

# **COUNCIL ON TRANSPORTATION**

**Meeting Minutes** 

Wednesday, October 16, 2024 at 2 pm

# **Zoom and In-Person Meeting**

## **Council Members Present:**

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

## **DelDOT Staff**

Pam Steinebach, Director of Planning; George T. Lees III, Deputy Attorney General-DelDOT; Anson Gock, DelDOT; Liddy Campbell, DelDOT; Jamal Carter, DelDOT; Amanda Giuttari, DelDOT Finance; Melanie Carlson, DelDOT Finance; John Sisson, CEO, DTC; Cathy Smith; DTC

## **Guests:**

Michael McConnell, OMB; Ian Friedland

#### **Agenda Item #1: Review and Approval of Agenda:**

Chairman Williams called the meeting to order and followed with a review of the agenda.

Because this was a Special Council Meeting, no voting took place, and the meeting minutes review and approval from the August 27, 2024 meeting will be reviewed at the next scheduled meeting in December.

#### **Agenda Item #2: Safety Update:**

Pam Steinebach provided a briefing on the current 2024 Safety in Transportation. Pam explained there was a slight uptick in 3 categories, Pedestrian, Motorcyclist and Other Person Type. Pam explained the Other Person Type category was recently added and provided examples of these types of reports, such as being on a scooter or a car running off the road and hitting a building. Pam also mentioned that October is Pedestrian Safety Month and reminded the Council to wear protective clothing, such as safety vests when walking. Pam also thanked the COT members for taking the initiative and signing the Safety Pledge for the DelDOT Safety Awareness Campaign – "BE DELAWARE" Towards Zero Deaths.



Chairman Williams asked about the Safety in Transportation Report if it's possible to break down the Pedestrian category to show incidents that take place on sidewalks and unmarked walking areas. Pam replied stating that she would contact the Traffic section to see if this would be possible. George Lees, Deputy Attorney General, DelDOT also replied by stating that the Delaware Homeland Security website provides Crash Safety Data information, based on collision type, including pedestrian categories.

# 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 briefed the Council on three of the seven factors of current and proposed processes, which included, System Operating Effectiveness, State and Local Priority, and Economic Development/Jobs & Commerce.

Chairman Williams asked if the System Operating Effectiveness growth model that is shown in the presentation is constantly being updated to allow for potential new growth opportunities. Pam answered that the growth model is constantly being updated.

Marti Dobson asked about the System Operating Effectiveness percentage reduction, stating it went from 19% to 15% and wanted to know what the logic is in reducing it. Pam replied by stating that the current information that is being shown under the System Operating Effectiveness score comparison does not include all the seven factors information so the numbers are not quite accurate at this point, but in the December meeting when all the information is calculated and presented, we will provide an updated account of the numbers.

# **Agenda Item #5- COT Meeting Timeline**

Pam Steinebach reviewed the COT Meeting Timelines and commented that the next scheduled COT meeting will take place in December to discuss and prepare the final Draft Prioritization Process so that in February of 2025 the Council can vote on the final CTP Process.

# **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

