



CENTRAL JERSEY TRANSPORTATION FORUM

DRAFT Meeting Highlights

Monday, February 28, 2022 | 1:00 pm

Virtual Meeting

Welcome & Introductions

The meeting was held virtually via Zoom. There were xx registrants including xx voting members for the meeting. Because 2022 voting letters were being collected, a vote on approval of 2021 meeting highlights was postponed. Forum Chair Bill Neary opened the meeting.

Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA)

Robert Clark, Division Administrator, FHWA NJ Division, gave a presentation focused on highway provisions in the BIL, which President Biden signed into law on November 15, 2021 (Public Law No: 117-58). The presentation included an overview of significant programs and provisions as well as information on several relevant programs that the Office of the Secretary will administer. The BIL includes \$350.8 B (FY 22-26) for highway programs and more than a dozen new formula and discretionary highway programs. It also included a \$90 B transfer from the general fund to keep the HTF Highway Account solvent for years. For the first time, FHWA staff will assist applicants in drafting their applications for federal grant dollars by serving as a technical resource before submission. For more information, members can visit the Federal Highway Administration's BIL website at fhwa.dot.gov/bipartisan-infrastructure-law. A more detailed version of Mr. Clark's slide deck is also available on the CJTF website at <https://centraljerseytf.org/events-meetings>.

Electric Vehicles Adoption and Charging Initiatives

- a) Adam Bradford, Senior Transportation Planner, Somerset County Planning Board, presented several EV Initiatives happening in Somerset County including a Climate Change Resolution and Electric Vehicle Readiness Plan. The Quail Brook and Warren Brook Golf Courses are two sites where EV dual-port charging infrastructure has been placed for users. Mr. Bradford discussed some of the considerations and logistics in establishing these stations as well as funding mechanisms used.
- b) Regine Delcy, Senior Planner, Mercer County Planning Department presented several EV Initiatives happening in Mercer County. The Planning Department, which is the lead on Sustainability Initiatives for the County, recently conducted energy audits for 27 buildings; created the Beyond the Bucket recycling program; and installed electric vehicle chargers at 11 county sites, targeting Parks, Golf Courses, Schools, and the Administration Building. Ms. Delcy presented the costs and funding mechanisms for EV charging as well as other considerations. Mercer aims to have all 11 chargers operational within the next month, create a strategy for fleet electrification, and will consider possible locations for a DC Fast Charger.
- c) Maria Connolly, Principal Planner, at NJ Dept. of Community Affairs, discussed the Statewide Model Municipal EV Ordinance which Governor Murphy signed into law in July of 2021. The law requires that Electric Vehicle Supply/Service Equipment (EVSE) and Make-Ready parking spaces

be designated as a permitted accessory use in all zoning or use districts, and establishes installation and parking requirements. It also requires that DCA publish a model land use ordinance to implement the law. The EV resources for local government flyer is available for download at www.drivegreen.nj.gov/localresources.pdf.

- d) Katharina Miguel, Clean Energy Advocate for Isles, presented on the Trenton E-Mobility Project: an electric mobility solution offering Carsharing, Ridesharing, and Shuttle Service. The program is a collaborative effort between Isles, the City of Trenton, DEP, Charge EVC, Environment New Jersey, and the New Jersey Clean Cities Coalition. Ms. Miguel shared site locations and details on community outreach conducted as part of the pilot project.

Municipal & TMA Updates

- Cheryl Kastrenakes asked attendees to save the date for a GMTMA Let's Connect Trails Summit on June 9. They also received lots of interest from municipalities on Vision Zero following GMTMA's resolution.
- Leanne McGowan shared that RideWise hosted a program on NJ's zero emission incentive program with a focus on small businesses, women and minority and vet owned businesses, and overburdened municipalities. They are also planning a micro mobility and e-share overview program for March 31st, and an in-person EV show at raritan valley Community College on April 28th.
- Bill Neary shared that KMM has been active with podcasts and webinars.
- Mike Dannemiller voiced his appreciation for Mercer and Middlesex staff's insights on electric vehicles as Somerset County plans chargers for the electric shuttle busses they have procured.

Other Updates

- a) NJDOT Nipa Maniar provided an update on state LRP and TAMP efforts. NJDOT has a deadline to deliver an asset management plan by July 25th and is planning conversations with counties and municipalities on aspects of the pavement and bridge assets that are locally owned. NJDOT is coordinating with NJ TRANSIT on a Long-Range Statewide Transportation Plan which will be completed in the next three years.

Chairman Bill Neary adjourned the meeting.