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COUNCIL ON TRANSPORTATION

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, December 19, 2017 at 4:00 PM
DeIDOT Administration Building, Dover Conference Room

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

Pete Nelliuss (Chairman), Bobby Fifer, Tom Holmes, Ted Williams, John Gilbert, Lee Beetschen, Martin Lessner, and Pamela Scott

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:

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; Rob McCleary, Chief Engineer; Transportation Solutions; Shanté Hastings, Deputy Director, Transportation Solutions; LiWen Lin, Director Technology & Innovations; Lanie Thornton, Director of Finance; Anne Brown, Finance; and Michael McConnell, Finance.

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES ON RECORD:

Erin Goldner, public; and DJ Hughes, DBF/public.

Chairman Nelliuss called the meeting to order and reviewed the August 14, 2017 COT Meeting Minutes. Chairman Williams made a motion to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Chairman Beetschen and the minutes were unanimously approved.

Secretary Cohan opened the meeting with a presentation on DeIDOT highlights. Projects throughout DeIDOT were reviewed including; transit improvements, DeIDOT App, and FY19 initiatives. Secretary Cohan encouraged the COT members to attend future meetings of Governor Carney's Advisory Council on Connected and Autonomous Vehicles.

Secretary Cohan reviewed the Proposed FY19 Budget, including anticipated FY19 Transportation, Trust Fund Revenues, and uses of those funds. The increased Capital Program and reduced personnel were discussed. DeIDOT's loss of engineers will be discussed at the JFC.

Drew Boyce provided a summary of the public comments received from the CTP hearings. The hearings were coordinated with the MPOs and highlighted new projects added to 6 year CTP. Drew 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, 2018. The next Council meeting will be scheduled for some time in February 2018.

Councilman Williams questioned if there any special new studies related to 404, updates on the US301 spur, SR141 reconstruction, and Culvert replacement. Rob McCleary stated that DelDOT is pursuing an advance acquisition on the US301 spur. Drew Boyce stated that DelDOT is currently collecting data for the 404 planning study. An additional question was asked about the SR141 project and the lane closures that caused higher volume of traffic on Cleveland Avenue. Rob McCleary stated the surrounding roads were evaluated and will be resurfaced. Rob added this topic was discussed in the public workshop. Culvert Replacement sign for “bump” and timing of its removal. Shanté Hasting stated the sign was just removed this week.

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 regarding the spending in the last 4 years of the CTP. He would like to see the CTP have more projects and funding in Sussex County. A member of the public, Erin Goldner, addressed the council as an advocate for pedestrian safety. She specifically had comments on the city of Wilmington and the Town of Newport for child pedestrian safety under complete streets. She was asking for assistance and guidance on language and how to advocate for safer streets including lighting.

With no further questions, Councilman Williams motioned to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Lessner seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved by the Council.

Respectfully submitted,
Amanda Belford - Recording Secretary