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Meeting Date: May 6, 2015 | **Meeting Location:** Maher Training Room, Elizabeth, NJ

Attendees: R.M. Larrabee, John Nardi, John Atkins, Gary Cross, Mike Wilson, David Cicalese, Jim Mara, Jeff Bader, Tom Adamski, Jon Donnelly, Pat Hackett, Adele Fasano, Thorkild Hove, Mike Radak, Steve Schulein, Bethann Rooney, Amanda Valdes

Guests: Beverly Fedorko, Tom Hannan, Brian Kobza, Janis Rich-Gutierrez, Dan Pastore

Excused: Phil Connors, Dennis Daggett, Ed Elkins, Mike Radak, Dean Tracy, Wilby Whitt, Keith Lovetro, Bill Shea

Agenda :

- 1.) Welcoming Remarks
- 2.) State of the Port – Volume and Congestion
- 3.) Implementation Team Updates (as necessary)
 - a. Equipment
 - b. Rail
 - c. Customer Care
 - d. Gate Operations
 - i. Demo of Port Community System (Terminal Information Portal System)
- 4.) Government and Community Outreach Committee
- 5.) One year anniversary from PPTF Report Publication
- 6.) Housekeeping
 - a. Future Meetings: July 15, September 9, November 13
- 7.) Open Forum
- 8.) Next Steps and Action Items

State of the Port:

- Q1 2015 was the best ever for both container and rail volumes, at approximately 845,000 and 119,000 lifts, respectively
- April is on track to be another month of solid growth and peak season is approaching, presenting challenges
 - Trucks queuing in the early morning contribute to recent traffic issues
 - Increased PAPD resources to better manage trucks
 - Working to change PAPD shift starts/stops to better align with terminal operations and provide continuity of service
 - Various traffic management testing has begun internally (i.e. PAPD, PA Operations and Maintenance)
 - Working to develop standardized messaging
 - Emphasis on communicating fairly and accurately
 - Some terminals have introduced extended and Saturday gate hours indefinitely
 - New vessel sharing agreements have added confusion and delays
- Exports are flat, creating issues balancing rail car supply
 - Railroads continue to reposition cars from the Midwest and South East

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- Labor Update:
 - Lengthy delays with Waterfront Commission approving certain checkers and longshoremen candidates
 - Governor rejected bill to move responsibilities under NJ State Police
 - Next steps are being evaluated
 - Should reach requested number of hires (582) within 6 weeks
 - 100-150 additional hires will be requested soon
 - NYSA spent approximately \$8 million on training in 2014
 - New hires should be trained across terminals to provide them with the skills to use equipment throughout the terminals

CBP Reimbursement Agreements:

- CBP disappointed that there were no applications for Reimbursable Service Agreements
 - Terminal Operators will be notified as OT hours are running low
- 50 new hires in the pipeline, however they will be dedicated to Newark Airport
- Port community continues commitment to assisting CBP in obtaining necessary resources and equity in services across all US ports

Implementation Team Updates:

Equipment

- July 1 implementation of gray pool is possible under the structure proposed by the IEPs
 - Group expressed concern about the process of selecting a pool operator
 - If an RFP is used, question surfaced regarding who would create the criteria and who would serve as part of the evaluation committee
- Council may weigh in on next steps if agreement is not reached within the Implementation Team

Rail

- Group continues to focus on three core areas:
 1. KPIs and reporting systems among the railroads (KPI's should be developed by the end of the summer)
 2. Whitepaper outlining potential for inland port
 3. Support track analysis to evaluate current and future demand capacity

Customer Care

- On track to meet July 1 deadline for Truck Guidebook
 - Trial books have been distributed and feedback collected and evaluated
- Group will also be reaching out to other Implementation Teams to discuss KPI's

Gate Operations

- Terminal Information Portal System (TIPS) will live on Port Truck Pass website (target launch July 1)
 - Rights and privileges will be based on user types
 - Site will include announcements from terminal and Port Authority operations such as service hours, row closures, changes from normal operations etc.
 - Initial functions:
 - Import availability
 - Booking inquiries
 - Empties drop off list

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- Vessel schedules
- Users will have ability to create watch lists and customized notifications
- Will include same information available on individual terminal/PA websites, with minimal lag time for updates

Government and Community Outreach Committee:

- Two major communications have been sent to CPP distribution lists addressing traffic management issues and overall status updates from implementation teams
- Look for the May issue of American Shipper to include a positive article on the progress of the Port's collaborative efforts
- Next group meetings to develop support strategies for various project roll-outs in July

One-Year Anniversary of PPTF Final Report:

- Government and Community Outreach Sub Committee will be exploring the possibility of hosting some sort of commemorative event to coincide with the anniversary date and start of the new programs.

Housekeeping:

- Future Meetings: July 15, September 9, November 13

Action Items/Deliverables for Next Meeting:

- Government and Community Outreach to coordinate across groups for potential anniversary event