn Rd. St. Georges)

Middletown Family Diner

Glass Kitchen of Glasgow--2466 Pulaski Highway, Newark

OOLALA Cafe--214 Peoples Plaza, Newark

McGlynn's Pub--108 People Plaza, Newark

Country Kitchen--19 South Broad Street, Middletown

Columbus Inn--Wilmington

Kid Shelleen's--Wilmington

Mazzellas Bellefonte--Wilmington

Glass Kitchen-RT 40

OOLALA Cafe - Peoples Plaza

McGlynn Pub-Peoples Plaza--Route 40, New Castle

Country Kitchen - 19 South Broad St.-- Middletown

Middletown Family Diner--Route 301

International House of Pancakes (I-HOP), Route 13, New Castle (across from the airport)

Howard Johnsons

Crossroads Restaurant -- Kirkwood Highway, New Castle

Borders Book Store--RT 7Newark (coffee shop)

Charcoal Pit--Fox Run Shopping Center, Bear

Hope Dining Room --Kingswood United Methodist Church, 300 Marrows Road, Newark

AstraZeneca (Employees cafeteria)

Motiva (Employees cafeteria)

## **Kent County**

Sheraton Dover Hotel--Hard Rock Cafe'

Kent General Hospital

Milford Memorial Hospital

McDonalds Restaurants: Dover--Route 13 South

Route 8

Route 10

Milford--Route 13

Smyrna--Route 13

Where Pigs Fly (Dover)

Nikos (Dover --Gov's Ave)

Dover Mall Food Court,

Subway Sandwich Shop--Dover--Salisbury Road, Dover—

Route 13, next to A.C. Moore)

Milford Middle School

Milford Pizza

Country Skillet Family Restaurant--Harrington

Hardees--Harrington

Sambo's--Leipsic

Kinder Academy--South Street, Camden

Peoples Restaurant--Clark Street (corner of Rts 13 and 14), Harrington

Jennifer's--Commerce Street, Harrington

Cafe' Milano's Restaurant--Harrington

League of Women Voters of Greater Dover

## **Sussex County**

Wooding's Beach Deli -516 Savannah Rd., Lewes, DE 19958

Cafe' Milano's Restaurant--Greenwood

Rusty Rudder--Dewey Beach

Crabbers Cove--Dewey Beach

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Controls Battery Plant in Middletown, DE. Mr. Saunders served previously as an alternate for PAC member, Alan A. Greenwell, of Clayton. Among his other community involvements, Mr. Saunders sings with the Middletown-Odessa-Townsend Community Male Choir. The MPO is a federally-funded agency responsible for developing transportation plans and programs for urbanized areas with populations of at least 50,000 people. The PAC ensures that the MPO receives input from the public regarding all of the transportation plans, programs and policies it adopts.

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**GARCIA-CARRION IS APPOINTED TO MPO**

**PUBLIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Dover (DE)—Mr. Felipe Garcia-Carrion of Dover, has been appointed to serve as a County-appointed member to the Public Advisory Committee (PAC) of the Dover/Kent County MPO (Metropolitan Planning Organization). Mr. Garcia-Carrion currently works as Sussex County Fair Housing Community Liaison with the Delaware Housing Coalition. Among his many community involvements, he was a founding member of the Sussex Housing Group, and founding President of Hispanos Unidos of Delaware.

Mr. Garcia-Carrion spent nearly 20 years in senior level positions in Washington, D.C. with the U.S. Departments of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and Health, Education and Welfare. While with HUD he was the catalyst behind the creation of and funding for the National Hispanic Housing Coalition.

The native of Puerto Rico speaks five languages and holds a bachelor's degree in Political Science and Latin American Area Studies and Languages from the City College of New York, and a master's degree in Public Administration from the American University in Washington, D.C. Currently, he also teaches at Delaware State University and for the Indian River School District.

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## **Celebrate May as National Bicycle Month**

Ride'em Pardner to a BICYCLE RODEO.

Learn bicycle safety tips and techniques and have fun doing it at a FREE Bicycle Rodeo!

Ride on over for this FUN family event:

5:00 to 7:00 PM on Wednesday, May 8, 2002, at

Dover Park on White Oak Road

(front parking lot).

Free helmets and bicycle photo IDs, bicycle police demos, and more. Please call the

Dover/Kent County MPO to learn more—760-2712.

Sponsored by: Delaware Safe Kids Coalition Dover Police Department ;Dept. of Transportation; State Farm Insurance; City of Dover Parks and Recreation; andDover/Kent County MPO

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### **CELEBRATE BICYCLE MONTH !**

Dover (DE)—The Dover/Kent County MPO (Metropolitan Planning Organization), Delaware Bicycle Council and the Delaware Department of Transportation (DelDOT), are celebrating May as National Bicycle Month, on Wednesday, May 15, 2002 at the 12th annual Legislators Bike-to-Work Ride. The 56-mile (one way) ride began in May 1990, with State Representative Roger P. Roy leading bicycling enthusiasts from the Delcastle recreation area in New Castle, to the steps of Legislative Hall in Dover to attend the signing of the bill creating the Delaware Bicycle Council.

In recent years, legislators and as many as 60 other cyclists have made the long ride from DelCastle to Dover and back for a total of over 100 miles. Rendezvous points are set up along the way for those who prefer a shorter ride (for example 30 miles from Middletown or 14 miles from Clayton). Return transportation from Dover will be provided.

For the first time ever, there will be a ride originating in Sussex County. The group will start from Milton, ultimately meeting the New Castle group on the outskirts of Dover for the procession to Legislative Hall. The cue sheet for the Legislator's ride is available on the Bicycle Council's web site-[www.deldot.net/bike/](http://www.deldot.net/bike/)

Upon their arrival at Legislative Hall, cyclists will be greeted by members of the MPO and DelDOT, with free cold bottled water and free T-shirts. Call the MPO at 760-2712 for more information.