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COUNCIL ON TRANSPORTATION

Meeting Minutes

Monday, March 7, 2016 at 4:00pm

DeIDOT Administration Building, Dover Conference Room

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

Pete Nellius (Chairman), Irwin G. Burton, Bobby Fifer, John Gilbert, Marty Lessner, Sue McNeil, and Ted Williams

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:

Lee Beetschen and Carolyn Thoroughgood

DELDOT STAFF PRESENT ON RECORD:

Jennifer Cohan, Secretary; Nicole Majeski, Deputy Secretary; Drew Boyce, Director of Planning; John Sisson, CEO Delaware Transit Corporation; LiWen Lin, Director Technology & Innovations; Hugh Curran, Director of Finance; Annie Cordo, DOJ/DeIDOT; Rob McCleary, Chief Engineer; Transportation Solutions; Geoff Sundstrom, Director, Public Relations; Lanie Thornton, Assistant Director, Finance; LaTonya Gilliam, Engineering Support; and Liddy Campbell, Planning recording secretary.

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES:

Ron MacArthur, Cape Gazette; Mary Ridgeway, FHWA

Chairman Nellius called the meeting to order with a review of the December 15, 2015 Council on Transportation (COT) Meeting Minutes. Councilman Lessner made the motion to approve the minutes as written, seconded by Councilman Burton and the minutes were unanimously approved.

Secretary Cohan opened with welcoming statements to the council members for their role in the COT. She gave remarks with a PowerPoint presentation of highlights for the coming year. Secretary Cohan stated a Joint Finance Committee hearing took place and went really well. Secretary Cohan provided updates on the Diverging Diamond Interchange, Snow Plow Tracker app, DelDOT Gate-way, DMV on the Go, and US 301.

The Secretary also discussed the FY17 sources of funding and a breakdown of the budget. The Secretary explained The Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act gives the Department confidence in the Federal Funding. The program shows an increase of 5.1% over the 5 years of the bill. The Secretary also spoke of a new freight initiative that will leverage funding provided by FHWA. Mary Ridgeway from FHWA added that additional grants will be available for the project. Secretary Cohan explained the uses of funds for FY17 and uses of Operating Funds. The Secretary gave a brief summary of the Proposed FY17 Capital Program, which includes increasing the Pave and Rehab Program and focusing on bridge preservation. She also mentioned focusing on increasing funds towards the ADA improvements program.

Rob McCleary gave an overview of the regional and corridor project updates that DelDOT currently has programmed in the CTP. Councilman Lessner questioned the Route 1 improvements and if it would include the main road and also service roads. Rob explained there would not be continuous roads, but where appropriate they would be added. Drew gave a brief overview of the SR1 @ Five Points project and stated that DelDOT would be partnering with Sussex County to work on concepts. Drew also gave a brief update on the Georgetown to Lewes project, stating Phase I has been advertised, Savannah Road North to the Canal, provides connections to the Junction Breakwater trail, trying to connect the two trails together. Phase II is in concept design, which is Savannah Road to Nassau Bridge, then may do one more segment to link other areas together to work their way up into Lewes and possibly into Rehoboth.

Secretary Cohan asked Drew to provide an update on the Route 1 and Cave Neck project. Drew stated there was a proposed development opposite Cave Neck Road on SR1 consisting of an 800,000 square foot retail center that is currently going through the Counties land use process. Drew also stated requirements include incorporating an interchange into this project. The developer has committed to \$8 million dollars towards to construction for the interchange. The proposed estimate is \$13 million and if the County Council approves the land use, then DelDOT would provide the additional funding. Drew commented that DelDOT will provide this information to the County.

Drew provided a listing of CTP modifications. The modifications will be posted on the DelDOT website. Drew stated that what he is looking for is an endorsement from the Council so that the spend plan can go to the Governor and then the General Assembly. Ted Williams made a motion to adopt the FY17-22 CTP Plan and it was seconded by Councilman Gilbert and unanimously approved by the Council.

Chairman Nellius asked if there were any additional comments and questions none were offered. Secretary Cohan brought up to the Council about some upcoming groundbreaking ceremonies and offered for the Council members to attend and the Council agreed. A schedule of the ceremonies will be provided to the Council members. Drew also stated the next task will be to develop the FY18-23 Capital Plan for public consumption in the fall. The Council will reconvene sometime in the fall to review. Chairman Nellius signed the letter addressed to the Governor approving the FY17-22 Capital Transportation Program.

Chairman Nellius motioned to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Councilman Fifer and unanimously approved by the Council.

Respectfully submitted,
Liddy Campbell, Recording Secretary