

DELAWARE POPULATION CONSORTIUM



MINUTES **Delaware Population Consortium** **Virtual Meeting** **September 24, 2020**

The Meeting of the Delaware Population Consortium was held on Thursday, September 24, 2020 virtually using WebEx.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Samantha Bulkilvish at 10:00 a.m.

The following Consortium members were present:

Officers:

Samantha Bulkilvish, Chair, City of Dover
Matthew Rogers, Secretary, New Castle County

Voting Members:

Mary Ellen Gray, City of Newark
Terry Pepper, Department of Safety and Homeland Security
Marc Cote, DelDOT
James Galvin, Dover/Kent MPO
Dan Blevins, WILMAPCO
Miriam Pomilio, Office of State Planning
Jamie Whitehouse, Sussex County
Kristen Krenzer, Town of Middletown

Other Members: Ed Ratledge, Michael DuRoss, Mark Dufendach, Anson Gock, Owen Robantino, Colton Phillips, Chase Phillips, David Edgell, Dorothy Morris

MINUTES

The minutes for August 27, 2020 were approved on a motion by James Galvin, seconded by Matthew Rogers.

BUSINESS -

1. Presentation by Mike DuRoss – “DPC Data Within Transportation Planning”
 - DelDOT is using the DPC data as one data set to incorporate into their analysis tools such as GIS, Travel Models and Simulations.
 - Seasonal populations numbers, especially in Sussex County will help determine the monthly traffic variations. The number of daytrippers is still relatively unknown.

- There has also been a change over time to the number of persons per household so the projections are important to look at, not just building permit information and existing housing stock.
 - The population projections, housing units and employment (by place of work) are foundational datasets in the Transportation Planning Analysis Framework to determine things like suspected delays, transit loads and possible bike/pedestrian users.
 - These trend based forecasts which are generated using the population data are then used to create scenarios for future road repair projects or to look for possible network improvements.
 - Mike closed with explaining how important the Delaware Population Consortium is and how valuable the information we are providing to the state is in helping plan for the future.
2. Ed Ratledge – Draft Statewide and County Projections
- Ed took us through the new projections for each County.
 - He explained that he was finishing up the draft projections for all of the Municipalities and would have them ready for distribution early next week.
3. October Meeting Items
- Samantha reminded everyone that the October meeting is important as it is the meeting where Officer elections are held.
 - The Vice Chair will become Chair and a new Vice Chair and Secretary will be elected.
 - The other important item that usually takes place at this meeting is to vote on the adoption of the Population Projections.
4. Future meeting dates
- Next meeting is scheduled for October 22 at 10am.
 - A follow up meeting is tentatively scheduled for October 29 exclusively for the adoption of Population Projections if the group is not prepared to vote on October 22, 2020.

ADJOURNMENT

The Consortium voted to adjourn the meeting.

ATTEST:

Samantha Bulkilvish
Chair
Delaware Population Consortium