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COUNCIL ON TRANSPORTATION

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, August 16, 2016 at 4:00 PM

DelDOT Administration Building, Farmington/Felton Conference Room

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

Pete Nellius (Chairman), Irwin G. Burton, Lee Beetschen, Bobby Fifer, Marty Lessner, and Ted Williams

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:

John Gilbert, Sue McNeil and Carolyn Thoroughgood

Chairman Nellius called the meeting to order with a review of the March 7, 2016 Council on Transportation (COT) Meeting Minutes. A motion was made to approve the minutes as written. They were seconded and the minutes were unanimously approved.

Deputy Secretary Majeski opened with an introduction of herself and apologies from Secretary Cohan for not being present. Deputy Secretary Majeski reviewed the Secretary's PowerPoint presentation highlighting the \$912.5 million approved FY17 budget. Deputy Secretary Majeski highlighted two areas of sources that contributed to the Trust Fund. The first is the \$5.0 million State Support from the General Fund for the operating expenses put into place last year by the General Assembly and continued this year. The second source highlighted was the Bond Proceeds totaling \$31.9 million, which is the Department's commitment in the revenue package for FY17 and FY19. The Uses of Funds slide revealed that sixty percent of the budget is going toward the Department's capital program. The Department is expecting a \$536 million program in FY17, which is one of the largest programs the Department has had.

DTC Director John Sisson provided a Transit Update that included an overview of the TIGER Grant and the FTA Grant. Director Sisson provided details on the Claymont and Newark Regional Transportation Center and the Lewes Transit Center. Grant received to fund six electronic busses and includes charging stations. The busses are expected to be in service within 18 months. The last project discussed was the paratransit fleet conversion from diesel to propane busses. John concluded with an update on the Wilmington Transit. The

project is moving forward. Some efforts include: combined stops, consolidating stops, considering two-way streets in the area of Orange Street and King Street, and land adjacent to the Wilmington Train Station (East Walnut between Front Street and Second Street) with a bus transit center and parking garage.

Rob McCleary provided a review of the major projects for each county. In New Castle County: provide a 301 status and discussed Summit Bridge closure (9/9/16 and open 9/12/16). Councilman Lessner questioned if any delays will impact when the toll revenues are anticipated to start. Rob explained that DelDOT is on track and that the anticipated toll collection will begin in 2018. I-95/SR 141 Ramps G & F complete in December 2017, SR72/SR1 Diamond Diversion work is underway and scheduled to be done this fall, and BR 1-717 on I-95 over SR1 by Christiana Mall will be complete in 38 days and the NTP has been sent out. Rob explained that all projects are still suffering minor utility resulted from the Verizon strike. In Kent County: West Dover Connector has bridge and drainage work being done, SR1/Thompsonville eastern ramps and bridge will be open in early September with the entire project being complete in November, SR1/South Frederica reopened the north bound acceleration lane, and SR 1/Little Haven is underway with utility and environmental work complete by fall 2018. In Sussex County: SR 26 job is coming to a closing with final striping and clean up, and US 113 North/South Study has numerous projects spinning off from that study.

Drew Boyce reviewed the documents included in the Councils package. The documents were the FY18 to FY23 Proposed CTP with new projects highlighted, the FY18 to FY23 CTP Spend Plan (long sheets) and the FY18 to FY23 CTP Executive Summary. New Castle County new projects for primarily engineering in FY21 included: SR4 (Harmony Road Intersection Improvements), Old Capital Trail (Intersection improvement at Newport Road to Stanton Road), R4 and SR 7 split (area of high congestion with idea to reconfigure and reduce travel time through intersections), SR896 at Bethel Church Road Interchange (base of Summit Bridge), and Denny Road and Lexington Parkway Intersection Improvement (possible roundabout). In Kent County: NE Front Street (after interchange this improves the corridor into the city of Milford), Irish Hill Road (two intersection improvements and not on the map - Fox Chase Road to McGinnis Pond Road), and SR1 (Scarborough Road – reviewing feasibility study). In Sussex: US 9 and US113 grade separated intersection, SR1 in Georgetown (Minos Canaway grade separated intersection), and Discount Land Road (US13A to US3 – provide sidewalks).

Drew reviewed the maps provided in the presentation. The maps provided a view of the status of the projects and included the new projects previously reviewed.

Drew briefly discussed the prioritization process. He stated that there will be discussions at the next council meeting to present some enhancements that are being considered.

In conclusion, Drew asked for the Council's endorsement to release this program with new projects to public comments. The public hearings have been scheduled for: August 31 in New Castle County, September 13 for Kent County, and September 28 for Sussex County. The Council unanimously agreed to endorse.

Chairman Nelliuss addressed the council and asked if there were any additional questions. With no further questions, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made, which was seconded and unanimously approved by the Council.

Respectfully submitted,
Amanda Belford - Recording Secretary