

Meeting Summary

Welcome and Introductions

The meeting was held at the Somerset Emergency Services Training Academy in Hillsborough, NJ. There were over 60 participants, including representatives from 10 municipalities, three counties, two MPOs, and various agencies and organizations (for-profit and non-profit). Bill Neary, Forum Chair welcomed everyone. Somerset County Freeholder, Peter Palmer, welcomed the Forum to Hillsborough.

Forum Business

- The June 9, 2016 meeting summary was approved.
- Bill Neary confirmed that the letter of support for the NJ Transit Delco Lead Train Safe Haven and Service Restoration Project was sent after having been approved at the last meeting. Tom Clark announced that the project was moving along on time and within budget. The North Brunswick loop is at 30% design and may take advantage of TTF funding.
- Zoe Neaderland presented the beta-version interactive web map of transportation and land use projects submitted by municipalities. NJTPA suggested linking with their Online Transportation Information System (NOTIS).
- There was an initial discussion of exploring further coordination with Sustainable Jersey with Pam Mount, Sustainable Jersey Board of Directors. The Forum's Action Teams will reach out to Sustainable Jersey to coordinate further.
- Bill Neary announced that the Forum would be sending congratulatory letters to the new NJ Transit and NJDOT Executive Directors.

New NJ Transportation Trust Fund

- NJDOT Director of Statewide Planning Andy Swords provided an update on the legislation but noted that many details – e.g. appropriations to old debt and function of the oversight committee – still need to be ironed out before the legislation becomes effective in FY18. Barry Seymour, DVRPC, congratulated the bill, but expressed concern that the Governor's appointees to the committee don't line up with MPO areas; he recommended inviting local assemblymen and senators to ribbon cuttings to share credit when projects are funded.
- Mercer County Principal Planner, Matt Lawson spoke from a County perspective. Mercer lost funding in its most recent local aid letter and has tried to increase local funding capacity over the last decade by doing more work in house and focusing on bridges. The County's paving program has ramped up recently and there is desire to deliver more highway projects. Somerset County Director of Planning Walter Lane added that Somerset County has had a similar experience and process for preparing projects for federal funds as they become available, and ensuring that projects are in line with the County Investment Strategy. George Ververides, Middlesex County, called for more coordination with municipalities and state agencies early on.

How Forum Municipalities are Doing Transportation Smart Growth

- Tom Vigna gave an update on the draft smart growth brochure, highlighting its goals of being an easily-digestible guide and keeping the interest of busy local officials. Recommendations for distribution included hand-delivery to municipal representatives by Forum members, online posting, and webinars. Katherine Kish from Einstein's Alley offered to help with a webinar.
- Jeffrey Wilkerson, Trenton Division of Planning, provided an update on the Trenton250 Plan. A final draft is available for public comment this month. Trenton is aiming for a February 2017 adoption and March 2017 approval by City Council. The mayor is working on an implementation plan.
- Cheryl Kastrenakes, GMTMA and Alina Ferreira, Princeton, presented on the Princeton Street Smart Program. Cheryl discussed safety concerns and importance of complete streets policies, noting that education and enforcement is integral to implementation plans. GMTMA and Princeton received a grant for increased police presence and marketing materials. Police handed out "tip"



cards to offenders in phase 1 of implementation. Observations are that fewer people are using phones while crossing the street. Ridewise and KMM have made similar efforts.

- Mayor Hsueh mentioned a complete streets project moving forward in West Windsor. The CR 571 project is stalled due to the TTF. George Ververides requested an update on Route 1 improvements, BRT, and hard-shoulder running for an upcoming meeting.

Quick Tour of Central Jersey Safety and Congestion Analysis

- Zoe Neaderland provided a quick tour of safety and congestion analysis and visualization tools available to support local decision-making. The tools included crash data and HSIP-eligible locations, and accessed congestion data through the VPP suite.

Brief Updates and Dialogue

- Bill Neary provided highlights from the NJ Electric Vehicle conference which KMM sponsored. NJ is seeing an increase in both electric vehicles and charging stations.
- Jennifer Fogliano, NJTPA, provided an update on the Alternative Fuel Vehicles (AFV) Infrastructure study which looked at the region's readiness for electric vehicles. NJTPA is conducting 3 pilot projects with municipalities, looking at local policies and ordinances, incentives and regulatory barriers. NJTPA will produce a guidebook with lessons learned, including coordination with businesses and developers.
 - Barry Seymour mentioned that there is funding available for natural gas fleets. The Volkswagen settlement may also free up funding for AFV fleets.
 - Ted Chase mentioned that Sustainable Jersey has an "action" for introducing natural gas fleets. Grants are available to install charging stations for AFVs. Zenobia Fields added that CMAQ grants have been used by TMAs to install workplace charging facilities.
 - Mr. Seymour noted that this is a large investment for a municipality, and is easier to achieve for a city like Philadelphia.
- Mr. Seymour invited members to the Mercer County Incident Management Task Force meeting on December 13. The Task Force needs local responders to help determine how to make adaptive signals work better when there are incidents.
- Tom Clark, NJ Transit, provided an update on Positive Train Control which is now fully funded and advancing to meet the 2018 deadline.
- Mr. Seymour mentioned that voting letters will be due for 2017 and DVRPC will reach out to municipalities in January for updates.

There were no further comments and the meeting was adjourned.

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Attendees

Mayors			
Shing-Fu	Hsueh	Mayor	West Windsor Township

Municipal Staff			
Russ	Marchetta	Assistant Business Administrator	City of New Brunswick
Stephani	Register	Senior Planner	City of Trenton
Ted	Chase	Councilman	Franklin Township
David	Maski	Director of Planning	Hillsborough Township
James	Parvesse	Township Engineer	Lawrence Township
Edward	Cohen	Transportation Specialist	Monroe Township
Gail	Smith	Engineer	Montgomery Township
Tom	Vigna	Township Planner; Chair, Rt1RGS Action Team	North Brunswick Township Community Development - Division of Planning
Les	Varga	Director of Planning and Zoning	Plainsboro Township
Bernard	Miller	Councilman	Princeton
Jerry	Lutin	Planning Board Member	South Brunswick Township
Francis	Guzik	Acting Director of Community Development; Township Engineer	West Windsor Township
Ayesha	Hamilton	Council Member	West Windsor Township

Counties			
Matt	Lawson	Principal Planner	Mercer County Planning Division
Tony	Gambilonghi	Supervising Planner for Transportation	Middlesex County Office of Planning
George	Ververides	Director, Department of Planning	Middlesex County Office of Planning
Andras	Holzmann	Senior Planner	Somerset County
Walt	Lane	Director of Planning	Somerset County Planning Division
Peter	Palmer	Freeholder/Board Chairman	Somerset County/NJTPA

Federal Agencies			
Brian	Goodson		FHWA – NJ Division
Calvin	Edghill	Planning & Environment Team Leader; Research	Federal Highway Administration

Metropolitan Planning Organizations			
Jesse	Buerk	Senior Transportation Planner	Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission
Zoe	Neaderland	Manager, Transp. Safety & Congestion Mgmt.	Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission
Barry	Seymour	Executive Director	Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission
Yuting	Sun	Intern	Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission
Zenobia	Fields	Director, Department of Planning	North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority
Douglas	Greenfeld	Manager, Sustainability and Plan Development	North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority



Megan	Kelly	Principal Planner, Subregional Planning Studies	North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority
Jennifer	Fogliano	Principal Planner, Env and Transportation Planning	North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority

Other Regional Bodies			
Jodee	Inscho	Director of Community Affairs	Delaware River Joint Toll Bridge Commission
Cheryl	Kastrenakes	Executive Director	Greater Mercer TMA
Morteza	Ansari	Senior Transportation Coordinator	Keep Middlesex Moving TMA
Bill	Neary	Executive Director; Forum Chair	Keep Middlesex Moving TMA
Basil	Giletto	Chair of Transportation Committee	Mercer Regional Chamber of Commerce
Donna	Allison	Executive Director	Ridewise of Raritan Valley
Daniel	O'Connell	NJ Legislative Director	Smart - International Association of Sheet Metal, Air, Rail and Transportation Workers

State Departments			
Robert	Tessier	Project Specialist	NJ Department of Community Affairs, Local Planning Services
Barry	Ableman	Principal Planner	NJ Department of State, Office for Planning Advocacy
Tom	Houck	Transportation Planner	NJ Department of Transportation, Bureau of Statewide Strategies
Bassey	Onyile		NJ Department of Transportation
Erin	Henry		NJ Office of Homeland Security & Preparedness
Jennifer	Adam	Assistant Director, Strategic Investment	NJ Transit
Tom	Clark	Regional Manager, Gov. & Community Relations	NJ Transit
Mathew	Safer	Senior Director of Demand Forecasting and Research	NJ Transit
Mike	Viscardi	Senior Facilities Manager	NJ Transit

Other			
Jim	Hess	AECOM	Consultant
Mayuresh	Khare	AECOM	Senior Project Manager
Ryan	Prince		Assemblyman Andrew Zwicker
Jack	Kanarek	Senior Project Manager; Chair, Transit Action Team	Dewberry
Kerri	Tyerman	Project Manager	Dewberry
Ali	Vaezi	Associate Vice President	Dewberry
Joseph	Layton	Senior Principal	Maser Consulting
Marvin	Reed	Citizen	Princeton Resident
Curt	Emmich	Associate	Picus Associates
Ralph	Widner	Board Member	Princeton Traffic and Transport Committee
Andrew	Feranda	Traffic Consultant for Cranbury Township	Shropshire Associates
Eric	Payne	Realtor Sales Associate	Smart Traffic Solutions & Weichert Realty