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COUNCIL ON TRANSPORTATION

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, October 26, 2022 at 3:00pm

Zoom and In Person Meeting

Council Members Present:

Ted Williams (Chairman), Martin Lessner, John Gilbert, Bobby Fifer, Pam Scott

Council Members Absent:

Lee Beetschen, Thomas Holmes

DeIDOT Staff:

Nicole Majeski, Secretary; Shanté Hastings, Deputy Secretary & Chief Engineer; Pam Steinebach, Director of Planning; Todd Reavis, Director of Technology and Innovation; Omar Noor, Technology and Innovation Mark Luszcz, Deputy Director of DOTS; Jim Pappas, Director of Resiliency & Sustainability; John Sisson, CEO-DTC; Mike DuRoss, Planning; Anson Gock, Planning; Mike Hahn, Planning; Humaira Nabeela, Planning; George Lees, DOJ/DeIDOT; Lanie Clymer, Director of Finance; Melanie Carlson, Finance; Amanda Giuttari, Finance; Nicci Johnson, Finance

Guests:

Tammie Kanich, LegHall; Julie Fedele, LegHall; Doug Atkin, FHWA; Michael McConnell, OMB; Marc Coté; Jeanne Logan; Bill Gaeckle

Agenda Item # 1: Review and Approval of Minutes (December 8, 2021):

Chairman Williams called the meeting to order with a review of the agenda. He moved to the first agenda item of approval for the last COT meeting minutes on February 24, 2022 and entertained a motion for approval. Councilman Gilbert made a motion to approve. Councilwoman Scott seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved by the Council.

Agenda Item #2: Secretary Update:

Secretary Majeski provided a PowerPoint presentation on DelDOT updates. Her briefing included slides on: Safety in Transportation, Department Highlights, Project Highlights to include the I-95 corridor, Elkton Road, Georgetown East Gateway.

Councilman Lessner asked for more information on what measures law enforcement will be using to help with traffic safety such as speed traps, more police monitoring roadways, etc. He then asked about what DelDOT's scope and involvement is in working with DNREC on the Greenway Bridge over Bancroft Mills. His last question was in regard to the status of the DART program that allows people to have their bus pass on their phone and how you can only get a discount by buying in bulk for the year.

Secretary Majeski responded by explaining that DelDOT has been working with DSP on different pilot programs. One of the pilot programs is the mobile speed cameras in the I-95 work zone. Speeds were reduced by 12% and accidents reduced by 50%. DelDOT and DSP has also been practicing non-traditional enforcement where DSP is using DelDOT fleet vehicles to enforce speeding. Notably in one day, DSP gave out approximately 50 citations for speeding/distracted driving in Sussex County. DelDOT has asked for extra enforcement along major corridors where speeding is occurring. Will follow up with the council on the information for the Bancroft bridge. John Sisson responded by explaining that the DART mobile passes offer a 7 day, 30 day, and 20 rides. DART is trying to offer discounts for those who use and take advantage of bus services. There is a year expiration on the passes. As of September, about 18% of rides are being paid for by using the mobile app.

Councilwoman Scott asked if there was a map available to show where all the EV charging station are in Delaware. Secretary Majeski responded by explaining that the DelDOT app has information on EV charging stations.

Lanie Clymer provided a PowerPoint presentation on DelDOT Financial updates. Her briefing included slides on: DTA Borrowing, DTA Credit Strength, Debt Service Amortization, Trust Fund Revenues, Debt Service As a % of Revenue, FY23 Sources of Funds - \$1,054.6M, FY23 – US 301 Sources and Uses of Funds, Capital Program History, Capital Program Forecast, Debt Service and Operating Costs, FY23 Operating Budget.

Chairman Williams asked for clarification about the feds possibly changing some of the matching criteria to the IJA funds due to inflation.

Secretary Majeski responded by explaining that they had just attended the AASHTO conference the week before with FHWA and didn't hear anything about matching criteria being changed.

Agenda Item # 3: Potential Prioritization Criteria Changes

Pam Steinebach presented a PowerPoint presentation for CTP Project Prioritization Criteria. Her briefing included potential changes to the prioritization criteria and updates for each county.

Chairman Williams asked to have the possible changes to the scoring links sent to the council before the December meeting. Councilwoman Scott added that it would be helpful to see the current breakdown against the proposed new breakdown.

Pam Steinebach responded by explaining that she will share a breakdown with the council to review before the next meeting on 12/20/22.

Agenda Item # 4: Public Comment

Chairman Williams opened the floor for any public comment. Chairman Williams asked about the status of the two vacant positions on the council and the other individual who has not attended the last few meetings.

Secretary Majeski responded by explaining DelDOT is working with the Boards and Commissions section within the Governor's office to move with appointments. There have been two individuals that have expressed interest and that information has been forwarded to the Governor's office. DelDOT will follow up on the status of the other council member that has not been in attendance.

Chairman Williams entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Fifer made a motion to approve, and Councilwoman Scott seconded the motion, and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Meghan Niddrie, Recording Secretary