



## Transportation Summit Attracts Regional Leaders



*Tri-State Transportation Leaders who spoke at The Summit: Jack Lettiere, Commissioner of Transportation for New Jersey, Allen Biehler, Pennsylvania's Secretary of Transportation and Nathan Hayward III, Secretary of Transportation for Delaware.*

For what was said to be their first time ever together, the Transportation Secretaries of Pennsylvania and Delaware and the Commissioner of Transportation of New Jersey joined PENJERDEL members and guests on June 15th at the Philadelphia Country Club. The picture perfect summer day set the tone for twelve key Transportation leaders to present the status of transportation in their respective states and modes. Dave Lowdermilk of Pennoni Associates and Robert Gross of The Vanguard Group moderated the Summit.

In addition to Secretaries Allen Biehler and Nathan Hayward, and Commissioner Jack Lettiere, panel members included Charles Isdell, Director of Aviation, Philadelphia International Airport, Robert Lurie, Chief of Strategic Planning, Port Authority of NY and NJ, Andrew Warren, District Executive, PennDOT, Tom Rafter, Director of Aviation, South Jersey Transportation Authority, John Lindo, Marketing Director, Philadelphia, Southwest Airlines, John McGee, Chief Officer, Marketing, Revenue & Sales, SEPTA, Tom Moritz, Regional Director, Commuter Planning, AMTRAK, Bill McLaughlin, Director Government and Public Affairs, Philadelphia Regional Port Authority and Senator Connie Williams, 17th District of Pennsylvania. Each state transportation chief acknowledged that they all faced challenges. Sec. Biehler reminded the group that national transportation

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## President's Letter

by Collin F. McNeil



The Schuylkill Expressway and I are on intimate terms. My commute from Chester County to our offices in Center City Philadelphia often is a major challenge. It reminds me of the 1993 movie version of *The Three Musketeers*, the stars of which included Kiefer Sutherland. Every day, one of the Musketeers would un-sheath his sword in the lighthearted challenge of one of the other Musketeers. The Schuylkill and I have this sort of relationship. Every Philadelphia bred gene in me is set to do battle with the beast every time I have the temerity to enter its domain! All local knowledge skills are required daily to win the battle!

In a recent lunch with our member Tom Caramanico of McCormick Taylor, Tom commiserated. "You know," he told me, "I think we should push to put an upper deck on the Expressway!" Sure, I thought to myself. We'll just round up a few billion dollars and slap that baby right onto the back of the Schuylkill. Tom sensed my in-bred skepticism. "John Perzel wants to do it" he went on to say. Now that was something. The majority leader of the Pennsylvania house was on board. That gave me hope!

Then, I listened at the PENJERDEL Transportation Summit, on June 15th, as New Jersey Transportation Commissioner Jack Lettiere sounded the bugle call to charge. Differing from D'Artagnan, et al, Commissioner Lettiere was not tongue in cheek. He was impassioned! The Commissioner offered up the most direct rallying cry that I have EVER heard. The Delaware Valley must wake up and realize that the Transportation Infrastructure needs major upgrades - major upgrades the likes of which have not occurred since the '20 and '30s. "We have been living off those improvements for (all these years)!" he said. The majority of attendees of the Summit agreed. Now let's find the money and answer his call to arms!



## SAVE THE DATE!

THE PENJERDEL COUNCIL  
50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY LUNCHEON  
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2005

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funding earmarked for highways had been allotted to SEPTA and that PennDOT faced difficult budgetary decisions. An impassioned Commissioner Lettiere presented the group with a battle cry in charging that America has been resting on the laurels of a system created to serve the needs of 75 years ago. The Commissioner said it is time to address the needs of today and not keep putting band aids on the old system. Secretary Hayward echoed some of what his cohorts had argued, but also indicated that things are moving in Delaware.

Among the other speakers, the representatives of the aviations mode discussed capacity and delays. Charlie Isdell detailed the planning for new runways at Philadelphia International. Tom Rafter said they would take any excess business that Philadelphia couldn't handle. Meanwhile, John Lindo gave the group an overview of Southwest's successes and plans for expansion in the Philadelphia market. This led to questions of whether new regional airports might be added to the regional capacity. One prospect is Willow Grove Naval Air Station if the base is closed.

Later, Bill McLaughlin provided a status report and a rationale for the 45' channel deepening project on the Delaware. The Summit provided a chance for business leaders to interact with transportation leaders and undoubtedly will add agenda items for PENJERDEL's continued focus. The Transportation Summit was graciously underwritten by Pennoni Associates, Inc. Urban Engineers was a Sponsor and Supporters included The Vanguard Group, AAA Mid-Atlantic, DMJM Aviation, DMJM Harris and Michael Baker, Jr., Inc.

Phillies tickets graciously provided by Southwest, were won by Jim Miller of Michael Baker Associates. Congratulations Jim! 



The PENJERDEL Council is the preeminent organization dedicated to helping create the highest quality of life and most competitive economy for the region encompassing southeastern Pennsylvania, southern New Jersey, and northern Delaware. PENJERDEL draws upon private sector leadership, public officials, the academic community, and individual citizens to solve problems impacting the region.

## PENJERDEL Turns 50!!!

Join us to celebrate 50 years of The PENJERDEL Council on Thursday, November 3, 2005. That's the date for our 50th Annual Awards Luncheon - to be held at the Crystal Tea Room in the Wanamaker Building at 13th and Filbert Streets in Philadelphia.

We will celebrate five decades of working to improve the economy and quality of life in the Philadelphia region by honoring fourteen remarkable people. We call them the Masters Of The Infrastructure. They are all well-known for their varied contributions to the area which we represent.

Our honorees are:

Gerald M. Cope Senior Partner Cope Linder Architects	J. Robert Hillier Chairman The Hillier Group
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November 3rd promises to be one of those "not to be missed" days. We encourage you to reserve early. For full details, please contact Paulette Marchesani at 215-972-0900 x 16. Plan on lunching with some of those people who spin our universe.

## NEW MEMBER FIRMS

Parsons Brinckerhoff Quade and Douglas,  
an engineering firm  
joined The PENJERDEL Council

# PENJERDEL - SUMMER 2005



*Transportation Summit attendees included: Joseph McAtee and Edward D'Alba of Urban Engineers, Collin McNeil, The PENJERDEL Council and James Drobile, Schnader Harrison.*



*PENJERDEL President Collin McNeil is pictured with Senator Connie Williams and Ralph Lewis representing Senator Christine Tartaglione.*



*Pictured at a recent PENJERDEL meeting is Board member Robert Gross, The Vanguard Group and Barry Esslinger of Cope Linder.*



*Drew Scott and Edward D'Alba of Urban Engineers are shown with Barry Eiswerth of H2L2 at a Board of Directors meeting at The Union League.*



*Robert Hillier, The Hillier Group, recently hosted a meeting of the Real Estate and Land Usage Committee. Shown with Mr. Hillier are Gerald Cope, Cope Linder, Chair of the Committee, Jane Rowan of Schnabel Engineering and Richard Sheward, The Sheward Partnership.*

# PENJERDEL - SUMMER 2005

The following letter was received from Jack Lettiere regarding the Summit.



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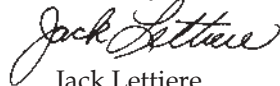
Dear Mr. McNeil:

Thank you for the opportunity to attend today's Transportation Summit hosted by The Penjerdel Council. It was a pleasure to join you and the members of the Council to address important regional transportation issues.

It was a particular pleasure to share the dais with Pennsylvania Secretary of Transportation Allan Biehler and Delaware Secretary of Transportation Nathan Hayward, two colleagues for whom I have great respect and enjoy working with.

Oftentimes vital transportation issues are viewed through parochial vision, limited by the boundaries of one's resident state. The Penjerdel Council provides a unique opportunity to share perspectives, problems and potential solutions across the tri-state region. Although it would seem three such diverse states such as Pennsylvania, Delaware and New Jersey would not have many commonalities, in truth the major challenges facing each statewide transportation organization are the same and I think it is important for the residents of all three great states and of the Council to share in that information.

Again, thank you for inviting me to attend today's Summit. Best wishes in your work with the Council.

Sincerely,  
  
Jack Lettiere  
Commissioner



*Pictured at a recent Board of Directors meeting are Chris Cashman and Joe Frick of Blue Cross.*



*Board Member Bill Stone of the Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia and Chairman Bobbie Gohn of Ashbridge Investment chatted with Eagles star Darwin Walker who has recently joined Pennoni Associates.*



*Gerald Cope, Cope Linder and Richard Sheward, The Sheward Partnership are shown at the coffee preceding the Transportation Summit.*

## Why PENJERDEL?

by Edward M. D'Alba,  
President & CEO, Urban Engineers, Inc.



For 50 years, The PENJERDEL Council has consistently represented the interests of the tri-state region with a proven track record of focus and results. Our diverse membership discusses concerns, identifies solutions, and then sets out with a blend of pragmatic experience and enthusiasm to accomplish what has to get done to make

our region a better place to live and work.

PENJERDEL is a constant force that gets things done. Our approach starts at the numerous committee levels through education, discussion, and getting decision makers to the table. From there, the needs, the goal, and the strategies are launched at the full board level with incredibly effective discussions between our members and those in elected or private enterprise that have responsibility for the product or concern. From editors to engineers, from councilman to conservationists, and from mayoral candidates to college presidents, the items of concern are discussed, and support, and/or education, bent on achieving objectives are launched. Getting things done that will improve our quality of life is the singular thread that weaves through all that PENJERDEL does.

When you travel about our region you witness the vision of previous generations that created a built environment, and preserved many of our natural assets, that serve our communities well. As long as PENJERDEL exists, that

process will continue. When a need becomes readily apparent, or too difficult to achieve, most organizations will jump in and then out of the facilitation. PENJERDEL's tenacity, to make the difficult things so critically important to our region a reality, is legendary.

A glaring shortcoming of some leaders today is the aversion to take up challenges that require time, supportive coalitions, and tenacity. The excuse often cited, "There are simpler things that they can get done." The biggest benefit of membership at PENJERDEL is the antithesis to that aversion. Our members have an extraordinary commitment, focus, leadership, and passion to get what is important, no matter how difficult, done. Take part in one of our meetings, or events, and you will see just why PENJERDEL has such an impressive track record of making the Delaware Valley a better place to live and work.

Today, we are grateful that Public Transit is finally recognized as an integral part of our transportation system. We are pleased that the Blue Route has delivered the promise, and the Route 202/I-76 Interchange has improved the drive for thousands. Tomorrow, we look forward to once and for all saving AMTRAK, having a new interchange between the Pennsylvania Turnpike and I-95 for auto travelers and shippers alike. We have started a dialogue to bring a comprehensive and collaborative approach between the regions airports to better serve us, their customers. These are but a few examples of the many things PENJERDEL has helped make happen and/or is making happen because it was determined to be important to our members.

If there are things important to you, you too should be at the table at the next PENJERDEL meeting. Getting things done is what PENJERDEL is all about. The time to join is now.



*AAA Mid-Atlantic was represented at The Transportation Summit by Public Affairs Specialist Ela Alkalaj, Kevin Moi and Ronald Kosh, V.P. of Public and Governmental Relations.*



*Donald Pulver of Oliver Tyrone Pulver, shared real estate and engineering news with Dan DiMucci of Pennoni Associates, chair of the Transportation Committee at a recent meeting.*



The Board of Directors recently hosted a meeting featuring Senator Bob Thompson of Chester County as guest speaker. He is shown with Council Chair Bobbie Gohn, Ashbridge Investments and President Collin McNeil.



Andrew Warren, PennDOT, addresses The Transportation Summit. To his left are Charles Isdell, Philadelphia International Airport and Robert Gross, The Vanguard Group. Dave Lowdermilk of Pennoni Associates is on his right.

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