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Meeting Date: November 9, 2016 | **Meeting Location:** Maher Training Room, Elizabeth, NJ

Attendees: Molly Campbell, John Nardi, Gary Cross, John Atkins, Frank Grossi, Jim Mara, Tom Adamski, Steve Schulein, John Farrell (on behalf of Phil Connors), Rich Hediger (on behalf of Keith Lovetro), Rich Hansen (on behalf of Bill Shea), Jon Donnelly, Anne Strauss-Wieder, Mike Wilson, Dick Jones (on behalf of Jeff Bader) Adele Fasano, Bethann Rooney, Amanda Valdes

Excused: Pat Hackett, Thorkild Hove, David Cicalese, Jeff Evanoff, Randy Bayles, Wilby Whitt, Jeff Flumignan, Dennis Daggett

Guests: Bob LaMura, Mike DiVirgilio, Janis Rich-Gutierrez, Kristen Figaro, Nick Raspanti, Hilary McCarron

Agenda:

- 1.) Welcoming Remarks
- 2.) State of the Port
 - a. YTD Figures through September
- 3.) Labor Update
- 4.) Implementation Team Updates (as necessary)
 - a. Equipment
 - b. Customer Care
 - c. Gate Operations
 - d. Workforce Development Implementation
- 5.) New Business
 - a. EPA and PA Listening Session – December 8th
 - b. Port Hackathon – January 2017
- 6.) Open Forum
- 7.) Housekeeping: Proposed 2017 Meeting Schedules
- 8.) Next Steps and Action Items

Welcoming Remarks:

State of the Port:

- September volumes down 12.2% versus 2015
- Factors contributing to decrease in volume:
 - Hanjin bankruptcy (accounts for approximately 25% of the month's lost volume)
 - Industry mergers
 - Cargo shifts to South East ports
- Year-to-date volumes down 3.3%
- Rail volumes up 4.3% year-to-date through September
 - September's 49,628 lifts were highest September on record

Labor Update:

- NYSA and ILA in discussions regarding relief gangs
 - Working to achieve this in advance of Bayonne Bridge Navigational Clearance completion

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- No labor shortages, due in part to decreased volumes
 - Heavy cruise season required temporary workforce
- NYSA and Port Newark Container Terminal are in the process of purchasing simulators for crane operations
 - Funded by federal grants
- Upcoming Veteran's Day ceremony at Global Container Terminal Bayonne to honor veterans that have joined the Port's workforce
- Mechanics continue to be hired
 - Potential for shortage of mechanics in approximately six months

Implementation Team Updates:

Equipment

- Leasing companies did not want a pool concept that the ILA didn't support
 - They also wanted to expand the model beyond the Port of New York & New Jersey to include the entire East Coast
- Alternative governance structure has been proposed by an IEP and will be reviewed by others.
 - IEPs receiving operating agreements for review and comment in the next couple of weeks
 - Target date Q1 2017 if approved
- Peaks and valleys anticipated with raising of the Bayonne Bridge
 - There is tremendous concern that chassis availability will be an issue, causing gridlock at the Port
- Group emphasized need to get this initiative over the finish line and ensure that:
 - Multiple IEPs can participate
 - Interoperability is the core function of the pool
 - Trucker choice addressed
- Electronic logging system
 - Truckers will have to comply with electronic logging procedures in December 2017
 - Concerns that truckers will run out of hours
 - A second shift should be considered to support this
 - Predictability is needed
 - Sub-group needs to be established under the Gate Operations Implementation Team
 - Members should include trucking associations, BCOs, and warehousing
 - Needs to be mindful of FMC Discussion Agreement considerations
 - Kick-off meeting to be scheduled after the new year

Customer Care

- Development of a Customer Service Center has been a challenge
 - Its functions have become redundant since implementation of TIPS
- Continued work on KPIs and forecasted traffic volumes

Gate Operations

- Success of TIPS
 - 2 out of 6 terminals now publish schedules on the site
 - Meetings held with other terminals to encourage participation
 - Homepage redesign underway to improve user friendliness
 - Target completion Q1 2017

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- Frustration of some users with data latency
 - Will address with STS technology committee
- Appointment System
 - Global Container Terminal made changes to program in advance of its roll out
 - Currently running a parallel test system
 - Evaluating best time to go live
 - After Thanksgiving, when the Port slows down, suggested

Workforce Development

- Meeting held two weeks ago with representatives from the Port Authority, NYSA, Union County Community College, and BCOs to discuss group objectives
 - Three sub-groups created
 - Port/supply chain-wide job bank
 - Marketing and awareness
 - Education and curriculum awareness
 - Sub-groups tasked with setting short-term and long-term goals
 - Fourth sub-group on driver training/apprenticeship program to be created with assistance from trucking community
- Next meeting scheduled for December 2017

New Business:

- EPA and Port Authority Port Environmental Listening Session to be held December 8th in Newark, NJ
 - Local community, elected officials, and industry representatives will discuss improvements to air emissions and quality of life concerns *in the region*.
 - Formal invitations will be sent out soon
- Port Hackathon will take place January 20th through the 22nd
 - Presenting to a panel of judges, technology companies, universities, etc., will use computer systems and other technologies to address industry challenges
 - Council asked to provide topics for the project
 - Examples include:
 - Examination of secondary distribution networks
 - Development of port-wide resiliency plans
 - Suggestions needed within the next week

Open Forum:

- Senator Lesniak made public announcement of his intent to withdraw Heavy Duty Diesel Truck Emissions Legislation (S 2507)
- DOT accepting Fast Lane grant applications through December 15, 2016
- NJTPA seeking funds (i.e. Volkswagen settlement) for clean air initiatives
- Development of a Truck Traffic Management Best Practices in process
- Development of a regional Freight Academy underway
- CBP
 - Entering into five reimbursable service agreements with participation from MTOs and CESs
 - Current CES Memorandums of Understanding will be extended
 - Aqua Lane Pilot Program underway, allowing C-TPAT certified containers and marine terminals to pre-clear cargo 12 hours prior to estimated arrival instead of having to wait for a CBP officer to board and clear the ship

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- Group voted to move meeting start times to 8:30

Housekeeping:

- Proposed 2017 meeting schedule modified to avoid other industry events

Action Items/Deliverables for Next Meeting:

- Select members and schedule opening meeting for the Gate Operations' sub-group addressing Electronic Logging Systems
- Provide suggestions for Port Hackathon topics
- Schedule 2017 Meetings