



DOVER/KENT COUNTY MPO
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 14, 2007

Technical Advisory Committee Representatives attending:

Scott Koenig, City of Dover/Public Works (Chair)	David Hugg, Town of Smyrna
David Edgell, Office of State Planning (Vice-chair)	Greg Oliver, DelDOT Planning
Mike Petit de Mange, Kent County Planning	Phil Wheeler, DNREC
Cathy Dennis, Delaware Transit Corporation	Gary Smith, DE Economic Dev. Office
Milton Melendez, DE Dept. of Agriculture	

Members not attending:

Anne Marie Townshend, City of Dover/Planning/Insp.	Louis Lombard, Dover Air Force Base
Tim Riley, Kent Conservation District	Rick Crawford, Norfolk Southern
Florence Bicchetti, Federal Transit Admin.	Robert Kleinburd, Federal Hwy. Admin.
Jack Taylor, DE Motor Transport Assoc.	Gary Norris, City of Milford
Suzanne Repp, Transp. Mgmt. Assoc. DE	

Non-members attending:

Richard Kautz, Sussex County Planning	Bruce Allen, DelDOT
Juanita Wiczoreck, MPO Staff	Daniel McNulty, MPO Staff
Joshua Waltz, MPO Staff	Catherine Samardza, MPO Staff

The meeting was begun without a quorum. Discussion of Item #6 was moved to be first on the agenda.

1. **(6) ACTION ITEM: Rating of South State Street Projects for Inclusion in the Transportation Improvement Program - B. Allen, DelDOT/J. Wiczoreck**

After considerable discussion about the history of these projects and their ranking, Mr. Allen and Ms. Wiczoreck were asked to group them differently and present them at the next TAC meeting for review.

Ms. Wiczoreck was also asked to invite Mark Tudor to the next TAC meeting.

MOTION By Mr. Wheeler to table the above item until the April meeting. Seconded by Mr. Hugg.
Motion carried.

Ms. Wiczoreck noted that this item, included the South State Street projects and a Bassett Street project in Smyrna. She also noted that it had been some time since the Bassett Street project had been prioritized.

2. **(1) Introduction of Members & Guests**
3. **(2) Public Comments**
4. **(3) ACTION ITEM: Approval of Agenda**

Motion by Mr. Hugg to approve the agenda as amended above. Seconded by Mr. Oliver. Motion carried.



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5. (4) **ACTION ITEM: Approval of Minutes/December 13, 2006 Meeting**

MOTION By Mr. Hugg to approve the minutes. Seconded by Mr. Oliver. Motion carried.

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

MOTION By Mr. Hugg to recommend that Council concur with DelDOT's use of the above-listed funds. Motion carried.

7. **ACTION ITEM: Draft FY 2008-2013 Capital Transportation Program - J. Wieczoreck**

Ms. Wieczoreck noted that she had a question for the DelDOT representative to take back to the Finance Department regarding projects in Sussex and New Castle County for which money was taken out of the CTP in 2006 – specifically the Indian River Inlet Bridge and I-95 improvements and they are listed in this CTP under 2008. She had been under the impression that all the money for these projects was taken out of 2006 funds, but now there is \$40M being programmed for I-95 in 2008, and \$70M for the Indian River Inlet Bridge in 2008. She said she would like to know what happened to the 2006 money that was programmed for those two projects when Kent County went from a \$96M to a \$3M 3-year program. Mr. Oliver said that he would ask.

She also asked how the SR1 Thompsonville Road interchange, which has been in the SR1 project list the longest, was going to be the last project completed. Ms. Wieczoreck was asked why the project had lost its funding; she pointed out that in 2006 everything lost funding.

Mr. Koenig asked that someone from DelDOT come to the April meeting to explain the SR1 project ranking.

Ms. Wieczoreck said that she would invite Thad McIlvaine, the SR1 Project manager.

This item was tabled without a formal vote.

8. **Member Agency Reports:** **City of Dover - Planning** **Public Works**

Kent County - Planning – Mr. Petit de Mange announced that Mr. W.G. Edmons was elected to replace Mr. Don Blakey on the Kent County Levy Court. Four out of the seven commissioners are now new to Levy Court. On January 16th a 9-month moratorium was imposed on major subdivisions. This will give staff a chance to catch up with the reviews of subdivisions already in the system. The Adequate Public Facilities Ordinance was tabled without discussion at the December public hearing. The next hearing is April 10th. The County has asked for more time to complete the Comprehensive Plan. Public forums are planned for March and April, but no dates have been set.

Soil Conservation – NO REPORT

Dover Air Force Base – NO REPORT

Municipalities / Smyrna / Milford – NO REPORTS

Norfolk Southern – NO REPORT

Delaware Motor Transport Association – NO REPORT

Federal Highway Administration – NO REPORT

Federal Transit Administration – NO REPORT

TMA DE – NO REPORT

State of Delaware: DelDOT Planning – NO REPORT



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DTC – Ms. Smith reported that DTC would hold a public hearing for Kent County route changes on March 14th. There are minimal changes and she does not expect any problems. She announced that funds for the Reverse Commute program have been reduced. However, there are funds available for the 5310 and 5317 programs in Kent and Sussex Counties. She also reported that DelTech is not happy about the Scarborough Road Park and Ride and wants to move the Park and Ride stop and van pools. However, she felt that problems with overcrowding at the park and ride lots demonstrates that people are using alternate means of transportation. Ms. Dennis was asked to find out about the Dover Transfer Hub – the project is not shown in the draft CTP.

DNREC – Mr. Wheeler distributed material on the mobile emissions budget. There will be a public hearing for the budget. Not all the copies were complete, and he offered to e-mail the handout to the committee. The complete plan will be submitted to EPA in June; there will be a public hearing in May. Concerning a statewide budget for Delaware, Mr. Wheeler reported that the WILMAPCO Air Quality subcommittee will consider it, but has not made a recommendation to their Council. They have concerns about “getting stuck with it.”

Agriculture – NO REPORT

Statewide Planning – Mr. Edgell reported that his office is working with DelDOT and the Governor to address the financial issues and develop a revenue package. The office is also working on statewide Transfer of Development Rights (TDR) legislation to strengthen existing TDR programs, and mobility friendly transportation legislation.

DEDO – Mr. Smith reported that the Chrysler Plant in Newark is not closing – they will reduce to one shift and “idle” while retooling for new equipment. He also announced that Jeff Stone will be the new TAC representative from DEDO.

9. Staff Report – J. Wieczorek

9.1 UPWP Progress & Financial Reports

9.2 Correspondence & Publications/Reports

Ms. Wieczorek asked Mr. Oliver if he would check with Finance concerning the MPO’s federal allocation.

Ms. Wieczorek announced that the MPO has distributed fliers calling for Walkable Community Workshop applications.

Mr. Oliver noted that the new formula for the D/KC MPO and WILMAPCO split is 22% for the MPO and 78% to WILMAPCO; the MPO needs to find additional matching funds.

10. Next Meeting: April 11, 2007

MOTION By Mr. Wheeler to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Mr. Hugg. Motion carried.