

# COUNCIL ON TRANSPORTATION

## Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, October 29, 2014  
DeIDOT Administration Building  
Dover Conference Room  
4:00 PM

### **COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Pete Nellius (Chairman), Lee Beetschen, Bobby Fifer, John Gilbert, Marty Lessner, Carolyn Thoroughgood, Ted Williams

### **COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:**

I.G. Burton, Sue McNeil

### **DELDOT STAFF PRESENT ON RECORD:**

Shailen Bhatt, Secretary; Drew Boyce, Director of Planning; Hugh Curran, Director of Finance; Shanté Hastings, Chief of Performance Management; Dawn Hopkins, Office of the Secretary; Robert McCleary, Chief Engineer; Brian Motyl, Finance; David Nicol, Asset Administrator; John Sisson, CEO Delaware Transit Corporation; Geoff Sundstrom, Director of Public Relations; Earle Timpson, Finance

### **ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES:**

Mary Page Bailey, Department of Justice; Melissa Burke, The News Journal; Vicki Ford, Office of Management and Budget; Mary Ridgeway, Federal Highway Administration; James Wilson, Bike Delaware; Rob (inaudible last name)

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Chairman Nellius called the meeting to order with a review of the August 27, 2014, Council on Transportation (COT) Meeting Minutes. Councilman Williams made a motion to approve the minutes as written, seconded by Councilman Gilbert.

Following introductions, recently appointed Council Member Dr. Carolyn Thoroughgood shared her personal/professional background and what she believes she will bring to the council.

Secretary Bhatt opened his remarks with a PowerPoint presentation highlighting additional revenue, the Federal Highway Trust Fund, Transit Redesign and issues surrounding I-495. He was joined by Finance Director Hugh Curran and his team, discussing the Delaware Economic Financial Advisory Council's (DEFAC's) most recent meeting, held in September. Brian Motyl provided updates

on DelDOT's revenue and sources, Earle Timpson discussed capital expenditures, and Hugh closed with information on the department's operating expenses.

Having no questions, Rob McCleary moved discussion to the status of the I-495 Bridge. Effective August 23, the bridge was open to all traffic. Permanent repairs are in progress with completion expected by late 2014. The department has retained outside counsel and continues to pursue all legal options in regard to compensatory damages.

Drew Boyce spoke on the FY 16-21 Draft Capital Transportation Program (CTP) hearings held throughout the state in September. DelDOT held the meetings in conjunction with Sussex County, WILMAPCO and the Dover/Kent MPO. One of the more prominent issues during the review period involved the South Frederica Interchange project/Kent County Sports Complex. DelDOT team members worked with project developers to identify alternative entrance proposals. This effort resulted in furthering the momentum of the Complex development process.

As discussion moved to finalizing the Draft FY16 – FY21 CTP, Drew Boyce recapped the department's goal of maintaining a State of Good Repair prior to considering building new projects. At the next COT meeting the Council will be presented with the final Draft FY16 – FY21 CTP. Included in this draft will be any modifications made based on comments received during recent hearings and potential revenue changes during December's DEFAC session. As of this time, the Department proposes a program of \$135 million.

On or before March 1, 2015 the Council will deliver an approved CTP to the General Assembly per Delaware Code.

There being no additional business, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Councilman Gilbert. Councilwoman Thoroughgood seconded the motion.

Respectfully submitted,  
Dawn Hopkins  
Assistant to the Deputy Secretary

Approved at 2/23/15 COT Meeting.