COUNCIL ON TRANSPORTATION

Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, December 13, 2016 at 4:00 PM
DelDOT Administration Building, Farmington/Felton Conference Room

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:
Pete Nellius (Chairman), Lee Beetschen, Bobby Fifer, Marty Lessner, John Gilbert, and Ted Williams

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:
Sue McNeil and Carolyn Thoroughgood

Chairman Nellius called the meeting to order. He provided an update on Mr. IG Burton’s resignation from the Council on Transportation (COT) and the reappointment of John Gilbert, Ted Williams, and Bobby Fifer. There was brief a discussion on the vacancies and Mr. Ted Williams stated he would provide Drew Boyce with potential New Castle candidates. Chairman Nellius reviewed the August 16, 2016 COT Meeting Minutes, a motion was made to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded and the minutes were unanimously approved.

Secretary Cohan opened with a review of past Council meeting discussions and requests for a Port of Wilmington update. She gave an introduction to Mr. Gene Bailey from the Port of Wilmington. Mr. Bailey thanked Secretary Cohan and the Council for the invitation to discuss the Port of Wilmington. He provided a presentation with an overview of the Port’s infrastructure, cargo portfolio, and the Port’s competitive advantages. The presentation provided details on the Port’s cargo statistics, truck metrics, capital funding, and major capital projects. Mr. Bailey concluded the presentation with details and several slides of the Edgemoor Chemours Property.

Secretary Cohan reviewed the Department’s innovations for the coming year. She provided a briefing for each innovation currently in action. Those innovations included: DART real time bus App, DMV online road test scheduler, DMV on the go, Gateway interactive maps, and the snow plow responsibilities. Secretary Cohan discussed the I-95 Corridor Coalition Mileage Based User Fee Pilot project vision, goals and objectives. She indicated there may be a request for Council members to volunteer for this project in the
future. Councilman Williams stated he would have an interest as a volunteer. Secretary Cohan concluded her presentation with a review of the US301 Project, FY2016 Funds, Trust Fund Revenues, and sources of funds. Secretary Cohan added that the DTC has several projects and initiatives and there will be an update at the next Council meeting.

Drew Boyce provided a summary of the CTP hearings and public comments. The hearings were coordinated with the MPOs and highlighted new projects added to 6 year CTP. Mr. Boyce summarized the attendance numbers and comments for each of the 3 hearings held. Based on the public comment process, DelDOT is not recommending any changes to the proposed plan but will use the comments in the development of the specific projects. The Plan Adoption is required by the COT on or before March 1, 2017. The next Council meeting will be scheduled for some time in February 2017.

Chairman Nellius addressed the council and asked if there were any additional questions or comments. A member of the public, DJ Hughes, addressed the council and expressed his concerns for Kings Highway in Sussex County to be included in the 6 year CTP. Drew Boyce responded to the public comment and indicated that the project would be considered in the development of the next CTP. If the prioritization supports it the project could be brought into the next CTP prior to the out years.

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