

Preparing Transit Systems for Extreme Weather

Monday, October 23, 2017

9:30 a.m. – 12 noon

Bios for Moderator and Panelists



Jon A. Carnegie, AICP/PP, is Executive Director of the Alan M. Voorhees Transportation Center at Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey and an adjunct member of the faculty at the Edward J. Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy at Rutgers. Mr. Carnegie has 25 years of experience in the fields of land use and transportation planning and policy at the municipal, county and regional level. His expertise includes: land use planning, community development, public engagement, vulnerability/risk assessment, community impact analysis, sustainability, environmental justice and transportation equity.

Mr. Carnegie served as co-principal investigator on a study for the National Academies Transportation Research Board that examined the adoption of resilience measures by public transit agencies nationwide and developed a guidebook for transit industries interested in advancing resilience at their agencies. He also recently completed the preparation of a Health Impact Assessment that explored the potential health effects of implementing green infrastructure best management practices to address chronic flooding in Hoboken, NJ. From 2007 to 2013, Mr. Carnegie served as the lead investigator for a series of projects where he worked with state and county offices of emergency management to enhance regional evacuation capabilities in all of New Jersey's 21 counties. In 2011, he worked in the State Emergency Operations Center, assisting with the evacuation and shelter response to Tropical Storm Irene. Mr. Carnegie was also the lead author of a report for the New Jersey Climate Adaptation Alliance investigating how prepared New Jersey's transportation sector is to address the impacts of climate change and severe weather events.

In addition to his research and planning work, Mr. Carnegie has developed and piloted several courses for the National Transit Institute (NTI) and served as lead instructor for NTI's land use and transportation course for eighteen months. His academic experience includes teaching courses on sustainable transportation, resiliency planning and public engagement as well as numerous guest lectures on a range of topics. He holds a B.A. and a Master of City and Regional Planning degree from Rutgers University. ✉ carnegie@ejb.rutgers.edu



Beth Termini is the Senior Director of Amtrak's Environment & Sustainability Group which is part of the Law Department. The Group focuses on facilitating compliance across the company's operations with federal and state environmental legal and regulatory requirements; advancing sustainability within Amtrak operations and business processes; and leading key environmental clean-up, construction and pollution prevention projects.

Prior to joining Amtrak, Beth was a Senior Advisor for Sustainable Strategies and Execution to the Horinko Group and spent 23 years with the US Environmental Protection Agency as a Senior Advisor with the Office of Policy and a Senior Assistant Regional Counsel with the Region III Office of Regional Counsel. She received a BA in Economics from the University of Pennsylvania and a JD from Temple Law School. ✉ beth.termini@amtrak.com



Rohan Hepkins is a thirty-three year transportation expert that started his career at the Southeastern Transportation Authority (SEPTA) as a bus operator. He worked his way up in Operations as Supervisor, Controller, Director of Transportation and was the Sr. Director for Customer Service for ten years before retiring in 2014. Mr. Hepkins was appointed as a PA Commissioner to the Delaware River Port Authority (DRPA) in 2015 by Governor Tom Wolf, before accepting a position as Assistant General Manager for PATCO – a subsidiary of the DRPA. In addition, Mr. Hepkins is the Chair of Building One Pennsylvania (BOPA), which is a part of Building One America (BOA), serving on the national board. Working with BOPA, BONJ (New Jersey) and BOO (Ohio), the group advocates federal, state and local support in the areas of: Housing, Education, Transportation and Infrastructure. Mr. Hepkins has also served as Mayor of Yeadon, PA and is a transportation planning advocate. He is a member of COMTO – the Conference of Minority Transportation Officials and also serves a regular contributor to the DVRPC in regional planning for PATCO/DRPA. ✉ rkhepkins@drpa.org



Dennis Stefanski, P.E., has over twelve years of experience in structural engineering design, forensic structural evaluation, and project management of a large variety of projects for government authorities and consulting engineering companies. Most recently as Program Manager of Special Projects in SEPTA's Engineering Maintenance and Construction Group, he is responsible for the \$115 million Resiliency Program and additional multi-disciplinary projects. Mr. Stefanski has previously worked at Amtrak as a Strategic Planning Officer in the Engineering Department and at SETPA as a Project Engineering in the Bridges and Buildings Department. ✉ dstefanski@septa.org



Brad Mason serves as Director, Capital Resilience & Continuity at New Jersey Transit Corporation (NJ Transit). In this role he leads NJ Transit's planning for and capital investment in improvements and enhancements to increase the resilience of the NJ Transit system. ✉ BMason@njtransit.com