

DRAFT Meeting Highlights

Thursday, June 30, 2022 | 1:00 pm

[Virtual Meeting](#)

Welcome & Introductions

The meeting was held virtually via Zoom. There were 42 participants including 12 voting members in attendance. Forum chair Bill Neary opened the meeting and introduced new NJTPA staff member, Justine Recio-Patel and remembered former Middlesex County Planner Tony Gambilongi. A letter of appreciation was presented to Mary Amen, former Executive Director, NJTPA (not in attendance).

MPO Executive Directors' Remarks

Barry Seymour, Executive Director, DVRPC discussed future leadership at DVRPC, as he will be retiring in 2022 and staff transition of the CJTF to Karen Cilurso, Associate Director, Livable Communities, at DVRPC. Barry's comments concluded with updates to IIJA resources and upcoming NOFOs.

David Behrend, Acting Executive Director, NJTPA introduced himself and discussed future plans for the authority. NJTPA is dedicated to helping more local municipalities, particularly through the active transportation plan. David also updated the group with IIJA information and how to access NJTPA staff for questions and assistance.

Presentation Items

Vehicle (EV) Planning and Implementation

Jeffrey Perlman, Senior Director of Planning, NJTPA, provided an update to the Electric Vehicle (EV) and Carbon Reduction provisions of the IIJA and presented an overview of the New Jersey statewide EV Plan, currently under development by NJDOT, DEP, EDA, and the Board of Public Utilities. The IIJA EV provisions focus on the NEVI plan, using formula funds and a carbon reduction plan. NEVI formula funds will help provide 500,000 charges by 2030 and facilitate long distance EV travel. EV corridors must be designated. TO date, NJDOT/EPA have nominated all interstates plus NJ700, GSP and the AC Expressway. The final plan must be submitted to USDOT by August 1, 2022. The presentation slides and details are available on the [Central Jersey Transportation website](#).

Princeton Transitway Study

Leah Katz, Assistant Director, Facilities Planning at NJT, presented an overview of the Princeton Transitway Study, including a discussion of the project purpose, work completed to date, the development and evaluation of alternatives, and next steps. NJT is analyzing the DINKY and future enhancement to the service that connects Princeton to the NJT station. After thorough evaluation and outreach, NJT will be moving forward with Alternatives 1 and 4 for further study. The presentation slides and details are available on the [Central Jersey Transportation Forum website](#).

Municipal & TMA Updates

- a) Cheryl Kastrenakes, Greater Mercer TMA, provided an update on county Vision Zero ordinances and thanked DVRPC for the recently awarded TOP grant for trail plans.
- b) Adam Bradford, Senior Planner, Somerset County Planning Board, provided an update regarding EV installation.
- c) Doug Greenfield, Middlesex County, discussed launching a Vision Zero partnership with member communities to submit an application for IIJA funding. They are currently working on an EV readiness plan for the county and two electric buses are expected to be delivered this summer.
- d) Tom Houck, NJDOT, added that updates on Route 1 construction are forthcoming.
- e) Hightstown Borough provided information about truck traffic and speeding in the downtown area. A boroughwide 25 mph speed limit is now in effect. The Borough is also working to expand greenways.

Chairman Bill Neary adjourned the meeting.

Current Steering Committee Members

1. Chair: Bill Neary, Keep Middlesex Moving TMA and former East Brunswick mayor
2. Action Team co-chairs: Tom Vigna, North Brunswick; Jack Kanarek, Dewberry
3. Municipal representative: Francis Guzik, West Windsor
4. Mercer County: Leslie Floyd, Matt Lawson
1. Middlesex County: Douglas Greenfeld, Michael Dannemiller
5. Somerset County: Walt Lane, Ken Wedeen, Adam Bradford
6. NJDOT: Tom Houck, Nipa Maniar
7. NJ TRANSIT: Mike Viscardi, Leah Katz
8. Greater Mercer TMA: Cheryl Kastrenakes
9. NJTPA: Lois Goldman
10. DVRPC: Jaclyn Davis, Mike Boyer

2022 Forum Voting Members

1. East Windsor: Mayor Janice Mironov
2. Franklin: Theodore Chase, Councilman Ram Anbarasan
3. Hightstown: Councilmember Joseph Cicalese, Councilmember Cristina Fowler
4. Hillsborough: David Maski, David Kois, Jocelyne Bello
5. Hopewell: Mayor Courtney Peters-Manning, Jim Hutzelmann, George Snyder
6. Lawrence: Mayor John Ryan, Kevin P. Nerwinski, James Parvesse
7. Monroe: Councilwoman Miriam Cohen, Mark Rasimowicz, Wayne Horbatt
8. Montgomery: Mark Hermann, Ann Bell, Lori Savron
9. North Brunswick: Tom Vigna, Bill Neary, Ralph Andrews
10. Plainsboro: Mayor Peter Cantu, Les Varga
11. Princeton: Mayor Mark Freda, Councilman David Cohen, Deanna Stockton
12. South Brunswick: Dep. Mayor Joseph Camarota, Bryan Bidlack
13. Trenton City: C. Andre Daniels, Jeffrey Wilkerson, Michael Kolber
14. West Windsor: Mayor Hemant Marathe, Francis Guzik, John B. Taylor
15. Mercer County: County Executive Brian Hughes, Leslie Floyd, Matt Lawson
16. Middlesex County: Freeholder Charles Kenny, Douglas Greenfeld, Michael Dannemiller
17. Somerset County: County Commissioner Deputy Director Sara Sooy, Walt Lane, Ken Wedeen