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Advancing Mobility, Sustainability and Economic Competitiveness in the MID-ATLANTIC REGION

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Agenda

- 8:00 a.m. Registration and Continental Breakfast
- 9:00 a.m. Welcome by Tigist Zegeye, Executive Director, Wilmington Area Planning Council (WILMAPCO)
- **9:10 a.m. Keynote** Jennifer Cohan, Secretary of Transportation, Delaware Department of Transportation (DeIDOT)
- 9:25 a.m. Remarks Jane C.W. Vincent, Regional Administrator HUD Region III

9:45 a.m. Panel 1: Passenger Rail Service and Public Mobility Moderator: Dave Gula, WILMAPCO

- North East Corridor (NEC) Future
 Dan Baer, WSP-Parsons Brinckerhoff
- Newark Regional Transportation Center (NRTC)
 Mark Tudor, Delaware Department of Transportation (DelDOT)
- Planning for the Papal Visit
 - Laurie Matkowski, Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission (DVRPC)
- Maryland Area Regional Commuter (MARC) Service Improvements
 Kevin Quinn, Maryland Transit Administration (MTA)

11:00 a.m. 15 Minute Break

11:15 a.m. Panel 2: Moving Goods in the Mid-Atlantic Moderator: Dan Blevins, WILMAPCO

- National Freight Strategic Plan
 - Caitlin Hughes Rayman, Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)
- Delmarva Freight Plan
 - Chad Reese, Whitman, Requardt & Associates (WRA)
- Delaware Valley Freight Planning
 - Ted Dahlburg, DVRPC



12:30 p.m. Lunch

Moderator: Barry Seymour, Executive Director, DVRPC

- Every Day Counts (EDC) & Planning Emphasis Areas (PEAs)
 Mary Ridgeway, FHWA Delaware Division Administrator
- Federal Authorization
 - Joung Lee, American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO)

1:15 p.m. Panel 3 - Sustainability

Moderator: John Ward, Deputy Executive Director, DVRPC

- Mid-Atlantic Transportation Sustainability: University Transportation Center
 Dr. Ardeshir Faghri, University of Delaware (UD)
- Opportunity Collaborative: Baltimore Regional Plan for Sustainable
 Development
 - Mike Kelly, Executive Director, Baltimore Metropolitan Council (BMC),
- Sea Level Rise Transportation Vulnerability Analysis
 - Bill Swiatek, Senior Planner, WILMAPCO

2:45 p.m. Next Steps Discussion

3:00 p.m. Networking Happy Hour at Timothy's Restaurant on the Riverfront

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Session Descriptions

PANEL 1 - PASSENGER RAIL SERVICE AND PUBLIC MOBILITY

This panel will highlight issues and projects that have impacts on rail service on the Northeast Corridor (NEC). The NEC Future project is a comprehensive planning effort coordinated with FRA and Amtrak to consider all rail travel on the NEC. At a more regional scale, MTA is examining ways to connect commuter services and has engaged WILMAPCO, DTC/DeIDOT and SEPTA in a dialogue to discuss the options that would result in the best service fit. There are some operational obstacles within the existing network to overcome before this endeavor begins and this session will include the capital projects that are lined up for implementation. DeIDOT and DTC are working at a local level to improve the Newark train station and maintain operations at the adjacent Norfolk Southern (NS) freight yard. The Newark Regional Transit Center (NRTC) will allow expanded passenger rail service while keeping the freight yard "whole". SEPTA planned for months for the Papal visit to Philadelphia, not only to mitigate the security impacts to their operation, but to allow rail service to move huge numbers of visitors and residents within the Philadelphia area.

PANEL 2 - MOVING GOODS IN THE MID-ATLANTIC

This panel will highlight freight planning in the mid-Atlantic region from federal, state and local perspectives. FHWA's office of Freight Management and Operations promotes efficient, seamless, and secure freight flows on the U.S. transportation system and across our borders. The smooth and secure flow of freight is important to our nation's economy and to our global connectivity. The Delmarva Freight Plan summarizes current and future freight planning and transportation needs to enhance freight and goods movement and related economic opportunities on the 14-county tristate area of the Delmarva Peninsula. This multi-state, multi-MPO and multi-modal plan evaluates the Delmarva freight system while aiming to comply with MAP-21 and National Freight Policy Goals and Objectives. DVRPC's freight planning has been nationally recognized as one designed to assure the full incorporation of freight into the transportation planning process through technical studies and public education. DVRPC's freight advisory committee, the Delaware Valley Goods Movement Task Force, allows the local freight community to participate in formulating regional policies, plans, and programs.



LUNCH - FEDERAL AUTHORIZATION

Mary Ridgeway, FHWA Delaware Division Administrator will highlight Secretary Foxx's strategic objectives for the Surface Transportation Program regarding the Regional Models of Cooperation, Planning Emphasis Areas and Every Day Counts.

Joung Lee, American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) will discuss authorization of the federal transportation bill.

PANEL 3 – SUSTAINABILITY

This panel will highlight transportation sustainability efforts at universities and MPO levels. The Mid-Atlantic Transportation Sustainability University Transportation Center, created in 2014, accelerates the adoption of sustainable transportation practices and leverages a strong consortium of universities representing the mid-Atlantic, bringing together educational resources, industry relationships and faculty with interdisciplinary skill sets to create innovative offerings in transportation sustainability. Opportunity Collaborative: Baltimore Regional Plan for Sustainable Development represents the first ever comprehensive regional plan in Baltimore to bring together workforce development, transportation and housing. The Opportunity Collaborative is a consortium that includes local governments, state agencies, universities and nonprofit organizations. WILMAPCO has identified transportation infrastructure at risk of sea-level rise impacts under future scenarios. This presentation will provide an overview of the findings from their 2011 study as well as detailing how the agency has incorporated sea level rise planning into its overall policy and planning efforts.

NEXT STEPS DISCUSSION

The Mid-Atlantic Regional Planning Roundtable's future will be discussed during this session.

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Speaker Biographies

Tigist Zegeye

Tigist 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.

Jennifer Cohan - Keynote Speaker

Jennifer Cohan was appointed to be only the third woman to lead the Delaware Department of Transportation after serving as the Director of the Delaware Division of Motor Vehicles since 2007. Her state public service career has spanned over 25 years. Jennifer has worked in the capacity of Financial/Program Manager at the Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control (DNREC) managing the state's Clean Water Program. Jennifer has also worked with the Delaware State Legislature within the Office of the Controller General. Ms. Cohan has also held an array of leadership positions within the Delaware Department of Transportation in the areas of Planning, Finance, and Motor Carrier Safety. She is an adjunct professor at Wilmington University, teaching leadership and public policy in the Masters program. Jennifer has served as a member of the American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators (AAMVA) Board of Directors, and as Interim Board President and CEO. Ms. Cohan is the president of the Greater Dover Boys and Girls Club Board of Directors.

Secretary Cohan currently serves as a member of the AASHTO Board of Directors, and serves on the I-95 Corridor Coalition's Executive Board, the Diamond State Port Corporation Board of Directors, the Northeast Corridor Commission, the Northeast Association of State Transportation Officials, Transportation and Climate Initiative, and Transportation Research Board Executive Committee.

Jennifer graduated summa cum laude from Wilmington University with a Bachelor of Science in Business Management and a Master of Science in Public Administration. Jennifer also attended the Fels Institute of Government at the University of Pennsylvania.



Jane C.W. Vincent

Appointed by President Barack Obama, Jane C.W. Vincent is the Regional Administrator for the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Region III which includes the District of Columbia, Delaware, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia and West Virginia. In this role, Jane works with others to create strong, sustainable, inclusive communities and quality affordable homes for all. She is responsible for the oversight of a \$47.3 billion dollar portfolio of programs and services and more than 600 employees. In October 2013, Jane received the prestigious M. Justin Herman Memorial Award from the National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials (NAHRO), the nation's leading affordable housing and community development organization. Each year, the M. Justin Herman Memorial Award is awarded to one individual for outstanding contributions to bettering lives through service in the field of housing or community development.

Dave Gula - Panel 1 Moderator

Dave Gula has been employed by WILMAPCO since September 2005. His duties 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 (DE), the Claymont Station Improvement Study and the Chesapeake Connector Passenger and Freight Rail Benefits Study. He also managed the Downtown (Wilmington, DE) Circulation Study, and a follow-up project, Wilmington Transit Moving Forward that is a collaborative public effort to help redesign transit service within Wilmington. Dave also represents WILMAPCO on various working groups and committees.

Previously, Dave was employed for six years as a Transit Service Planner for Delaware Transit Corporation, and for three years before that 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 6 years. Dave received Bachelor of Arts Degrees in Geography and History from the University of Delaware in 1991.

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Dan Baer

Daniel J. Baer, AICP, is a Senior Vice President and leads WSP-Parsons Brinckerhoff's National Planning Practice. He has over three decades of experience managing multidisciplinary teams to advance transportation and land development initiatives, including alternatives analyses, environmental impact statements, and master plans for major projects. Dan is a Deputy Project Manager and currently leads the NEC FUTURE Alternatives Development team for the Parsons Brinckerhoff/AECOM Joint Venture.

Mark Tudor

Mark Tudor, P.E. is Assistant Director for North Project Development in the Division of Transportation Solutions at the Delaware Department of Transportation (DeIDOT). His responsibilities as Assistant Director for North Project Development include the management of multi-modal Capital Transportation Improvement Projects and Programs in New Castle County, from Concept Design into Final Design. Recent design projects include the reconstruction of Elkton Road in Newark, SR 7 in Bear, US 202 north of I -95, and construction of segments of the Northern Delaware Greenway, along with the new US 301, I-95/SR141 Interchange, and SR 1 Corridor Improvements.

Mark has been with DelDOT for the past 23 years, and has served in different capacities in various DelDOT Divisions. He is a graduate of the University of Delaware with a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering and lives in Middletown.

Laurie Matkowski

Laurie Matkowski is the Manager of the Office of Transportation Operations Management at DVRPC. She has worked there for over sixteen years, fostering planning and interagency coordination on numerous ITS, Operations, and Incident Management projects. Throughout her career at DVRPC, Laurie has worked closely with all levels of personnel at various transportation agencies, local and county governments, and emergency response organizations. Laurie has a Civil Engineering degree from Clemson University, is a graduate of I-95 Corridor Coalition's Operations Academy, and has been involved with many TRB and SHRP2 panels and subcommittees. She currently serves on the Board of Directors for both the National Operations Center of Excellence and ITS Pennsylvania. Laurie recently received the "Woman of the Year" award by Philadelphia's regional chapter of WTS.



Kevin Quinn

Kevin Quinn joined the Maryland Transit Administration (MTA) in 2014 as the Director of the Office of Planning and Programming. In this role, Mr. Quinn oversees the Environmental Planning, Project Development, and Capital Programming divisions and is responsible for service and project planning, planning studies, and management of the agency's capital program. Prior to joining the MTA, Mr. Quinn was the Mid-Atlantic Transportation Planning Manager for STV, Incorporated, where he led a multidisciplinary planning team. Mr. Quinn has experience in the areas of transit operations, public policy, strategic planning, community planning, federal and state grant management, and urban and rural transportation planning. Mr. Quinn has a Master's Degree in Public Policy from the Johns Hopkins University and has been a member of the American Institute of Certified Planners (AICP) since 2009.

Dan Blevins - Panel 2 Moderator

Dan Blevins is a Principal Transportation Planner with WILMAPCO, in which he has worked for the past 14 years. He is a graduate of the University of Delaware with a Bachelors Degree in Geography. His areas of expertise at WILMAPCO include: freight and goods movement planning, congestion management, demographics, and subregional studies and serves as the agency's GIS database administrator. Before his tenure at WILMAPCO Dan worked as a program manager for the University of Delaware and as a GIS Analyst for the New Castle County Water Resources Agency.

Caitlin Hughes Rayman

Caitlin Hughes Rayman serves as the Director of the Office of Freight Management and Operations for the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) at the U.S. Department of Transportation. In this role, she directs FHWA's work on federal freight programs and input to freight policy. As part of the implementation of certain freight initiatives from "Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century" (MAP-21), her Office is engaging in the development of the National Freight Network and highway inputs to the National Freight Strategic Plan; truck size and weight issues and regulations; freight data and tools; oversight of FHWA-managed TIGER projects; and freight training, outreach and technical assistance on state freight planning, state freight advisory committees and performance measurement.

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Previously, Caitlin served as the Assistant Secretary for Transportation Policy and Freight at the Maryland Department of Transportation and as the Federal Legislative Programs Coordinator for the North Carolina Department of Transportation. Her freight focus included work with the Port of Baltimore and North Carolina State Ports Authority; with Amtrak, Class I and short line railroads; and with the trucking industry on infrastructure and operational improvements; as well as freight planning and the pursuit of state and federal funding. She is a graduate of the University of Vermont and received her Master of Public Administration degree from George Washington University. Caitlin is also a former Presidential Management Intern, having completed her fellowship at US DOT in the 1990s.

Chad Reese

Chad Reese is an Associate in the Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania office of Whitman, Requardt & Associates (WRA) - a private consulting firm headquartered in Baltimore, Maryland. He is a Penn State graduate with over 18 years of transportation planning, engineering, and design experience in the consulting industry, as well as a career start with the North Carolina Department of Transportation and service in the Pennsylvania Air National Guard. With WRA since 2004, Chad has supported a variety of freight, transit, and long range planning projects, systems analyses, and modeling or simulation efforts from Alabama to New Hampshire, most recently including commencement of a Southwestern Pennsylvania Regional Freight Plan that will encompass 37 counties across Pennsylvania, Ohio, West Virginia, and Maryland. Earlier this year, Chad was also the deputy project manager and lead freight planner for the May 2015 Delmarva Peninsula Freight Plan – Delaware's statewide freight plan with regional coordination with Maryland and Virginia.

Ted Dahlburg

Ted Dahlburg is the Manager of the Office of Freight and Aviation Planning for the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission (DVRPC). DVRPC, the officially designated Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Philadelphia-Camden-Trenton region, builds consensus on improving transportation, promoting smart growth, protecting the environment and enhancing the economy for the nation's sixth largest metropolitan region.



Mr. Dahlburg manages DVRPC's freight and aviation planning programs and the freight and aviation advisory committees. His primary responsibilities include integrating freight and aviation considerations into DVRPC's long-range plans and capital programs, promoting strategies to maximize the benefit of freight and aviation activity, and managing specific technical studies. In these efforts, Mr. Dahlburg works closely with the local freight and aviation communities, DVRPC member governments, DVRPC staff, and many external partners.

Mr. Dahlburg has been a member of DVRPC's Planning Division since 1988. Prior to joining DVRPC, he was a Senior Transportation Planner for the Delaware County Planning Department. Mr. Dahlburg holds a Bachelor of Arts from West Chester University and a Masters of City and Regional Planning from Rutgers University.

Barry Seymour - Lunch Session Moderator

Barry Seymour serves as Executive Director of the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission (DVRPC), the regional planning forum for the Greater Philadelphia region, with a focus on transportation, land use, the environment and economic growth.

As both staff director and liaison to the DVRPC Board, Mr. Seymour has the primary responsibility to craft a regional agenda and an annual work program. DVRPC's long-range plan and short-term Transportation Improvement Program allocates over \$1 billion annually for transportation improvements across the region. In his time at DVRPC, Mr. Seymour instituted the first municipal grant program for revitalization of urban neighborhoods and older suburban communities, spearheaded the Pennsylvania and New Jersey Smart Transportation initiative, oversaw a regional food system plan, and is now directing efforts to improve energy efficiency in the region. He is a recipient of the 2008 Pennsylvania Governor's Award for Local Government Excellence.

Mr. Seymour is active on a wide variety of public and civic endeavors in the Philadelphia region and nationally, including the Delaware Valley Smart Growth Alliance, the Executive Committee of the Urban Land Institute Philadelphia Chapter, and Friends of Independence National Historical Park. He currently serves on the Board and as Chair

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of the Executive Directors Council of the National Association of Regional Councils, and on several national committees for the Transportation Research Board of the National Academies of Science. He previously served on the Board of the Pennsylvania Planning Association, and on the Narberth Borough Planning Commission, where he resides with his family.

Prior to relocating to Philadelphia, Mr. Seymour was Director of Waterfront and Open Space Planning for the New York City Department of City Planning, and an Environmental Planner with the Long Island Regional Planning Board. He has a Bachelor of Science degree from Tufts University and a Master of Regional Planning degree from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Mary Ridgeway

Mary Ridgeway became the Division Administrator for the FHWA Delaware Office in October of 2012. She has been with the Federal Highway Administration since 2001, and has been employed in public service since beginning her career with the Missouri Department of Transportation in 1984.

Mary graduated from Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville, receiving a Bachelor Degree in Civil Engineering and is a registered Professional Engineer in the State of Missouri.

Joung Lee

In his role as Policy Director, Joung Lee leads AASHTO's transportation policy, regulatory, and program finance activities. Working with Congress, executive branch agencies, and transportation industry stakeholders, Joung represents the policy interests of state departments of transportation during development, passage, and implementation of legislation. In addition, he oversees technical service programs for AASHTO's member DOTs in the areas of environment, finance, planning, transit, and rail. Prior to AASHTO, Joung served as a transportation planner with the Federal Highway Administration between 2000 and 2007. Joung is the founder of Young Professionals in Transportation, a national networking organization for career development. In addition, he served as the founding Chair of Young Members Council at the Transportation Research Board and as the 2014 Chairman of the Road Gang, a DC-based highway policy society. He is a graduate of the University of Virginia and the University of Pennsylvania.



John Ward - Panel 3 Moderator

John Ward has been with DVRPC for over 30 years. As Deputy Executive Director, John is responsible for the oversight and guidance of the Planning and Transportation Planning programs and activities at DVRPC as well as providing guidance on the Commission's policy formulation and partner coordination. He is also responsible for providing leadership in the development of DVRPC's Annual Planning Work Program with emphasis on coordination with member governments and funding agencies.

Prior to being named Deputy Executive Director, John served as the Deputy Planning Director with direct oversight of all transportation planning programs at DVRPC. These programs included: Transportation Safety, Transit, Bicycle and Pedestrian Planning, Freight Planning, Aviation Planning, Transportation Studies, Travel Monitoring, the Regional Travel simulation Model, and Transportation Operations.

As Manager of DVRPC's ITS Program in the early 2000s, John led the development of the first corridor-level Incident Management Task Forces in the states of Pennsylvania and New Jersey. He is a member of NJ DOT's Statewide Traffic Incident Management (TIM) Steering Committee. He currently serves on NJ DOT's Statewide Transportation Innovation Council (STIC) and previously served on a similar body for PennDOT. He also participates on the Statewide Steering Committee for the development of NJ DOT's Strategic Highway Safety Plan.

He is an active member of the Cross County Connection TMA Board. John has served on the Advisory Board of Rutgers University's Transportation Safety Resource Center and also served on the National Traffic Incident Management Coalition's TIM Network Advisory Board. He is a past member of the Board of ITS Pennsylvania.

John earned his undergraduate degree in Government and Planning from West Chester University and his MBA from Rutgers University. He lives in New Jersey with his wife and three children. He is also the current Chair of the St. Mary's School Board and a former member of Camden Diocesan School Board.

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Dr. Ardeshir Faghri

As Director of the Delaware Center for Transportation Research (DCT) and professor in the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering at the University of Delaware, Dr. Faghri is involved with teaching, mentoring, research, and administration. His areas of expertise include transportation systems engineering, global positioning and geographical information systems, soft computing, and applied probability theory.

He received his bachelor of science from the University of Washington in 1981 and continued there for a master of science in civil engineering. In 1985 he received a second master of science from the University of Virginia in civil engineering/transportation. Two years later he concluded his graduate studies and was awarded a doctorate in civil engineering/transportation from the University of Virginia.

Since completing graduate work his professional experience has included positions in the government and private sectors, as well as in academia. Over the course of his professional career he has been honored with awards from the United States Department of Transportation, NASA, the Institute of Transportation Engineers (ITE), and the University of Delaware among others. In addition Dr. Faghri has obtained a Civil Engineering project patent as sole inventor, authored more than 100 refereed journal publications and 12 book chapters, and acted as principal or co-principal investigator on more than \$20 million worth of research grants from such sources as the NSF, FHWA, FTA, DeIDOT, PennDOT and NJDOT.

Dr. Faghri is an ASCE Fellow and has continuously served the ASCE since 1976 and takes great pride in his current role as a mentor to undergraduates, and advisor to graduate students pursuing a master's degree or doctorate. Since he began as an Assistant Professor at the University of Delaware in 1990, he has advised over 60 graduate students and gone on to see them thrive in academic, government and private sector positions all over the world. Dr. Faghri has won both the Campus-wide as well as the College of Engineering Best Teacher award at the University of Delaware.



Mike Kelly

Michael Kelly is the Executive Director of the Baltimore Metropolitan Council (BMC), the council of governments serving greater Baltimore. Prior to his appointment as Executive Director, Mike served as general counsel and director of government relations for the organization. Mike holds his bachelor's degree from Loyola University and Juris Doctor with a concentration in Public & Governmental Service from the University of Baltimore School of Law.

Bill Swiatek

Bill Swiatek, AICP is a Senior Planner with WILMAPCO. Bill leads the agency's environmental planning and social justice efforts. He has completed transportation studies concerning equity, regional connectivity and accessibility, climate change, and community planning. Bill is a board member of the Delaware Chapter of the American Planning Association, the Delaware Public Health Association, and the Delaware Housing Coalition. He is also the current vice chair of the South Wilmington Planning Network, an innovative agency/community coalition he helped to build. Bill holds a Master's Degree in Geography from the University of Delaware.



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