



STATE OF DELAWARE
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
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COUNCIL ON TRANSPORTATION

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, August 14, 2023 at 3:00pm

Zoom and In Person Meeting

Council Members Present:

Ted Williams (Chairman), Martin Lessner, John Gilbert, Thomas Holmes, Bobby Fifer

Council Members Absent:

All Present

DeIDOT Staff:

Nicole Majeski, Secretary; Shanté Hastings, Deputy Secretary & Chief Engineer; Pam Steinebach, Director of Planning; Todd Reavis, Director of Technology and Innovation; Ken Feaster, DOJ ; C.R. McLeod, Director of Community Relations; John Sisson, CEO-DTC; Cathy Smith, Planning & Development Manager-DTC; Mike DuRoss, Planning; Anson Gock, Planning; Steve Bayer, Planning; Austin Gray, DeIDOT; Cooper Bowers, DeIDOT; Colton Phillips, DeIDOT; Sarah Coakley, Planning; Humaira Nabeela, Planning; Jay Gerner, DeIDOT; Liddy Campbell, DeIDOT; Lanie Clymer, Director of Finance; Amanda Giuttari, Finance; Melanie Carlson, Finance; Maureen Kelley, DeIDOT; Alan Marteney, DeIDOT; Bryan Behrens, DeIDOT; Jim Pappas, DeIDOT; Mike Simmons, DeIDOT

Guests:

Kathleen Baker; Doug Enos Han, FHWA; Ryan O'Donoghue, FHWA; Michael McConnell, OMB; Peter Brown, DART; Marilyn Smith, Dover/Kent MPO; Todd Lawson, Sussex County; Jamie Whitehouse, Sussex County; Meghan Niddrie, OHS; Julia Geha; John Calnan; Marc Coté, Rossi Group; Malcom Jacob, Dover/Kent MPO; Heather Dunigan, WILMAPCO

Agenda Item # 1: Review and Approval of Minutes (October 26, 2022):

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 October 26, 2022 and

entertained a motion for approval. Councilman Lessner made a motion to approve. Councilman Gilbert 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, Safety Legislation Bills; Highlights on Resiliency and Sustainability projects, Transportation Trust Fund- FY24 Sources of Funds; Federal Funds, DMV Revenues, Motor Fuel Tax, SR-1 and I-95 Tolls, FY24 DelDOT Budget, FY25-30 CTP Spend Budget. Department Highlights to include- DART Transportation Improvements, DMV Safety Campaign.

Shanté presented Project Highlights; I-95 & SR 896; SR72 Widening; SR8 & SR 156 Int. Imp.; Plantation Road Imp.; Park Ave Relocation and SR 1 and SR 1261 GSI and Georgetown to Lewes Trail. Current project updates can be found under the DelDOT.gov/projects/ website.

Councilman Lessner asked if there are any future plans to increase police monitoring on roadways and if a separate law enforcement unit is possible. Secretary Majeski responded by explaining that DelDOT will soon begin working with DSP on creating a new DSP law enforcement unit.

Councilman Lessner asked if the rail line is active along the Georgetown to Lewes Trail. Shanté responded by saying, yes, it is an active rail line. Councilman Lessner asked if the Georgetown to Lewes Rail with Trail photo that was shown in the presentation would be an applicable application for the Markell Trail to Newport? Shanté responded by saying that she believes a portion of the trail may be connected and can provide a copy of the concept plans for his review.

Agenda Item # 3: FY25-30 Proposed CTP Projects

Pam Steinebach presented a PowerPoint presentation for FY25-30 Proposed CTP projects as well as the COT Project Prioritization Criteria. Her briefing included potential changes to the prioritization criteria and project summary updates for each county. Shanté also provided an overview of the new project candidates and explained the selection process. Pam explained there is an interactive webpage for the Draft FY25-30 CTP New Project Candidates available for public view comment: <https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/6854f5d38ee14017b8e97f8113bd2563/>

Agenda Item #4: COT Vote to release proposed draft FY25-30 Capital Transportation Program for public comment at public workshops.

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Chairman Williams entertained a motion for approval of the proposed draft FY25-30 Capital Transportation Program for public comment at public workshops. Councilman Gilbert made a motion to approve, and Councilman Fifer seconded the motion.

Agenda Item # 5: Public Comment

Chairman Williams opened the floor for any public comment.

Chairman Williams asked the status of potential candidates to serve on the COT Council.

Secretary Majeski responded that DelDOT has been actively working with the Governor's office on a list of several potential candidates and are hopeful to have new council members in the coming months.

Chairman Williams asked about reevaluating the ranking process of the CTP projects for 2024.

Pam responded that the discussion would take place with the COT in 2024.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Liddy Campbell, Recording Secretary