



COUNCIL ON TRANSPORTATION

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, December 10, 2024 at 1 pm

Zoom and In-Person Meeting

Council Members Present:

Ted Williams (Chairman), Marti Dobson, Thomas Holmes, Martin Lessner, Robert Fifer

DelDOT Staff

Nicole Majeski, Secretary; Shanté Hastings, Deputy Secretary & Chief Engineer; Pam Steinebach, Director of Planning; George T. Lees III, Deputy Attorney General-DelDOT; C.R. McLeod, DelDOT; Todd Reavis, DelDOT; Anson Gock, DelDOT; Colton Phillips, DelDOT; Bruce Allen, DelDOT; Jay Gerner, DelDOT; Austin Gray, DelDOT; Taylor Stynchula, DelDOT; Maureen Kelley, DelDOT; Liddy Campbell, DelDOT; Lanie Clymer, Director of Finance; Melanie Carlson, DelDOT Finance; Cathy Smith, DTC; Amy Anthony, Director, DMV

Guests:

Michael McConnell, OMB; Gerald Hocker, Senator; Doug Atkin, FHWA; Enos Han, FHWA; Ryan O'Donoghue, FHWA; Tigist Zegeye, WILMAPCO; Marilyn Smith, Dover/Kent MPO; Peter A. Brown, Jr., LDI; Drew Boyce, Kleinfelder; Philip Barnes, University of DE; Laurie Walsh; Andrea Trabelsi, WRA; Jake Thompson; Heather Dunnigan, WILMAPCO; Alan Marteney, Century Engineering

Agenda Item # 1: Review and Approval of Agenda:

Chairman Williams called the meeting to order and before moving forward with the agenda, Chairman Williams announced to the Council that Secretary Majeski would be stepping down as Secretary of Transportation as of December 20, 2024 and thanked her for her guidance with the Council on Transportation Council meetings.

Chairman Williams continued the meeting with a review and approval of both the August 27, 2024 Council meeting minutes as well as the October 16, 2024 meeting minutes. Chairman Williams entertained a motion from the Council for approval of both sets of meeting minutes, a

motion was made by Mr. Tom Holmes and seconded by Ms. Marti Dobson and the minutes were approved by the Council.

Agenda Item #2: Safety Update:

Secretary Majeski provided a PowerPoint presentation on DelDOT updates. Her briefing included a summary of Safety in Transportation. Secretary Majeski explained that although recent statistics in Delaware show a rise in pedestrian fatalities, the numbers have decreased in the past two years due to proactive measures that the State has taken to provide pedestrian safety measures by passing safety legislation, as well as statewide safety awareness campaigns to encourage pedestrians as well as motorists to be more safety conscious.

Councilman Lessner asked if DelDOT will be working with local law enforcement in creating measures to prevent aggressive drivers. Secretary Majeski answered that DelDOT continues to work with the Delaware State Police Enforcement Unit which includes targeted enforcement measures on Interstate 95, Route 1 as well as Route 495. DSP is also working on the prevention of distracted driving measures by riding in unmarked vehicles so that they can identify these types of distracted drivers. Secretary Majeski also noted that currently, the 95/896 road project installed speed cameras, as this is a work zone, and hopefully DelDOT will be installing more speed cameras in the future.

Secretary Majeski announced that DelDOT received a DTA Credit Rating upgrade in three categories: 1.) DTA Senior Revenue Bonds- from an Aa1 to Aaa, 2.) US301 Revenue and TIFIA Bonds- from A1 to Aa1 3.) GARVEE Bonds- from A1 to Aa3. Secretary Majeski praised the DelDOT Finance team for their outstanding efforts in making this happen.

Secretary Majeski continued with a summary of the FY25 Sources of Funding as well as the FY25 DelDOT Budget. Secretary Majeski also provided a summary of the Trust Fund Revenues, showing an increase in EV registrations.

Secretary Majeski also mentioned to the Council members that they should have received a report from the University of Delaware entitled: How Agency Practitioners Understand and Implement Transportation Equity in Delaware's Capital Expenditure Process:

https://www.morgan.edu/Documents/ACADEMIA/CENTERS/ntc/SMARTER/Year%201%20Core%20Projects/SM05_Final_EquityExpenditures.pdf

Agenda Item # 3: Capital Transportation Program (CTP) Prioritization Process Update:

Pam Steinebach provided a PowerPoint presentation on the Capital Transportation Program (CTP) Prioritization Process Update. Pam announced to the Council that the Program

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with be moving to a 100% Quantitative Criteria as opposed to 76%. Pam presented two slides on the Existing vs the Proposed CTP Project Prioritization Comparisons showing the changes in project rankings. Chairman Williams expressed that he would like to see the Economic Development/Jobs & Commerce portion stay at 15% vs 10%. And keep Multi-Modal Mobility/Flexibility/Access at 10% vs 15%.

Agenda Item #4- COT Meeting Timeline:

Pam Steinebach reviewed the COT Meeting Timelines and stated that in the next scheduled meeting to take place in February, the Council will review and vote on the final draft process and in March/April the MPO's as well as County partners will submit their projects for the Prioritization Process.

Agenda Item #5- LRTP Update:

Pam announced that the Long-Range Transportation Draft Plan has been submitted to Deputy Secretary Hastings for review and then it will be published for a 30-day public review. The LRTP will also be reviewed by the COT Council members in February.

Jay Gerner also explained the timeframe of the Ongoing Plan Development, Outreach, Editing, and Refinement of the LRTP. Jay also provided a sample of the Safety page information within the Long-Range Transportation Plan.

Good News! – Pam announced that DelDOT was awarded a Prioritization Process Pilot Program discretionary grant; a framework for excellence of \$865,00.00- a two-year grant; for the Development and Implementation of Integrated Prioritization. Pam stated that a working group will be developed to work on the implementation of the program and will keep the COT council members informed on the progress.

Agenda Item #6 – Public Comment:

Chairman Williams opened the floor for any public comment. There were no comments from the public.

Chairman Williams entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Liddy Campbell, Recording Secretary