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WILMAPCO's 2012 OUR TOWN

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RAIL IN THE WILMAPCO REGION

MAKING THE CONNECTIONS

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OUR TOWN SPEAKERS INCLUDE:

COLIN PEPPARD
LEGISLATIVE ASSISTANT TO
SENATOR THOMAS CARPER

REBECCA REYES-ALICEA, PROJECT
MANAGER, USDOT,
FEDERAL RAILROAD ADMINISTRATION,
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SHAILEN P. BHATT
SECRETARY, DELDOT

DREW GALLOWAY
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INVESTMENT & DEVELOPMENT,
AMTRAK

SCOTT MUIR
GOVERNMENT RELATIONS - ATLANTIC
STATES, NORFOLK SOUTHERN



WILMAPCO's 2012 Our Town event will focus on rail and making the connections in New Castle County, Delaware and Cecil County, Maryland.

The event will highlight several Transit Oriented Development (TOD) plans in both Maryland and Delaware, regional rail plans, local rail projects, Amtrak's North East Corridor plans, and regional freight plans.

Our Town 2012 will conclude with a Council Q & A. During the Q & A participants will have the opportunity to ask questions of WILMAPCO Council representatives. The Council includes representatives from state and local government and DOTs.

OUR TOWN HIGHLIGHTS

FILLING THE GAP

The Northeast Corridor (NEC) runs the length of the east coast stretching continuously from Florida to Maine, with the exception of one small segment. The only gap in the NEC can be found in the WILMAPCO region between Perryville, Maryland and Newark, Delaware. Filling this gap has been a high priority for WILMAPCO for many years. During this discussion we'll learn how close we are to "filling the gap."

NEWARK REGIONAL RAIL PROJECT

In June the U.S. Department of Transportation awarded a \$10 million TIGER IV grant to the Newark Regional Transportation Center Project. Planners will discuss how the project has progressed and what it means for the future of rail in the region.

AMTRAK'S NORTHEAST CORRIDOR

In 2010 Amtrak released its Northeast Corridor Plan. The \$117.5 billion plan would speed trains from Boston to Washington in just under three and a half hours. The plan includes a new corridor along the entire line, including a new inland route through Connecticut. Amtrak representatives will discuss the plan and its goals for the future.

WILMAPCO COUNCIL Q & A

WILMAPCO's Council includes the Mayors of Elkton (Chair), Wilmington, and Delaware City; Director of the Delaware Office of State Planning; DelDOT Secretary; MDOT Director, Office of Planning and Capital Programming; New Castle County Executive; Cecil County Commissioner; and Delaware Transit Corporation Executive Director. During this session Council members will answer audience questions about rail in our region as well as discuss their visions on how to make the connections.



OTHER FEATURED RAIL PLANS AND STUDIES

DELMARVA INTERCITY PASSENGER RAIL STUDY

The Delaware and Maryland Departments of Transportation are working on a plan to provide new passenger rail to connect the Northeast Corridor with coastal communities from Lewes, Delaware, to Ocean City, Maryland. The plan is expected to be completed by December 2012.

DOWNSTATE RAIL PLAN

The Delaware Department of Transportation and DART First State have adopted a new Statewide Rail Plan, which identifies Delaware's goals for freight and passenger rail. The statewide plan will help DelDOT to better manage rail-related activities and cooperate with regional stakeholders.

DELMARVA REGIONAL FREIGHT STUDY

The 2010 Regional Freight Study is an overview of freight systems on the Delmarva Peninsula. The study includes fourteen counties across three states. An inventory of infrastructure, volume, and types of freight, along with an economic impact of regional and national freight corridors were examined.

MARYLAND STATEWIDE FREIGHT PLAN

The Maryland Statewide Freight Plan outlines strategies to help prepare for estimated increases in freight by 2030. While supporting Maryland's Smart, Green and Growing Initiative, the plan will help guide state transportation investments and improve local and regional planning.



WILMAPCO Transit Studies

NORTH EAST TRANSIT ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT PLAN

WILMAPCO is working with the Town of North East to identify a potential site for a future bus hub and train station as well as a master plan for transit supportive land uses within walking distance of existing and planned transit services. The advisory committee held a kickoff meeting in January 2012, a public workshop was held in May 2012, and a focus group with property owners was held in August 2012. Recommendations were revised based on their input. The advisory committee discussed draft recommendations during their October 2012 meeting. For more information, visit www.wilmapco.org/northeast.

TOWN OF PERRYVILLE TRANSIT ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT AND GREENWAY PLAN

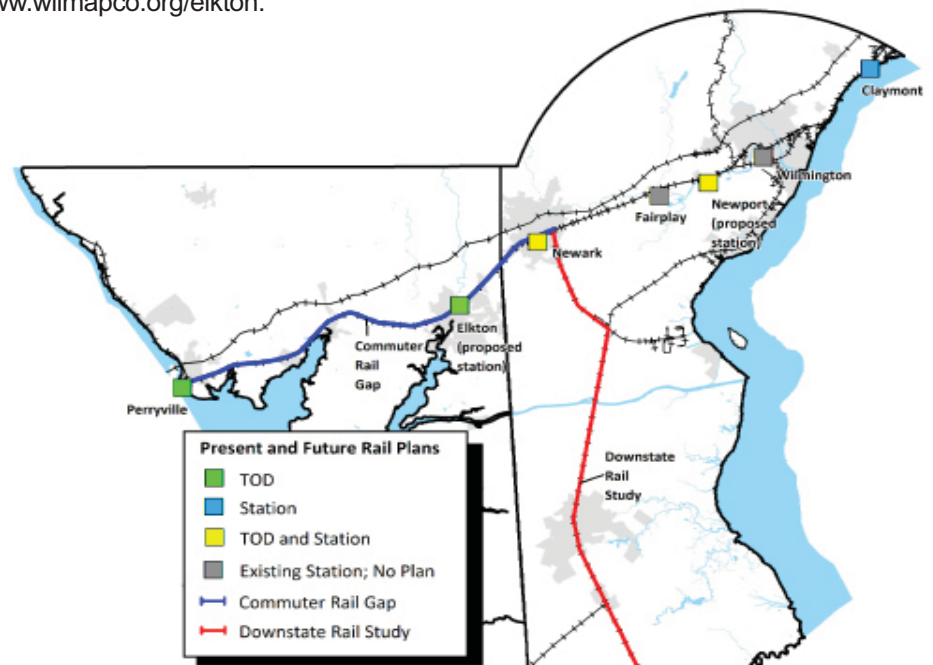
WILMAPCO and the Town of Perryville developed a greenway plan that identifies a recommended network of pedestrian, bicycle, and greenway routes and makes additional recommendations to improve walking and bicycling in Perryville. In addition, the Perryville Transit Oriented Development (TOD) Plan examined opportunities to enhance the existing MARC commuter rail service and facilities and the surrounding area. Plans were adopted by Perryville and WILMAPCO in spring 2012. For more information, visit www.wilmapco.org/perryville.

TOWN OF PORT DEPOSIT TRANSIT FEASIBILITY STUDY

WILMAPCO is working with the Town of Port Deposit and an advisory committee of state, county, and local stakeholders to assess the feasibility of transit service to Port Deposit. An advisory committee meeting and public workshop were held in spring 2012, and WILMAPCO completed a draft of potential routes, forecasted ridership, and costs which were presented to the town this November. For more information, visit www.wilmapco.org/portdeposit.

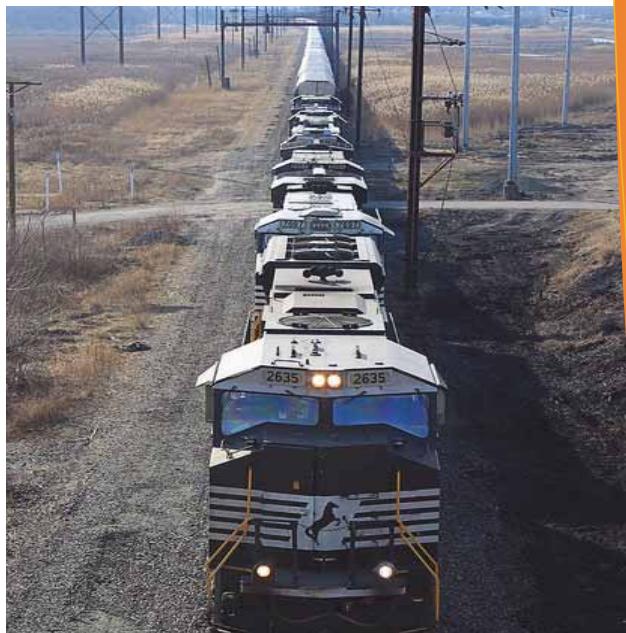
TOWN OF ELKTON TRANSIT ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT FEASIBILITY STUDY

WILMAPCO is working with the Town of Elkton, Maryland Transit Administration and MDOT to plan for the expansion of MARC train service to Elkton. A TOD Plan was approved in January 2011 and NEPA is currently being completed. A TOD could serve to enhance community character in downtown Elkton; enhance regional accessibility, connectivity, and mobility; support Smart Growth, and promote alternative transportation modes, including bicycling, walking, and bus transit. For more information, visit www.wilmapco.org/elkton.



Agenda

- 4:00 p.m. Registration and Exhibits
- 4:15 p.m. Welcome:
- Mayor Joseph Fisona, Elkton, WILMAPCO Council Chairperson
- Tigist Zegeye, Executive Director WILMAPCO
- 4:25 p.m.. Keynote – Making the Connections
- Colin Peppard, Legislative Assistant to Senator Thomas Carper
- 4:45 p.m. Filling the Gap
- Shailen P. Bhatt, Secretary, DeIDOT
- 5:00 p.m. Rail Speaker Panel
Moderator Shailen P. Bhatt, DeIDOT
- Rebecca Reyes-Alicea, Federal Rail Administration
 - Drew Galloway, Amtrak
 - Brian Keller, Norfolk Southern
 - Scott Muir, Norfolk Southern
 - Dave Gula, WILMAPCO
- 6:10 p.m. WILMAPCO Council 2-Minute Reactions
Moderator - Ed O'Donnell, University of Delaware
- Mayor Joseph Fisona, Elkton, WILMAPCO Council Chairperson
 - Connie Holland, Delaware Office of State Planning Coordination, WILMAPCO Council Vice-Chairperson
 - Kash Srinivasan, City of Wilmington, Mayor's Appointee
 - Shailen P. Bhatt, DeIDOT
 - Mayor John Buchheit, III, Delaware City, New Castle County Municipality Representative
 - New Castle County Executive, Appointee
 - Mike Nixon, MDOT
 - James T. Mullin, Cecil County Commissioner
 - Lauren Skiver, Delaware Transit Corporation
- 6:35 p.m. Audience Questions
- 7:00 p.m. Our Town Concludes



Speaker Biographies

MAYOR JOSEPH FISONA, ELKTON, WILMAPCO COUNCIL CHAIR

Mayor Fisona has served as Elkton's Mayor since May 2002. Previous to his mayoral election and re-election in May 2006, Fisona served as an Elkton Commissioner for six years. Mayor Fisona has been an Elkton resident since 1981 and has served his community in many ways. He has volunteered his time to serve on the following organizations, boards, and committees: Historic Elk Landing Foundation, Inc., Chairman of WILMAPCO Council, Singerly Fire Company; serving as a firefighter, ambulance director, and Emergency Medical Technician, Chairman of the Cecil County Firemen's Association Peer Committee, Vice President of the Cecil County Firemen's Association, former president of the Cecil/Harford Counties Chapter of the Maryland Municipal League, member of American Legion Post 15, member of the Historical Society of Cecil County, member of the Cecil County Economic Development Commission, and former president of Turnquist Civic Association.

TIGIST ZEGEYE, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, WILMAPCO

Ms. Zegeye serves as Executive Director for the Wilmington Area Planning Council (WILMAPCO), a metropolitan planning organization serving New Castle County, Delaware and Cecil County, Maryland. Ms. Zegeye is responsible for the day-to-day planning activities, including the Long-Range Regional Transportation Plan 2040, the Unified Planning Work Program, and the Transportation Improvement Program. Prior to joining WILMAPCO, she served as a Planning Engineer with the Missouri Department of Transportation.

COLIN PEPPARD, LEGISLATIVE ASSISTANT, OFFICE OF U.S. SENATOR TOM CARPER

Mr. Peppard handles transportation policy and other issues for U.S. Senator Tom Carper, of Delaware. His work supports Senator Carper's efforts to reform federal transportation policy, increase smart investment in infrastructure, support economic growth and development, and reduce energy use and environmental impacts of transportation in the U.S. He supported Senator Carper's efforts to successfully incorporate several amendments in the most recent federal transportation legislation. Before he began with Senator Carper, Colin was the Deputy Director of Federal Transportation Policy with the Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC). With NRDC, Peppard helped to draft and advance legislation to increase investment in transportation projects that reduce oil consumption and greenhouse gas emissions. He also ran federal transportation policy programs for Environmental Defense Fund and Friends of the Earth U.S. Peppard has authored or contributed to several reports on transportation policy and climate change, and testified before Congress on global warming and passenger rail. He began his career with the Massachusetts Public Interest Research Group in Boston, and received a B.A. in Environmental Thought and Practice and Environmental Science from the University of Virginia.

SHAILEN P. BHATT, SECRETARY, DELDOT

Mr. Bhatt serves as Cabinet Secretary for the Delaware Department of Transportation. His responsibilities consist of managing the day-to-day operations of the state's transportation system including transit, motor vehicles, project construction, maintenance, planning, IT and HR functions. He is also charged with directing a billion dollar budget and nearly 2,800 employees. Prior to his confirmation by the Delaware State Senate as Secretary, he served as an Associate Administrator at the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) in Washington, DC. In this role, he was charged with setting policy and managing relationships with members of Congress and leading the FHWA's efforts in reauthorizing the nation's surface transportation legislation. Bhatt currently serves on AASHTO, Board of Directors and Chairs the Standing Committee on Public Transportation; Diamond State Port Corporation, Board of Directors; Northeast Corridor Commission, Co-Chair to Communication and Public Outreach Committee; and State Smart Transportation Initiative, Advisory Committee.

REBECCA REYES-ALICEA, PROJECT MANAGER, FEDERAL RAIL ADMINISTRATION

Ms. Reyes-Alicea is the North East Corridor (NEC) Project Manager for the Federal Railroad Administration's (FRA) Office of Railroad Policy and Development. She is also the Program Manager for the NEC FUTURE program. Reyes-Alicea has more than 12 years of experience working in planning, development and management of public transportation and railroad projects throughout the country. Since joining the FRA she has managed the portfolio of projects along the NEC funded through the High Speed Intercity Passenger Rail Program and helped to create the foundation for the long-term planning framework for the NEC. Prior to joining the FRA she served as Community Planner and Director of Planning and Program Development in the Seattle and New York City Regional Offices of the Federal Transit Administration.

Speaker Biographies

DREW GALLOWAY, CHIEF, NEC PLANNING AND PERFORMANCE AMTRAK NORTHEAST CORRIDOR INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT & DEVELOPMENT DEPT.

Mr. Galloway began his railroad career in 1969 working for the Erie Lackawanna Railway – loading freight cars on to floats on the Hudson River, across from New York City. He has held positions in Operations, Engineering, Finance, and Planning departments in both freight and passenger service railroads throughout the eastern United States. He has had leading roles in advancing both high speed intercity and commuter services since the formation of the Northeast Corridor in the 1970s to the emergence of today's high speed corridors across the nation. Galloway's current responsibilities include the overall coordination for planning of; Amtrak, eleven commuter rail operations, six state-supported intercity services, and four major freight carriers sharing the Northeast Corridor. These activities include partnering with states and commuter operators to advance rail investments on the NEC itself as well as on complementary connecting corridors. The collective efforts have lead to nearly \$3.0 billion in high speed grants awarded to northeastern states since 2009. Galloway is the chief planning architect of Amtrak's "Gateway" project to build new tunnels under the Hudson River and bring additional rail line capacity to New York City. Mr. Galloway is a member of the Executive Committee of the Northeast Corridor Infrastructure Advisory Commission and is Co-Chair of the Infrastructure and Operations Committee. He is active in Transportation Research Board (TRB) activities in HSR and in passenger equipment design topics.

BRIAN KELLER, TERMINAL SUPERINTENDENT, NORFOLK SOUTHERN

Mr. Keller joined Norfolk Southern in 1999 after having previous experience in the railroad Operating Department in both freight and passenger service for 21 years. He has held various positions of increasing responsibility in the Operating Department which directly relate to the operations of trains. In March of 2012 his responsibilities were changed to include the operation of Norfolk Southern operations on the entire Delmarva peninsula and their operation along the Amtrak Northeast Corridor between Chester, PA and Landover, MD.

SCOTT MUIR, GOVERNMENT RELATIONS - ATLANTIC STATES, NORFOLK SOUTHERN

Mr. Muir joined Norfolk Southern's Research and Tests Department in 1988. He held various positions of increasing responsibility in operations technical support before his current assignments in public affairs and state government relations in 2000. Prior to working on the railroad, Muir completed an undergraduate degree in Biology while working at the Asphalt Institute, located on the campus of the University of Maryland. His work experience includes five years at the Virginia Department of Transportation, Materials Division in Richmond.

DAVE GULA, PRINCIPAL PLANNER, WILMAPCO

Mr. Gula has been employed by WILMAPCO since September 2005. His duties generally include transportation and transit related planning projects, with specific work on rail, bus, bicycle, and pedestrian projects. Recent rail projects include the Elkton (MD) Station Study, the Newport Station Feasibility Study, the Newark Regional Transportation Center Study, and the Chesapeake Connector Passenger and Freight Rail Benefits Study. He also managed the Downtown (Wilmington, DE) Circulation Study, and some of the resulting follow-up projects. Gula represents WILMAPCO on various working groups and committees. Previously, he was employed for six years as a Transit Service Planner for Delaware Transit Corporation, and for three years as a field technician for Navigation Technologies. He also worked for the City of Wilmington in the Departments of Planning, Information Systems, and Transportation for approximately six years.

ED O'DONNELL, POLICY SCIENTIST, UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE

Mr. O'Donnell is the former General Manager of the New Castle County Department of Land Use. He is currently working for the University of Delaware Institute for Public Administration teaching, facilitating, developing municipal comprehensive plans and conducting research related to land use and transportation. During Mr. O'Donnell's 41-year career in public-sector planning, he has acquired a broad range of expertise in land use planning, growth management, infrastructure/community facilities, natural-resource protection, state growth-management policies, and intergovernmental coordination. Mr. O'Donnell has worked at the Institute for Public Administration since 1998, initially as a Senior Policy Advisor and more recently as Policy Scientist and Instructor.



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