

**ONE PAGE OVERVIEW
CENTRAL JERSEY TRANSPORTATION FORUM
SEPTEMBER 20TH, 2011 MEETING**

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ATTENDEES: OVER 59 PARTICIPANTS – PLEASE ADVISE IF YOU ATTENDED BUT ARE NOT ON THE LIST.

Mayors			
Peter	Cantu	Mayor	Plainsboro Township
Mildred	Trotman	Mayor	Princeton Borough
Frank	Gambatese	Mayor	South Brunswick Township

Other Municipal Staff			
Andrew	Feranda	Traffic Consultant	Cranbury Township
Theodore	Chase	Councilman	Franklin Township Council & Planning Board
Gene	Strupinsky	Business Advocate	Hillsborough Township, Economic & Business Dev. Commission
Pam	Mount	Councilwoman; Forum Co-Chair	Lawrence Township
Mike	Costello	Trails Committee	Monroe Township
Tom	Vigna	Township Planner; Co-Chair, Rt1RGS Action Team	North Brunswick Township
Les	Varga	Director	Plainsboro Township Planning and Zoning
Anton	Lahnston	Chair	Princeton Borough Traffic and Transportation Committee
Ilene	Cutroneo	Coordinator	Princeton Regional Planning Board
Marvin	Reed	Chairman - Master Plan Committee; Forum Co-Chair	Princeton Regional Planning Board
Bryan	Bidlack	Planner	South Brunswick Township
Pat	Ward	Director of Community Development	West Windsor Township - Community Development Dept.

Counties			
Matthew	Lawson	Transportation Planner	Mercer County Planning Department
Donna	Lewis	Director	Mercer County Planning Department
Tony	Gambilonghi	Supervising Planner for Transportation	Middlesex County Department of Planning
George	Ververides	Director	Middlesex County Department of Planning
Steve	Fittante	Director	Middlesex County Transportation Department
Joseph	Fishingier	Principal Engineer	Somerset County Engineering Division

Freeholder Peter Palmer represented Somerset County and the NJTPA Board.

Metropolitan Planning Organizations			
Jesse	Buerk	Transportation Planner	Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission
Greg	Krykewycz	Senior Transportation Planner	Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission
Zoe	Neaderland	Manager, Transp. Safety & Congestion Mgmt.	Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission
Don	Shanis	Deputy Executive Director	Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission
Lois	Goldman	Director of Regional Planning	North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority
Amy	Magnuson	Principal Planner, Subregional Liaison	North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority
Mary K.	Murphy	Executive Director	North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority
Peter	Palmer	Freeholder, Board Member	Somerset County, NJTPA Board

Other Regional Bodies			
Glenn	Reibman	Director of Policy and Planning	Delaware River Joint Toll Bridge Commission

Katherine	Kish	Executive Director	Einstein's Alley
Rebecca	Hersh	Transportation Program Manager	Greater Mercer TMA
Cheryl	Kastrenakes	Executive Director	Greater Mercer TMA
Bill	Neary	Executive Director	Keep Middlesex Moving TMA
Lucy	Vandenberg	Executive Director	PlanSmart NJ
Joan	McGee	Watershed Policy Specialist	Stony Brook - Millstone Watershed Association

State Departments			
Robert	Tessier	Director of Land Use Policy	NJ Department of Community Affairs, Office of Smart Growth
Barry	Ableman	Principal Planner	NJ Department of State, Office of Planning Advocacy
Dan	Kennedy	Deputy Director	NJ Department of State, Office of Planning Advocacy
Danielle	Graves	Project Engineer	NJ Department of Transportation, Bureau of Statewide Strategies
Jim	Lewis	Manager	NJ Department of Transportation, Bureau of Statewide Strategies
Tom	Clark	Regional Manager, Gov. & Community Relations	NJ Transit
Tom	Marchwinski	Director of Systems Planning	NJ Transit
Mike	Viscardi	Senior Facilities Manager	NJ Transit

Other			
James	Hess	Consultant	AECOM Transportation
Raymond	Tomczak	Planner	APA - NJ
Jerome	Lutin		Bucks County Resident
Chip	Crider		Citizen
Alain	Kornhauser		Citizen
Daniel	O'Connell	NJ Legislative Director	NJ State Legislative Board/United Transportation Union
David	Parris	Citizen	Penns Neck Community
Curt	Emmich	Associate	Princeton Forrester Center, Picus Associates
Sheldon	Sturges	Managing Director	Princeton Future
Pam	Hersh	Vice President for Government Relations	Princeton Healthcare System
Kristin	Appelget	Director	Princeton University, Community & Regional Affairs
Karen	Jezierny	Director	Princeton University, Public Affairs
Andrew	Black	Legislative Assistant	Staff to Representative Rush Holt
Sarah	Steward	District Director	Staff to Representative Rush Holt
Jerry	Foster	President	West Windsor Bicycle and Pedestrian Alliance

1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

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Mr. Reed welcomed Sarah Steward and Andrew Black, staff from Representative Rush Holt's office. Mr. Reed said that much of the work the Forum is engaged in depends on what happens in Washington. He asked Ms. Steward and Mr. Black to keep the Forum

apprised of progress on the transportation appropriations bill at a future Forum meeting. Ms. Steward said that they were there to listen and happy to help.

The issue of quorum was discussed. There was general agreement that at least two-thirds of voting members should be present at Forum meetings to have a quorum. Mr. Reed said that although two-thirds is setting the bar high, the expectation is that voting members will send a representative to each meeting. He encouraged designated representatives of voting member entities to be aware of their alternates and make arrangements to ensure that someone attends each meeting.

2. APPROVAL OF MAY 16TH MEETING SUMMARY

There were no comments and the summary was adopted.

3. BRIEF UPDATE ON ROUTE 1 PROJECTS

Jim Lewis, Manager of the NJDOT Bureau of Statewide Strategies, read a statement with some brief updates about a few current capital projects in the Route 1 corridor.

- The Harrison Street Operational Improvements project (DBNUM 08385), which includes adding a 600-foot turning lane on Harrison Street, as well as signal improvements, is on schedule to reach substantial completion in November 2011.
- The trial program to eliminate left turns from Route 1 northbound near Washington Road and Harrison Street in West Windsor will be timed to coincide with the opening of the new University Medical Center of Princeton at Plainsboro, set to open in May 2012. NJDOT will release more details of this trial project closer to that date. When the trial is implemented, motorists would use either the Alexander Road grade-separated interchange south of Washington Road to enter Princeton, or the grade-separated interchange at Scudders Mill Road north of Harrison Street to make a U-turn onto Route 1 southbound to access right turns into Princeton at either Harrison Street or Washington Road. Mr. Reed asked if there will be some mechanism for the Forum to provide NJDOT with formal feedback about the trial program once it has been implemented. Mr. Lewis said he was not sure, but that he would convey the Forum's desire to participate in giving the DOT feedback about the trial project. Mildred Trotman, Mayor of Princeton Borough, said the Coalition of Six Mayors sent a letter to NJDOT sharing some of their concerns and feedback about the project.
- Mr. Lewis stated that the Route 1 Millstone River Bridge Replacement project (DBNUM 031A) was designed to accommodate BRT in the future, using the shoulders of the bridge. Construction of the project is substantially complete, and the cross-hatching paint on the shoulders will be removed when the time comes.
- The Route 1, North of Ryders Lane to South of Milltown Road (6V) project (DBNUM 9239) is open in both directions and nearly complete.
- The Route 1 Resurfacing project in Middlesex County will resurface segments of Route 1 in South and North Brunswick townships. Final Design for the project will be finished this fall and construction is expected to be awarded sometime next year.

Mr. Reed opened the floor for questions. Discussion included the following highlights:

- Katherine Kish, Executive Director of Einstein's Alley, said that she has observed maintenance issues at the intersection of Harrison Street and Route 1. Foliage there should be trimmed back to improve the ability of drivers to see at the intersection.
- Ms. Mount mentioned an additional map that will be included in the next update of the Planned Projects Status Report, which will show the various projects along Route

1 and will include the timing and phasing of those projects to give an overall sense of what's been done, what's underway, what's planned, and what's not yet being addressed. Jesse Buerk, Transportation Planner at DVRPC, said he would assemble the map for the next Planned Projects Status Report.

- Mayor Gambatese asked Mr. Lewis if he knew the anticipated completion date for the culvert replacement project on Route 1 in South Brunswick. Mr. Lewis said he did not know the details of that project, but that he could find out more and let the Mayor know.
- Sheldon Sturges, Managing Director of Princeton Future, said that he would like to see the recommendations from the Penns Neck Bypass EIS revived, rather than the trial of closing off the northbound left turns into Princeton.
- Mr. Reed concluded the agenda item. He stated that the Forum plans to address projects and plans along Routes 206, 130, and others at future meetings. He said that this should appeal to some of the municipalities that regularly attend the Forum but are not directly along Route 1.

4. NJ TRANSIT BUS RAPID TRANSIT (BRT) UPDATES

Tom Marchwinski, Director of Systems Planning at NJ Transit, provided brief updates about the Route 1 and New Brunswick BRTs. He said that the proposed new Route 655 bus, which would run from Plainsboro to Princeton, is advancing. Discussions are ongoing with public and private partners regarding this near-term BRT route. The final ridership demand potential analysis report for the New Brunswick BRT is not quite ready yet, but should be available within the next few weeks. NJ Transit is working with South Brunswick Township to look at shuttle services in the township. South Brunswick received a federal grant to help fund this work. Work to extend the Route 600 bus to a new park-and-ride at Independence Way and Route 1 is progressing. The project obtained a Categorical Exclusion Document (CED) and is advancing to the design phase. NJ Transit is working with the Princeton Forrestal Center to accommodate BRT in their plans.

Mayor Gambatese added that NJ Transit and Mr. Marchwinski have been helpful in working with South Brunswick Township to consider BRT with plans for the Science Park development project. George Ververides, Director of the Middlesex County Department of Planning, asked if there will be road access improvements made to the Science Park site. Mike Viscardi, Senior Facilities Manager at NJ Transit, said that talks are ongoing with NJDOT regarding road access issues. Mayor Gambatese said that drainage and intersection improvements at Ridge Road and New Road would likely be needed and that he would keep Mr. Ververides in the loop.

Mr. Reed raised concerns about NJ Transit's plans to privatize its parking areas. He also raised the issue of the Transit Village program funding. The Forum sent a letter in support of continued funding for implementation of the Transit Village program, but the funding was cut from the Governor's final budget. Mr. Reed expressed concern that the parking privatization project could result in selling land that may be of critical importance for planned Transit Villages. Mr. Lewis clarified that while the implementation funding was indeed cut, the Transit Village program itself is still "well and alive." The Transit Village program is still staffed at NJDOT, and the program now resides in Mr. Lewis's office. The program is still receiving and reviewing applications for Transit Village designations. Mr. Lewis encouraged interested municipalities to apply for the program.

He added that there are options for local aid and other funding sources for Transit Village projects.

Regarding the parking lot privatization issue, Mr. Marchwinski said that NJ Transit's Public Private Partnership (P3) process was moving forward. He clarified that the lots would be transferred to long-term leases, not sold outright to the private sector. The project includes an as-yet-undetermined number of NJ Transit parking facilities. Transit Oriented Development is being considered as part of the process. A report might become available later this year. Tom Clark, Regional Manager of Government and Community Relations at NJ Transit, said that the process is taking some time, especially since in some cases, the deeds have not been reviewed in decades. Despite these delays, NJ Transit expects to issue an RFP for the project later this Fall.

5. ADDITIONAL TRANSIT PLANNING

Cheryl Kastrenakes, Executive Director of Greater Mercer TMA (GMTMA) and Bill Neary, Executive Director of Keep Middlesex Moving (KMM) TMA, spoke about ongoing efforts to track the range of transit services available in Central Jersey. Ms. Kastrenakes described a New Freedom grant GMTMA received to compile information about the range of shuttle services in Mercer County, focusing on services for low-income, senior, and disabled populations. The Arc Mercer was also awarded a New Freedom grant and is assisting in this effort. The tracking effort will gather information about the various shuttle services and will also seek to identify service gaps and underserved populations. The information gathering effort will involve surveys and meetings with stakeholders, including a first meeting on October 6th in Hamilton (see <http://www.gmtma.org/events> for details). Ms. Kastrenakes said the Forum would be informed by email when the survey effort begins so that those who are interested may participate. Mr. Neary said that KMM did not get the grant that GMTMA received, but had previously undertaken similar work. He said the issue is complex and that liability is a significant concern for many private shuttle operators. Steve Fittante, Director of the Middlesex County Transportation Department, said he is participating in GMTMA's information gathering effort. He made the point that it's important to remember that targeted funding sources (for reverse commuters, elderly, or disabled populations, for example) can also be used to provide services to others, as long as they still meet their core mission. Matt Lawson, Transportation Planner at the Mercer County Planning Department, said he is also participating in GMTMA's ongoing information gathering effort. Coordination and sharing are already happening, he said.

Greg Krykewycz, Senior Transportation Planner at DVRPC, provided a summary of the draft deliverables for two transit-related projects: the Mercer County Future Bus Plan and the CR 571 Park-and-Ride study. The Mercer County Future Bus Plan brought together a number of proposals for new services (including NJ Transit's near-term implementation plan for the Route 1 BRT system and longer-term plan for a complete BRT network; and NJDOT's Route 1 Regional Growth Strategy) with existing services to gain insights into how future bus network scenarios would serve expected growth and development. The results of this project will inform an update to the transit element of Mercer County's Master Plan. In order to explore the effectiveness of the planned transit improvements in meeting travel demand needs and to prioritize routes for implementation, the project's Future Bus Plan network was simulated using DVRPC's regional travel demand model under multiple long-range (2035) land development

scenarios including No Build, Trend, and Smart Growth. The study modeled near-term and long-term BRT networks including trunk and feeder routes, as well as routes recommended during a stakeholder workshop that many Forum members participated in back in April 2010. The modeling work focused on Mercer County, but did include Montgomery Township in Somerset County and Plainsboro Township in Middlesex County. Mr. Krykewycz cautioned that it is important to remember that the modeling results are estimates, rather than known truths. They are most useful for comparing routes with one another in the context of the plan, rather than as a guarantee of a certain level of ridership. He described the results of the modeling, which identified ten routes with potential as "quick wins."

Mr. Krykewycz moved on to discuss the CR 571 Park-and-Ride study. The purpose of the study was to look at the CR 571 corridor for one or more potential future park-and-ride locations. Members of the Forum and municipal officials were contacted to provide input. A parcel analysis was conducted and potential locations were scored according to a set of criteria in order to generate a ranked list of locations. Mr. Krykewycz provided some details about the most promising potential locations.

Mr. Krykewycz thanked the Forum for the opportunity to present the results of the two studies. Drafts of the two reports will be circulated to the Forum when they are ready. If anyone has any questions, they should contact him at GKrykewycz@dvrpc.org.

Mr. Reed raised the issue of having a Transit or BRT Action Team. Ms. Mount said NJ Transit staff have stated that they are not able to staff a BRT Action Team at this time. However, there is interest among Forum participants in keeping things moving forward with BRT and transit in general. Mr. Shanis said the Forum should be careful to avoid having two separate groups form and end up working at cross-purposes. Ms. Mount said that a meeting of those who signed up in the past to participate in the BRT Action Team would be convened to further discuss the issue.

6. ROUTE 1 REGIONAL GROWTH STRATEGY ACTION TEAM ITEMS

Tom Vigna, Township Planner for North Brunswick Township and Co-Chair of the Rt1RGS Action Team, provided a summary of the work undertaken by the Rt1RGS Action Team so far to develop the Road Show presentation. He discussed the congestion issues facing the Route 1 corridor and the fact that it will not be possible to build our way out of the situation. Two of the major recommendations to come from the Rt1RGS effort include creating more mixed-use centers and addressing the jobs/housing imbalance in the region. Mr. Vigna explained that the Road Show presentation will lay out these issues in about 15 minutes. The presentation needs to be impactful in order to compel the audience to take action. The intended audience is the chief elected body of a municipality, possibly in a joint meeting with the municipality's planning and/or zoning boards. Mr. Vigna explained that he would introduce Mr. Neary, at least for the first presentation, which will be for the North Brunswick Township planning board. Mr. Neary will deliver the presentation itself. Mr. Vigna ran through the introduction, which included an overview of the Forum and NJDOT's Rt1RGS effort.

Mr. Neary thanked Mr. Vigna, Mr. Lewis, Ms. Neaderland, Danielle Graves, Project Engineer for the NJDOT Bureau of Statewide Strategies, and everyone else who helped assemble and provide feedback on the draft Road Show presentation. Mr. Neary

walked through the draft presentation for municipal governing bodies about why Smart Growth is important and what actions they can take to support Smart Growth. At the conclusion of the presentation, Mr. Neary and Mr. Vigna reviewed the list of five potential next steps for municipalities, which was included in the meeting folders as a handout.

After the presentation, Ms. Mount thanked the Action Team for their work putting the draft Road Show presentation together. She began circulating a sign-up sheet for municipalities interested in hosting the presentation.

The floor was opened for comments. Discussion included the following highlights:

- Peter Cantu, Mayor of Plainsboro, raised concerns about the third potential next step for municipalities, which asks municipal planning officials to open up early dialogue with neighboring municipalities regarding the impacts of large development projects. Mayor Cantu felt that it would be inappropriate to focus on project review. He said regional planning should be the focus and that reviewing individual projects raises troubling issues. He said it would be more effective to focus on regional planning and cooperation, and then to help individual plans fit with the regional plan.
- Mr. Neary said there was a great deal of discussion within the Action Team regarding the item Mayor Cantu referenced. He acknowledged that it is a difficult issue.
- Peter Palmer, Somerset County Freeholder and NJTPA Board Member, commented on the Volume to Capacity (V/C) ratio maps in the Road Show presentation. He suggested showing examples and talking about real places on the congestion maps when delivering the presentation. In addition to talking about examples of congested locations, he suggested also providing examples of places that avoided the usual traps and improved their situation by using Smart Growth principles.
- Mr. Lawson suggested clarifying in the presentation that "buildout" refers to "buildout under current zoning." In addition, he felt further clarification was needed as to what the statement that, "we can't build our way out (of congestion)" means in the context of the Route 1 corridor and why it's not possible. He agreed with Mr. Cantu that it would be better to focus on making sure that zoning codes reflect regional Smart Growth priorities, rather than focusing on individual projects.
- Donna Lewis, Director of the Mercer County Planning Department, suggested editing the text of the third potential next step item to say something more like, "would you engage with neighboring towns about revising planning and zoning to meet regional Smart Growth goals."
- Ms. Mount said that many towns have a need for resources to help with revising master plans and zoning. She suggested that the Forum should focus its message on the fact that by working together, towns can get more from existing resources.
- Mr. Reed said that towns in Central Jersey are beginning to coalesce on a common approach to planning. He said that it's important to remember that the corridor would never reach buildout because the quality of life in the region would decline to the point that investment would stop coming well before then.
- Mr. Shanis suggested making the presentation less like a sales pitch and more like a progress update, since these are municipalities participating in the Forum. Mr. Neary said the idea was to sell the idea of Smart Growth a bit in speaking with people who may not attend Forum meetings, and emphasized keeping the presentation simple. He also said the Action Team wanted to be careful not to ask towns to do more than what they are capable of doing.
- Mayor Cantu suggested that the Forum request that municipalities come present their local plans.

- Jim Hess, Consultant at AECOM Transportation, suggested changing the wording to emphasize coordination and communication at the planning stage. Ideally, this would preclude the issue of communicating at the project stage.
- Mr. Reed clarified that the presentation is not about what the Forum says a municipality should do, but rather to say, "here is what others are doing; you might want to consider something similar as appropriate."
- Mayor Gambatese spoke about the pressure on municipalities to add ratables while minimizing the cost of schools, parks, and other amenities and services. Mr. Neary provided an example of how, when he was Mayor of East Brunswick, he and Mayor Gambatese worked together in a corridor to resolve issues related to a development project in a way that ended up benefiting both municipalities.

Mr. Vigna thanked everyone for their comments and said he agreed with everything that was said. He said one challenging issue for the Action Team is to figure out what we can reasonably and productively ask a municipality to do. The intention is to deliver the presentation to at least a dozen towns in a relatively short period of time.

Ms. Mount tabled the vote to endorse the Road Show presentation. She said the Action Team would incorporate the comments from the Forum and rework the presentation. Mr. Reed said that everyone should come prepared to vote on the presentation at the next Forum meeting in order to move forward. If anyone has specific input or images to share, they can email Ms. Neaderland at Zneaderland@dvrpc.org. Mr. Vigna said that settling the issues and concerns with the five next steps for municipalities seems to be the key for moving the Road Show presentation forward.

7. BRIEF UPDATE ON NEW JERSEY STRATEGIC PLANNING PROCESS

Dan Kennedy, Deputy Director of the NJ Department of State, Office of Planning Advocacy, provided an update on the progress of the NJ strategic planning process. He said that following a series of high-level briefings, the report was delivered for the Governor's review. The process involved meeting with representatives from the private sector, as well as county staff, municipal leaders, and others. Mr. Kennedy said the goals are to break down silos and to give towns predictability at the state agency level. He said areas that plan together, such as the Central Jersey region, should be rewarded for good planning. He praised the work of the Forum, especially having municipalities make the Road Show presentation. Projects that arise through a quality planning process should not be hampered by inefficiency at the state agency level.

Mr. Neary asked if the Governor understands the importance of investing in mass transit. Mr. Kennedy said that he does, but that it's challenging because every area has their "ask" and not all projects can get done.

8. DIALOGUE

Mr. Reed raised the issue of places where the communities in the Forum should not want development to occur. In light of recent flooding events, there is a clear need to not place added pressure on known problem locations and create further choke points. He said that this topic would be discussed more at the next meeting. Mr. Reed opened the floor to any updates anyone wanted to share.

Chip Crider, Citizen, referenced a report and said that buses use about 43,000 BTUs (British Thermal Units) of energy, compared to 34,000 for cars and 2,500 for rail. He said that the Forum should consider other modes of transportation that do not rely on concentrated development. There was some discussion about the numbers, with the result that DVRPC will prepare a follow-up one-page handout for the next meeting.

Ms. Mount thanked everyone and adjourned the meeting. DVRPC will provide follow-up and notice of the next meeting once information is ready.

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